



## Who in Merced County Would Be Affected by the Governor's Proposed Budget?

The Governor has proposed substantial reductions to virtually all state-supported services to close the state's budget gap. The Legislature will consider these proposed reductions and other options during upcoming budget hearings. Who in Merced County would be affected by the Governor's proposals?

- 53,070 students served by Merced County's public schools. Cuts to five of the largest funding allocations for public schools in the county would equal \$634 per student.
- 3,160 low-income children dropped from the CalWORKs Program.
- 11,100 low-income seniors and persons with disabilities who would lose the state cost-of-living adjustment for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment cash assistance grants.
- 2,890 low-income seniors and persons with disabilities who would receive fewer hours of services through the In-Home Supportive Services Program.
- 180 fewer children enrolled in child care and preschool due to funding cuts to child development programs.
- 1,550 low-income children in 2008-09 – and a total of 2,820 children by 2009-10 – who would lose Medi-Cal coverage due to increased paperwork requirements.
- 71,350 low-income Medi-Cal recipients who may have reduced access to health care services because of payment cuts to health care providers.
- 9,950 children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program, which provides low-cost health coverage for children in low-income working families. The Governor proposes to increase family premium contributions and copayments and reduce dental services.
- Visitors to McConnell State Recreation Area, Great Valley Grassland State Park, and George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area, which the Governor proposes to close.