

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
December 9, 2009
The Governor's Proposed Deficit Mitigation Plan
and the Impact of the Governor's Rescissions**

My name is Karen Rodgers and I am a member of the Mental Health Association of CT's Independence Center.

With the budget cuts, we already had to cut hours at the club. We are fearful if there are anymore cuts we will not have a club to go to. I go to the club on a daily basis and have a lot of friends there. I work in the Pre Voc program that helps me get skills so I can try to get a job. I go down for the Social part of the program so I don't isolate at home. This is a very important thing for me as it helps with my recovery.

It would be a very bad thing if they cut the budget any more than they already have. Thank you for your time.

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