

Has anyone noticed the number of houses for sale in CT? Does anyone recall the Hartford Courant's article regarding the number of people who want to leave Connecticut? Keeping this in mind, why does this state insist in spending beyond its ability to cover its services and operating costs ? A simple answer will suffice.

I have worked for the state for over 30 years as a revenue analyst and as a fiscal officer. I know that when the state powers determine that a program, initiative or service will obtain votes in any upcoming election, the state "finds" the money .I also worked in the Comptroller's Office--the state ALWAYS FINDS THE MONEY. Campaigns have been run on a promise of a "no tax" increase..but nothing is said about unfunded mandates and the required increases in town property taxes.

So again I plainly ask--why does the state continue to spend beyond its ability to pay ? And the idea of a spending cap is ludicrous--do you really think the VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS really think there is a spending cap? Why is the legislature wasting its time playing the "shell game" ? Most of the taxpayers and voters can pay bills because we keep a budget--we cannot spend beyond the money we have--WHY IS THE STATE DIFFERENT? I WOULD LIKE SOME OF THAT MAGIC MONEY TOO.

The state cannot sustain the level of services it has--without tax increases. Those taxes for services are depleting the middle class and the its ability to be sustained. More of the taxpayers will need services if the cost to live here keeps increasing. (by the way, I have many friends who have left CT--and none of them have died because they left the state--as a matter of fact--they are enjoying life--and are paying less tax and spending their money in other states!)

Perhaps the state authorities should look at services that are redundant? CREATE A SPREAD SHEET WITH THE INFORMATION COLUMNS: POPULATIONS SERVED, SERVICES/PROGRAMS/ COST,NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED. Like why is the Birth to Three program not incorporated into the EPSDT program in DCF?

Why do agencies have 2 telephone systems (hardwire and cell--look at cellphone invoices per agency) How many vehicles does it take to run a state agency? (See DMHAS--Southeastern Mental Health authority for example) and what were the cost savings of the state's HEP (insurance) program?

And why aren't agencies held accountable for submitting for federal reimbursement ? (maybe some funds should go back to agency --as an incentive to bill for reimbursements--now all the reimbursements go to to the General Fund)

What is the difference between Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities ? if the answer is that one agency is concerned with children and young adults--why is it not part of DCF ? Is one agency more concerned with addiction services? These are just few ideas that come to mind - Should you need assistance I would gladly come out of retirement --(but you need to contact me before my house is sold and I leave the state)

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