

Appropriations Committee Public Hearing
Department of Social Services Budget
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PLEASE PROTECT THE SAFETY NET SERVICES NETWORK

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I came to the Safety Net Program which was referenced to me by a close friend to help me with my rent. On August 20, 2015 my mother passed away and I did not know what I was going to do. She was my entire support system. She made sure I was O.K. where ever I needed financial assistance, babysitter, advise etc. With being accepted into this program, I have learned that this is very different, that I have experienced because they help with bills which are sometimes hard to keep up with because I am a single mother of two children. As of right now I am in the process of an eviction and have found another apartment and this program is helping me pay my security deposit and first month's rent. It is truly a blessing because me and my children would be in a worse situation. My daughters are ages eight and six and they are

very excited about our new movie considering
the untimely passing of my mother. This
program brings back a lot of our hope
and faith that everything will be ok.
and we are going to continue to do
well with the assistance of this program.
I attend Gateway Community College part time
with the desire to graduate with an
Associate's Degree of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
Also, I work part-time for Vivent which is
a home automation and security company
and have been hired at Howard K. Hill as
a greeter which I will start as soon as
I have my driver's license. Currently I
have a permit that does not allow me to
drive alone. ~~with a permit that does not allow me to~~ I am
currently awaiting my appointment to obtain
my license. I would sincerely hope that
this program can continue to impact
the ~~poor~~ people who need it and are
greatly affected by it.