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State Programs Helping Kentuckians***



Service: Personal Care Attendant Program for Disabled Adults

Individual: Buddy Lawson

Organization: The Center for Accessible Living

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

Services: The Center for Accessible Living, located in Louisville, Kentucky, serves over 1,000 severely disabled adults every year. Many adults participate in the Personal Care Attendant Program, which allows them to live in their own homes and communities and keeps them from being forced into institutions, by subsidizing the costs of personal attendant services.

Personal care attendants help disabled adults accomplish the day-to-day activities that they normally wouldn't be able to do themselves, such as: housekeeping, shopping, transportation, meal preparation, and much more.

Cost: The cost of 40 hours of attendant care per week is \$15,080 per year, compared to the cost of an institution, which is \$60,000 per year. Large enough budget cuts would pull disabled adults from their homes and communities and force them into nursing homes, costing the state more in the long run.

The governor and legislators must prevent cuts to programs that help disabled adults take care of themselves and save the state money in the long run.

To view a 2-minute video about Buddy's experience with the Center for Accessible Living and how budget cuts could affect future services, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a6WbgZh7Fo>. View additional videos about how budget cuts impact Kentucky residents at www.kyyouth.org.