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## Nonprofit organizations struggle to provide services amid reductions in state aid

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Kansas nonprofit organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities lost \$22 million in the past year as lawmakers struggle to find ways to eliminate budget shortfalls.

Reductions in state aid, fewer donations and smaller allocations from the **United Way** of the Plains are forcing organizations to reduce or eliminate services, alter work forces and put capital projects on hold.

“It’s really difficult to think you can balance the budget by affecting the services of people who aren’t able to take care of themselves,” says Ron Pasmore, executive director of **KETCH**.

A five-county group called the Advocates in Communities Team (ACT) of South Central Kansas is stepping up its efforts to lobby lawmakers to prevent further cuts to organizations and programs that serve people with developmental disabilities.



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Kevin Fish, executive director of The Arc of Sedgwick County, says reductions in state aid have jeopardized services nonprofit organizations provide.

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