



Save Our Services: Talking Points for Speaking with Legislators

Today, we stand together to protect the vital services our communities rely on every day. Nonprofits are the backbone of our state—but funding cuts are putting our work at risk.

Our voices matter. By speaking with legislators, you can show the real impact of these cuts and urge them to put people before politics. Using the talking points below to guide your conversations, our stories and advocacy make a difference.

1. Protect Frontline Services

- Nonprofits help people in every part of Delaware—providing food, housing, healthcare, mental health care, education, and more.
- These services are critical to families across our state.
- **Ask your legislator:** Please protect direct services. Don't let funding cuts take away support from those who need it most.

2. Delaware Can Step Up

- Federal funding cuts are real—but Delaware can take action to protect the people who rely on these essential services.
- Nonprofits are doing their best to manage these cuts, but we need help from the state.
- **Ask your legislator:** Don't follow Washington's lead. Protect our services and communities here at home.

3. Nonprofits Deserve Equal Respect

- Nonprofits are just as important as schools and Medicaid.
- We take care of people every day—just like teachers and medical professionals do.



- **Ask your legislator:** Treat nonprofits as full partners in serving Delawareans from all walks of life.

4. Include Nonprofits in Decisions

- Nonprofits are on the front lines and understand the challenges our communities face. We bring practical experience and can be valuable partners in developing effective, real-world solutions.
- **Ask your legislator:** Nonprofit leaders should help make tough budget decisions, not just deal with the results later.

5. Budget Cuts Hurt Real People

- Budget decisions affect real people—children, seniors, families, and neighbors.
- **Ask your legislator:** Every budget decision affects real people. Protect the services that help your community live safely and with dignity.

6. Make Sure Help Keeps Coming for Delaware's Most Vulnerable

- When services stop, those who need help most—like children, seniors, people with disabilities, and families—are hurt first.
- Steady, reliable funding is needed to keep these services running and avoid gaps that can cause long-term harm.
- **Ask your legislator:** Support stable funding so people can keep getting the help they count on every day.

What can Legislators do right now:

- Support keeping Grant-in-Aid funding at its current level—or increasing it—to help make up for cuts from other government sources.
- Invest in Delaware communities by protecting the services they count on.