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### About REAL CHOICE

The Campaign for Real Choice in Illinois is people with disabilities organizing for freedom and choice. We are a grassroots, citizen action organization consisting of people with disabilities and their supporters. For more on the Campaign, go to [realchoiceinillinois.org](http://realchoiceinillinois.org)

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## SAVE THE SAFETY NET Cross-Disability and Senior Rally

**STOP THE ATTACKS ON COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES!!!**

**STOP INCREASING FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS!!!**

**Save the Safety Net: Preserve Community Living for all People with Disabilities!**

Join us at the Capitol in Springfield as we rally to "Save the Safety Net" for seniors and people with disabilities.

*Date: Monday, May 16*

*Time: 11am-4pm; Rally at 2:30pm in Capitol Rotunda*

*Location: State Capitol*

Plan to arrive early so you can visit with your legislators prior to the rally. Call your legislators to make an appointment during your Capitol visit, or come prepared with notes to pull them off the chamber floors, as they will most likely be in session that day.

To find your legislator, visit [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)

We will be handing out a [fact sheet](#) for you to use during your legislative visits, with information about the proposed FY2012 budget cuts to programs that serve people with physical and developmental disabilities, people with mental illnesses, and seniors. We will be distributing this [handout](#) and other information at the Capitol Building's west side accessible entrance throughout the day.

Bring posters with your message about how you would be impacted by cuts to community-based services and how important those services are to you. We will collect them at the Capitol's west side accessible entrance to create a mosaic of all of the posters for visual impact and then deliver the posters to the Governor's office following the rally.

For more information, contact the Community for All Coalition at: 217-493-5445 or [info@realchoiceinillinois.org](mailto:info@realchoiceinillinois.org)

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