



## NCLR BUDGET ANALYSIS PROGRAMS AT RISK

- **EDUCATION** – The budget eliminates the Even Start program, which integrates early childhood education, adult literacy, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program. Currently, 50,000 families are served through Even Start, nearly half (46%) are Hispanic. Head Start, one of the most effective government programs in history and in which one-third of enrollees are Latino, is level funded in the President’s budget. An increase of just \$69 million in Head Start for Migrant Students would provide services to more than 10,000 additional children of farmworkers. Also eliminated in the budget is GEAR UP, which supports early college preparation activities for low-income students at the state and local level. Latinos make up three out of ten participants (30%) in GEAR UP.
- **HEALTH** – A total of \$20 billion would be cut from Medicaid over the next five years, the principle provider of health care for more than 46 million low-income children, pregnant women, elderly, and disabled individuals, seven million of whom are Latino including 4.5 million Hispanic children. Latinos already have the lowest insurance coverage rates in the U.S. The budget also proposes to tighten eligibility requirements in the Food Stamp program that would reduce spending by \$507 million over the next five years. Approximately 37,500 Latinos will cut off from Food Stamps in an average month due to these cuts.
- **JOB TRAINING** – The budget eliminates the Department of Labor’s most effective national job training program, the National Farmworkers Jobs Program. More than 50 nonprofit and public agencies, including several NCLR affiliates, participate in this program which serves more than 25,000 hard-working, impoverished, and mostly Hispanic migrant and seasonal farmworkers each year, and has a success rate of 83%. The budget also reduces funding for Job Corps, the nation’s largest education and job training program for at-risk youth, 70% of whom are minorities and 18% Hispanic. More than 60,000 youth are served each year by the program, which has a proven record of success in helping participants obtain their GEDs.
- **HOUSING** – The Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) receives a 15% cut in the budget. Discrimination against Hispanics in housing remains persistent and high; more than a quarter of Hispanic renters and one in five home shoppers experience some level of discrimination, yet research shows minimal HUD enforcement on behalf of Hispanics. Also proposed are cuts to the Housing Counseling Assistance Program, which offers counseling services at all points of the homebuying process. The NCLR’s Homeownership Network, a participant in this program, serves more than 24,000 families and helps 3,500 families become homeowners annually.