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# GT Mental Health Crisis and Access Center now open 24/7



(from left to right): First Row: Katie Haslett; Dr. Miriam Brown, Terri Lacroix-Kelty, Munson Healthcare Executive Director of Behavioral Health; Laura Glenn, Munson Healthcare Chief Operating Officer; Linda Solem, Community Advisory Group; Martha Falk; Dylan Thayer, Megan Smith. Second Row: Matt Paulic; Dr. Christopher Archangeli; Gabe Schneider, Munson Healthcare Government Relations; Dr. Curtis Cummins, Michael Corby, GTMHAC Behavioral Health Director; Trevor Cressman; Lori Kowalski)

## Psychiatric Urgent Care is now available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

TRAVERSE CITY - July 7, 2025 – Today marks another milestone for the Grand Traverse Mental Health Crisis and Access Center as it officially moves to 24/7 operations and begins to offer Psychiatric Urgent Care services on weekdays from 8am to 5pm.

“Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can now has access care at The Center any hour of the day, every day of the year,” said Michael Corby, GTMHAC Behavioral Health Director. “This is an exciting day and a significant step forward in the mental health resources we are able to provide our community.”

In addition to the crisis services currently provided by Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority (NLCMHA), the center will now also offer Psychiatric Urgent Care operated by Munson Healthcare on weekdays (8am-5pm). Psychiatric Urgent Care serves people with acute behavioral health needs that are serious but not immediately life-threatening, which can include:

- Imminent risk of harm to others (e.g., threats with a clear plan and intent).

- Escalating symptoms of depression, anxiety or mania without immediate danger.
  - Suicidal ideation with or without a plan and intent.
  - Behavioral changes that are concerning but do not pose an immediate safety risk.
  - Need for timely medication adjustments, crisis intervention or short-term stabilization.
- An Emergency Department may be the most appropriate setting if there is an immediate risk to life due to disorientation, psychosis, aggressive behavior, or serious medical concern like overdose, chest pain, or significant injury. An individual whose symptoms are stable, in ongoing treatment, and effectively using medication and coping strategies may be best served through outpatient services.
- “The Center adds a much-needed component to the behavioral health continuum of care that’s been missing in our community,” said Terri Lacroix-Kelty, Munson Healthcare

Executive Director of Behavioral Health. “We’ve seen a steady increase in the number of people utilizing the center during these initial six months and we’re excited about the impact these expanded hours and addition of psychiatric services will have in our community.”

As a non-profit, The Center accepts all patients and all forms of insurance. It opened in January with NLCMHA providing select services through the Welcome Center, Sunday-Thursday (8am-8pm). Expanding to 24/7 coverage and the addition of Psychiatric Urgent Care represents Phase 2 operations.

An adult crisis residential unit and pediatric crisis residential unit are set for the final two phases anticipated to come online late-2025 into 2026 based on licensing and staff.



**News flash for our online friends:** The Voice website is about to undergo some changes. You will notice some design changes, but we will do our best to keep the site at least as easy to navigate as it is now, and we hope to actually improve it. We are still working on developing the new look for the website. Things always take a bit longer than we expect, but the secret to success is to never, ever, give up.



DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)  
A \$64 question

23 June 2003  
Dear Mark,

A few questions if I may regarding progressive, networked slot machines. If player A is playing in one location, and player B in another, are the odds of hitting a jackpot the same? Does one machine know what the other machine is paying?  
Now the \$64 (obviously much more on a progressive machine) question: What would happen if two players hit a progressive, network slot machine before it was reset? Amber D.

Well, Amber, so long as Players A and B are playing for the same single jackpot, both machines must have the same chance of coughing up that jackpot. This applies to machines linked to other machines on the same bank, inside the same casino, over a network of machines in different casinos, and even to machines in different cities-a clear benefit for closet-gamblers.  
All small jackpots are paid directly at and by the casino or by the machine itself, while the progressive jackpot is paid from a "progressive pot" which is generally set at 5-10 percent of the value of all coins inserted.  
That amount rises until some serendipitous soul hits the big enchilada. Each machine is controlled internally by its own EPROM, the programmed drill sergeant, and is unaware of what is happening on other machines. Coded into the machine's internal software (technically, its "gizzards") are instructions to send a certain percentage (5-10%) of the total input value into the jackpot.  
As to your \$64 question, yes, the extraterrestrial possibility exists that when Player A hits the jackpot, Player B could hit the same jackpot milliseconds later, before the jackpot is reset to its starting amount.  
These mega-jackpots can go months, if not years before being hit, so the possibilities of this happening are I'll-eat-my-hat unfathomable, about the same as

for a needle falling onto a bottle with a ship model inside and balancing on its point for seven years.  
But, if the astronomically improbable did happen, the first winner would win the jackpot and the second, or P-O'd winner, would get the starting amount of the new reset jackpot.  
Incidentally, Amber, did you know the "sixty-four dollar" question has gambling roots? It originated from a popular radio quiz show in the U.S. in the 1940s that offered \$64 as the top prize. The first question carried a prize of \$1, and the prize amount doubled with each successive question: \$2, 4, 8, 16, and 32, culminating in the \$64 question. Later, corporate suits thought that too measly a win and upped it to the "sixty-four thousand dollar" question you are probably familiar with.  
Dear Mark,

From your column and my last few casino visits, I have just discovered, and now enjoy playing, Three-card Poker. Just how long has three-card poker been around? Mike B.  
In 1994, Derek Webb developed Three Card Poker, initially for British casinos. But it soon emigrated across the Pond and can now be found everywhere in the States. Its ancient lineage traces to a popular British game called Brag, one of the many proud ancestors of poker. Edmond Hoyle had written about Brag as early as 1751.  
In 1999, ShuffleMaster acquired Three Card Poker. Many like yourself enjoy the fast pace, favorable odds, and high frequency of winning hands in Three Card Poker. According to ShuffleMaster, Three Card Poker is now the country's fastest-growing specialty table game, both in units played and in revenue generated.

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Gambling quote of the week:  
"Taunting the odds is a little sexy, a little dangerous, and straddles the line between unimagined success and nauseating failure." Chad Millman, The Odds



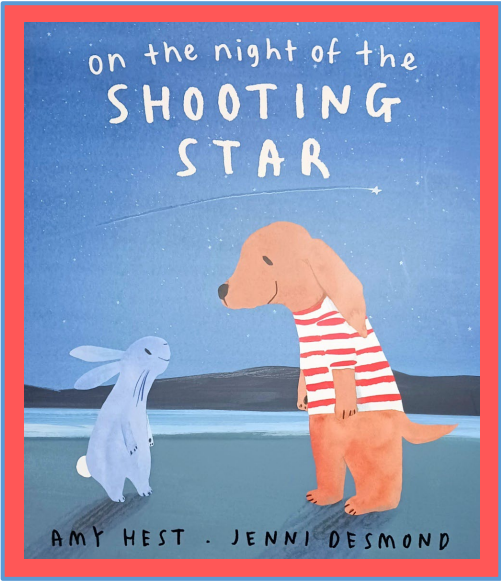
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A special request for quilts has been made by the Chemewa Indian Boarding School in Oregon. This school is supported by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the Job Winslow chapter of Traverse City. These quilts welcome the new students into their housing as school starts. It wraps them in warmth and love as they start the new school year. The quilt size needs to be 66" x 86" (to fit a Twin XL size bed). And must be made using all cotton quilt pieces and cotton batting.  
We are also collecting Baby blankets for young active military families. These may be knit or crochet - minimum size 36"X 36" Please contact Kathy Wilson, Job Winslow NSDAR chapter at kathyqx@sbcglobal.net if you are making a cotton quilt or baby quilt to donate.



## Federal grant funding withheld from summer camp and after school programs

*Northern Michigan youth could lose up to \$5.665 million*



TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. - July 8, 2025 - The federal government is currently withholding states' Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B) (21CCLC) funding for local after school and summer programs for the 2025-2026 school year "under review."

SEEDS Ecology and Education Centers uses 21CCLC grants to provide free after school programming to 12 rural Northern Michigan schools. Each 21CCLC grant runs on a five year cycle. This pause in funding threatens summer camps currently operating and could force some programs to close before the school year begins. In addition to other youth programming, SEEDS serves over 500 students each year using 21CCLC funding.

"We are in the middle of our summer camp sessions right now," explained EcoSchool Program Director, Sandy Ehlers. "Field trips and activities have been scheduled for months. Parents have planned on this program and students have been looking forward to it. It is unacceptable to withhold the funds that were already approved."

21CCLC funding for the 2025-2026 school year for 10,000 programs across the country was scheduled to be released to the states on July 1. On June 30, the federal administration sent a memo to states in reference to 21CCLC, and four other formula grants, asserting that the Department of Education will not be issuing the funds for these programs prior to completing a review of the programs.

These funds were appropriated by Congress in the FY25 funding bill signed into law by the President on March 15, 2025. The delay caused by this review could immediately impact the 40,000 students in Michigan served by 21CCLC grants and nearly 1.4 million students across the country.

In addition to the withholding of funds for this school year, it appears that the remaining years of the five-year grant period will not be fulfilled. The Fiscal Year 2025 reconciliation bill that just passed through Congress effectively zeroes out 21CCLC funding for after school programs.

SEEDS Executive Director, Sarna Salzman, states: "This is a devastating loss for our rural students and their families. This funding was awarded to provide support for students' academic success, attendance, mental health, and career readiness. Now, our youth are being denied up to \$5,665,000 intended to serve K12 students in Benzie, Kaleva, Mesick, Fife Lake, Kalkaska, and Marion between now and summer 2029."

According to the Afterschool Alliance, unmet demand for after school programs in Michigan has reached an all-time high, with more than 751,000 children who would be enrolled in a program if one were available to them. Demand for after school in Michigan surges as parents see key benefits from after school, including keeping kids safe, helping them learn and grow, and providing peace of mind for working families. As families face barriers to participation, such as cost and accessibility, there is strong support behind public funding for after school programs.

### ABOUT SEEDS ECOLOGY & EDUCATION CENTERS:

SEEDS Ecology & Education Centers is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed in 1999 to implement local solutions to today's global challenges at the intersection of ecology, education and community design. SEEDS exists to foster healthy, vibrant communities filled with clean food, great kids, and helpful neighbors. Find us at [www.ecoseeds.org](http://www.ecoseeds.org) or @SEEDSTC on Facebook and Instagram.

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Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.  
Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.  
Be honest and sincere anyway.  
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.  
Create anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.  
Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, will often be forgotten.  
Do good anyway.  
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.  
Give your best anyway.  
In the final analysis, it is between you and God.  
It was never between you and them, anyway.

-this version is attributed to Mother Teresa

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- TOPS #1304 Meeting**, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska, contact 231 384-2154  
**When: Tue, 9:00 am weigh ins, 10:00 am meeting**

**Al-Anon Family Group, Stepping Toward Serenity**, on ZOOM:  
login information on meeting list at Alanon-d39.org  
**When: Tues, at noon.**

**Al-Anon, Al-Teen Meeting**, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, contact Linda 231 384-3227  
**When: Tue, 7:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, Kalkaska Senior Center, 303 S Coral St  
**When: Tue, 8:00 pm**

**Secular Sobriety Group**, AA of Traverse City, meets on ZOOM, ID#447 584 8945 PW 628608, more info at secularAAinMichigan.org  
**When: Tues, Thu, 7 pm, Sun, 12 pm (also in person)**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings (AA)**, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd  
**When: Tue, Thu, Sat 12:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd  
**When: Wed, 7:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St,  
**When: Wed, 8:00 pm**

**Grief Support Group**, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 10:30 am**

**Antrim Co Parkinson Support Group**, Bellaire Family Health Center, 4955 S M-88, Bellaire, 231 633-1237  
**When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 2 pm**

**Grief Support**, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W. Kalkaska Rd, faith-based grief support, contact 231 258-9441  
**When: Thu, 6:00 pm**

**S-Anon Support Group** - Calvary Lutheran Church, 10180 Elk Lake Rd, Elk Rapids. For For family and friends affected by someone else's sex addiction. Contact: [miplaceofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:miplaceofpeace@gmail.com), 231-714-4099  
**When: Thu, 7:00 pm**

**All Recovery Meeting**, Ursela House, 8099 West Old State Rd, Central Lake, peer led support group for people in recovery and/or their family members, 231 266-4412  
**When: Thu, 8:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, St Paul's Lutheran Church, 2470 Beebe Rd, Open Meeting  
**When: Thu, 8:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, The Rock Youth Center, 115 E Blair, Kingsley  
**When: Thu, 7:00 pm**

**Weight Management Support Group**, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613  
**When: 2nd Thu, 3:00 to 4:00 pm**


**Diabetes Support Group**, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Katie Daman, 231 258-3091  
**When: 4th Thu, 3:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Deliverance**, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1651 Co Rd 612, Kalkaska, faith-based support for all addictions, contact Heath 231 564-3715  
**When: Fri, 6:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Surrender Today** Coldsprings Fellowship Church, 532 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska  
**When: Fri, 7:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd,  
**When: Fri, 8:00 pm**

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**, Mill Pond Pavilion, Hyde St, Kalkaska  
**When: Sat, 7:00 pm**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, Bellaire United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire  
**When: Sat, 8:00 pm**
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Kalkaska County Townships:

**Bear Lake Township,**  
Bear Lake Twp Hall, 198 E Bear Lake Rd NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-4871  
**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**

**Blue Lake Township,**  
Blue Lake Twp Hall, 10599 Twin Lake Rd, Mancelona, 231-587-8354  
**When: 1st Wed, 7 pm**

**Boardman Township,**  
Boardman Twp Hall/Fire Dept, 4855 Pine St, South Boardman, 231-369-3336  
**When: 3rd Wed, 7 pm**

**Clearwater Township,**  
Clearwater Twp Community Center, 5407 River St, Rapid City, 231-331-6249  
**When: 3rd Thu, 7 pm**

**Coldsprings Township,**  
Coldsprings Twp Hall, 6515 County Road 571 NE, Mancelona, 231-587-8633  
**When: 2nd Mon, 5 pm**

**Excelsior Township,**  
Excelsior Twp Hall, 987 County Road 571 NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-6108  
**When: 1st Mon, 5 pm (on major holiday the Tue after)**

**Garfield Township,**  
Garfield Twp Hall, 0466 W Sharon Rd, Fife Lake, 231-369-2483  
**When: 2nd Thur, 7 pm**

**Kalkaska Township ,**  
Kalkaska Twp Hall / Fire Department, 209 Laurel St, 231-258-9305  
**When: 1st Tue, 7 pm**

**Oliver Township,**  
Oliver Twp Hall, 5472 Kniss Rd SE, 262-339-2239  
**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**

**Orange Township,**  
Orange Twp Hall, 28 Boardman Rd SE, South Boardman, 231-369-3457  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7 pm**

**Rapid River Township,**  
Rapid River Twp Hall, 101 Phelps Rd, Kalkaska, 231-258-2943  
**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**

**Springfield Township,**  
Springfield Twp Hall, 5253 Ingersoll Rd SW, Fife Lake, 231-879-4541  
**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**  
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**Village of Central Lake,** Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6483  
**When: 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm**

**Central Lake Township,** Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6687  
**When: 3rd Wed, 7:00 pm**

**Village of Bellaire:**  
Village Offices, 202 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, 231 533-8213  
**Village Council-**  
**When: 1st Wed, 7:00 pm**  
**DDA- When: last Wed, 8:00 am**

**Village of Mancelona:**  
Village Offices, 120 W. State, Mancelona, 231 587-8331  
**When: 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm**  
**Mancelona DDA,** Antrim County Title, 504 S. Williams, Mancelona, 231 58-833  
**When: 2nd Mon, 5:30 pm**

**Mancelona Township:**  
Township Offices, 9610 S. M-88, Mancelona, 231 587-8651  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:00 pm**

**Village of Fife Lake:**  
Village Hall, 616 Bates St, Fife Lake, 231 879-4291  
**Village Council-**  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm**  
**DDA-When: 3rd Tues, quarterly Jan, April, July, October, 6:00 pm**

**Fife Lake Township:**  
Township Meeting Room, 134 Morgan St, 231 879-3963  
**When: 4th Thur, Jan-Oct, 6:00 pm**

**Village of Kingsley:**  
Village Offices, 207 S. Brownson, 231 263-7778  
**Village Council- When: 2nd Mon, 6:00 pm**  
**DDA- When: 3rd Tue, 6:00 pm**

**Paradise Township:**  
Township Hall, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, 231 263-5251  
**When: 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm**

**Helena Township:**  
Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231 331-4643  
**When: 2nd Thu, 7:00 pm**

**Village of Kalkaska:**  
Village Offices, 200 Hyde St, Kalkaska, 231-258-9191  
**Village Council-**  
**When: 2nd Mon, 6 pm**

**DDA-**  
**When: 1st Tue, 5:00 pm**

**Kalkaska County:**  
Kalkaska County BOC Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch St, 231-258-3349  
**Board of Commissioners-**  
**When: 3nd Wed, 6 pm**

**Standing Committees-**  
**When: 2nd Wed, times below**  
**Judiciary & Public Health- 9 am**  
**Health & Welfare- 10 am**  
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**Kalkaska Public Schools,**  
Board of Education room, 315 S Coral St Kalkaska , 231-258-9100  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6 pm**

**Forest Area Community Schools**  
Band Room, Forest Area High School, 7661 Shippy Rd SW, Fife Lake 231-369-4191  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**

**Crawford School, Excelsior District #1**  
Crawford School 5621 M-72 NE, Kalkaska 231-258-2934  
**When: 3rd Wed, 4:00 pm**



**Mancelona Public Schools**  
Media Center, Mancelona Middle School, 1122 St Johns Ave, Mancelona 231-587-9764  
**When: 2nd Tue, 4:30 pm**

**Central Lake Public Schools,**  
8190 W. State St, Central Lake, 231 544-3341  
**When: 2nd Mon, 6:30 pm**

**Bellaire Public Schools,**  
204 W. Forest Home Ave, Bellaire, 231-533-8015  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm**

**Kingsley Area Schools,**  
High School Library, 7475 Kingsley Rd, Kingsley  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**

Sudoku Puzzle Solution  
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# Washington Center for Economic Growth Report

LANSING, Mich. – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer highlighted three reports from the Washington Center for Economic Growth, the Commonwealth Fund, and Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) finding that cuts to Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the Congressional Republicans’ budget bill will hurt local economies across the country. Specifically, cutting Medicaid and SNAP by \$1.2 trillion over ten years could cost American cities up to \$120 billion per year in lost local income and 1.6 million local jobs.

“Republican cuts to Medicaid and SNAP will rip healthcare away from our most vulnerable friends and family and create a ripple effect that cuts jobs and drives up costs for middle class Americans,” said Governor Whitmer. “With fewer people able to afford groceries or pay their hospital bill, local communities will lose spending, business, and jobs. Raising costs for working families to pay for a tax cut for the rich is unacceptable. I’ll keep working with anyone to lower costs, create jobs, and protect access to affordable, quality health care.”

Republican tax and budget plans will cut Medicaid and SNAP, making it harder to get by,” said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. “These cuts aren’t abstract. They will show up in skipped prescriptions, empty grocery carts, and kids going to school hungry. While the rich get more tax breaks, working Michiganders will be left behind. Let’s keep Standing Tall to protect access to the resources and programs Michigan families need to succeed.”

“The cuts to Medicaid included in this bill will

result in the loss of healthcare access throughout all of Michigan,” said Brian Peters, CEO of Michigan Health & Hospital Association. “Healthcare providers will be forced to reduce services, impacting all Michiganders and harming the health and wellness of our communities.”

### Impact of Medicaid Cuts on Michigan’s Economy

The Washington Center for Economic Growth’s report found Medicaid makes up an average of 11.2% of the economic base of regions nationwide. In Michigan, Medicaid contributes roughly as much to metropolitan Detroit as the auto industry. As such, Republican cuts to Medicaid would be devastating for local economies.

According to a report by Commonwealth Fund, by 2029, Michigan’s gross domestic product would drop by \$3.57 billion. Coupled with the loss of \$2.95 billion in federal funding, individuals employed by the hospital will be negatively impacted. Hospital workers, doctors, and mental health care providers who utilize Medicaid dollars will lose out on financial support and potentially lose their jobs altogether, hurting their ability to participate in their local economy. With fewer people purchasing groceries, local economies will begin to decline.

In Michigan, the healthcare industry is the largest private-sector employer, making a more than \$100 billion impact to our economy. A report from the MHA found that the hospital industry creates more than one million jobs, directly and indirectly, contributing \$79 billion

a year in wages, salaries and benefits and an additional \$23.6 billion a year in tax revenue. Hospitals alone create more than 222,000 jobs and \$10.7 billion a year in tax revenue. Republican cuts could lead to the loss of 17,300 jobs in health care and another 16,100 in other jobs indirectly tied to those in the industry. In total, these cuts will result in more than 33,000 Michiganders’ ability to participate in their local economy and slashing open good-paying, local jobs across the state.

### Impact of SNAP Cuts on Local Economies

The Washington Center for Economic Growth’s report also detailed impacts of the Republican budget bill’s cuts to SNAP on local economies across the country. Many SNAP recipients will no longer be able to afford their groceries, meaning grocery stores will lose out on key revenue. This will impact their ability to pay their employees, buy food from suppliers, and afford other business expenditures, threatening their operations entirely. Shuttering grocery stores will also have a wider ripple effect, hurting farmers and manufacturers who rely on these stores for income.

Combined with Republican cuts to Medicaid, Michigan faces a total GDP loss of \$4.53 billion and a loss of 41,500 total jobs. All together, these job losses will force Michigan to lose out on \$319 million in state and local tax revenue.

The report can be found here: <https://equitablegrowth.org/medicaid-and-snap-cuts-in-congressional-republicans-budget-bill-will-negatively-impact-local-economies/>

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