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EMBARGOED: Ohio Congressional District Profiles *Community Solutions Ohio Congressional District Profiles Illustrates Those Affected by Pending Federal Budget and Medicaid Decisions* ****EMBARGOED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017****

[Cleveland, OH] **The Center for Community Solutions (CCS) will release detailed profiles of all Ohio Congressional districts on Wednesday, March 22.** Last week President Donald Trump released a preliminary federal budget for 2018. The Center for Community Solutions is releasing detailed Ohio congressional district profiles to assist Ohio's congressional representatives as they consider President Trump's budget and other important legislation that impacts Ohioans. These profiles shed light on the number of people who could be impacted by policy changes.

The profiles include basic demographic information about each district, as well as data on employment and income, poverty, education, housing, and health. For example, they include the number of persons enrolled in Medicaid, the number eligible to receive assistance from a food bank, seniors living in poverty, and teen birth rates.

"There are people in every Ohio congressional district who are struggling to make ends meet and who will be impacted by decisions regarding the President's budget and whether or not Medicaid funding and eligibility is cut," stated **John Corlett**, CCS president and executive director. "These profiles give legislators detailed data to help them understand how many of their constituents might be affected by these decisions."

Kate Warren, CCS research associate, added, "We believe these profiles can be a valuable tool for people engaged in advocacy efforts around the state. While poverty rates, educational attainment rates, teen birth rates, and other figures included in the profiles vary by district, changes to federal policy related to the health and human services safety net would impact hundreds of thousands of people around the state who are struggling."

The profiles will be available to the public on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, and can be accessed at www.CommunitySolutions.com/Districts. Embargoed profiles are included as an attachment on this e-mail.

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