New prisons deprive others

(AP) — Advocates for social services say Gov. James Blanchard is taking money away from vital programs that meet basic human needs and putting it into new prisons, and they promise to flight him.

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"When the governor wants to fund prisons, be takes it out of the mouths of kids," Paul Shaheen, spokesman for the Michigan Council on Maternal and Child Health and the state of the country of the state of the murderers off the streets," he said. "But we're dealing mostly with economic crimes."

Blanchard's office called the complaints unfounded, and said they were misleading attempts to lobby for more funds.

STATE BUDGET director Shelby Solomon has recommend-Children's Doesn't Doe

ed sharp cuts in social spending for the fiscal year that will begin Oct. I. The cuts were needed to adjust to the state's sluggish economy and offset rising costs, he said.

Much of the prison expansion program is court-ordered, Solomon said. Though the prison construction program has had \$900 million in funds since 1985, the state's immate population of 22,000 is 2,000 over capacity, the Department of Corrections said.

"There's no question fighting crime and putting criminals in prison is a top priority of Governor Blanchard," said Tom Scott, Blanchard's press secretary. "But to somehow suggest that children are being hurt by that is just not true.

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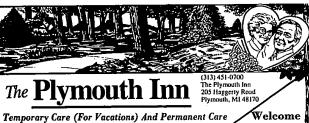
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