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SVC program will not be cut

Skagit Valley College's Life Transitions Program will not be cut this coming year as college officials had planned.

The program, formerly called Displaced Homemakers, was scheduled to be cut from the college because of lack of state funding, said Carl Young, executive director of college advancement and global partnerships.

"The state budget for the community and technical college was a little bit better than what our assumptions had been," Young said.

"Cutting them was the last thing that we wanted to do," Young said. "They were top priorities to come back."

Young said the program is popular and has a "tremendous impact" on those who go through it.

"It offers some support and development for people who are in transition or crisis," he said.

The extra money in the budget also allowed the college to reinstate the tenure track for faculty.