

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Child Care Assistance & Licensing Component Budget Summary

Component: Child Care Assistance & Licensing

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Component Mission

To promote excellence in child care services standards that help to ensure that safe, healthy, quality child care exists for Alaska's children.

Component Services Provided

- Child Care Assistance pays direct child care costs (approximately 5,400 children a month in FY2001) providing support for eligible parents to work and at the same time have their children in safe child care programs.
- Child Care Resource and Referral provides individualized information and referral services for families seeking quality child care.
- Child Care Professional Development provides education, work related information and training for eligible caregivers to reduce risk to children in care, increase caregiver proficiency and help meet registry and licensing standards.
- Child Care Grant assists child care providers to promote quality care by improving their facilities to ensure health and safety standards are met and by purchasing additional educational materials or playground equipment designed to include children with special needs.
- Consumer Education is a federally mandated program to inform parents of the qualities necessary for excellent child care programs and to promote safe and healthy child care environments.
- Child Care Licensing promotes the attainment of national quality standards and reduces risk to children in care through the enforcement of health and safety standards.

Component Goals and Strategies

- Ensure availability of child care assistance for all eligible families.
- Increase available child care service choices for Alaskan families.
- Promote greater accessibility to child care subsidy program services for children with special needs.
- Increase the supply of accredited child care providers.
- Increase the number of licensed child care facilities.
- Work with providers to ensure that all meet minimum health and safety standards.
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Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

- Research links optimal early development with quality early childhood education. Children benefit when non-parental caregivers are well qualified, well trained and well compensated; when child-adult ratios allow for responsive care; when facilities are safe, comfortable and well maintained; and, when activities are engaging and age appropriate. Alaskans have seen great progress in the availability and quality of child care services in the past decade. Initial efforts to support families moving from welfare to work have also been successful. To sustain this success requires an even greater demand on child care subsidy services than in the past. Affordable, quality child care for low-income families are key issues. Work schedules often require parents to seek child care for non-traditional hours (night shifts, late evening, etc.) and this type of child care is difficult to find.
- Coordination of child care licensing functions within other child care programs to develop a comprehensive system for early development that will ensure safe, healthy and nurturing environments for Alaska's pre-K children.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

- Provided child care assistance in more than 30 Alaskan communities through local program administrators.
- Supported employment of eligible low-income families by subsidizing child care costs for approximately 5,400 children per month.
- Updated and distributed consumer education materials.
- Maintained training for child care providers.
- Coordinated service delivery with other division programs resulting in an efficient expansion of services.
- Implemented state and national initiatives to improve the quality of child care and early education.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

45 CFR Part 98 and 99
AS 14.37.010-200
AS 14.38.100-199
19 AAC 65.011-901
PL 104-193

Child Care Assistance & Licensing

Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,486.0	1,306.1	2,193.0
72000 Travel	143.8	119.2	200.0
73000 Contractual	425.2	2,587.0	3,394.0
74000 Supplies	96.6	52.9	92.0
75000 Equipment	37.0	15.6	15.6
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	26,371.4	31,744.5	33,832.1
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	28,560.0	35,825.3	39,726.7
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	7,829.3	16,149.8	16,174.1
1003 General Fund Match	3,198.8	3,188.9	3,627.8
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,971.4	1,988.2	1,564.8
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	15,558.4	14,498.4	18,360.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	2.1	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	28,560.0	35,825.3	39,726.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
General Fund Match	68510	3,198.8	3,188.9	3,188.9	3,627.8	3,627.8
Unrestricted Fund	68515	1,971.4	1,988.2	1,988.2	1,564.8	1,564.8
Unrestricted Total		5,170.2	5,177.1	5,177.1	5,192.6	5,192.6
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	7,829.3	16,149.8	16,149.8	16,174.1	16,174.1
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,558.4	14,498.4	14,498.4	18,360.0	18,360.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		9,389.8	30,648.2	30,648.2	34,534.1	34,534.1
Total Estimated Revenues		14,560.0	35,825.3	35,825.3	39,726.7	39,726.7

Child Care Assistance & Licensing**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

An error in the FY2002 budget did not provide enough authorization in Interagency Receipts for the amount of Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) funds available for child care programs. Position adjustment included to add 1 PFT 05-2324 Administrative Clerk II, range 8, Anchorage. \$3,859.1

Adjust the general fund match requirement for the FFY2002 CCDF grant based on FMAP rate of 46.99%

Summary of Component Budget Changes**From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	5,177.1	16,149.8	14,498.4	35,825.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	15.5	24.3	2.5	42.3
Proposed budget increases:				
-TANF Authorization	0.0	0.0	3,859.1	3,859.1
FY2003 Governor	5,192.6	16,174.1	18,360.0	39,726.7

Child Care Assistance & Licensing**Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	FY2002	FY2003		
	Authorized	Governor		
Full-time	23	41	Annual Salaries	1,693,887
Part-time	0	0	COLA	37,858
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	601,215
			<i>Less 6.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(139,960)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	23	41	Total Personal Services	2,193,000

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Tech I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	2	1	1	0	4
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Manager III	1	0	0	0	1
Analyst/Programmer IV	1	0	0	0	1
Assoc Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Community Care Lic Spec I	8	7	5	0	20
Community Care Lic Spec II	1	0	0	0	1
Dep Commissioner	1	0	0	0	1
Grants Administrator II	4	0	0	0	4
Micro/Network Spec I	1	0	0	0	1
Prog Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Secretary	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	27	8	6	0	41