

# **State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Foster Care Special Need

### Contribution to Department's Mission

The Foster Care Special Needs program is designed to meet special occasional needs of children in state custody and the Department's statutory mandate to provide for the care of these children.

### Core Services

The Foster Care Special Needs program reimburses providers for pre-approved "one time" or "irregular" expenditures authorized that are not covered by Foster Care Base Rate and that have been assessed on an as-needed basis. Examples of services include licensed childcare to enable foster care providers to work or to attend court hearings, case conferences, or training events; extraordinary clothing for medically fragile children as well as initial clothing for a new placement. The Foster Care Special Needs component also provides funding for contracted services such as drug testing, foster parent training, foster parent fingerprinting and criminal history record checks and Social Security/SSI eligibility.

### FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2006 Component Budget: \$3,462,000</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

*Increasing Needs of Children in Foster Care:* When children enter foster care with a higher level of disturbance, foster parents are required to access a higher level of services to meet their needs. Examples of these services include physical and/or psychological therapy, supervised visits with family members, individual education plans and tutoring. With the increase of parental abuse of drugs and alcohol, children are often exposed to prenatal abuse as well as environmental abuse, all of which affects the child's behavior and special needs.

*Refinance Medical and Therapeutic Services:* The Office of Children's Services will maximize federal receipts and generate general fund savings in the foster care components. The office has reviewed its Foster Care Special Needs and Foster Care Augmented Rate expenditures to identify state general fund expenditures in these components on medical and therapeutic services. This refinancing effort will not result in any reduction of services and will continue to provide foster care benefits to the state's foster care providers.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

In recent years, children placed in foster care have more complex needs and issues, and foster parents are often required to have a greater level of specialized knowledge. The Office of Children's Services supplied foster parent training to provide the essential skills needed to successfully deal with the individual behaviors and special needs of the children in their care.

Additional resources are proposed in the Front Line Social Worker's component for FY2006 to enhance family recruitment efforts.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

Special Needs funds covered a large spectrum of costs such as damages and loss to foster providers' property, food and

dry goods considered essential to maintain a placement in an unlicensed relative's home, parent training, substance abuse treatment services, and other mental health services. Further examples of Foster Care Special Needs purchases included shipping and freight costs to bring child's personal belongings to a specific placement, special equipment, furniture, and services such as special cribs, beds, mattresses for persons with disabilities and travel for children in foster care to visit with their families.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of department.
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid.
AS 47.14.100	Care of Children.
AS 47.17	Child Protection.
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services.
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments.
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income.
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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### Foster Care Special Need Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
<b>Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.1	0.5	24.5
73000 Services	886.6	1,022.6	1,090.6
74000 Commodities	0.2	0.0	8.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	3,258.6	2,798.9	2,338.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>4,145.5</b>	<b>3,822.0</b>	<b>3,462.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	606.6	701.7	726.7
1003 General Fund Match	638.0	192.3	192.3
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,792.0	1,720.1	1,595.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	180.0	460.0	200.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	928.9	747.9	747.9
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>4,145.5</b>	<b>3,822.0</b>	<b>3,462.0</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	606.6	701.7	726.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	180.0	460.0	200.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>786.6</b>	<b>1,161.7</b>	<b>926.7</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>786.6</b>	<b>1,161.7</b>	<b>926.7</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2005 Management Plan</b>	<b>2,660.3</b>	<b>701.7</b>	<b>460.0</b>	<b>3,822.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Transfer Funding for Foster Care Special Needs to DJJ Probation Services	-200.0	0.0	0.0	-200.0
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Delete Excess I/A Authorization	0.0	0.0	-260.0	-260.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Resource Family Recruitment Enhancement Effort	75.0	25.0	0.0	100.0
<b>FY2006 Governor</b>	<b>2,535.3</b>	<b>726.7</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>3,462.0</b>