

# **State of Alaska FY2008 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 as mandated by statute.

### Core Services

The Foster Care Special Needs program reimburses providers for pre-approved "one time" or "irregular" expenditures 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, criminal history record checks and Social Security/SSI eligibility.

### FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2008 Component Budget: \$3,362,000</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 increases special needs.

Develop updated policy and procedure in line with new processes within the Online Resources for the Children of Alaska's (ORCA).

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

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.

The OCS has requested a fund source change of (\$341.0) in federal funds to \$341.0 in general funds as a result of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 reversal of *Rosales v. Thompson*. This decision negates Ninth Circuit states' ability to claim Title IV-E federal dollars for services provided to eligible children placed in unlicensed relative homes and for children whose eligibility was determined using the home of a relative with whom the child resided within six months of the determination.

This funding for special needs is essential to OCS's ability to meet its measures and outcomes related to child protective services. A critical part of protecting a child is to provide for their mental and physical well-being. It is very important that children who have been maltreated are provided to goods and services that promote this well-being.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

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 include shipping and freight costs to bring a child's personal belongings to a specific placement; special equipment; furniture, 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*

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	43.5	0.5	0.5
73000 Services	410.0	1,022.6	1,022.6
74000 Commodities	20.7	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	4,387.2	2,338.9	2,338.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>4,861.4</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	575.5	701.7	360.7
1003 General Fund Match	792.3	192.3	192.3
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,570.8	1,520.1	1,861.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	174.9	200.0	200.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	747.9	747.9	747.9
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>4,861.4</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
General Fund Match	68510	0.0	192.3	0.0
Unrestricted Fund	68515	0.0	1,520.1	0.0
General Fund Mental Health	68520	0.0	747.9	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,460.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	575.5	701.7	360.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	174.9	200.0	200.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>750.4</b>	<b>901.7</b>	<b>560.7</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>750.4</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>	<b>560.7</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2007 Management Plan</b>	<b>2,460.3</b>	<b>701.7</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Implement Federal Deficit Reduction Act	341.0	-341.0	0.0	0.0
<b>FY2008 Governor</b>	<b>2,801.3</b>	<b>360.7</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>3,362.0</b>