

**State of Alaska
FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services
Residential Child Care
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Residential Child Care

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Residential Child Care component provides 24-hour care for children in the custody of the State who are not able to remain in their own home, or who need more structure and treatment than can be provided in foster care. These children and youth often present severe and complex treatment needs such as sexual abuse, sexually aggressive behavior, substance abuse, severe emotional disorders, delinquent behavior, and other dysfunctional behavior.

Core Services

Residential care services are purchased from private providers throughout the state and include emergency stabilization and assessment centers, intensive residential treatment centers, residential diagnostic treatment centers and residential psychiatric treatment centers. Grants are also provided to residential centers that provide specialized services such as sex offender treatment and substance abuse treatment.

When the necessary level of care is not available within the state, services are purchased from out-of-state providers. Out-of-state providers are approved Alaska Medicaid providers of residential psychiatric treatment in both secure and non-secure settings.

Residential Care is operated on an unconditional care model, meaning programs are not to discharge clients or refuse their placement unless the child presents an "imminent risk of harm to themselves or others."

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$5,402,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Support for Bring the Kids Home – OCS is playing an active role in the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative while working with Alaskan residential care facilities to ensure children in need of services are adequately supported, and in turn, enabling facilities to enhance program capacity. The primary challenge facing those working on this initiative is establishment of adequate facility space and services in the State.

Accreditation of Residential Care Facilities: The Department will continue to work on improving the quality of care for children and families in our Residential Child Care programs through a combined strategy of increased training to staff and technical assistance to provider agencies as they complete their accreditation process.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

The Office of Children's Services will continue to work with providers who seek contractual relationships with Section 638 organizations (Indian Health Service providers) to decrease the match requirement for Medicaid.

The Office of Children's Services continues to work with the individual education plans for children who receive these services.

Residential Care Facilities will have the ability to re-focus funds to provide services to children with needs that currently

are met out-of-state in anticipation of a successful Bring the Kids Home effort. Adequate funding will allow for the development of facility infrastructure, increase the ability to attract the most experienced and educated workforce, and provide necessary staff training and development.

The OCS has requested a fund source change of (\$105.5) in federal funds to \$105.5 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.

Without this funding, services currently being provided will be reduced by approximately 14% at a time when the need for new beds is crucial to assuring that Alaska's children can receive the care they need in Alaska rather than from another state.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

The Department Provided Funding for Three Levels of Residential Care: The Department's Residential Child Care programs provide a continuum of three levels of care based on the assessed need of the individual child and the availability of bed space.

Level II Emergency Stabilization and Assessment: The Department purchased 82 Emergency Shelter treatment beds throughout the state to provide temporary residential care for children who were in immediate danger in their present environment. These treatment beds were also used for children who were not appropriate for commitment to Alaska Psychiatric Institute or to a detention facility and for whom no other satisfactory plan was immediately found.

Level III Specialized Residential Care: The Department purchased 100 Specialized Residential Care treatment beds throughout the state to provide a range of services from basic residential care to residential care for children with specialized needs such as emotional disturbance, behavioral dysfunction, sexual offending, and preparation for emancipation.

Level IV Residential Diagnostic Treatment: The Department purchased 15 Residential Diagnostic and Treatment beds in Anchorage to provide treatment for children who were a danger to themselves or others.

Psychiatric Nurse Program: The Office of Children's Services has five Psychiatric Nurses that serve as chairs of the Regional Placement Committee. The nurses determine if the medical necessity for psychiatric residential services was met, assist each child's worker in monitoring the progress of children placed in out-of-state facilities, conduct site reviews and review treatment goals, discharge plans and medication.

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 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.30	Mental Health Trust Authority
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
7 AAC 43.500-43.599	Medical Transportation Services; Inpatient Psychiatric Services
7 AAC 50	Family and Youth Services
7 AAC 78	Grant Programs
Titles IV-E and XIX of the Social Security Act	

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Residential Child Care Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	6.1	0.5	0.5
73000 Services	26.0	72.5	72.5
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	5,670.7	5,329.9	5,329.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	5,702.8	5,402.9	5,402.9
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	318.4	625.0	519.5
1003 General Fund Match	138.1	138.1	138.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,964.3	2,683.5	2,789.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	2,282.0	1,956.3	1,956.3
Funding Totals	5,702.8	5,402.9	5,402.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
General Fund Match	68510	0.0	138.1	0.0
Unrestricted Fund	68515	0.0	2,683.5	0.0
General Fund Mental Health	68520	0.0	1,956.3	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	4,777.9	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	318.4	625.0	519.5
Restricted Total		318.4	625.0	519.5
Total Estimated Revenues		318.4	5,402.9	519.5

**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>
FY2007 Management Plan	4,777.9	625.0	0.0	5,402.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Implement Federal Deficit Reduction Act	105.5	-105.5	0.0	0.0
FY2008 Governor	4,883.4	519.5	0.0	5,402.9