

**State of Alaska
FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services
Child Protection Legal Svcs
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Child Protection Legal Svcs

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Child Protective Legal Services component enables the department to focus funds on the legal proceedings needed for children who have been in custody the longest.

Core Services

The Child Protection Legal Services component provides a small portion of OCS costs for services purchased from the Department of Law to support legal requirements from the point when a child is taken into custody through mandatory, periodic court reviews, and to permanency if all efforts to reunite a child with his or her family fail. This particular component addresses the funding needed when a child cannot be reunified and the child's best interests are supported through adoption.

This component strengthens the state's ability to process Child In Need of Aid cases through the legal system to increase the number of children legally eligible to be adopted.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$0	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Key issues include the problem of backlogged adoption court cases and the legal proceeding needed to free the child for adoption.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

OCS is requesting that this authorization be transferred to the Subsidized Adoption Component so that all funds dedicated to this purpose (i.e., Department of Law services for child placement) are in the same component.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

The Department of Law provided legal services to aid the OCS in ongoing efforts to find permanent placement for those children who have been in state custody for extended periods.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 25.23 Adoption
AS 47.10.080 Judgments and Orders

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**Child Protection Legal Svcs
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	227.5	227.5	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	227.5	227.5	0.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	227.5	227.5	0.0
Funding Totals	227.5	227.5	0.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	227.5	0.0	0.0	227.5
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer out Permanency Funding to Subsidized Adoption for Legal Services to Adoptions	-227.5	0.0	0.0	-227.5
FY2009 Governor	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0