

State of Alaska FY2014 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship Component Budget Summary

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship

Contribution to Department's Mission

Facilitates permanent placements through adoptive or guardianship homes for the increasing number of children in state custody for whom special needs make them hard-to-place. Adoption is viewed as the most permanent placement for a child and is therefore the preferable option.

Guardianships are considered for children who cannot be considered for adoption, but for whom a reasonably permanent home can be provided through guardianship. This is often the best choice for children who cannot live with their parents, but continue to maintain an important emotional tie with their families that should not be severed.

Core Services

- Facilitate permanency through recruitment of homes for children who need permanent homes; home studies on potential adoptive and guardianship families; pre-adoption services for the child and family; and post-adoption services after the final adoption or guardianship court hearing.
- Provide for permanent homes to children that are in the custody of the state and who are unlikely to be adopted without a subsidy.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2012

The Office of Children's Services has continued to experience success in finding homes for children as they are simultaneously presented in the Alaska Adoption Exchange, the Northwest Adoptions Exchange, and AdoptUSKids. As of June 2010, there were 2,661 continuing adoptions and guardianships, and 337 new adoptions and guardianships for Alaska. As of June 2011 there were 2,746 continuing adoptions and guardianships and 313 new adoptions and guardianships. At the end of June 2012 this number has increased to 2,850 continuing adoptions and guardianships, which includes 357 new adoptions and guardianships.

Key Component Challenges

When children leave foster care, their special needs are reassessed to determine whether they will need continuing assistance through the Subsidized Adoption & Guardianship program. Approximately 95% of children exiting custody, through adoption or legal guardianship, have special needs and will continue to receive state benefits through the subsidy programs.

Children that have been removed from situations of maltreatment and that have physical, mental, or emotional disturbances continue to struggle even after being removed. The Office of Children's Services has recognized for some time that the level of disturbance and complexity of problems for children in custody is increasing. These factors make it difficult to find permanent adoptive or guardianship homes without a subsidy. It is preferable and more cost-effective for the state to provide a means for children to be given a permanent home with a state-funded subsidy than for the state to continue being solely financially responsible for the child. The adoption or guardianship subsidy covers the costs for the child's special needs and is available to the family until the child reaches age 18.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2014

In FY2014, the subsidy program will continue to support adoption and guardianship families by helping to defray the costs of care, and for meeting the child's ongoing special needs. There has been an upward trend in the number of continuing and on-going subsidies. However, the Office of Children's Services anticipates new subsidized adoptions and guardianships to level out in FY2014.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 25.23

Adoption

AS 25.23.190-240 Subsidy for hard-to-place child
AS 47.10.080 Judgments and orders
7 AAC 53 Article 2 Subsidized Adoption and Subsidized Guardianship Payments

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act
42 USC 1305 Adoptions & Safe Families Act of 1997

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**Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	45.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	358.9	2,026.3	526.3
74000 Commodities	12.8	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	25,296.8	21,405.3	22,905.3
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	25,713.5	23,431.6	23,431.6
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0
1003 General Fund Match	2,354.4	2,354.4	2,354.4
1004 General Fund Receipts	9,468.8	7,865.2	7,865.2
Funding Totals	25,713.5	23,431.6	23,431.6

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0
Restricted Total		13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0
Total Estimated Revenues		13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2013 Management Plan to FY2014 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2013 Management Plan	10,219.6	0.0	0.0	13,212.0	23,431.6
FY2014 Governor	10,219.6	0.0	0.0	13,212.0	23,431.6

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (AR23240) (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Conference Committee	FY2013 Authorized	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor	FY2013 Management Plan vs FY2014 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	358.9	2,026.3	2,026.3	2,026.3	526.3	-1,500.0	-74.0%
74000 Commodities	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	25,296.8	21,405.3	21,405.3	21,405.3	22,905.3	1,500.0	7.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	25,713.5	23,431.6	23,431.6	23,431.6	23,431.6	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Other)	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0	13,212.0	13,212.0	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	2,354.4	2,354.4	2,354.4	2,354.4	2,354.4	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	9,468.8	7,865.2	7,865.2	7,865.2	7,865.2	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	11,823.2	10,219.6	10,219.6	10,219.6	10,219.6	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0	13,212.0	13,212.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios With Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)

RDU: Children's Services (486)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2013 Conference Committee To FY2013 Authorized *****												
FY2013 Conference Committee												
ConfCom		23,431.6	0.0	0.0	2,026.3	0.0	0.0	21,405.3	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		13,212.0										
1003 G/F Match		2,354.4										
1004 Gen Fund		7,865.2										
Subtotal		23,431.6	0.0	0.0	2,026.3	0.0	0.0	21,405.3	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2013 Authorized To FY2013 Management Plan *****												
Subtotal		23,431.6	0.0	0.0	2,026.3	0.0	0.0	21,405.3	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2013 Management Plan To FY2014 Governor *****												
Align Authority to Reflect Services and Grants Expenditures												
LIT		0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,500.0	0.0	0.0	1,500.0	0.0	0	0	0
Request to move excess services authority to grants line. This was done in previous fiscal years as a revised program request, and this entry will make the move permanent.												
Totals		23,431.6	0.0	0.0	526.3	0.0	0.0	22,905.3	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
72000	Travel		45.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
72000 Travel Detail Totals			45.0	0.0	0.0
72110		Employee Travel (Instate)	19.2	0.0	0.0
72120		Nonemployee Travel (Instate Travel)	4.0	0.0	0.0
72410		Employee Travel (Out of state)	21.7	0.0	0.0
72930		Cash Advance Fee	0.1	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
73000	Services		358.9	2,026.3	526.3
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
73000 Services Detail Totals			358.9	2,026.3	526.3
73025	Education Services	Training services and conference costs	4.4	0.0	4.5
73156	Telecommunication	Miscellaneous audio/video conference costs	0.4	0.0	0.5
73225	Delivery Services	Postage and freight	0.1	0.0	0.2
73450	Advertising & Promos	Recruitment postings, media campaigns, and notices necessary to meet legal requirements.	0.0	25.0	25.0
73650	Struc/Infstruct/Land	Conference room rental fees for conferences and training sessions	1.6	0.0	1.7
73675	Equipment/Machinery	Repair and maintenance of office furniture and equipment	0.8	0.0	1.0
73750	Other Services (Non IA Svcs)	Provide Assistance to adoptive children and families to include pre-adoptive services and post-adoption services following the final adoption or guardianship hearing. Contract with outside vendor for permanent families services that focus on adoption recruitment and referral, home study services to families who want to adopt children in OCS custody, and post-adoption services. \$482.6 Contract with outside vendor for participation in the adoption exchange, and promote earlier identification of children awaiting adoption and potential families waiting to adopt. \$28.0	45.7	1,601.3	143.4
73812	Legal		305.3	0.0	0.0
73812	Legal	Law	0.0	400.0	350.0
		RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Permanency Placement. Fund legal services to promote and identify permanent placements for those children who have been in state custody for extended periods. Includes			

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)

RDU: Children's Services (486)

Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
73000 Services Detail Totals			358.9	2,026.3	526.3
		case costs such as travel, outside contracts, and transcription services.			
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)		0.6	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
74000	Commodities		12.8	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
74000 Commodities Detail Totals			12.8	0.0	0.0
74200	Business		6.9	0.0	0.0
74480	Household & Instit.		5.9	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		25,296.8	21,405.3	22,905.3
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			25,296.8	21,405.3	22,905.3
77110	Grants	Grants to support foster care, and adoption services.	1,482.6	1,230.7	1,500.0
77670	Benefits	Fund adoption and guardianship subsidies to facilitate permanent placements in adoptive homes, or stable guardianships for children in state custody whose special needs make them hard to place. Federal guidelines for Title IV-E federal adoptions define a hard-to-place child as a "minor who is not likely to be adopted or to obtain a guardian by reason of physical or mental disability, emotional disturbance, recognized high risk of physical or mental disease, age, membership in a sibling group, racial or ethnic factors, or any combination of these conditions." Grant to outside vendor (Northwest Resources Associates) to recruit adoptive families that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the children served by OCS. Costs include training and support of resource families designed to improve the safety of children in care, streamline procedures, and avoid delays. \$575.0	23,814.2	20,174.6	21,405.3

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship (1962)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Master Account	Revenue Description	FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
51010	Federal Receipts	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0

Detail Information					FY2012 Actuals	FY2013 Management Plan	FY2014 Governor
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund			
51010	Federal Receipts		06213800	11100	13,890.3	13,212.0	13,212.0
	Title IV-E of the Social Security Act						
	Social Services Block Grant						

