

State of Alaska FY2018 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

Provide funding to meet special and/or occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the State's preventative service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children and families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates.

Core Services

- To pay for pre-approved essential expenditures not covered by the foster care base rate and are assessed on a case-by case basis.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2016

Foster Care Special Need funds cover a large spectrum of costs such as a prom dress for a young woman attending the high school dance, to damages occurring to the foster parents' property by a child with special needs. Purchases made with Foster Care Special Need funds alleviate the financial burden of raising a child for foster families and relative families willing to provide for children in custody. In FY2016, more than 22,823 requests for additional funds were authorized and processed. This is up from 21,144 requests in the previous year.

Key Component Challenges

The Office of Children's Services faces a continuing challenge in keeping pace with increased costs to meet the varying needs of children and families. Federal requirements for visitation between children in custody and family members has resulted in increasing travel costs, particularly in the rural areas of the state. Child care expenses continue to increase, requiring working foster families to pay co-pays or costs above the monthly limit, and there are continuing challenges in finding licensed child care in rural Alaska. The Office of Children's Services is also responsible for medical expenses not covered under Medicaid.

The Office of Children's Services does not anticipate an easy solution as these foster families are prone to the same economic factors as every other family in Alaska. The current focus for Child Protective Services is to keep children safely in their homes, and when that is not possible, to reunite children with their families as soon as possible. The increased number of children in an out of home placement has resulted in a greater than before Foster Care Special Need budget.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2018

No significant changes are expected in FY2018 in this area.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| AS 47.05.010 | Duties of department |
| AS 47.10 | Children in Need of Aid |
| AS 47.14.100 | Powers and duties of department over care of child |
| 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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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

| | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Conference Committee | FY2017 Authorized | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor | FY2017 Management Plan vs FY2018 Governor | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 71000 Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 72000 Travel | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 73000 Services | 252.9 | 927.5 | 927.5 | 927.5 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 74000 Commodities | 3.0 | 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 | 15,771.8 | 10,872.5 | 10,872.5 | 10,872.5 | 10,783.5 | -89.0 | -0.8% |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Totals | 16,031.2 | 11,800.3 | 11,800.3 | 11,800.3 | 11,711.3 | -89.0 | -0.8% |
| Fund Sources: | | | | | | | |
| 1002Fed Rcpts (Fed) | 427.6 | 632.1 | 632.1 | 632.1 | 1,232.1 | 600.0 | 94.9% |
| 1003G/F Match (UGF) | 2,380.6 | 1,608.9 | 1,608.9 | 1,608.9 | 1,608.9 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1004Gen Fund (UGF) | 8,995.3 | 4,811.4 | 4,811.4 | 4,811.4 | 4,122.4 | -689.0 | -14.3% |
| 1007I/A Rcpts (Other) | 3,500.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1037GF/MH (UGF) | 727.7 | 747.9 | 747.9 | 747.9 | 747.9 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 12,103.6 | 7,168.2 | 7,168.2 | 7,168.2 | 6,479.2 | -689.0 | -9.6% |
| Designated General (DGF) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Other Funds | 3,500.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Federal Funds | 427.6 | 632.1 | 632.1 | 632.1 | 1,232.1 | 600.0 | 94.9% |
| 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: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
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 FY2017 Conference Committee To FY2017 Authorized ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY2017 Conference Committee | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ConfCom | | 11,800.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,872.5 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1002 Fed Rcpts | | 632.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1003 G/F Match | | 1,608.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | 4,811.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1007 I/A Rcpts | | 4,000.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/MH | | 747.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 11,800.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,872.5 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2017 Management Plan To FY2018 Governor ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Replace General Fund with Federal Receipt Authority | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FndChg | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1002 Fed Rcpts | | 600.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | -600.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>A reduction in general fund authority for services provided by the Foster Care Special Needs component can be achieved with increased scrutiny over the review process in determining what are necessary services for children and families served by the Office of Children's services and recommendations for certain services to be provided through Medicaid eligible providers.</p> <p>The division has increased the capacity for federal reimbursement through policy changes and efficiencies in administrative claiming under Title IV-E.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reduce Transportation, Toxicology, and Supplemental Security Income Contracts | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec | | -89.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -89.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | -89.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>The Foster Care Special Need component issues contracts each year to provide transportation services for children and families. This service primarily offers the transportation for child and parent visits for children residing in foster care. The Wasilla office will assume more of the responsibility for facilitating and transporting children and families for these visitations, in order to reduce the cost of the contracted services by \$15.0.</p> <p>Supplemental Security Income Applications and Appeals contract is for children who have disabilities for which they may qualify for Supplemental Security Income benefits, Office of Children's Services is mandated to apply for these funds on behalf of the child, and utilize these funds to meet the care needs of the children. This contract will be reduced by \$22.0.</p> <p>The number of drug test being requested will be reduced allowing for a reduction of \$52.0 to the associated contracts for urinalysis and toxicology services.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 11,711.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,783.5 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2000 | Travel | | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
| 2000 Travel Detail Totals | | | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 2000 | In-State Employee Travel | Employee travel | 10.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 2001 | In-State Non-Employee Travel | | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2002 | Out of State Employee Travel | | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2003 | Out of State Non-Employee Travel | | -3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2006 | Other Travel Costs | | -7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 3000 | Services | | 252.9 | 927.5 | 927.5 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
| 3000 Services Detail Totals | | | 252.9 | 927.5 | 927.5 |
| 3000 | Education Services | Education Services | -25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3002 | Legal and Judicial Services | | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3003 | Information Technology | | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3006 | Delivery Services | Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs. | 0.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 3007 | Advertising and Promotions | | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3008 | Utilities | | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3010 | Equipment/Machinery | | 8.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3011 | Other Services | Contractor for SSI Applications and Appeals for Youth in OCS Custody and One Card Charges. | 110.5 | 700.0 | 700.0 |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | Law - Department-wide | 157.0 | 200.0 | 200.0 |
| | | RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases. | | | |
| | | RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement. | | | |
| 3032 | Inter-Agency Health | RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics data inquiries. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 3000 Services Detail Totals | | | 252.9 | 927.5 | 927.5 |
| | | information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. | | | |
| | | System information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. | | | |
| 3038 | Inter-Agency Management/Consulting | H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320) | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 4000 | Commodities | | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
| | | 4000 Commodities Detail Totals | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4000 | Business | | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4002 | Household/Institutional | | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4021 | Commodity Management Allocation | | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 7000 | Grants, Benefits | | 15,771.8 | 10,872.5 | 10,783.5 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
| | | 7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals | 15,771.8 | 10,872.5 | 10,783.5 |
| 7001 | Grants | Toxicology testing services for OCS clients | 399.2 | 260.0 | 260.0 |
| 7002 | Benefits | Reimbursement to foster parents for the direct purchase of goods and services for one-time or irregular expenditures that are not covered by the Foster Care Base Rate or Foster Care Augmented Rate benefits. Costs include but are not limited to; damages and loss to foster parents, parent training, childcare, and travel for children in foster care to visit their families. | 15,392.2 | 10,612.5 | 10,523.5 |
| 7003 | Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants | | -19.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source | Component | Comment | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts) | | | 519.3 | 632.1 | 1,232.1 |
| 5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants | | Various Federal Receipts and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act | 519.3 | 632.1 | 1,232.1 |
| 5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts) | | | 3,500.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 |
| 5301 Inter-Agency Receipts | H&SS - Child Care Benefits (1897) | RSA with Public Assistance Child Care for working Foster Care Providers | 3,500.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 |
| 6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund) | | | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery | | | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| | | | | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor |
|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Component Totals | | | | 156.1 | 225.0 | 225.0 |
| With Department of Law | | | | 157.0 | 200.0 | 200.0 |
| With Unspecified | | | | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| With Department of Health and Social Services | | | | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2016 Actuals | FY2017 Management Plan | FY2018 Governor | |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | Law - Department-wide | 157.0 | 200.0 | 200.0 | |
| | | RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases. | | | | |
| | | RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement. | | | | |
| 3032 | Inter-Agency Health | RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics data inquiries. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | |
| | | System information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. | | | | |
| 3038 | Inter-Agency Management/Consulting | H&SS - Administrative Support Svcs (320) | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |