

State of Alaska FY2019 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Base Rate Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Base Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

Reimburse licensed foster parents for the basic needs of foster children in their care.

Core Services

- Reimburses foster parents for the basic and ongoing costs of raising a child.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2017

Provided foster care services to a monthly average of 2038 full-time equivalents. Full-time equivalents are used to compensate for the movement of children in and out of the program. As a result in the increase of children in care payments to licensed foster homes increase significantly.

Key Component Challenges

The Office of Children's Services continues the recruitment efforts for foster parents to meet the needs of Alaska's foster children. Not having enough foster homes that are culturally relevant and adequately trained impacts the ability of Office of Children's Services to place children in homes where their best interests can be served. Not having enough appropriate placement options also increases the likelihood of multiple placements for children and is contradictory to the best interests of a child, and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Foster care base rates are computed and reviewed on an annual basis to determine if established rates are sufficient for the daily care and supervision of a child in a licensed foster care placement. Consideration must be given to the need of a methodology to periodically and systematically adjust the daily rate to equitably compensate, recruit, and retain foster parents.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2019

A Foster Care Base Rate Review is conducted annually. The 2016 review resulted in a recommended increase subject to appropriation.

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
Titles IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Conference Committee	FY2018 Authorized	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor	FY2018 Management Plan vs FY2019 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	116.1	654.4	654.4	654.4	202.5	-451.9	-69.1%
74000 Commodities	0.0	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	21,655.7	18,372.9	18,372.9	18,372.9	19,948.9	1,576.0	8.6%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	21,771.8	19,027.3	19,027.3	19,027.3	20,151.4	1,124.1	5.9%
Fund Sources:							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	5,923.4	6,925.8	6,925.8	6,925.8	7,218.1	292.3	4.2%
1003G/F Match (UGF)	5,011.4	4,030.0	4,030.0	4,030.0	4,322.3	292.3	7.3%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	6,807.2	2,471.5	2,471.5	2,471.5	3,011.0	539.5	21.8%
1005GF/Prgm (DGF)	4,029.8	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	11,818.6	6,501.5	6,501.5	6,501.5	7,333.3	831.8	12.8%
Designated General (DGF)	4,029.8	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	5,923.4	6,925.8	6,925.8	6,925.8	7,218.1	292.3	4.2%
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 Base Rate (2236)
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 FY2018 Conference Committee To FY2018 Authorized *****												
FY2018 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	19,027.3	0.0	0.0	654.4	0.0	0.0	18,372.9	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		6,925.8										
1003 G/F Match		4,030.0										
1004 Gen Fund		2,471.5										
1005 GF/Prgm		5,600.0										
Subtotal		19,027.3	0.0	0.0	654.4	0.0	0.0	18,372.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2018 Management Plan To FY2019 Governor *****												
Align Authority for Provider Payments												
	LIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	-451.9	0.0	0.0	451.9	0.0	0	0	0
FY2015 cases were 1,627 full time equivalent and FY2017 were 2,039. It is anticipated that FY2019 full time equivalent of cases will increase 3.7 percent over FY2017 with a projected full time equivalent of 2,114.												
Full time equivalent measures a single monthly foster case payment based on days in foster care.												
Transfer from Front Line Social Workers for Rate Increases per Required Calculation Methodology												
	Trin	831.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	831.8	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		292.3										
1004 Gen Fund		539.5										
Per case number 3AN-13-10106 CI Murrans v Streur the Office of Children's Services (OCS) is required to apply a methodology recommended by Hornby Zeller Associates Inc. (HZA methodology) in calculating foster care base rates. The settlement requires that OCS apply that methodology and, every five years starting in calendar year 2018, that OCS seek an appropriation from the legislature for an increase to the foster care base rate.												
Federal Receipt Authority for Rate Increases per Required Calculation Methodology												
	Inc	292.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	292.3	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		292.3										
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Totals		20,151.4	0.0	0.0	202.5	0.0	0.0	19,948.9	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
3000	Services		116.1	654.4	202.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			116.1	654.4	202.5
3011	Other Services	Services associated with foster parent recruitment	100.0	100.0	2.0
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	H&SS - Residential Licensing (245) RSA: Department of Health and Social Services, Certification and Licensing. Foster Care Parent Fingerprint Processing Services. Cost incurred to process foster parent AFFIS fingerprint record checks, and FBI fingerprint record checks	16.1	554.4	200.5

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

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		21,655.7	18,372.9	19,948.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			21,655.7	18,372.9	19,948.9
7002	Benefits	Reimbursement to foster care providers for the basic ongoing needs of a foster child. Costs include but are not limited to items such as; food, clothing, shelter and personal and grooming items.	21,585.7	18,272.9	19,848.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	Grant: Emergency Shelter Services for Youth	70.0	100.0	100.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			5,923.4	6,925.8	7,218.1
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title IV-E of the Social Security Act funding	5,923.4	6,925.8	7,218.1
5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)			4,029.8	5,600.0	5,600.0
5115 Program Receipts Health & Human Svcs - Charges for Services		General Fund Program Receipts ability to receive SSI/SSA and Child support	4,029.8	5,600.0	5,600.0
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			16.8	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			16.8	0.0	0.0

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

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
Component Totals	16.1	554.4	200.5
With Department of Health and Social Services	16.1	554.4	200.5

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3036 Inter-Agency Safety	H&SS - Residential Licensing (245)	RSA: Department of Health and Social Services, Certification and Licensing. Foster Care Parent Fingerprint Processing Services. Cost incurred to process foster parent AFFIS fingerprint record checks, and FBI fingerprint record checks	16.1	554.4	200.5