

# **State of Alaska FY2021 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 2019**

Provided foster care payments for a monthly average of 1,933 full-time equivalent children in foster care. "Full-time equivalent" is a methodology used to calculate foster care expenditures while compensating for the daily fluctuation of children moving in and out of the program. During FY2019, the foster care payment rate increased. The most recent prior rate increase was effective July 1, 2013. The foster parent recruitment and retention plan was enhanced to include a more data driven tracking system to match children in care and foster parent capacity in specific communities.

**Key Component Challenges**

- The State reimburses foster care providers for the cost of care for children in State custody. The Office of Children's Services continues recruitment efforts for foster parents to meet the needs of Alaska's foster children. 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. Considerations are given to the needs of children by age and geographic location in order to equitably compensate, recruit, and retain foster parents.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021**

No anticipated changes in results to be delivered.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

47.05.065(3)	Legislative Findings Related to Children
47.10	Children in Need of Aid
47.14.010	Duties of Department
47.14.100	Powers and duties of department over care of child
47.17	Child Protection
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

	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Conference Committee	FY2020 Authorized	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor	FY2020 Management Plan vs FY2021 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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
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	21,772.0	20,151.4	20,151.4	21,001.4	21,001.4	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21,772.0</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	5,237.0	7,218.1	7,218.1	6,218.1	6,218.1	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	5,159.7	4,322.3	4,322.3	5,022.3	5,022.3	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	7,724.8	3,011.0	3,011.0	4,161.0	4,161.0	0.0	0.0%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	3,650.5	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>12,884.5</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>7,333.3</b>	<b>9,183.3</b>	<b>9,183.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>3,650.5</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>5,237.0</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>7,218.1</b>	<b>6,218.1</b>	<b>6,218.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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 FY2020 Conference Committee To FY2020 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2020 Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	20,151.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20,151.4	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		7,218.1										
1003 G/F Match		4,322.3										
1004 Gen Fund		3,011.0										
1005 GF/Prgm		5,600.0										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,151.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2020 Authorized To FY2020 Management Plan *****												
<b>Transfer to Subsidized Adoptions and Guardianship for Subsidy Payments</b>												
	Trout	-1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-1,000.0										
Transfer from Foster Care Base Rate to Subsidized Adoptions and Guardianship for subsidy payments. This transfer provides federal authority needed due to the increase in the number of subsidized adoptions and guardianships. The subsidized adoption and guardianship program facilitates permanent placements in adoptive and guardianship homes for an increasing number of children in custody whose special needs make them hard to place. Adoption and guardianship is considered for children who cannot return to their parents. At the end of FY2019, 3,798 children were living in permanent homes assisted through subsidized adoptions and guardianships. Since FY2015, the number of subsidized adoptions and guardianships has steadily increased at a rate of 4.3 percent annually. The remaining grant authority is sufficient to cover remaining expenditures.												
<b>Transfer from Children's Services Management for Foster Care Payments</b>												
	Trin	1,150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,150.0	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		700.0										
1004 Gen Fund		450.0										
Transfer from Children's Services Management to Foster Care Base Rate for foster care payments.												
<b>Transfer from Family Preservation for Foster Care Services</b>												
	Trin	700.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	700.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		700.0										
Transfer from Family Preservation to Foster Care Base Rate for foster care services.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2020 Management Plan To FY2021 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**Component:** Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		21,772.0	21,001.4	21,001.4
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>21,772.0</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>	<b>21,001.4</b>
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, personal, and grooming items.	21,722.0	21,001.4	21,001.4
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		50.0	0.0	0.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>5,159.4</b>	<b>6,218.1</b>	<b>6,218.1</b>
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Take note that this funding source has been identified as a potential shortfall, pending final closeout of encumbrances, the shortfall may clear itself or require action in the form of a ratification. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act funding	5,159.4	6,218.1	6,218.1
<b>5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)</b>			<b>3,650.5</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>	<b>5,600.0</b>
5115 Program Receipts Health & Human Svcs - Charges for Services		General fund program receipts ability to receive Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Administration and Child support	3,650.5	5,600.0	5,600.0
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>10.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			10.0	0.0	0.0