

State of Alaska FY2022 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 service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children in state custody and their families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates to foster parents.

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 2020

The Foster Care Special Need program covers a large spectrum of costs that include but are not limited to clothing, childcare, transportation, clinical services, special equipment and furniture, or damages to the foster parents' property by a child with special needs. Services to parents not otherwise covered under grants, Medicaid, or other health insurance plans necessary for the rehabilitation of the parents to reunite or visit with their children are also covered under this budget component. The Foster Care Special Need program alleviates the financial burden for resource families willing to provide for housing and the most basic health and safety needs of children in State custody. In FY2020, more than 12,288 requests were authorized and processed on behalf of 4,436 clients.

The centralization of programmatic requests for commodities (tangible goods) occurred to provide for a pre-approval process that helps to avoid errors and provide alternative resources to special needs funds when available. The centralization involved the implementation of a 1-800 number for resource families. Resource families can connect with a staff person located in the Office of Children's Services statewide office who can quickly help navigate the processes necessary to secure the tangible item or services for children in their care. To date, commodity request centralization has occurred in all service areas except Anchorage and Wasilla.

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 have resulted in increased travel costs, particularly in the rural areas of the state. The Office of Children's Services is also responsible for medical and clinical expenses not covered under Indian Health Services, Medicaid, or private health insurers. A lack of Medicaid providers in many areas of the state contributes to high general fund expenditures for necessary medical and behavioral health services for children and their parents involved in the foster care system.
- The childcare program experienced a decrease in the number of licensed childcare facilities in rural areas and communities throughout Alaska as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was particularly difficult for infant and toddler age children as they had the fewest spots prior to the pandemic.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

The Office of Children's Services will initiate a statewide centralization of the childcare billing within the Division of Public Assistance Childcare Program Office. This centralization will provide a comprehensive solution that will save time by streamlining administrative tasks so the Office of Children's services childcare team can focus more on assisting resource families with obtaining quality childcare throughout the communities in Alaska.

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 Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation
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

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Conference Committee	FY2021 Authorized	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor	FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	115.6	137.5	137.5	137.5	137.5	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	11,546.2	12,008.8	12,008.8	12,108.0	11,992.7	-115.3	-1.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	11,670.4	12,146.3	12,146.3	12,245.5	12,130.2	-115.3	-0.9%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	1,607.8	1,607.8	1,607.8	0.0	-1,607.8	-100.0%
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	306.4	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	346.5	1,019.2	1,019.2	1,019.2	1,243.6	224.4	22.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	6,372.0	3,804.3	3,804.3	3,804.3	5,072.4	1,268.1	33.3%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	3,897.6	3,700.0	3,700.0	3,799.2	3,799.2	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	747.9	782.9	782.9	782.9	782.9	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	7,466.4	7,214.2	7,214.2	7,214.2	7,098.9	-115.3	-1.6%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	3,897.6	3,700.0	3,700.0	3,799.2	3,799.2	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	306.4	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	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: 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 FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized *****												
Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	12,146.3	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	12,008.8	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		1,607.8										
1002 Fed Rcpts		1,232.1										
1003 G/F Match		1,019.2										
1004 Gen Fund		3,804.3										
1007 I/A Rcpts		3,700.0										
1037 GF/MH		782.9										
Subtotal		12,146.3	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	12,008.8	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Authorized To FY2021 Management Plan *****												
Transfer from Front Line Social Workers for Child Care Federal Cost Reimbursement												
	Trin	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0	0	0
1007 I/A Rcpts		99.2										
<p>Transfer authority from Front Line Social Workers to Foster Care Special Need for child care federal cost reimbursement. The Alaska Court System Therapeutic Courts provided grant revenue toward a dedicated Office of Children's Services caseworker to participate in the Palmer Family Infant Toddler therapeutic court. That staff member participated in administrative meetings, status hearings, and team meetings to provide participant supervision and case management. The Alaska Court System's funding has ended, yet they will continue to fund a portion of the caseworker's cost.</p> <p>The interagency authority is needed in Foster Care Special Need to capture federal Title IV-D child care revenue from the Division of Public Assistance for child care services incurred by working foster parents.</p>												
Subtotal		12,245.5	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	12,108.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
Eliminate the Circles of Support Social Services by Utilizing Block, Title IVB-I and Title IVB-II Grants												
	Dec	-115.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-115.3	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		-115.3										
<p>With the elimination of the Circles of Support grant program, the federal Social Services Block Grant, Title IVB-I and Title IVB-II federal funds will instead be used to provide case work activities previously provided by the Circles of Support grant program. Case work activities will be shifted to existing case workers.</p>												
Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-1,607.8										
1003 G/F Match		339.7										
1004 Gen Fund		1,268.1										

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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		
										PFT	PPT	NP
Replace Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) used as a one-time funding mechanism in FY2021.												
	Totals	12,130.2	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	11,992.7	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		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
2000	Travel		8.6	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			8.6	0.0	0.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Employee travel	3.8	0.0	0.0
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel		1.5	0.0	0.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel		3.1	0.0	0.0
2003	Out of State Non-Employee Travel		0.2	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		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000	Services		115.6	137.5	137.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			115.6	137.5	137.5
3000	Education Services	Education services	0.9	0.0	0.0
3001	Financial Services	Contract for services related to Social Security applications and appeals	0.0	125.0	110.0
3002	Legal and Judicial Services		0.1	0.0	0.0
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs.	0.0	2.5	2.5
3011	Other Services	Contractor for Supplemental Security Income Applications and Appeals for Youth in Office Children's Services Custody and One Card Charges.	100.5	0.0	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	14.1	10.0	25.0
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement.			

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		11,546.2	12,108.0	11,992.7
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			11,546.2	12,108.0	11,992.7
7001	Grants	Toxicology testing services for Office of Children's Services clients, Provider Agreement	797.6	900.0	900.0
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.	10,748.6	1,133.8	968.5
7002	Benefits	H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961) Reimbursable Services Agreement: Vital record copies and inquiries.	0.0	15.0	15.0
7002	Benefits	Costs for child care for working foster parents. Reimbursed by federal Title IVD federal (designated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) through a reimbursable services agreement with the Division of Public Assistance.	0.0	3,729.2	3,729.2
7002	Benefits	Client travel for case related activities. Including child transports, meals, lodging, and ground transportation.	0.0	3,000.0	2,350.0
7002	Benefits	Client travel for case related	0.0	16.0	16.0

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Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

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Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			11,546.2	12,108.0	11,992.7
		activities. Including child transports, meals, lodging, and ground transportation.			
7002	Benefits	Basic need items for children in custody including clothing, personal incidentals, special one time items, birth certificates, and food.	0.0	616.0	616.0
7002	Benefits	Damages to foster homes reimbursements.	0.0	18.0	18.0
7002	Benefits	Mental Health Counseling, Assessment and Medical costs for services provided on behalf of children in foster care.	0.0	1,480.0	1,480.0
7002	Benefits	Emergency relief payments for relative placements pending licensure.	0.0	1,200.0	1,200.0
7002	Benefits	Residential costs for children with medically complex issues that require Medicaid decertified specialty care.	0.0	0.0	700.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			308.9	1,232.1	1,232.1
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Various Federal Receipts and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	308.8	1,232.1	1,232.1
5021 Federal - Other Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			0.1	0.0	0.0
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			3,897.6	3,799.2	3,799.2
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Child Care Benefits (1897)	Reimbursable Services Agreement with Public Assistance Child Care for working Foster Care Providers	3,862.6	3,799.2	3,799.2
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Residential Child Care (253)		35.0	0.0	0.0
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			4.8	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			4.8	0.0	0.0

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
Component Totals	14.1	25.0	40.0
With Department of Law	14.1	10.0	25.0
With Department of Health and Social Services	0.0	15.0	15.0

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	14.1	10.0	25.0
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement.			
7002	Benefits	H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	0.0	15.0	15.0
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Vital record copies and inquiries.			