

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Family and Community Services Family Preservation Component Budget Summary

Component: Family Preservation**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The Family Preservation component is comprised of outgoing grants to community-based service providers. Grant programs purchase an array of services for children, youth, and families that focus on preventative services; intervention and support; and in-home services to either keep families intact or to reunify families in a timely manner.

Core Services

- Pre-placement/preventative services targeted to families with potential difficulties and concerns related to the proper functioning of the family and care and safety of the children.
- In-home support services, including facilitated access to resources; service coordination of early childhood, medical and educational/employment services; parent education and support; and transportation services.
- Provide family contact services for families who need ongoing support to meet reunification goals.
- Provide support to enhance and expand the capacity of the statewide network of community-based prevention services providers.
- Provide regular comprehensive transition planning and independent living services for foster youth age 16 and older aging out of foster care.
- Provide financial and program support for Child Advocacy Center programs that furnish a safe, child friendly environment for multiple agencies to coordinate child sexual abuse investigations, and follow-up.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

- The Family First Prevention Services by Tribal Title IV-E agencies grant was awarded to ten Tribal Agencies. This grant program was created to implement expanded prevention services made possible by the Family First Prevention Services Act. Grantees will identify families in need of secondary prevention services based on the State of Alaska's candidacy definition and will work with the family to create a prevention plan, provide in-home services, make referrals, and provide case management.
- Community based services offered to families through grants are continuing to serve an increasing number of families each year. Community parenting education classes were conducted in 10 communities around the state and had 160 families participate with 211 children last fiscal year. Family Support Services designed to target at risk families prior to Office of Children's Services involvement, served 71 families with 103 children. Family preservation services designed to intervene when a family has come to the attention of the Office of Children's Services and prevent removal of the children from the home served 178 families and 471 children. The Family Contact Services grantees had 2,749 hours of visitation to 105 families scheduled in the last fiscal year. Child Advocacy Centers offering forensic interviews, medical exams, and advocacy services, served 2,484 children.
- The Chafee Independent Living program supported 45 foster and former foster care students in accessing education and training vouchers for higher learning and celebrated six college graduates. The mentorship grant funded by Office of Children's Services and awarded to Big Brothers Big Sisters supported 29 youth referrals to the mentoring program, 12 of which were matched with an adult mentor. Also Facing Foster Care in Alaska was contracted to conduct two youth retreats and one career conference for eligible youth; 129 statewide eligible youth attended the primarily virtual retreats and career conference. Through partnership with My House in the Southcentral region, Covenant House in Anchorage, and Dreamcatchers 4-H throughout Alaska, 56 youth were referred and 16 received three-year housing vouchers. Finally, through the Consolidation Appropriations Act Congress awarded states additional COVID-19 relief funding for youth eligible for the Independent Living program. The Supporting Foster Youth Through the Pandemic Act expanded eligibility to include current and former foster youth ages 14-27 and removed program participation requirements. Alaska's Independent Living Program was awarded \$2.3 million dollars directly to youth to support their independence during the COVID-19 crisis. The Office of Children's Services issued funding directly to youth to prevent homelessness, maintain housing, and support employment and education goals and achievements for youth. With this funding Alaska partnered with Kawerak to support youth participation in

the ePortfolio program in which youth learn to tell their own stories and prepare themselves for higher education and employment. The Office of Children’s Services also increased the contracted amount provided to Facing Foster Care in Alaska to diversify distribution to the expanded population of eligible youth. Facing Foster Care in Alaska conducted a public awareness campaign about the ability for youth to access the new stimulus funding and return to foster care to prevent homelessness through financial distributions directly to youth.

Key Component Challenges

- The ever-growing needs of families and communities presents a challenge in meeting program goals, especially as programs are challenged to meet the needs with current levels of funding. Additionally, in some areas, the full implementation of grant services is impacted by staff turnover as well as the grant program’s ability to sufficiently retain and train staff to deliver quality services to those families who are referred by Office of Children’s Services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

- The expanded use of video conferencing in response to the COVID-19 crisis, created opportunities for improved accessibility of services. Support groups, parenting classes, family contact, and home studies are examples of services which can occur by way of virtual platforms. Service delivery via virtual platforms will increase service participants and reduce costs and coordination for travel and transportation.
- The Chafee Independent Living program entered a partnership with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to administer the Foster Youth to Independence housing voucher program from Housing and Urban Development. This program required Office of Children's Services to enter Memorandums of Understanding with social services agencies across the state to serve youth who receive Foster Youth Independence housing vouchers and is expected to increase housing options for youth in the next year. Child Advocacy Center programs will continue to undergo needs assessment to assess the growing needs of the communities for Child Advocacy Center services and to provide an increased quality of service to children and families.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010	Duties of department
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.32	Centralized Licensing Related to Administrative Procedures
7 AAC 50	Community Care Licensing
7 AAC 56	Child Placement Agencies
7 AAC 53	Social Services

Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act
Children's Justice Act
Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
Foster Care Act of 1999

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Family Preservation (3312)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Conference Committee	FY2022 Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	FY2022 Management Plan vs FY2023 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	52.1	52.1	100.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,740.2	5,740.2	100.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	13.0	100.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10,142.8	10,142.8	100.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15,948.1	15,948.1	100.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9,284.6	9,284.6	100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,941.6	1,941.6	100.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,995.9	3,995.9	100.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	726.0	726.0	100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,667.6	2,667.6	100.0%
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	3,995.9	3,995.9	100.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9,284.6	9,284.6	100.0%
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 Family and Community Services

Component: Family Preservation (3312)
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
Subtotal		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Executive Order Transfer from the Department of Health and Social Services	Atrin	15,948.1	0.0	52.1	5,740.2	13.0	0.0	10,142.8	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		9,284.6										
1004 Gen Fund		1,941.6										
1007 I/A Rcpts		3,995.9										
1037 GF/MH		726.0										
Reappropriate Multi-Year Operating from Health and Social Services to Family and Community Services	Language	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals		15,948.1	0.0	52.1	5,740.2	13.0	0.0	10,142.8	0.0	0	0	0

* Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. (a)(3)sec. 18(h), ch. 1, SSSLA 2021, page 117, line 2 (promoting safe and stable families program - \$146,420).
(b) The unexpended and unobligated balances, including encumbered amounts, estimated to be \$1,079,900, of the appropriations made in sec. 60(b), ch. 1, SSSLA 2021 (Department of Health and Social Services, activities associated with implementing the Family First Prevention Services Act, including developing plans of safe care, prevention-focused models for families of infants with prenatal substance exposure) is reappropriated to the Department of Family and Community Services for fiscal years June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Travel

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000	Travel		0.0	0.0	52.1
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	52.1
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Non-Employee Travel costs necessary for the Program Evaluation Committee to carry out activities and attend required trainings.	0.0	0.0	36.1
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Non-Employee Travel costs necessary for the Program Evaluation Committee to carry out activities and attend required trainings.	0.0	0.0	8.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Out of state travel for division staff to attend meetings and training as required.	0.0	0.0	7.0
2006	Other Travel Costs	Cash advance fee	0.0	0.0	1.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Services

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services		0.0	0.0	5,740.2
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	5,740.2
3000	Education Services	Conference registration, membership dues, employee tuition and other employee training costs.	0.0	0.0	10.0
3004	Telecommunications	Telecommunications services	0.0	0.0	4.8
3005	Health Services	Contract: Plans of Safe Care Prevention Program.	0.0	0.0	500.0
3005	Health Services	Univ - Department-wide Reimbursable Services Agreement: University of Alaska Anchorage, Service Array Training and Technical Assistance, Independent Living and Training Voucher Program, Strengthening Families and ChildFirst Alaska Project Coordination Support.	0.0	0.0	750.0
3006	Delivery Services	Courier, postage	0.0	0.0	1.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Copier services within the Office of Children's Services service array unit	0.0	0.0	0.6
3011	Other Services	Cost to maintain the Citizens Review Panel and enable the effective evaluation of Office of Children's Services' discharge of Child Protection Services and responsibilities in accordance with child protection standards.	0.0	0.0	82.6
3011	Other Services	Contract: Facing Foster Care in Alaska	0.0	0.0	50.0
3011	Other Services	Contracts: Potential contracts such	0.0	0.0	50.0

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Department of Family and Community Services
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Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	5,740.2
		as Parents as Partners, Family Contact.			
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide			
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Human Services, Office of Children's Services Legal Services Title IV-E. Cost to provide legal services to Office of Children's Services Title IV-E eligible clients. Cost of services provided by either an attorney and/or paraprofessional staff.	0.0	0.0	2,849.2
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Admin - Department-wide			
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Administration, Public Defender Agency and Office of Public Advocacy, Title IV-E reimbursement for legal representation for parents	0.0	0.0	1,200.0
3028	Inter-Agency Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance	Rev - Department-wide			
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Revenue, Tenant Based Rental Assistance Coupons	0.0	0.0	130.0
3029	Inter-Agency Education/Training	FCS - Family Preservation (3312)			
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Health and Social Services, Senior and Disability Services, Kinship Navigator	0.0	0.0	100.0
3029	Inter-Agency Education/Training	FCS - Public Affairs (3329)			
		Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Health and Social Services, Commissioner's Office, Public Information Team, Video and Media Project	0.0	0.0	12.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Commodities

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
4000	Commodities		0.0	0.0	13.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
		4000 Commodities Detail Totals	0.0	0.0	13.0
4000	Business	Business supplies	0.0	0.0	13.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	0.0	10,142.8
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	10,142.8
7001	Grants	Grants Programs: Family Contact Services, Resource Family Training	0.0	0.0	1,492.8
7001	Grants	Title IV-E Tribal Grant Reimbursement Program costs incurred for Office of Children's Services' partnerships with Alaskan Tribes and Tribal Organizations. Tribal entities provide child welfare services to Alaska Native children in out of home placement. In addition, the Tribal Title IV-E Family First program provides for work dedicated to Tribal member children at risk of entering foster care through prevention activities.	0.0	0.0	2,650.0
7002	Benefits	Payments for eligible costs/benefits under programs such as Individual Living Skills. These payments include supervised nonresidential care services, lodging, meals, transportation and other daily living expenses for clients in training.	0.0	0.0	700.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	Grants Programs: Mentorship for Independent Living, Children's Advocacy Centers, Circles of Support, Family Support, Statewide Coordination of Parenting and Prevention Services.	0.0	0.0	5,300.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Family and Community Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			0.0	0.0	9,284.6
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Various Federal Receipts: Title IV-B Child Welfare Services, Title IV-B Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, Education Training Vouchers, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention, OJJDP Children's Justice Act and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.	0.0	0.0	9,284.6
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			0.0	0.0	3,995.9
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Health - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Children's Advocacy Center Temporary Assistance to Needy Families with Division of Public Assistance. Reimbursable Services Agreement: Child Care Benefits with Public Assistance.	0.0	0.0	3,995.9

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Family Preservation (3312)

				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				0.0	0.0	5,041.2
With University of Alaska				0.0	0.0	750.0
With Department of Law				0.0	0.0	2,849.2
With Department of Administration				0.0	0.0	1,200.0
With Department of Revenue				0.0	0.0	130.0
With Department of Family and Community Services				0.0	0.0	112.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3005 Health Services	Univ - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: University of Alaska Anchorage, Service Array Training and Technical Assistance, Independent Living and Training Voucher Program, Strengthening Families and ChildFirst Alaska Project Coordination Support.		0.0	0.0	750.0
3024 Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Human Services, Office of Children's Services Legal Services Title IV-E. Cost to provide legal services to Office of Children's Services Title IV-E eligible clients. Cost of services provided by either an attorney and/or paraprofessional staff.		0.0	0.0	2,849.2
3024 Inter-Agency Legal	Admin - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Administration, Public Defender Agency and Office of Public Advocacy, Title IV-E reimbursement for legal representation for parents		0.0	0.0	1,200.0
3028 Inter-Agency Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance	Rev - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Revenue, Tenant Based Rental Assistance Coupons		0.0	0.0	130.0

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Component: Family Preservation (3312)

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3029 Inter-Agency Education/Training	FCS - Family Preservation (3312)	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Health and Social Services, Senior and Disability Services, Kinship Navigator	0.0	0.0	100.0
3029 Inter-Agency Education/Training	FCS - Public Affairs (3329)	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Health and Social Services, Commissioner's Office, Public Information Team, Video and Media Project	0.0	0.0	12.0