

State of Alaska
FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Family and Community 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 2021

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 in state custody. Other costs include 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. 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. More than 18,136 requests were authorized and processed on behalf of 3,752 clients.

The Statewide centralization of programmatic requests for commodities (tangible goods) occurred to provide additional support to foster parents, licensing staff and case workers. The centralization involved the implementation of a 1-800 number. 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.

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 staff at licensed childcare facilities 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. In addition, Division of Public Assistance Child Care Assistance Program rates, revised March 1, 2019, are significantly less than market rates in some locations. This rate discrepancy impacts placements with working foster parents who must pay the difference.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

The Office of Children's Services will initiate a statewide training and centralization of service delivery and identify high-performing service providers for procurement purposes. This streamlined approach will increase consistency and quality of service delivery, be more community-based and assist children and support parents.

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 Family and Community Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (3317)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

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	0.0	0.0 0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	137.5	137.5 100.0%
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11,992.7	11,992.7 100.0%
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	12,130.2	12,130.2 100.0%
Fund Sources:						
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,232.1	1,232.1 100.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,243.6	1,243.6 100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,072.4	5,072.4 100.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,799.2	3,799.2 100.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	782.9	782.9 100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,098.9	7,098.9 100.0%
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	3,799.2	3,799.2 100.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,232.1	1,232.1 100.0%
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

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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	
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		12,130.2	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	11,992.7	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		1,232.1										
1003 G/F Match		1,243.6										
1004 Gen Fund		5,072.4										
1007 I/A Rcpts		3,799.2										
1037 GF/MH		782.9										
Totals		12,130.2	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	11,992.7	0.0	0	0	0

By Executive Order, the Department of Health and Social Services will be reorganized into two distinct departments: the Alaska Department of Health and the Alaska Department of Family and Community Services. This reorganization streamlines and improves the delivery of critical programs and services while creating more flexibility and responsiveness in both departments resulting in improved outcomes.

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (3317)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000	Travel		0.0	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	0.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Employee travel	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services		0.0	0.0	137.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	137.5
3001	Financial Services	Contract for services related to Social Security applications and appeals	0.0	0.0	110.0
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs.	0.0	0.0	2.5
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement.	0.0	0.0	25.0

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (3317)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	0.0	11,992.7
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	11,992.7
7001	Grants	Toxicology testing services for Office of Children's Services clients, Provider Agreement	0.0	0.0	800.0
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.	0.0	0.0	968.5
7002	Benefits	Health - Department-wide Reimbursable Services Agreement: Vital record copies and inquiries.	0.0	0.0	15.0
7002	Benefits	Costs for childcare for working foster parents. Reimbursed by federal Title IV-D federal (designated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) through a reimbursable services agreement with the Division of Public Assistance.	0.0	0.0	3,729.2
7002	Benefits	Client travel for case related activities. Including child transports, meals, lodging, and ground transportation.	0.0	0.0	2,450.0
7002	Benefits	Client travel for case related	0.0	0.0	16.0

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Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	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	0.0	616.0
7002	Benefits	Damages to foster homes reimbursements.	0.0	0.0	18.0
7002	Benefits	Mental Health Counseling, Assessment and Medical costs for services provided on behalf of children in foster care.	0.0	0.0	1,480.0
7002	Benefits	Emergency relief payments for relative placements pending licensure.	0.0	0.0	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 Family and Community Services

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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	1,232.1
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Various Federal Receipts and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	0.0	0.0	1,232.1
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			0.0	0.0	3,799.2
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Health - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement with Public Assistance Child Care for working Foster Care Providers	0.0	0.0	3,799.2

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

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				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				0.0	0.0	40.0
With Department of Law				0.0	0.0	25.0
With Department of Health				0.0	0.0	15.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement.	0.0	0.0	25.0
7002	Benefits	Health - Department-wide	Reimbursable Services Agreement: Vital record copies and inquiries.	0.0	0.0	15.0