

State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Family and Community Services Foster Care Augmented Rate Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide for the cost to care for foster children with physical, developmental, and mental disabilities, in addition to the already provided foster care base rate.

Core Services

- Reimburses foster care providers for extraordinary costs and higher levels of supervision not otherwise covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2023

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) provided augmented difficulty-of-care benefits to 286 children. Children who qualify for these rates have special needs that require more intensive care from the foster parent. Covered benefits include additional training for the caregivers, and the additional management and supervision of children due to mental or physical disabilities, physical aggression, sexual disorders, and social conflict issues. OCS has centralized the initial and continued assessment of augmented rates into the State Office.

Key Component Challenges

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) continues to experience an increase in the number of children receiving an intensive augmented rate. Additionally, continuation of the intensive augmentation may be necessary while the youth is on a Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver when services are unavailable in the child's location. OCS is also experiencing an increase in the number of children considered as difficult to place. The current augmentation structure and rate has not met the needs of children in care in traditional foster care home settings. A change has been made to the difficulty of care augmentation regulation that allows OCS to provide a third level augmented rate.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) performs an annual analysis and evaluation of the foster care augmented rates to ensure that the foster care augmented rates continue to meet the needs of children in care.

OCS will continue efforts to centralize the review and assessment of augmented rates for consistency and continued evaluation.

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 Augmented Rate (3316)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor		
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
3000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
4000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
7000 Grants, Benefits	2,269.7	1,502.6	1,502.6	4,102.6	4,102.6	4,102.6	0.0	0.0%	
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Totals	2,269.7	1,502.6	1,502.6	4,102.6	4,102.6	4,102.6	0.0	0.0%	
Fund Sources:									
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	402.1	250.0	250.0	850.0	850.0	850.0	0.0	0.0%	
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	1,367.6	752.6	752.6	752.6	752.6	752.6	0.0	0.0%	
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	0.0	0.0%	
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%	
Unrestricted General (UGF)	1,867.6	1,252.6	1,252.6	3,252.6	3,252.6	3,252.6	0.0	0.0%	
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Federal Funds	402.1	250.0	250.0	850.0	850.0	850.0	0.0	0.0%	
Positions:									
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (3316)
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 FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled	Enrolled	1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		250.0										
1003 G/F Match		752.6										
1037 GF/MH		500.0										
Subtotal		1,502.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,502.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2024 Authorized To FY2024 Management Plan *****												
Transfer from Subsidized Adoptions and Guardianship	Trin	2,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		2,000.0										
In April of 2023 regulations under 7 Alaska Administrative Code 53.061(d) were amended and increased rates for Foster Care Augmented Rate. This transfer is a projection based on FY2023 fourth quarter expenditures.												
Transfer from Foster Care Special Need	Trin	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		600.0										
In April of 2023 regulations under 7 Alaska Administrative Code 53.061(d) were amended and increased rates for Foster Care Augmented Rate. This transfer is a projection based on FY2023 fourth quarter expenditures.												
Subtotal		4,102.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,102.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
Totals		4,102.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,102.6	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (3316)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		2,269.7	4,102.6	4,102.6
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			2,269.7	4,102.6	4,102.6
7002	Benefits	Reimbursements to foster care providers for extraordinary costs and higher levels of supervision not covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program. These costs include but are not limited to difficulty of care maintenance payments, teen parent/baby services and equipment, and the costs of care for medically fragile children.	2,229.7	4,102.6	4,102.6
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	Sub-Recipient	40.0	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Family and Community Services

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate (3316)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			402.1	850.0	850.0
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title IV-E of the Social Security Act - federal reimbursement based on allowable expenses.	402.1	850.0	850.0
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6003 G/F Match (1003 G/F Match)			-0.4	0.0	0.0
6102 Match - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery		Match-Prior Year	-0.4	0.0	0.0