

# **State of Alaska FY2007 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

The Foster Care Base Rate program is designed to meet the basic needs of children in foster care.

### Core Services

The Foster Care Base Rate program reimburses foster parents for the basic ongoing costs of raising a child including: food, clothing, and shelter; daily supervision normally carried out by a parent; personal and grooming items; school supplies and regular school activities; age appropriate games, toys, books, and recreational equipment; general recreation such as picnics, community sports, and movies; usual transportation expense; allowance; babysitting and child care.

### FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2007 Component Budget: \$10,245,900</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

*New Foster Care Providers are Needed:* The OCS needs more foster parents, especially Native foster parents, to meet the needs of Alaska's foster children. Not having enough appropriate and culturally relevant foster placements impacts the ability of the office to place children in homes where their best interests can be met, increases the likelihood of multiple placements for children and is contradictory to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

*Maximize federal receipts and generate general fund savings in the Foster Care components:* The office is reimbursed from the Federal Title IV-E program for direct services OCS provides when removal of a child from their home is necessary to protect the child. As the number of children certified as eligible for Title IV-E benefits increases, the federal reimbursement rate and federal receipts OCS claims increases. As a part of its concentrated effort to increase the number of children qualified for Title IV-E benefits OCS conducted an extensive review of the eligibility determination procedures. At the end of FY03, the statewide penetration rate (percentage of Title IV-E eligible clients in paid foster care placements) was 48%. Through data collection improvements, extensive re-review of case files and enhanced management and supervision of OCS eligibility workers, the statewide penetration rate increased to close to 65% by the end of FY05. As a result, the state is able to finance a greater share of foster care payments with federal receipts.

Develop updated policy and procedure in line with new processes within the Online Resources for the Children of Alaska's (ORCA).

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

The Office of Children's Services anticipates it will provide foster care base rate benefits to an average of 34 additional children each month throughout FY07. However, based on current budgets, an increment will not be needed.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Provided foster care services to an average of 1,300 children each day.

Provided foster care providers the training necessary to meet the needs of children in foster care. In recent years, children placed in foster care have more complex needs and issues, and foster parents are often required to have a greater level of specialized knowledge. The Office of Children's Services supplied foster parent training to provide the essential skills needed to successfully deal with the individual behaviors and special needs of the children in their care.

The Department offered limited childcare to working foster parents as a foster parent recruitment and retention effort.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of department.  
AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid.  
AS 47.14.100 Care of Children.  
AS 47.17 Child Protection.  
AS 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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**Foster Care Base Rate  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
<b>Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1.0	95.8	95.8
73000 Services	90.0	144.4	144.4
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	7,930.7	10,005.7	10,005.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>8,021.7</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	990.3	3,433.9	3,433.9
1003 General Fund Match	3,845.7	3,845.7	3,845.7
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,423.6	1,223.6	1,223.6
1156 Receipt Supported Services	1,762.1	1,742.7	1,742.7
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>8,021.7</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	990.3	3,433.9	3,433.9
Receipt Supported Services	51073	1,762.1	1,742.7	1,742.7
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>2,752.4</b>	<b>5,176.6</b>	<b>5,176.6</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>2,752.4</b>	<b>5,176.6</b>	<b>5,176.6</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>5,069.3</b>	<b>3,433.9</b>	<b>1,742.7</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>
<b>FY2007 Governor</b>	<b>5,069.3</b>	<b>3,433.9</b>	<b>1,742.7</b>	<b>10,245.9</b>