

State of Alaska
FY2007 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

The Foster Care Special Needs program is designed to meet special occasional needs of children in state custody and the Department's statutory mandate to provide for the care of these children.

Core Services

The Foster Care Special Needs program reimburses providers for pre-approved "one time" or "irregular" expenditures that are not covered by Foster Care Base Rate and that have been assessed on an as-needed basis. Examples of services include licensed childcare to enable foster care providers to work or to attend court hearings, case conferences, or training events; extraordinary clothing for medically fragile children as well as initial clothing for a new placement. The Foster Care Special Needs component also provides funding for contracted services such as drug testing, foster parent training, foster parent fingerprinting and criminal history record checks and Social Security/SSI eligibility.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$3,362,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Increasing Needs of Children in Foster Care: When children enter foster care with a higher level of disturbance, foster parents are required to access a higher level of services to meet their needs. Examples of these services include physical and/or psychological therapy, supervised visits with family members, individual education plans and tutoring. With the increase of parental abuse of drugs and alcohol, children are often exposed to prenatal abuse as well as environmental abuse, all of which affects the child's behavior and special needs.

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 supplies 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.

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

No significant changes are anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Special Needs funds covered a large spectrum of costs such as damages and loss to foster providers' property, food and dry goods considered essential to maintain a placement in an unlicensed relative's home, parent training, substance abuse treatment services, and other mental health services. Further examples of Foster Care Special Needs

purchases include shipping and freight costs to bring a child's personal belongings to a specific placement, special equipment, furniture, such as special cribs, beds, mattresses for persons with disabilities and travel for children in foster care to visit with their families.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010	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.
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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**Foster Care Special Need
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	23.4	0.5	0.5
73000 Services	902.6	1,022.6	1,022.6
74000 Commodities	18.7	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	3,446.0	2,338.9	2,338.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	4,390.7	3,362.0	3,362.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	585.9	701.7	701.7
1003 General Fund Match	407.3	192.3	192.3
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,469.6	1,520.1	1,520.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	180.0	200.0	200.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	747.9	747.9	747.9
Funding Totals	4,390.7	3,362.0	3,362.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Managem nt Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	585.9	701.7	701.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	180.0	200.0	200.0
Restricted Total		765.9	901.7	901.7
Total Estimated Revenues		765.9	901.7	901.7

**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>
FY2006 Management Plan	2,460.3	701.7	200.0	3,362.0
FY2007 Governor	2,460.3	701.7	200.0	3,362.0