

State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Augmented Rate Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Augmented Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Foster Care Augmented program is designed to meet the Department's statutory mandate to pay the costs of caring for physically or mentally handicapped foster children, including the additional costs of medical care, habilitative and rehabilitative treatment, services and equipment, special clothing, and the indirect costs of medical care, including child care and transportation expenses.

Core Services

The Augmented Foster Care program reimburses foster care providers for extraordinary costs and for higher levels of supervision not otherwise covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program. 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 (i.e., physical and/or psychological therapy, supervised visits with family members, individual education plans, tutoring). Examples of these costs include difficulty of care maintenance payments, teen parents, and medically fragile children. Decisions on whether to pay augmented benefits are made on a case-by-case basis in accordance with OCS policy and State regulations.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$2,126,100	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Refinance Medical and Therapeutic Services: The Office of Children's Services will maximize federal receipts (to the extent possible with Medicaid) and generate general fund savings in the foster care components. The office has reviewed its Foster Care Special Needs and Foster Care Augmented Rate expenditures to identify state general fund expenditures in these components on medical and therapeutic services. This refinancing effort will not result in any reduction of services and will continue to provide foster care benefits to the state's foster care providers.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

An additional three permanent full-time positions are proposed for FY2006 to enhance resource family recruitment efforts. They are budgeted in the Front Line Social Workers component.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

The Office of Children's Services provided 26.7% of children in foster care with augmented benefits. These benefits covered multiple services such as physical and/or psychological therapy, physical aggression, sexual disorders, and social conflict issues.

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.
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

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**Foster Care Augmented Rate
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,030.0	2,126.1	2,126.1
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,030.0	2,126.1	2,126.1
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	620.1	396.2	396.2
1003 General Fund Match	785.4	1,229.9	1,229.9
1004 General Fund Receipts	305.5	0.0	0.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	319.0	500.0	500.0
Funding Totals	2,030.0	2,126.1	2,126.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	620.1	396.2	396.2
Restricted Total		620.1	396.2	396.2
Total Estimated Revenues		620.1	396.2	396.2

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	1,729.9	396.2	0.0	2,126.1
FY2006 Governor	1,729.9	396.2	0.0	2,126.1