

State of Alaska FY2009 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 Rate 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 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.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$2,126,100	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Provide adequate funding for the care of 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.

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 FY2009

Continue to provide adequate funding for the care of 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.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

The Office of Children's Services provided augmented benefits for more than 25 percent of the children in foster care. 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			
<i>All dollars shown in thousands</i>			
	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 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	1,526.3	2,126.1	2,126.1
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,526.3	2,126.1	2,126.1
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	353.1	396.2	388.5
1003 General Fund Match	854.9	1,229.9	1,237.6
1004 General Fund Receipts	45.6	0.0	0.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	272.7	500.0	500.0
Funding Totals	1,526.3	2,126.1	2,126.1

Estimated Revenue Collections				
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	353.1	396.2	388.5
Restricted Total		353.1	396.2	388.5
Total Estimated Revenues		353.1	396.2	388.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	1,729.9	396.2	0.0	2,126.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-IV-E Federal Fund Participation Decrease	7.7	-7.7	0.0	0.0
FY2009 Governor	1,737.6	388.5	0.0	2,126.1