

State of Alaska
FY2017 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

Provide funding to meet special and/or occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the State's preventative service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children and families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates.

Core Services

- To pay for pre-approved essential expenditures not covered by the foster care base rate and are assessed on a case-by case basis.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2015

Foster Care Special Needs funds cover a large spectrum of costs such as a prom dress for a young woman attending the high school dance, to damages occurring to the foster parents' property by a child with special needs. Purchases made with Foster Care Special Needs funds alleviate the financial burden of raising a child for foster families and relative families willing to provide for children in custody. In FY2015 more than 21,144 requests for additional funds were authorized and processed. This is up from 17,363 requests in the previous year.

Key Component Challenges

It is a continuing challenge to keep pace with increased needs and increased costs for the varying needs of children and families. Federal requirements for visitation between children in custody and family members must be adhered to, increasing travel costs particularly in the rural areas of the state. Child care costs continue to increase, requiring working foster families to pay any co-pays or costs above the \$700.00 monthly limit, and it is difficult to find licensed child care in rural Alaska. The Office of Children's Services must pay for medical expenses not covered under Medicaid as well.

The Office of Children's Services does not anticipate an easy solution as these foster families are prone to the same economic factors as every other family in Alaska. The current focus for Child Protective Services is to keep children safely in their homes, and when that is not possible, to reunite children with their families as soon as possible. The expanded number of children in an out of home placement has resulted in an increased Foster Care Special Needs budget.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2017

Based on the 2012 foster care rate study, it was determined that the Office of Children's Services is adequately meeting the financial costs of children's special needs in this component. No significant changes are expected in FY2017 in this area.

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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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Conference Committee	FY2016 Authorized	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor	FY2016 Management Plan vs FY2017 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	5.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	615.5	927.5	927.5	927.5	927.5	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	11,933.5	8,872.5	8,872.5	8,872.5	10,872.5	2,000.0	22.5%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	12,555.0	9,800.3	9,800.3	9,800.3	11,800.3	2,000.0	20.4%
Fund Sources:							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	685.2	632.1	632.1	632.1	632.1	0.0	0.0%
1003G/F Match (UGF)	1,608.9	1,608.9	1,608.9	1,608.9	1,608.9	0.0	0.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	6,513.0	4,811.4	4,811.4	4,811.4	4,811.4	0.0	0.0%
1007I/A Rcpts (Other)	3,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	4,000.0	2,000.0	100.0%
1037GF/MH (UGF)	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	8,869.8	7,168.2	7,168.2	7,168.2	7,168.2	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	3,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	4,000.0	2,000.0	100.0%
Federal Funds	685.2	632.1	632.1	632.1	632.1	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2016 Conference Committee To FY2016 Authorized *****												
FY2016 Conference Committee												
ConfCom		9,800.3	0.0	0.3	927.5	0.0	0.0	8,872.5	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		632.1										
1003 G/F Match		1,608.9										
1004 Gen Fund		4,811.4										
1007 I/A Rcpts		2,000.0										
1037 GF/MH		747.9										
Subtotal		9,800.3	0.0	0.3	927.5	0.0	0.0	8,872.5	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2016 Management Plan To FY2017 Governor *****												
Foster Care Special Needs Child Care Growth												
Inc		2,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
1007 I/A Rcpts		2,000.0										
Totals		11,800.3	0.0	0.3	927.5	0.0	0.0	10,872.5	0.0	0	0	0

Interagency receipt authority is needed to increase a child care reimbursable services agreement (RSA) with the Division of Public Assistance. The RSA is intended to cover child care costs for foster parents and unlicensed relative caregivers who are working or actively seeking work, and may otherwise be ineligible for child care assistance.

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
72000	Travel		5.9	0.3	0.3
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
72000 Travel Detail Totals			5.9	0.3	0.3
72110	Employee Travel (Instate)	Employee Travel	2.7	0.2	0.3
72120	Nonemployee Travel (Instate Travel)		-0.4	0.0	0.0
72410	Employee Travel (Out of state)		-0.4	0.0	0.0
72420	Nonemployee Travel (Out of state Emp)		3.9	0.0	0.0
72971	AKPAY Travel Expense		0.1	0.1	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

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Line Number	Line Name			FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
73000	Services			615.5	927.5	927.5
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
73000 Services Detail Totals				615.5	927.5	927.5
73025	Education Services	Provide training for foster parents to enable them to acquire skills needed to successfully deal with the special needs of the children in their care.		0.2	0.3	590.0
73225	Delivery Services	Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs.		1.5	1.5	3.0
73450	Advertising & Promos			0.7	0.7	0.0
73750	Other Services (Non IA Svcs)			397.9	509.8	0.0
73753	Program Mgmt/Consult	Contractor for SSI Applications and Appeals for Youth in OCS Custody		0.0	0.0	110.0
73812	Legal			190.5	190.5	0.0
73812	Legal	Law	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases.	0.0	170.0	170.0
73812	Legal	Law	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement	0.0	30.0	30.0
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)			0.4	0.4	0.0
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)	Admin	Fees for US Travel's services	0.0	0.0	2.5
73823	Health			24.3	24.3	0.0
73823	Health	H&SS	RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics data inquiries. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. \$20.0	0.0	0.0	22.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
74000	Commodities		0.1	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
74000 Commodities Detail Totals			0.1	0.0	0.0
74480	Household & Instit.		0.1	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		11,933.5	8,872.5	10,872.5
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			11,933.5	8,872.5	10,872.5
77110	Grants	Out of state residential education costs for OCS youth	417.9	418.0	175.0
77121	Client Services (Grants)	Toxicology testing services for OCS clients	0.0	0.0	200.0
77670	Benefits	Reimbursement to foster parents for the direct purchase of goods and services for one-time or irregular expenditures that are not covered by the Foster Care Base Rate or Foster Care Augmented Rate benefits. Costs include but are not limited to; damages and loss to foster parents, parent training, childcare, and travel for children in foster care to visit their families.	11,515.6	8,454.5	10,497.5

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Health and Social Services

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Master Account	Revenue Description			FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor	
51010	Federal Receipts			685.2	632.1	632.1	
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
57370	Title Ivc Non Vol Fc Title IV-E of the Social Security Act		06213604	11100	685.1	632.1	632.1
57390	Fed Proj- Social Svc				0.1	0.0	0.0

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Master Account	Revenue Description				FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
51015	Interagency Receipts				3,000.0	2,000.0	4,000.0
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
59060	Health & Social Svcs			11100	1,000.0	0.0	0.0
59060	Health & Social Svcs RSA: DHSS, Division of Public Assistance, child care benefits for working foster parents.		06213604	11100	2,000.0	2,000.0	4,000.0

Interagency Services
Department of Health and Social Services

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Expenditure Account		Service Description	Service Type	Servicing Agency	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
73812	Legal		Inter-dept		190.5	190.5	0.0
73812	Legal	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases.	Inter-dept	Law	0.0	170.0	170.0
73812	Legal	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement	Inter-dept	Law	0.0	30.0	30.0
73812 Legal subtotal:					190.5	390.5	200.0
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)		Inter-dept		0.4	0.4	0.0
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)	Fees for US Travel's services	Inter-dept	Admin	0.0	0.0	2.5
73819 Commission Sales (IA Svcs) subtotal:					0.4	0.4	2.5
73823	Health		Inter-dept		24.3	24.3	0.0
73823	Health	RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics data inquiries. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. \$20.0	Intra-dept	H&SS	0.0	0.0	22.0
73823 Health subtotal:					24.3	24.3	22.0
77670	Benefits		Intra-dept		1,000.0	0.0	0.0
77670 Benefits subtotal:					1,000.0	0.0	0.0
Foster Care Special Need total:					1,215.2	415.2	224.5
Grand Total:					1,215.2	415.2	224.5