

Department Of Children And Family Services

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OVERVIEW

Agency Mission

To protect children who are reported to be abused or neglected, and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them; provide for the well-being of the children in our care; provide appropriate, permanent families as quickly as possible for those children who cannot safely return home; support early intervention and child abuse prevention activities; and work in partnership with communities to fulfill this mission.

Strategic Priorities

- Ensure child safety.
- Provide family maintenance and reunification.
- Increase permanency.
- Promote placement stability.
- Improve system of care.
- Enhance health care.

Summary of Agency Operations

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) conducts investigations of suspected child abuse and neglect; provides substitute care services for children who have been abused or neglected and cannot remain safely in their home; finds permanent placements through adoption or guardianship arrangements for children who cannot return home; provides family preservation and reunification services; and licenses day care facilities.

Agency Resources Employed

Fund Category	Appropriations (\$ thousands)		
	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Recommended
General Funds	758,957.0	810,117.2	770,940.8
Other State Funds	490,922.5	461,224.6	519,997.8
Federal Funds	18,367.6	18,367.6	18,367.6
Total	1,268,247.1	1,289,709.4	1,309,306.2
	Actual	Estimated	Authorized
Headcount	3,278.5	3,289.0	3,420.0

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Achieved full implementation of a statewide-integrated assessment process.** The statewide-integrated assessment provides each child entering custody with a comprehensive screening to identify mental, developmental and behavioral needs as well as provides the basis for services to meet those needs.

- **Continued to focus the direction of the child welfare system by infusing a lifetime approach.** The department's reforms include providing a "day one" holistic approach to caring for children in DCFS' custody by supplying comprehensive mental health assessments, streamlining the delivery of services to ensure timely and continuous supports, and placing a new emphasis on the impact of trauma and intensive stabilization for youth with a pattern of multiple placements.
- **Launched "Find Your Future."** Find Your Future is a summer internship program that matched 30 DCFS college students with employers for paid, full-time jobs.
- **Developed a youth stabilization system in Cook County.** These programs are part of an innovative intervention for youth who are frequently admitted and discharged from the Cook County Emergency Shelter System without a stable placement.
- **Introduced the Child and Youth Investment Teams.** These teams are designed to streamline the decision-making process so as to better anticipate and respond to the clinical needs of children in care.

KEY BUDGET INITIATIVES

- **Strengthen and improve the delivery of child welfare services.** The department's budget includes \$30.2 million for service enhancements recommended in the federal Child and Family Services Review, in a continuing effort to reinforce and advance the department's delivery of services.
- **Maintain focus on addressing the needs of older wards.** The department's 2007 budget includes funding that will support the redesign of transitional and independent living programs. The goal of these programs is to provide a seamless continuum of services for youth in state care that are transitioning to adulthood.
- **Foster the movement of older youth to community settings.** The department will work closely with the Department of Human Services to expeditiously transition older developmentally disabled youth (over 17) aging out of the department's system to Community-based

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Intergrated Living Arrangements (CILA). Not only does this provide for more appropriate care but it also generates additional federal dollars for the state.

PROGRAMS

Family Maintenance

Family Maintenance services are interventions with the child and family to prevent the unnecessary removal of children from their homes or to reunite children safely with their families. These services are designed to promote a permanent, safe, secure and nurturing environment for children. Professional judgments, informed by sophisticated assessment tools, are made regarding each family's ability to provide this environment. Federal government supports family maintenance through the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act and federal subsidies to the state.

Protective Services

Protective Services are provided to children who are reported to be abused and neglected. The department assures their safety by supplying sound service, placement and permanency planning decisions, by licensing foster homes, group homes, child care institutions and day care facilities, and by enhancing families' capacity to safely care for children. Early intervention and child abuse prevention activities are also offered under this program.

Family Reunification and Substitute Care

Family Reunification and Substitute Care services provide for the safe and healthy development of

children for whom a Juvenile Court has determined their needs cannot be met in their home. The services are provided until the family can be enabled to meet the child's needs or until another safe, permanent home is found. Substitute care involves placing a child with a foster family, relative, or in a group home, institution or independent living arrangement. Family reunification services include interventions in families' lives to make behavioral changes and promote the development of skills necessary to parent and care for children safely. Under this program services are also provided to drug-addicted newborns, youth requiring clinical services, sibling groups, pregnant and parenting teens and adolescents requiring transitional services in order to attain self-sufficiency.

Adoptions and Guardianship

Adoption Services are the identification, legal freeing and preparation for adoption of children whose biological parents are judged by the courts to be unwilling or unable to provide safe, nurturing care for their children. These services include preparation, training, financial and emotional support for adoptive families both before and after adoption of special-needs children. Permanent guardianship is also offered as an alternative permanent placement for children for whom adoption is not an option.

Support Services

Support Services consist of the department's central operations which are designed to ensure that the highest quality of service is effectively and efficiently delivered.

Program	Appropriations (\$ thousands)			Headcount		
	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Recommended	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimated	FY 2007 Authorized
Family Maintenance	77,487.0	76,242.0	79,055.0	539.6	541.1	547.3
Protective Services	119,164.1	116,638.7	124,248.4	1,169.1	1,178.4	1,241.2
Family Reunification and Substitute Care	727,655.4	721,462.3	734,189.0	1,064.8	1,064.5	1,120.4
Adoptions and Guardianship	298,772.7	311,483.6	304,731.8	161.8	163.1	165.0
Support Services	45,167.9	63,882.8	67,082.0	343.2	341.9	346.1
Total	1,268,247.1	1,289,709.4	1,309,306.2	3,278.5	3,289.0	3,420.0

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Metric	Actual			Estimated	Projected
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Percentage of State Central Register Hotline calls that were answered the first time or had a message taken	94.0%	94.3%	95.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Percentage of all child abuse/neglect reports DCFS responded to within 24 hours	99.6%	99.3%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
Percentage of children who do not experience subsequent substantiated abuse/neglect within six months of a prior substantiated report	92.4%	92.8%	91.9%	92.0%	92.0%
Percentage of cases where children were served at home and remained safely at home for 6 months	95.9%	96.0%	96.0%	96.0%	96.0%
Percentage of all children in care who received required immunizations and health examinations per federal health screening (EPSDT)/Annual Schedule ^a	66.7%	72.1%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Percentage of children in out-of-home care that exit care to a permanent living arrangement within 24 months of latest removal from home	33.7%	36.3%	41.4%	41.4%	41.4%
Percentage of children in foster care for 12 months or less, plus children exiting care, with no more than two foster care placements within that 12 month period ^b	84.0%	80.6%	80.4%	80.4%	80.4%

^a Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPDST)

^b 12 months is counted from the date of the latest removal from the home.

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	Enacted Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	Enacted Appropriation	Estimated Expenditures	
GENERAL FUNDS					
Total Personal Services and Fringe Benefits	219,138.1	218,971.6	212,511.3	211,318.5	229,688.1
Total Contractual Services	12,620.8	11,221.0	34,019.4	33,283.9	34,269.4
Total Other Operations and Refunds	21,250.2	19,069.9	20,235.1	20,456.0	21,353.8
Designated Purposes					
Child Death Review Teams	122.2	91.1	122.2	122.2	120.0
Cook County Referral Support System	247.2	247.2	247.2	247.2	247.2
For Attorney General Representation on Child Welfare Litigation Issues	495.8	482.2	587.1	587.1	587.1
Targeted Case Management	7,856.7	6,988.1	8,376.7	8,376.7	8,376.7
Total Designated Purposes	8,721.9	7,808.7	9,333.2	9,333.2	9,331.0
Grants					
Adoption and Guardianship Services	167,143.5	167,139.3	180,767.5	172,767.5	180,767.5
Cash Assistance and Housing Locator Services to families in Class Defined in Norman Consent Order	3,632.0	3,511.2	3,632.0	3,632.0	1,432.0
Children's Advocacy Centers	2,169.5	2,169.5	2,069.5	2,069.5	2,069.5
Children's Personal and Physical Maintenance	4,625.8	4,485.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Counseling and Auxiliary Services	8,425.3	8,365.4	12,285.3	12,285.3	12,285.3
Day Care Infant Mortality	1,251.3	1,251.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Department Scholarship Program	842.5	842.5	842.5	842.5	842.5
Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care	161,733.0	161,731.9	176,815.2	176,815.2	138,608.1
Health Care Network	4,328.3	4,318.0	4,198.5	4,198.5	4,198.5
Institution and Group Home Care and Prevention	101,237.7	101,236.6	111,280.5	119,280.5	92,259.9
MCO Technical Assistance and Program Development	1,663.5	1,641.5	1,663.5	1,663.5	1,650.0
Pre-Admission/Post Discharge Psychiatric Screening	8,071.8	8,066.0	8,071.8	8,071.8	8,671.8
Protective/Family Maintenance Day Care	19,825.4	19,808.1	21,076.7	21,076.7	22,210.1
Psychological Assessments, Including Operations and Administrative Expenses	3,211.9	3,130.8	3,211.9	3,211.9	3,200.0
Reimbursing Counties	338.5	338.5	338.5	338.5	338.5
Services Associated with the Foster Care Initiative	7,613.8	7,557.1	6,613.8	6,613.8	6,613.8
Tort Claims	233.8	215.6	233.8	233.8	233.8
Youth in Transition Program	878.4	878.4	917.2	917.2	917.2
Total Grants	497,226.0	496,687.1	534,018.2	534,018.2	476,298.5
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	758,957.0	753,758.3	810,117.2	808,409.8	770,940.8
OTHER STATE FUNDS					
Designated Purposes					
AFCARS/SACWIS Information System	23,536.3	22,558.0	21,219.2	21,219.2	21,219.2
Private Grants for Child Welfare Improvements	360.0	217.6	360.0	360.0	360.0
SSI Reimbursement	1,763.7	1,239.9	1,763.7	1,763.7	1,763.7
Title IV-E Reimbursement Enhancement	4,439.6	4,079.8	4,439.6	4,439.6	4,439.6
Total Designated Purposes	30,099.6	28,095.4	27,782.5	27,782.5	27,782.5
Grants					
Adoption and Guardianship Services	116,754.0	113,991.6	116,046.0	116,046.0	108,510.5

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Cash Assistance and Housing Locator Services to families in Class Defined in Norman Consent Order	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,200.0
Child Abuse Prevention	600.0	253.5	600.0	600.0	600.0
Children's Advocacy Centers	1,505.4	1,505.4	1,505.4	1,505.4	1,505.4
Children's Personal and Physical Maintenance	0.0	0.0	4,487.0	4,487.0	4,487.0
Counseling and Auxiliary Services	19,263.6	16,950.6	14,616.9	14,616.9	13,750.0
Family Centered Services Initiatives	17,476.8	17,014.1	17,301.8	17,301.8	17,015.0
Family Preservation Program	20,462.5	18,077.4	19,855.0	19,855.0	19,855.0
Federal Compliance/Program Improvement Plan Implementation	19,550.0	17,595.2	30,200.0	30,200.0	30,200.0
Foster Care and Adoptive Care Training Services	17,616.0	13,591.6	17,616.0	17,616.0	16,800.0
Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care	137,972.2	135,567.0	124,696.3	124,696.3	163,491.9
Institution and Group Home Care and Prevention	107,291.7	104,813.0	82,817.3	82,817.3	110,243.8
Purchase of Children's Services	710.0	659.6	1,356.7	1,356.7	1,356.7
Services Associated with the Foster Care Initiative	1,620.7	1,101.3	2,343.7	2,343.7	2,200.0
Total Grants	460,822.9	441,120.3	433,442.1	433,442.1	492,215.3
TOTAL OTHER STATE FUNDS	490,922.5	469,215.7	461,224.6	461,224.6	519,997.8
FEDERAL FUNDS					
Designated Purposes					
Federal Child Protection Projects	5,292.6	3,125.5	5,292.6	5,292.6	5,292.6
Federal Child Welfare Projects	1,175.0	786.7	1,175.0	1,175.0	2,775.0
Independent Living Initiative	10,300.0	9,576.3	10,300.0	10,300.0	10,300.0
LAN State Board of Education	1,600.0	1,085.6	1,600.0	1,600.0	0.0
Total Designated Purposes	18,367.6	14,574.1	18,367.6	18,367.6	18,367.6
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	18,367.6	14,574.1	18,367.6	18,367.6	18,367.6
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,268,247.1	1,237,548.1	1,289,709.4	1,288,002.0	1,309,306.2
BY FUND					
General Revenue Fund	758,957.0	753,758.3	810,117.2	808,409.8	770,940.8
Department of Children and Family Services Training Fund	16,052.0	12,083.4	98.0	98.0	0.0
DCFS Children's Services Fund	473,910.5	456,661.1	460,166.6	460,166.6	519,037.8
DCFS Federal Projects Fund	18,367.6	14,574.1	18,367.6	18,367.6	18,367.6
DCFS Special Purposes Trust Fund	360.0	217.6	360.0	360.0	360.0
Child Abuse Prevention Fund	600.0	253.5	600.0	600.0	600.0
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,268,247.1	1,237,548.1	1,289,709.4	1,288,002.0	1,309,306.2
BY DIVISION					
Regional Offices	917,341.4	901,506.5	926,752.8	926,752.8	927,488.9
Central Administration	14,103.4	13,459.6	14,623.5	14,514.5	13,293.9
Administrative Case Review	6,448.5	6,374.6	6,350.6	5,999.9	6,490.9
Office Of Quality Assurance	2,562.6	2,537.4	2,621.4	2,449.8	2,709.8
Child Welfare	128,606.4	124,238.6	126,998.5	126,460.3	136,216.2
Child Protection	97,317.7	94,338.6	94,676.5	93,696.2	101,757.5
Support Services	51,213.3	49,048.8	67,772.0	69,034.7	70,881.2
Clinical Services	21,046.4	16,929.3	21,147.3	20,775.1	20,211.8

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Office Of The Guardian	4,521.5	4,393.9	4,701.7	4,753.6	4,874.6
Inspector General	1,999.3	1,932.5	2,115.6	1,861.6	2,062.3
Purchase Of Service Monitoring	23,086.6	22,788.2	21,949.5	21,703.6	23,319.1
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS	1,268,247.1	1,237,548.1	1,289,709.4	1,288,002.0	1,309,306.2

HEADCOUNT BY DIVISION	Actual	Estimated	Authorized
Regional Offices	2.0	37.0	37.0
Central Administration	125.0	128.0	128.0
Administrative Case Review	80.0	78.0	78.0
Office Of Quality Assurance	29.0	29.0	29.0
Child Welfare	1,543.5	1,511.5	1,528.5
Child Protection	950.0	954.0	1,013.0
Support Services	135.0	130.0	178.0
Clinical Services	47.0	47.0	47.0
Office Of The Guardian	58.0	58.0	58.0
Inspector General	18.0	18.5	20.5
Purchase Of Service Monitoring	291.0	298.0	303.0
TOTAL HEADCOUNT	3,278.5	3,289.0	3,420.0