



Department of Children and Families LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 5, 2018

Update 2018-2

GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Below is information related to the DCF budget contained in the Governor’s Midterm Budget Adjustments for FY 2019. For more detailed budget information, please visit the Office of Policy and Management’s website at <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2958&q=600568>

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

- Annualize FY 2018 Budgeted Lapses -8,914,148
Funding is reduced to reflect the continuation of allocated bottom-line lapses contained in the enacted budget. This includes any FY 2018 holdbacks assigned to this agency related to the Unallocated, Targeted Savings, Statewide Hiring Reduction, Reflect Delay, and the Municipal Contribution to Renters Rebate lapses, as well as the portion of the Achieve Labor Concessions holdback that was attributable to attrition savings.
- Achieve Savings from Closure of Connecticut Juvenile Training School -11,358,113
Reflect savings from the planned closure of the facility by June 30, 2018. 160 positions will be eliminated, in accordance with applicable statutes, regulation and collective bargaining agreements.
- Rightsize Juvenile Justice Social Work Staffing -1,200,153
Reflects elimination of eighteen positions to align staffing with declining delinquency caseloads. Public Act 17-2 (June Spec. Sess.) ends delinquency commitments to the Commissioner of Children and Families on June 30, 2018. This downsizing will be accomplished in accordance with applicable statutes, regulation and collective bargaining agreements.
- Fund Programming for Juan F. Compliance 11,363,249
Funding is recommended to maintain community-based programming and to address service needs in order to implement the Juan F. 2017 Revised Exit Plan's outcome measures.
- Reallocate Funding for Selected Juvenile Justice Outreach Programs from Judicial Department 7,079,114
Public Act 17-2 (June Spec. Sess.) transferred the Juvenile Justice Outreach Services account to the Judicial Department. This option restores funding to DCF for certain clinical interventions in recognition of its role as the lead state agency for children’s behavioral health. Funding is also reallocated for services that are primarily utilized by non-delinquent youth.
- Annualize Cost of Additional Caseload Workers 4,985,441
To annualize the cost of 132 child protective services workers hired during FY 2018 to comply with the Juan F. 2017 Revised Exit Plan's requirement that the average social worker caseload not exceed seventy five percent of maximum caseload standards. Salary costs are partially offset by overtime savings.

- Re-estimate Caseload-Driven Expenditures 2,334,550
Reflects updated expenditure projections for out-of-home care (adoption, subsidized guardianship, foster care, residential) and individualized payments.

APPROPRIATIONS – HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Mae Flexer (Co-Chair); Sen. Joe Markley (Co-Chair); Rep. Cathy Abercrombie (Co-Chair); Rep. Jay Case (Ranking Member); Sen. Terry Gerratana; Sen. Paul Formica; Rep. Jeffrey Currey; Rep. Michael DiMassa; Rep. Minnie Gonzalez; Rep. Greg Haddad; Rep. Chris Perone; Rep. Peter Tercyak; Rep. Sam Belsito; Rep. Mitch Bolinsky; Rep. Mike France; Rep. Brian Ohler; Rep. William Pettit

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Thurs., Feb. 8 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Feb. 8 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Fri., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee: Presentation by Secretary Barnes on the Governor's Budget Adjustments	Room 2C
Fri., Feb. 9 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Tues., Feb. 13 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thurs., Feb. 15 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing (TENTATIVE)	Room 1E
Wed., Feb. 21 – TBA	Appropriations Committee - DCF Budget Presentation	Room TBA
Wed., Feb. 21 – 4:00 PM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing re Governor's Proposed FY 17 Budget Adjustments	Room 2C
Thurs., Feb. 22 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Fri., Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D

New additions in **Bold**

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