

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES – IMPACT OF FEDERAL SHUTDOWN**  
**30 September 2025**

As there is currently no federal agency guidance related federal shutdown The following represents, based on the most current and best information available, an assessment of impact of a federal shutdown on Department of Children and Families (DCF) operations.

DCF receives a significant level of federal funding, primarily through directly awarded or passthrough grant awards. DCF is also responsible for generation of federal claiming under Title IV-E which reimburses the state general fund. Currently, DCF manages forty-one (41) federal grant awards either directly or as pass throughs to or from other agencies. DCF generated \$109.7million in federal reimbursement to the state general fund last year. Based on the current composition of DCF federal funding, it is anticipated that a federal shutdown would result in impact to five (5) primary areas:

**1. Federal Claiming Impact**

a. Title IV-E

DCF is the designated state agency for all Title IV-E federal claiming activities. On a quarterly basis, DCF claims an average of \$45.4 million in eligible reimbursable costs to the federal government, with an average 50-54% reimbursement rate at \$23 million average per quarter for the last seven (7) quarters) being paid by the federal government to the Connecticut state general fund. Dependent on the timing of the federal shutdown and cognizant agency guidance, this reimbursement could be delayed or negated. To the extent that the federal government shuts down and closes its reimbursement operations, the State may no longer realize this reimbursement and a significant revenue loss could occur.

*\*Note: DCF is appropriately funded for the services claimed for reimbursement under Title IV-E and does not anticipate that a federal shutdown would impact any service provision to Connecticut children and families. The impact is state revenue loss, not loss of DCF funding.*

b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

DCF reports quarterly expenses eligible for TANF reimbursement to the Department of Social Services (DSS), the designated lead state agency for the TANF program. Please refer to the DSS impact statement for state impact related to TANF claiming. To the extent that the federal government shuts down and closes its reimbursement operations, the State may no longer realize this reimbursement and a significant revenue loss could occur.

*\*Note: DCF is appropriately funded for the services claimed for reimbursement under TANF and does not anticipate that a federal shutdown would impact any service provision to Connecticut children and families. The impact is state revenue loss, not loss of DCF funding.*

c. Medicaid

DCF reports quarterly expenses incurred because of operation of the Albert J. Solnit Psychiatric Hospital and two (2) psychiatric residential treatment facilities eligible for Medicaid reimbursement to the Department of Social Services (DSS), the designated lead state agency for the Medicaid program. Please refer to the DSS impact statement for state impact related to Medicaid claiming. To the extent that the federal government shuts down and closes its reimbursement operations, the State may no longer realize this reimbursement and a significant revenue loss could occur.

*\*Note: DCF is appropriately funded for the services claimed for reimbursement under Medicaid and does not anticipate that a federal shutdown would impact any service provision to Connecticut children and families. The impact is state revenue loss, not loss of DCF funding.*

**2. Insurance Coverage for Children in DCF Care Impact**

Children entering DCF out-of-home care or those under adoption or subsidized guardianship through DCF and under 18 years of age are automatically enrolled in Husky A or State Funded for Non-Citizen Youth. (medical insurance). A federal shutdown could jeopardize the insurance coverage for approximately 10,400 children and youths in DCF care. Please refer to the DSS impact statement for state impact related to Medicaid.

**3. CT Kind Impact**

DCF has recently completed the rollout of CT-KIND, a modern Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS). The CT KIND program is currently undergoing the development of enhancements to the system. The cost of these enhancements is estimated to be \$43 million - \$46 million over the next three (3) years. The fund for these enhancements is 50/50 between state IT bonding funds and IV-E Claiming Diverted Revenues. A federal shutdown would inhibit our ability to draw against Diverted Revenue beginning 1 October 2025. DCF's current drawdown schedule has the first drawdowns scheduled for November 2025. Should a federal shutdown last beyond October 2025 then DCF will not be able to initiate drawdowns adversely affecting our revenues needed to fund the CT-KIND enhancements. DCF, however, has in our possession adequate funding reserves (\$9.2million) to keep the enhancement program on track through 31 December 2025.

Revenue Category	Fund	SID	Amount
Diverted revenue	12060	26341	\$ 3,373,348
Bond funds	17241	43526	5,859,124
Bond funds	17181	43526	8,010
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 9,240,482</b>

#### 4. Staffing Impact

Federal grants fully or partially fund twenty-two (22) DCF staff positions. In the event of a government shutdown, DCF currently has funding on hand to fund these positions through the 25 December 2025 pay cycle. If a federal shutdown persists, DCF would be reliant on approval from OPM to utilize DCF Personal Services (SID 10010) funding to cover continued payroll expenses for these staff until reopening, at which time the costs would be retroactively shifted back to the appropriate grant. This may also include a request for permanent or temporary release of the current DCF Personal Services holdback by OPM.

#### 5. Contracted Client Services Impact

Thirty –One (31) separate federal grants fully or partially fund 65 contracted community programs available to Connecticut children and families and another 58 Personal Service Agreements that support DCF operations and service provision. Due to our federal drawdown schedule, DCF has enough cash on hand to fully fund all services through 31 December 2025. Should a federal shutdown persist beyond this date, these services would be suspended for the duration of the federal shutdown, unless alternative state funding was authorized to fund continuation until the shutdown was resolved and the expenses could be recoded.

*\*Note: These numbers do not include funding provided to DCF under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds have either been fully expended or are fully drawn down to DCF accounts and would not be impacted by a federal shutdown.*

Department of Children's & Families					Exhibit 1.0			
Federal Grants Status								
As of 30 September 2025								
SID	End Date	Title	Grant Type	Award Amount	Expended as of 30 Sep 2025	Amount Collected	Balance of Grant	Comments
20139	30-Sep-2025	Child Welfare Services (Stephanie Tubbs Jones)	Formula	1,742,038	1,538,520	1,538,520	203,518	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$330,000 expended per quarter - Payroll included
20190	30-Sep-2026	PSSF (Promoting Safe & Stable Families)	Formula	2,215,285	2,214,422	2,214,422	863	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$280,000 expended per quarter
20205	30-Sep-2026	Adoption Incentive Payments	Formula	1,824,500	1,792,173	1,792,173	32,327	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$225,000 expended per quarter
20225	30-Sep-2025	Chafee	Formula	1,824,500	1,803,831	1,803,831	20,669	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$412,000 expended per quarter
20230	30-Sep-2026	CJA (Children's Justice Act)	Formula	189,646	183,351	183,351	6,295	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$15,000 expended per quarter
20383	30-Sep-2025	CAPTA	Formula	1,039,976	867,505	867,505	172,471	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$255,000 expended per quarter
20383	30-Sep-2026	CAPTA	Formula	1,046,769	-	-	1,046,769	
20542	30-Jun-2025	IDEA	Pass Through	215,414	103,967	-	111,447	SDE (SDE) Department of Education) Pass Through; normally about \$40,000 expended per quarter - Payroll included
20575	30-Sep-2026	Community Mental Health Block Grant (CMHB)	Pass Through	6,027,683	4,434,366	3,044,012	1,593,317	DMHAS Pass Through; normally about \$900,000 expended per quarter
20625	30-Jun-2025	Title I, Neglected & Delinquent	Pass Through	325,708	118,479	-	207,229	SDE (SDE) Department of Education) Pass Throug; normally about \$70,000 expended per quarter - Payroll included
21586	30-Jun-2025	Title II - Teachers	Pass Through	1,795	1,795	-	-	SDE (SDE) Department of Education) Pass Through; one time payment per year
21661	30-Sep-2025	Education and Training Voucher Program	Formula	348,643	190,736	190,736	157,906	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$40,000 expended per quarter
22147	30-Sep-2025	MONTHLY CASEWORKER VISITS	Formula	140,030	110,065	84,772	29,965	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$25,000 expended per quarter - greater expenditures July-September
22920	30-Sep-2025	Kinship Navigator	Formula	287,211	251,464	251,464	35,747	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$55,000 expended per quarter
22999	30-Sep-2024	Fam Sup Reentry A 2-GEN	Discretionary	675,000	531,605	334,544	143,395	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$25,000 expended per quarter
23052	30-Sep-2025	Family First Trans Act	Formula	3,021,860	2,380,880	2,233,573	640,980	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$75,000 expended per quarter - Payroll included. Expenditure should increase in next 6 months.
23176	29-Sep-2025	RPG Grant	Discretionary	970,219	865,021	438,659	105,198	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$125,000 expended per quarter
23258	29-Sep-2025	CONNECT IV	Discretionary	3,000,000	2,049,508	2,049,508	950,492	Direct federal drawdown; normally about \$325,000 expended per quarter
26417	30-Jun-2025	IDEA 619	Pass Through	566	-	-	566	SDE (SDE) Department of Education) Pass Through; one time purchase per year
26422	29-Sep-2027	DCF-State Opioid Response Grant	Pass Through	1,630,000	1,488,310	1,488,310	141,690	DMHAS Pass Through; normally about \$290,000 expended per quarter
26478	30-Sep-2025	MH_ARPA_BG	Pass Through	4,151,933	3,698,959	3,698,959	452,974	DMHAS Pass Through; normally about \$148,000 expended per quarter
26539	31-Dec-2024	SDE-ESSER AWARE	Pass Through	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,125,000	-	SDE (SDE) Department of Education) Pass Through; ended 12/31/2024 - awaiting final invoice from PSA contract
26543	1-Sep-2024	NASMHPD-TTI	Pass Through	250,000	83,334	250,000	166,666	OPM
28018	30-Sep-2026	ARPA-EXPANDED MOBILE CRISIS	Pass Through	25,800,000	25,800,000	25,800,000	-	OPM
28019	30-Sep-2025	Urgt Crisis Cetrs_Sub Acute_ARPA	Pass Through	21,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000	-	OPM
28020	31-Dec-2026	YSBJRB Expansions_ARPA	Pass Through	2,000,000	1,198,101	2,000,000	801,899	OPM
28021	30-Sep-2026	Social Determinants of MH_ARPA	Pass Through	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	CLOSED
28025	30-Sep-2026	Peer to Peer Training_ARPA	Pass Through	150,000	120,000	150,000	30,000	OPM
28176	29-Sep-2026	Infant And Earlychildhood Mental Helath Services	Pass Through	4,141,750	-	-	4,141,750	In Process
28236	30-Sep-2026	ARPA_Private Provider one-Time	Pass Through	6,847,531	5,520,492	6,847,531	1,327,039	OPM
28513	29-Sep-2026	Middletown Office - ARPA	Pass Through	667,856	663,652	667,856	4,204	OPM
28514	29-Sep-2026	Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time	Pass Through	75,000	37,423	75,000	37,577	OPM
28515	29-Sep-2026	Community Guidance Clinic	Pass Through	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	In Process
28533	29-Sep-2026	Advanced Behaviorial Health (DMHAS)	Pass Through	900,000	-	900,000	900,000	In Process
28555	29-Sep-2026	Urgt Crisis Cetrs_Sub Acute_ARPA	Pass Through	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	-	CLOSED
28556	29-Sep-2026	ARPA-Children's MH Initiatives	Pass Through	10,000,000	9,918,511	10,000,000	81,489	OPM
29652	30-Sep-2025	CAPTA-COVID	Pass Through	986,602	965,763	924,000	20,839	Direct federal drawdown; grant ends 9.30.25- \$\$56,836.95 remaining
29773	29-Sep-2026	ARPA- Provider One-Time Payment (COLA)	Pass Through	6,310,033	5,253,328	-	1,056,705	In Process
29779	30-Sep-2026	Fostering Community_ARPA	Pass Through	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	CLOSED
29781	30-Jun-2025	ARPA-Children's MH Initiatives	Pass Through	10,500,000	10,178,503	10,500,000	321,497	OPM
29800	29-Sep-2026	Access Mental Health - ARPA	Pass Through	2,990,000	2,350,082	2,545,000	639,918	OPM
				\$ 133,907,548	\$ 118,324,144	\$ 114,108,725	\$ 15,583,404	
				Potentially impacted (Direct federal drawdown )		\$ 659,761		
			Pass Through	\$ 115,581,871	\$ 103,545,064	\$ 100,125,667	\$ 12,036,807	
			Discretionary	4,645,219	3,446,133	2,822,712	1,199,086	
			Formula	13,680,458	11,332,947	11,160,346	2,347,510	
			Total	\$ 133,907,548	\$ 118,324,144	\$ 114,108,725	\$ 15,583,404	