

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Child Care Assistance - 25600 (STARS 27800)

Program Overview: The purpose of Child Care Assistance is to enable low-income families to enter the workforce and retain employment, while providing safe and developmentally appropriate care for children. To be eligible for child care, families must have incomes below 185.0 percent of the federal poverty level, have a need for child care (such as the parent’s employment), and must comply with Child Support Enforcement requirements. Families with incomes above 70.0 percent of the poverty level are required to pay a share of the child care cost. Assistance is provided for children up to age 13. Child care is provided by centers, licensed providers and unregulated providers (i.e. care by relatives and care provided by persons in the child’s home). The amount of assistance provided varies by location, family income and size, the number of children in care, the type of child care setting, and hours of care. Child care rates are reviewed biennially through a market survey in order to form a comparison to the 75th percentile of market rates, a benchmark used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to ensure that children receiving child care have access to quality care comparable to the general population. Child Care Assistance is funded by a combination of state and federal funds.

Object Codes 5500: Grants and Assistance

The following table details the Child Care Assistance budget:

Child Care Assistance Caseload

Item	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Current Year	FY 2012 Allocated Budget
Average Monthly Families	10,741	10,847	10,952
Average Monthly Children	20,295	20,500	20,700
Monthly Cost per Child	\$295.60	\$301.12	\$305.62
Subtotal - Base Caseload	\$71,990,640	\$74,075,313	\$75,915,580
<i>Financing</i>			
State General Funds	\$20,439,917	\$20,324,558	\$20,324,558
Children's Initiative Fund	1,399,836	1,400,000	1,400,000
SRS Fee Fund	(54)		
Social Services Block Grant	156,729	200,000	200,000
CCDF Mandatory and Matching Funds	42,100,336	20,349,725	20,349,725
CCDF Discretionary	-	26,350,000	26,350,000
TANF Block Grant	7,893,876	5,451,030	7,291,297
Total	\$71,990,640	\$74,075,313	\$75,915,580

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
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AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: EES – Child Care Assistance

Current Year FY 2011: \$74,075,313 – From FY 2007, the average annual increase in the Childcare Assistance caseload was 6.0 percent. In FY 2008, the caseload increased by only .9 percent, and declined 1.2 percent in FY 2009 and 3.2 percent in FY 2010. This is explained by the recession and the decline in low-income working parents. The caseload is estimated to increase by 1.0 percent in FY 2011 as the economy slowly recovers.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$75,915,580 - The request assumes a continued increase in the child care caseload of 1.0 percent.