

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
Division of the Budget
State of Kansas

AGENCY NAME: KS Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: Children’s Cabinet

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION – Kansas Children’s Cabinet/Children’s Trust Fund - 28900

Program Overview: The Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Children’s Trust Fund were established by the Kansas Legislature, through enactment of 1999 Senate Substitute for HB 2558. Through this bill, the Kansas Children’s Cabinet was charged with duties such as assisting the Governor in developing and implementing a coordinated, comprehensive delivery system to serve the families and children of Kansas; as well as, evaluating programs funded with Children’s Initiatives Fund (CIF) moneys, and recommending to the Legislature and the Governor on how best to allocate those funds. This bill also changed governing authority of the Children’s Trust Fund from the former Governor’s Advisory Committee on Children and Families, to the Kansas Children’s Cabinet. (The Kansas Children’s Cabinet is attached to SRS for budget and administrative purposes.)

Object Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

FY 2012: \$228,155 - Budgeted for 3.00 unclassified permanent positions. All fringe benefit rates conform to the indices issued by the Division of the Budget.

FY 2013: \$231,662 - Budgeted to maintain current operations. All fringe benefits conform to the indices issued by the Division of the Budget.

Object Code 5200: Contractual Services

Summary: Includes general operating expenses such as communications, rent, travel, contractual, and other major cost centers related to the support of various state-wide initiatives. In addition to the Children’s Initiatives Funds, the budget provides funding from federal and outside private sources.

FY 2012: \$2,390,754 - Budgeted expenditures include funding for contractual services to evaluate statewide programs funded by the Children’s Initiatives Fund, funding for the Early Child Care Quality Initiatives for Infants and Toddlers, and other contracts awarded by the Cabinet.

FY 2013: \$1,798,670 – This request decreases \$592,118 due to a reduction in Children’s Initiatives Funds.

Object Code 5300: Commodities

Summary: The major components of this category are stationery, office supplies, and computer and related equipment repair.

FY 2012: \$5,000 - Expenditures are budgeted to cover projected expenditures.

FY 2013: \$5,000 - Expenditures are to continue operations with no allowance for inflation.

Object Code 5500: Grants, Assistance and Aid to Locals

FY 2012: \$18,125,590 - This includes \$6,988,323 of Children’s Initiatives Fund to support Smart Start Kansas, \$587,128 applicable to Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) programs, and \$10,540,555 for the Early Childhood Block Grant.

The goal of Smart Start Kansas is to help children enter school ready to succeed. It is a framework or model for community planning and decision-making. Smart Start allows flexibility to meet local needs, yet provides structure by requiring implementation of core services proven effective by research. The program’s core services are family support services, including the availability of high quality, affordable early learning experiences for families who need or choose them, and health services for children.. Smart Start is outcome-based, utilizes known research on early childhood, and relies upon an evaluation to determine the effectiveness of services. Currently, the 17 Smart Start Kansas sites serve 47 counties in Kansas. In addition, Smart Start funds expended for family support activities are used to match federal CBCAP funds. All together, these grantees impacted 46,798 children.

CBCAP funds are used for programs designed for the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect. Funds for this program are also distributed to community partnerships. Approximately 16 grants are supporting establishment of child abuse prevention services in communities.

Quality Initiative for Infants and Toddlers funding will increase access and improve quality of care for young children. The initiative will increase the number of local Infant/Toddler Specialists that provide services to regulated child care providers who care for children under age three.

Early Childhood Block Grants fund grants to community-based programs, school districts, Early Head Start sites, Head Start sites to provide research-based child development services for at-risk infants, toddlers and their families, and preschool for three and four-year-olds. The grant process is driven by accountability measures and research-based programming, as well as a focus on at-risk children and under-served areas. At least 30.0 percent of all block grant funds will be set aside for infant and toddler programs.

FY 2013: \$12,676,268. In the base budget, the Children’s Initiatives Fund for Smart Start Kansas accounts for \$4,793,998, CBCAP Funds are \$587,128 and Early Childhood Block Grant is \$7,285,544. The decrease between FY 2012 and FY 2013 is a result of lower expected revenues from the tobacco settlement. All CIF program expenditures were decreased proportionately to match expected revenues.