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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Governor of Kansas  
Statehouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Governor Brownback:

I am submitting the FY 2013 budget proposal for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

The enclosed budget reflects months of work on the part of SRS staff, both internally and in collaboration with stakeholders and partners. The end product reflects difficult decisions made by SRS Leadership Team. The budget provides information on how SRS plans to provide services to the most needy and vulnerable Kansas citizens within the resource allocation provided by the Division of the Budget. It also includes a 5% reduced resource package. In proposing these reduced resources, SRS considered the vulnerability of the populations we serve, and prioritized preserving services to those most vulnerable. We placed the highest priority on the services and programs that are critical to the Agency's mission of protecting children and promoting adult self sufficiency.

The FY 2011 Legislature reduced the SRS and State Hospital's FY 2012 base budgets by \$44.7 million SGF and \$68.5 million all funds. To meet our allocation adjustments were made in administration, contracts and grants, HCBS Waivers efficiencies, and projected Economic and Employment Reform savings.

Again, we prepared our budgets as an enterprise, combining the allocations of SRS and the State Hospitals. This allowed the opening of a temporary unit to address the increased population in the Sexual Predator Treatment Program (SPTP). We also were able to use existing resources to begin the agency's new initiatives of Reducing Childhood Poverty, Fatherhood, and Fraud Prevention.

With state resources being limited, only one supplemental and two enhancements are requested. Two of these are to address the growth in the SPTP and the third is for Strengthening Families.

My staff and I welcome questions from you and your Division of the Budget Staff.

Sincerely,

Robert Siedlecki  
Secretary