

BUDGET OVERVIEW

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Overview

- Kansas Department for Human Services Overview and Budget Summary
- Department for Children and Families Overview and Budget Summary
- Department for Children and Families Program Updates

KDHS Overview and Budget Summary



Dept of Human Services ERO

The Department of Human Services, as proposed in the Governor's Budget Report and ERO, combines:

- Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)
- State Hospitals

Dept of Human Services ERO

Core Purpose

The reorganization creates a single point of entry for those who need access to services in areas such as child welfare, mental health, and employment supports.

The Kansas Department of Human Services will strengthen families and support individuals by providing high-touch services that have a positive impact on the lives of Kansans. This will be achieved with a comprehensive approach to prevention, easy access to services and collaboration with communities across the state.

Core Purpose

Strengthening Kansans through prevention, healthy networks and community supports.

Dept of Human Services ERO

Current Programs

DCF

Administration

Economic and Employment Services

Prevention and Protection Services

Rehabilitation Services

Child Support Services

Regional Offices

KDADS

Administration

Aging and Community Services

Survey Certification & Credentialing

Behavioral Health

Medicaid

Hospital Commission

Capital Improvements

State Hospitals

Kansas Neurological Institute

Osawatomie State Hospital

Larned State Hospital

Parsons State Hospital

Dept of Human Services ERO

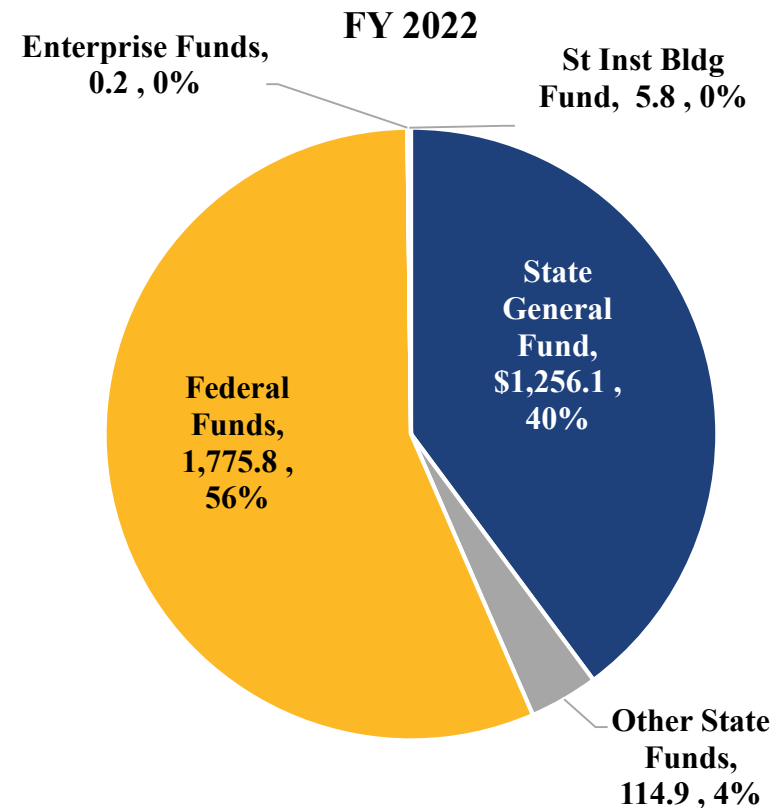
Program Alignment

Key Resources & Organizational Support	Family Services	Safety & Protection	Prevention	Children's Mental Health Supports	Permanency	Practice Model & Performance Improvement
Organizational Health & Development						
Strategic Communications & Govt. Relations						
Administrative Services	Adult Services & Supports	Long Term Services and Supports	Adult Behavioral Health Supports	Economic Supports	Employment Supports	Practice Model & Performance Improvement
Financial Mgmt./CFO						
Legal						
Chief Information Officer/IT	Facilities & Hospitals	Licensing Survey & Certification	Licensing & Credentialing	Hospitals & Facilities		
Audit & Accountability						

Dept of Human Services ERO

Budget Summary

	FY 2022
Salaries	\$157.9
OOE	185.3
Grants & Assistance	2,788.2
Transfers	15.2
Debt Svc & Cap Imp	6.1
Total Budget	\$3,152.8
Positions	2,823.9
Funding Sources	
State General Fund	\$1,256.1
Other State Funds	114.9
Federal Funds	1,775.8
Enterprise Funds	0.2
St Inst Bldg Fund	5.8
Total Funding	\$3,152.8



Dept of Human Services ERO

Expenditures by Program

Program	FY 2022	Percent of Total
Administration & IT	\$75.6	2.4%
Covid-19	0.5	0.0%
Child Support Services	45.6	1.4%
Economic & Employment Services	160.4	5.1%
Rehabilitation Services	30.6	1.0%
Prevention & Protection Services	369.1	11.7%
Regions Service Delivery	112.1	3.6%
Developmental Disabilities Council	0.8	0.0%
Aging and Community Services	52.1	1.7%
Survey Certification & Credentialing	12.1	0.4%
Behavioral Health	118.5	3.8%
Medicaid	2,150.6	68.2%
Hospital Commission	3.5	0.1%
Transfers	15.2	0.5%
Capital Improvements	6.1	0.2%
Total	\$3,152.8	100.0%

DCF Overview and Budget Summary



Mission

**Protect
Children**

**Strengthen
Families**

**Promote Adult
Self Sufficiency**

Strategic Objectives

- **Strengthen Families**
- **Safely Reduce the Number of Children in Care**
- **Promote Employment**
- **Exercise Responsible Stewardship of Public Resources**
- **Build Strong Community Partnerships**

Major Program Areas

- **Economic and Employment Services**
- **Prevention and Protection Services**
- **Rehabilitation Services**
- **Child Support Services**
- **Regional Offices**
- **Administration**

Economic and Employment Services

Economic and Employment Services (EES) provides a variety of programs that can help families achieve self-sufficiency.

These include:

- cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- food assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- child care assistance
- employment assistance
- energy assistance



Kansas Benefits Card Support
1-800-831-5235

Prevention and Protection Services

Prevention and Protection Services helps families and vulnerable adults by providing:

- protection services (PRC and investigations)
- family-based assessments
- family support services
- family preservation
- Families First prevention services
- foster care
- adoption services
- independent living services for older youth
- foster home licensing



Kansas Protection Report Center
1-800-922-5330

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services offers a variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of Kansans with disabilities, including:

- vocational services
- independent living
- services for older Kansans who are blind or visually impaired
- disability determination services on behalf of the Social Security Administration



Rehabilitation Customer Service Center
1-866-213-9079

Child Support Services

Child Support Services helps children receive the financial support necessary for their growth and development. The program assists by:

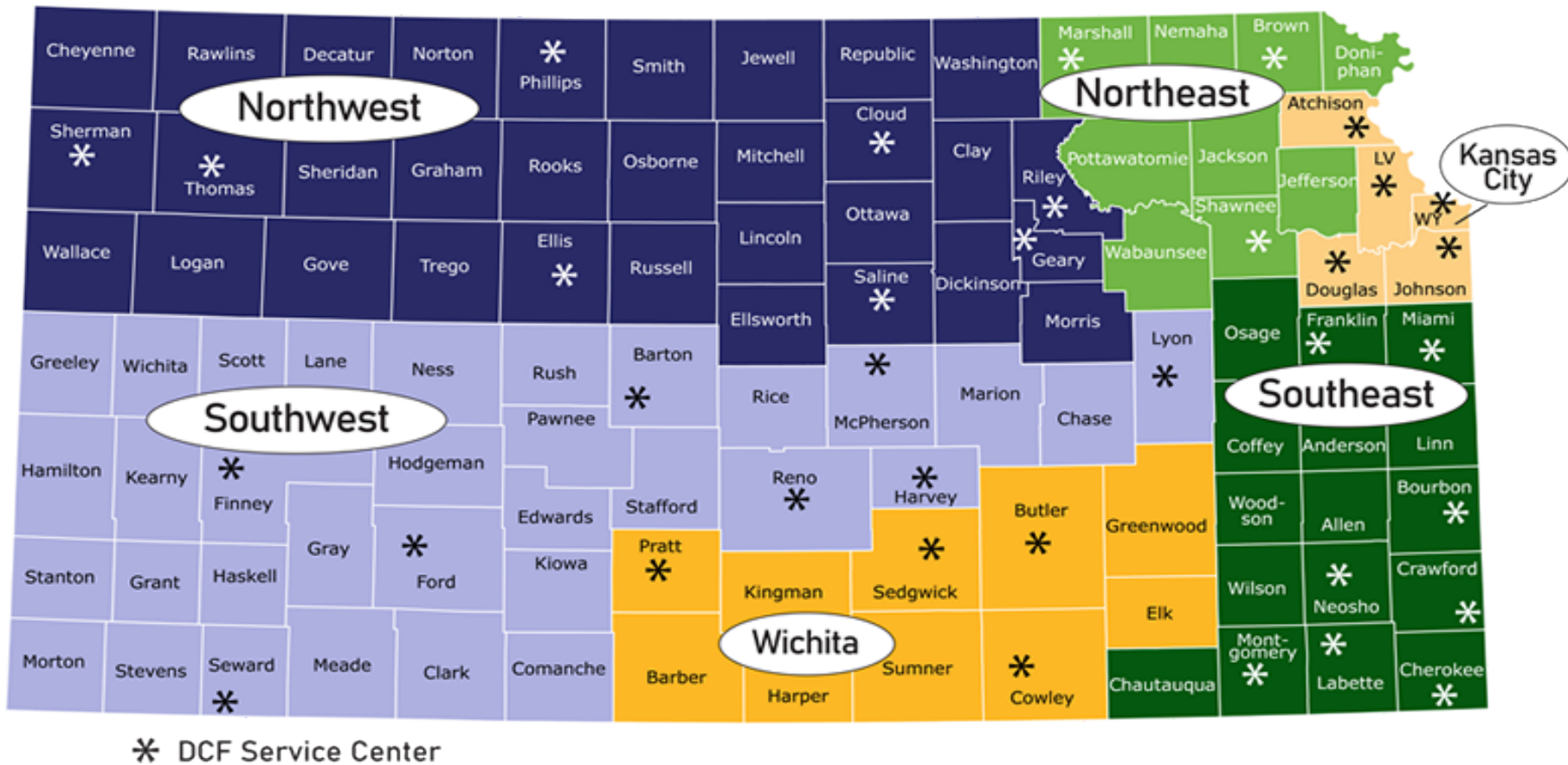
- establishing parentage and orders for child support
- locating non-custodial parents
- enforcing child support orders
- modifying support orders, as needed



Child Support Service Center
1-888-757-2445

DCF Regions

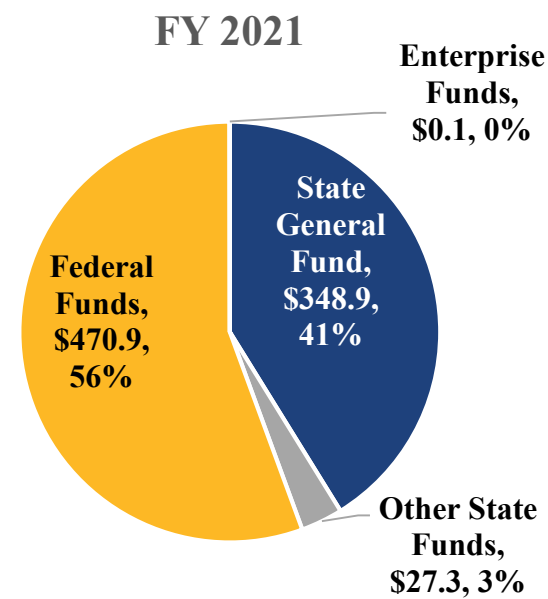
6 Regions, 36 Service Centers



While DCF manages across six regions, the budget maintains four regions. The NE and SE regions share resources as do the NW and SW regions.

FY 2021 Budget Summary (millions)

	FY 2020	FY 2021	Change
Total Budget	\$745.7	\$832.4	\$86.7
Positions	2,527.9	2,549.9	22.0
Funding Sources			
State General Fund	\$340.2	\$348.9	\$8.8
Other State Funds	\$28.6	\$27.3	-\$1.3
Federal Funds	\$376.8	\$455.9	\$79.2
Enterprise Funds	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.0
Total Funding	\$745.7	\$832.4	\$86.7



Office of Recovery CARES Allocation

Continuity of Operations Projects	Allocation
FY 2020	
Protective Supplies and Family Supports	\$230,559
FY 2021	
Amazon Connect	\$967,468
Temporary Staff to Process Higher SNAP Applications	103,765
Temperature Check Kiosks	57,511
Netmotion Subscriptions and RSA Tokens (Remote Connectivity)	52,613
Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing - Visual PPE	50,000
Scanners and Printers	24,248
KHRC - Protective Measures and Telework Equipment	16,188
KHRC - Rent Assistance Pass-Through (net of \$15m return)	20,000,000
Subtotal - FY 2021	\$21,271,793
Total	\$21,502,352

All allocated funds must be spent by March 1, 2021.

Federal Pandemic Funding

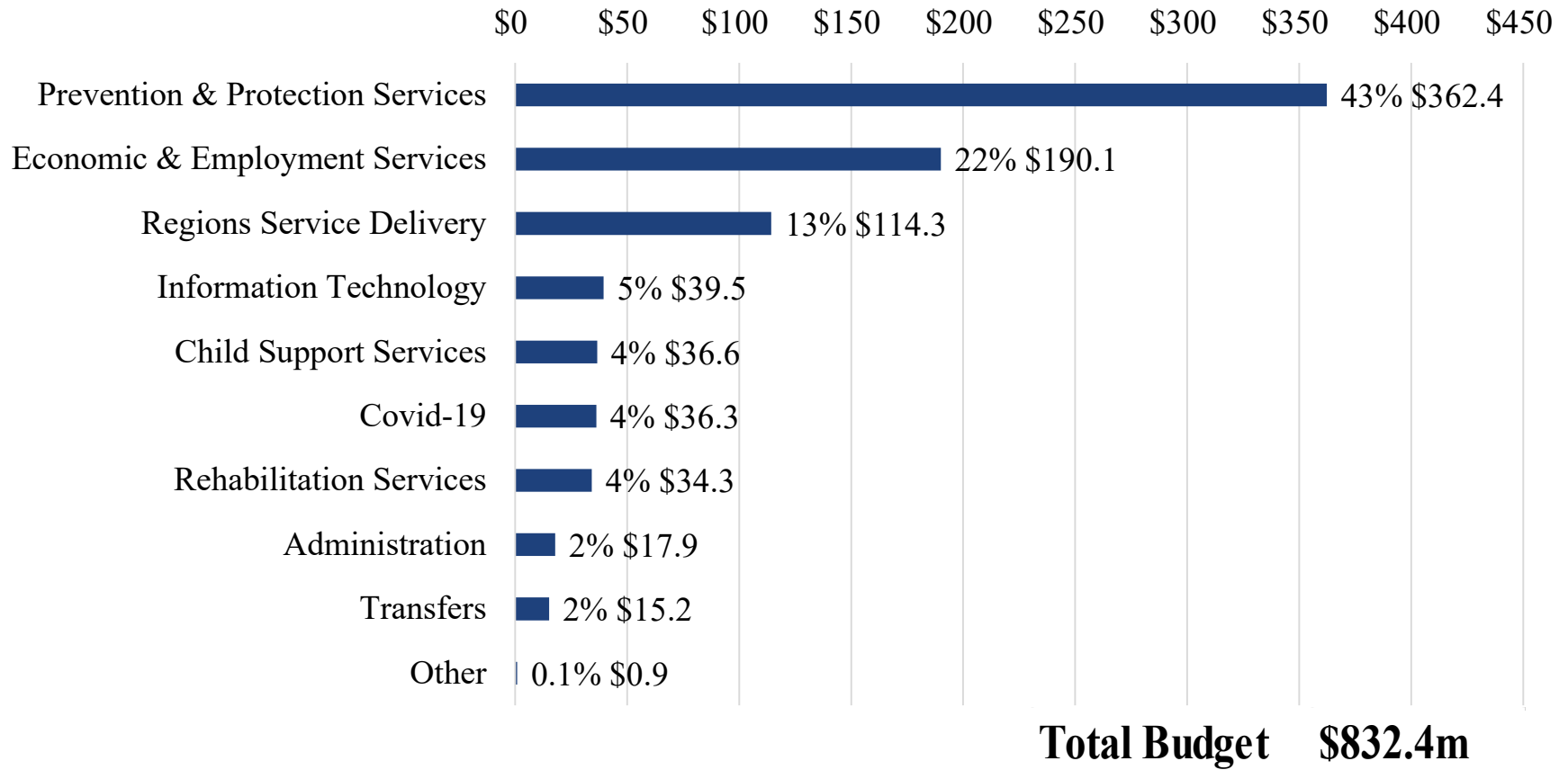
Program	Pandemic Grant	CARES Act	Covid-19 Relief in FY 2021 CAA	Total
Child Care	Child Care & Development Fund	\$30,771,514	\$87,591,200	\$118,362,714
Utility Assistance	Low Income Energy Assistance Block Grant	9,342,492	-	\$9,342,492
	Low Income Water Assistance	-	pending	pending
	Subtotal	9,342,492	-	9,342,492
Child Welfare	Child Welfare Services - Pandemic	443,475	-	\$443,475
	Promoting Safe and Stable Families	-	421,751	\$421,751
	Chafee Foster Care Program for Independent Living	-	5,635,024	\$5,635,024
	Chafee Education and Training Vouchers	-	856,836	\$856,836
	Subtotal	443,475	6,913,611	7,357,086
Food Assistance	Emergency Food Assistance Administration	400,000	607,252	\$1,007,252
	Commodity Supplemental Food Program	-	pending	pending
	SNAP Pandemic Administration	-	1,948,873	\$1,948,873
	Subtotal	400,000	2,556,125	2,956,125
	Total	\$40,957,481	pending	pending

Federal CARES Act Funding Status

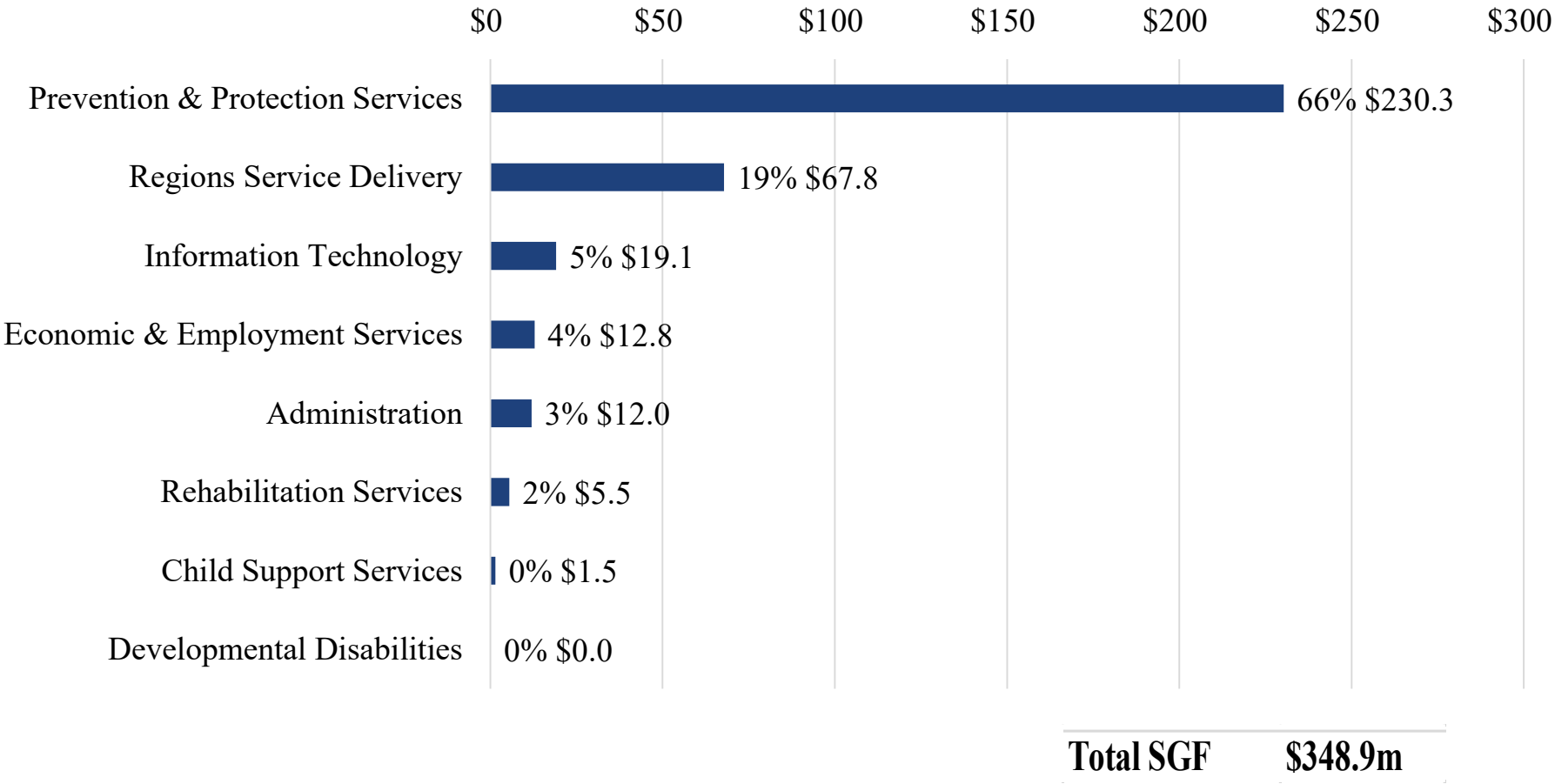
Federal Grant	CARES Act Grant	Spent as of 12/31/2020	Remaining
Office of Recovery CARES Allocation	\$21,271,793	\$18,266,446	\$3,005,347
Child Care & Development Fund	30,771,514	13,673,881	17,097,633
Low Income Energy Assistance Block Grant	9,342,492	-	9,342,492
Child Welfare Services - Pandemic	443,475	69,558	373,917
Emergency Food Assistance Administration	400,000	400,000	-
Total	\$62,229,274	\$32,409,885	\$29,819,389

No expenditures have been made from the FY 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

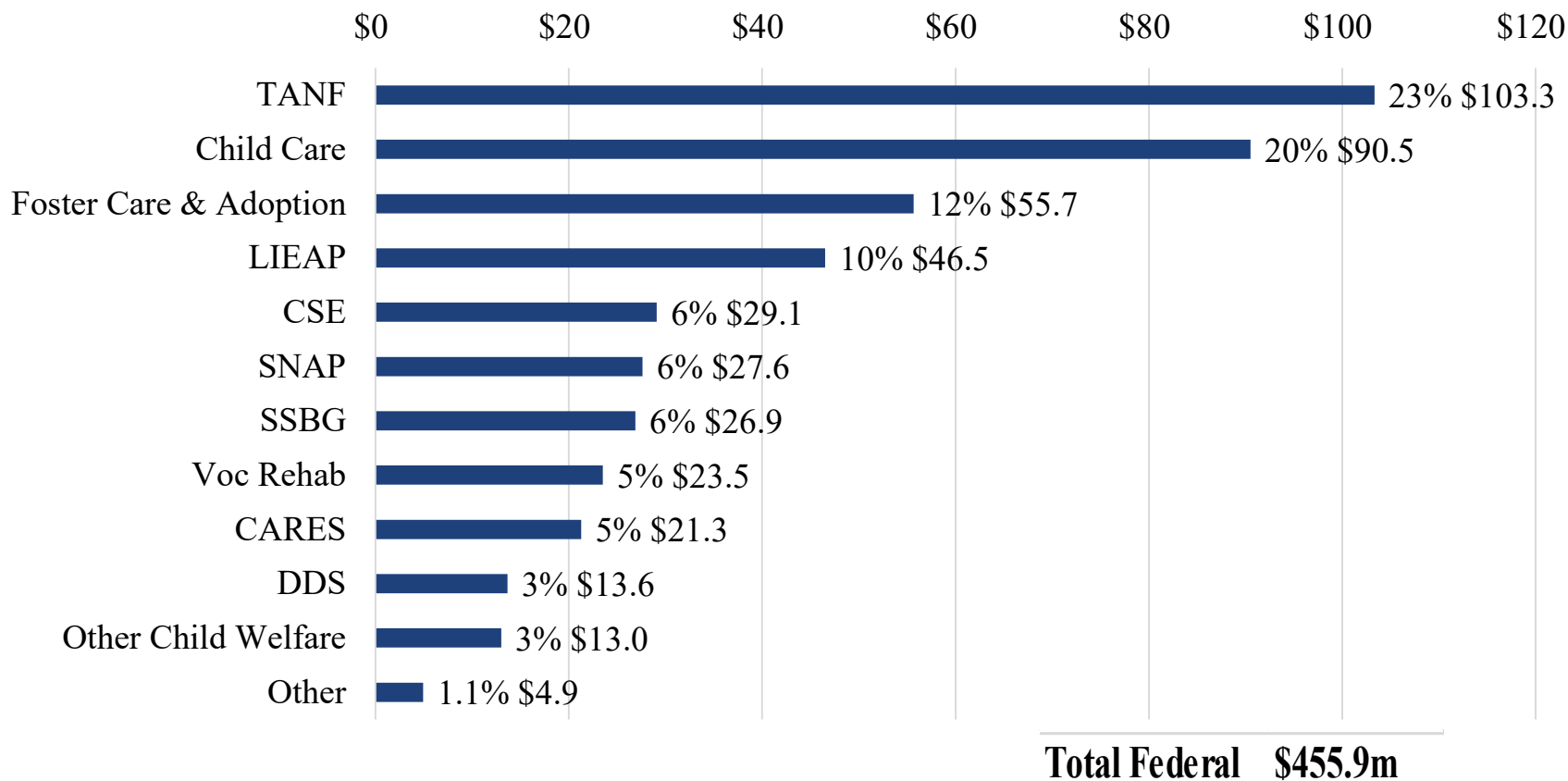
FY 2021 Expenditures by Program (millions)



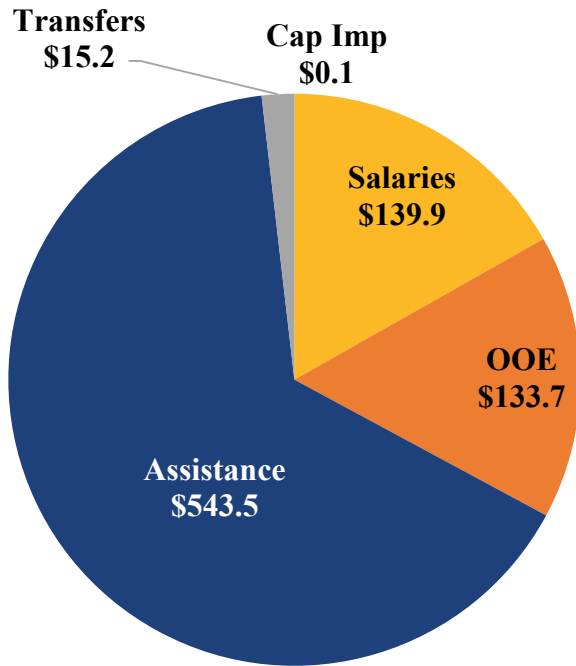
FY 2021 SGF by Program (millions)



FY 2021 Federal Funds (millions)



FY 2021 Expenditures by Category (millions)



Salaries

Regions	\$96.8
Prevention & Protection	11.1
Administration	8.4
Information Technology	7.6
Rehabilitation Services	6.9
Economic & Employment	6.5
Child Support	2.2
Dev. Disabilities	0.3
Total	\$139.9

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Child Support	\$34.3
Information Technology	31.9
Economic & Employment	22.7
Regions	17.4
Prevention & Protection	9.5
Administration	9.6
Rehabilitation Services	7.4
Covid-19	0.8
Dev. Disabilities	0.1
Total	\$133.7

Grants & Assistance

Prevention & Protection	\$341.7
Economic & Employment	160.8
Covid-19	20.5
Rehabilitation Services	19.9
Dev. Disabilities	0.3
Child Support	0.2
Other	0.1
Total	\$543.5

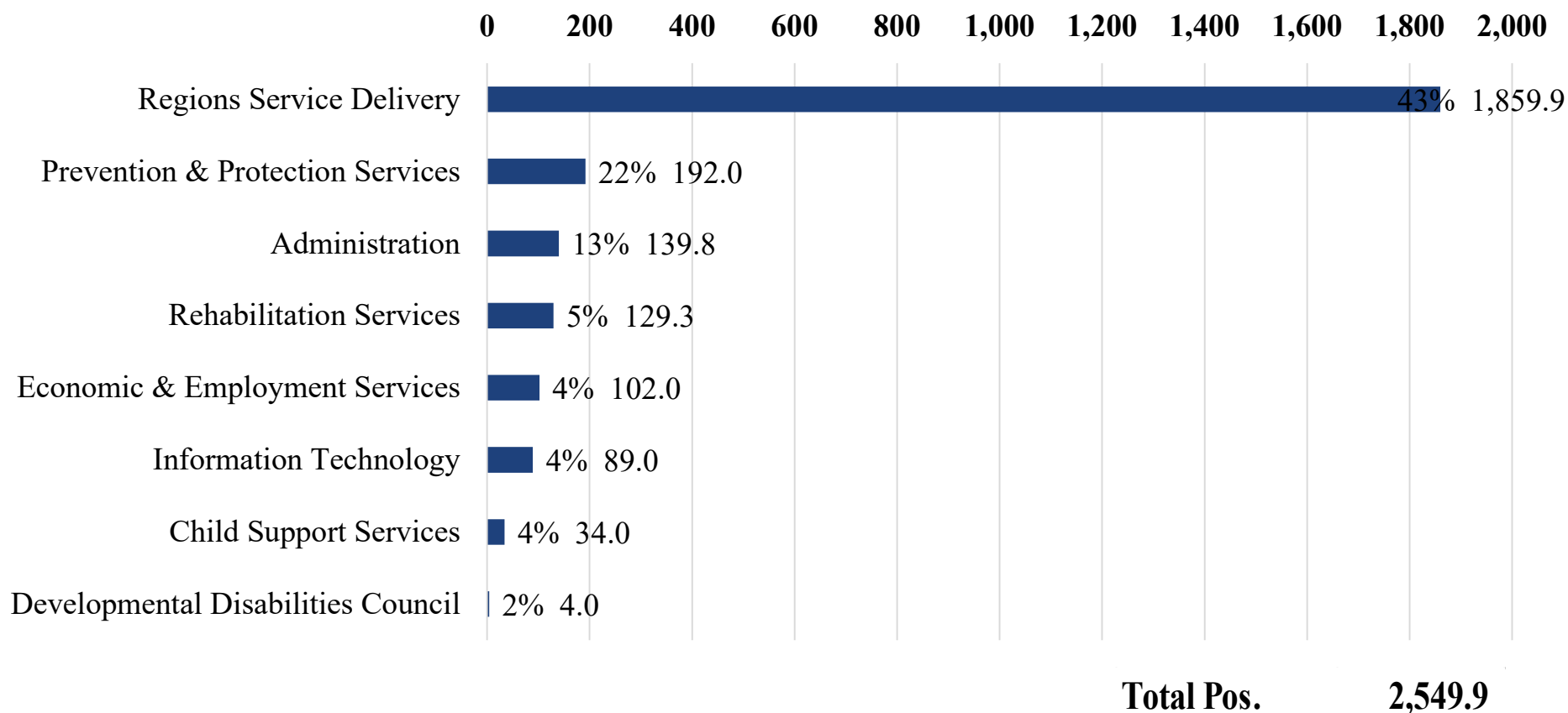
Transfers

\$15.2

Capital Improvements

\$0.1

FY 2021 Positions



FY 2021 Allotments

FY 2021 Allotments		
	All Funds	SGF
Families First	(\$7.5)	(\$3.8)
Adoption Support	(3.6)	(1.3)
KPERS Death & Disability	(0.5)	(0.5)
Total	-\$11.6	-\$5.6

- The allotment removed the enhancement for FY 2021, resulting in a total budget of \$16.2 million all funds and \$6.6 million SGF. Subsequent to the allotment, the FY 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act removed the state match requirement.
- The reduction in Adoption Support was made possible by enhanced federal funds appropriated in the federal 2020 CARES Act. The reduction left Adoption Support at the projected expenditures of \$41.4 million all funds and \$20.5 million SGF.
- The KPERS Death and Disability reduction was a statewide savings measure.

FY 2021 Budget Additions (millions)

FY 2021	All Funds	SGF
Supplemental	\$0	\$0
Fall 2020 Consensus Caseload		
TANF Cash Assistance	1.5	-
Foster Care	8.0	3.7
Subtotal	9.5	3.7
Total	\$9.5	\$3.7

DCF Caseload Summary

Program		FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 GBR	FY 2022 GBR
Economic and Employment Services					
TANF Cash Assistance	Average monthly persons Assistance	8,828 \$12,086,745	9,511 \$12,761,625	9,229 \$14,100,000	9,021 \$13,500,000
TANF Employment Services	Average monthly adults Assistance	2,319 \$2,667,350	2,779 \$2,330,964	3,668 \$3,705,402	3,668 \$4,075,942
SNAP (Food Assistance)	Average monthly persons Assistance	205,261 \$269,849,832	198,457 \$290,432,934	219,787 \$300,668,153	230,776 \$315,701,560
SNAP Employment and Training	Average monthly adults Assistance	329 \$139,177	508 \$230,537	600 \$343,283	635 \$381,039
Child Care Assistance	Average monthly children Assistance	8,823 \$39,953,590	10,126 \$51,815,037	10,977 \$70,221,675	10,346 \$69,486,610
Kansas Early Head Start	Children Assistance	945 \$10,531,268	955 \$10,569,991	1,045 \$11,873,429	1,045 \$11,873,429

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DCF Caseload Summary

Program		FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 GBR	FY 2022 GBR
Prevention and Protection Services					
Child Protective Services	Investigations	34,424	27,396	27,273	27,150
Community Services	Families	160	134	134	134
	Assistance	\$658,612	\$748,553	\$750,000	\$750,000
Family Services	Assistance	\$1,608,153	\$1,542,301	\$2,135,249	\$2,041,993
Family Preservation	Families Referred	2,667	1,892	2,062	2,050
	Assistance	\$12,021,382	\$10,021,387	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Families First	Assistance	\$0	\$6,560,327	\$12,110,561	\$15,443,561
Adult Protective Services	Investigations	8,548	10,235	10,133	10,032
	Assistance	\$227,034	\$224,007	\$321,407	\$321,407
Reintegration/Foster Care	Average monthly children	7,420	7,330	6,850	6,773
	Assistance	\$215,037,318	\$260,146,705	\$268,000,000	\$266,390,999
Adoption Support	Average monthly children	7,569	8,042	7,901	8,787
	Assistance	\$40,465,103	\$43,911,982	\$41,371,457	\$49,810,018
Permanent Custodianship	Average monthly children	158	152	145	140
	Assistance	\$552,556	\$572,671	\$525,202	\$503,894
Independent Living	Persons	902	858	911	920
	Assistance	\$1,760,158	\$2,074,788	\$2,851,624	\$2,851,624

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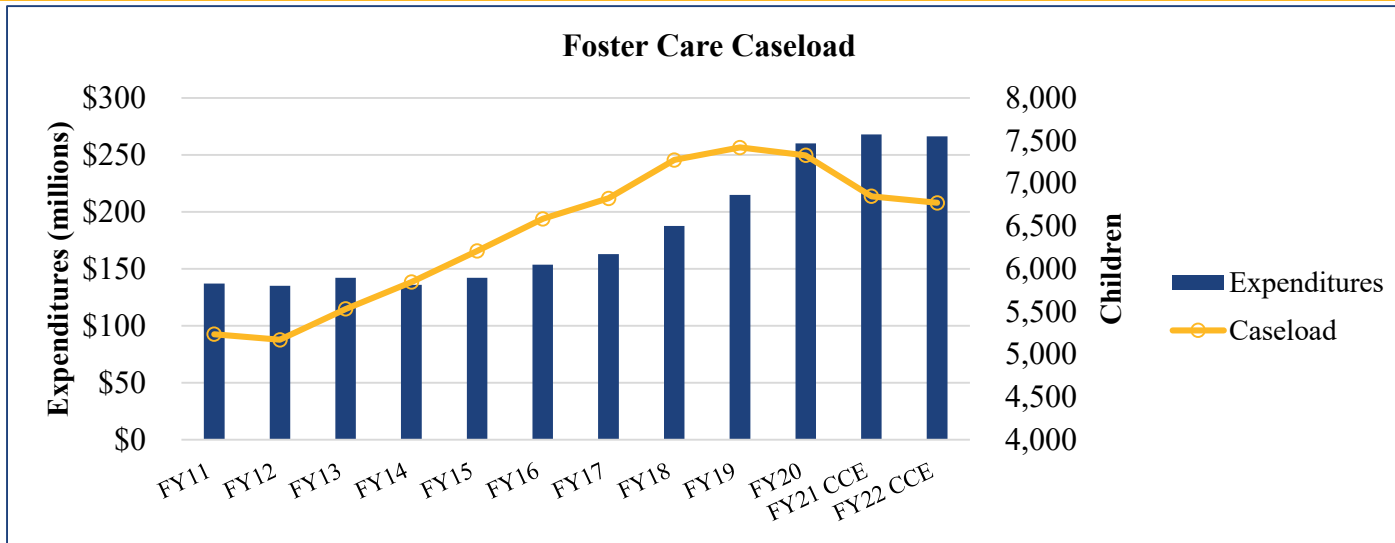
DCF Caseload Summary

Program		FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 GBR	FY 2022 GBR
Child Support Services					
Child Support Collections	Average monthly cases	138,412	133,964	130,145	127,716
	Collections	\$214,673,562	\$247,746,127	\$232,102,206	\$229,584,441
Rehabilitation Services					
Vocational Rehabilitation	Average monthly persons	7,473	7,562	7,290	7,552 [4]
	Assistance	\$9,768,537	\$10,144,506	\$13,306,327	\$10,958,909
Disability Determination Services	KS DDS Claims Completed	17,702	13,719	13,000	13,000
	Assistance	\$3,198,464	\$2,170,189	\$3,198,463	\$3,198,463

Footnotes

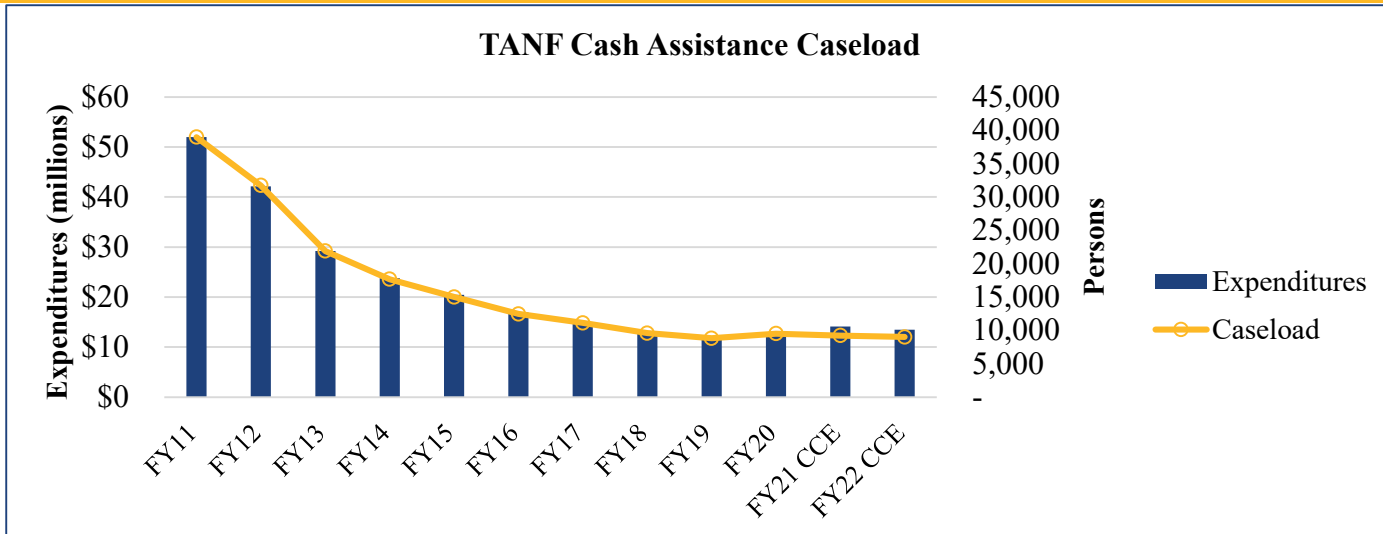
1. SNAP benefits are not included in the agency's budget.
2. Child care policies were revised to provide blocks of time reimbursement to providers which aligns with industry practices. In addition, FY 2020 and FY 2021 assistance amounts includes special federal pandemic funding.
3. The FY 2020 increase in Reintegration/Foster Care assistance reflects the cost of the new foster care agreements.
4. The Vocational Rehabilitation assistance decrease in FY 2022 reflects a Reduced Resource reduction which removed excess federal funds.

Foster Care Caseload



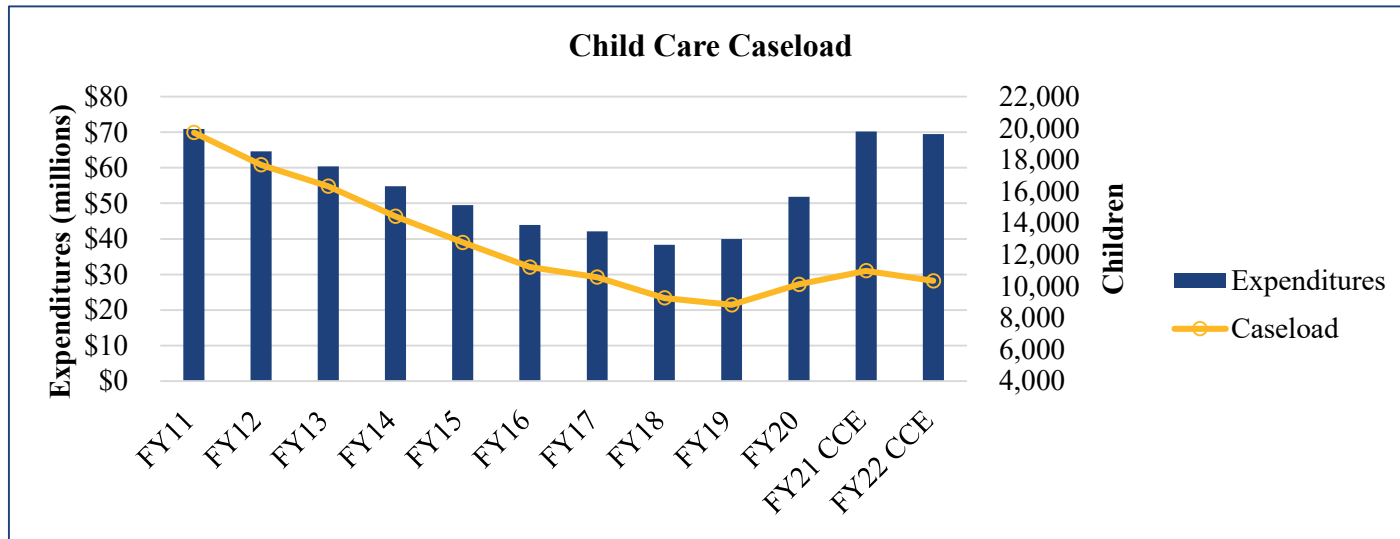
Fiscal Year	Monthly Children	Percent Change	Monthly Cost per Child	Percent Change	Expenditures (millions)	Percent Change	SGF (millions)
FY11	5,237	2.7%	2,181	0.6%	\$137.0	3.4%	\$89.0
FY12	5,170	-1.3%	2,178	-0.1%	135.2	-1.4%	70.5
FY13	5,531	7.0%	2,141	-1.7%	142.1	5.1%	79.7
FY14	5,845	5.7%	1,938	-9.5%	135.9	-4.3%	75.7
FY15	6,209	6.2%	1,907	-1.6%	142.1	4.6%	87.2
FY16	6,586	6.1%	1,944	1.9%	153.6	8.1%	86.5
FY17	6,825	3.6%	1,991	2.4%	163.1	6.2%	101.5
FY18	7,274	6.6%	2,149	7.9%	187.6	15.0%	125.0
FY19	7,420	2.0%	2,415	12.4%	215.0	14.6%	149.7
FY20	7,330	-1.2%	2,958	22.5%	260.1	21.0%	186.9
FY21 CCE	6,850	-6.5%	3,260	10.2%	268.0	3.0%	184.7
FY22 CCE	6,773	-1.1%	3,278	0.5%	266.4	-0.6%	180.9

TANF Cash Assistance Caseload



Fiscal Year	Monthly Children	Percent Change	Monthly Cost per Child	Percent Change	Expenditures (millions)	Percent Change	SGF (millions)
FY11	38,963	5.4%	111	-1.1%	\$52.0	4.2%	\$28.6
FY12	31,730	-18.6%	111	-0.6%	42.1	-19.0%	20.0
FY13	21,887	-31.0%	111	0.6%	29.2	-30.6%	8.1
FY14	17,681	-19.2%	112	0.7%	23.8	-18.7%	3.2
FY15	15,008	-15.1%	114	1.3%	20.4	-14.0%	-
FY16	12,482	-16.8%	113	-0.5%	16.9	-17.2%	-
FY17	11,139	-10.8%	112	-1.1%	14.9	-11.7%	0.3
FY18	9,605	-13.8%	114	2.0%	13.1	-12.0%	0.1
FY19	8,828	-8.1%	114	0.1%	12.1	-8.0%	-
FY20	9,511	7.7%	112	-2.0%	12.8	5.6%	-
FY21 CCE	9,229	-3.0%	127	13.9%	14.1	10.5%	-
FY22 CCE	9,021	-2.3%	125	-2.0%	13.5	-4.3%	-

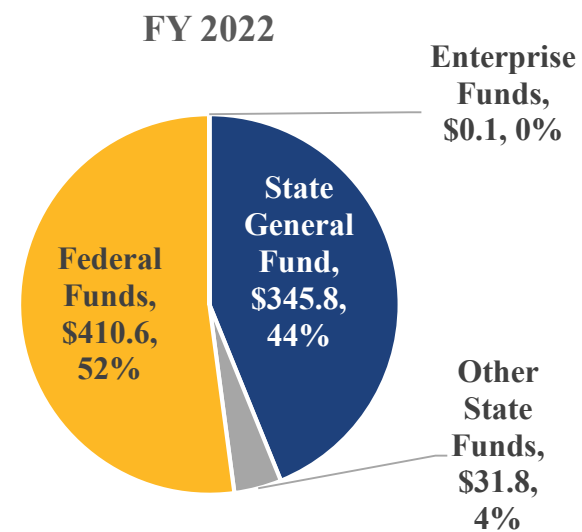
Child Care Assistance Caseload



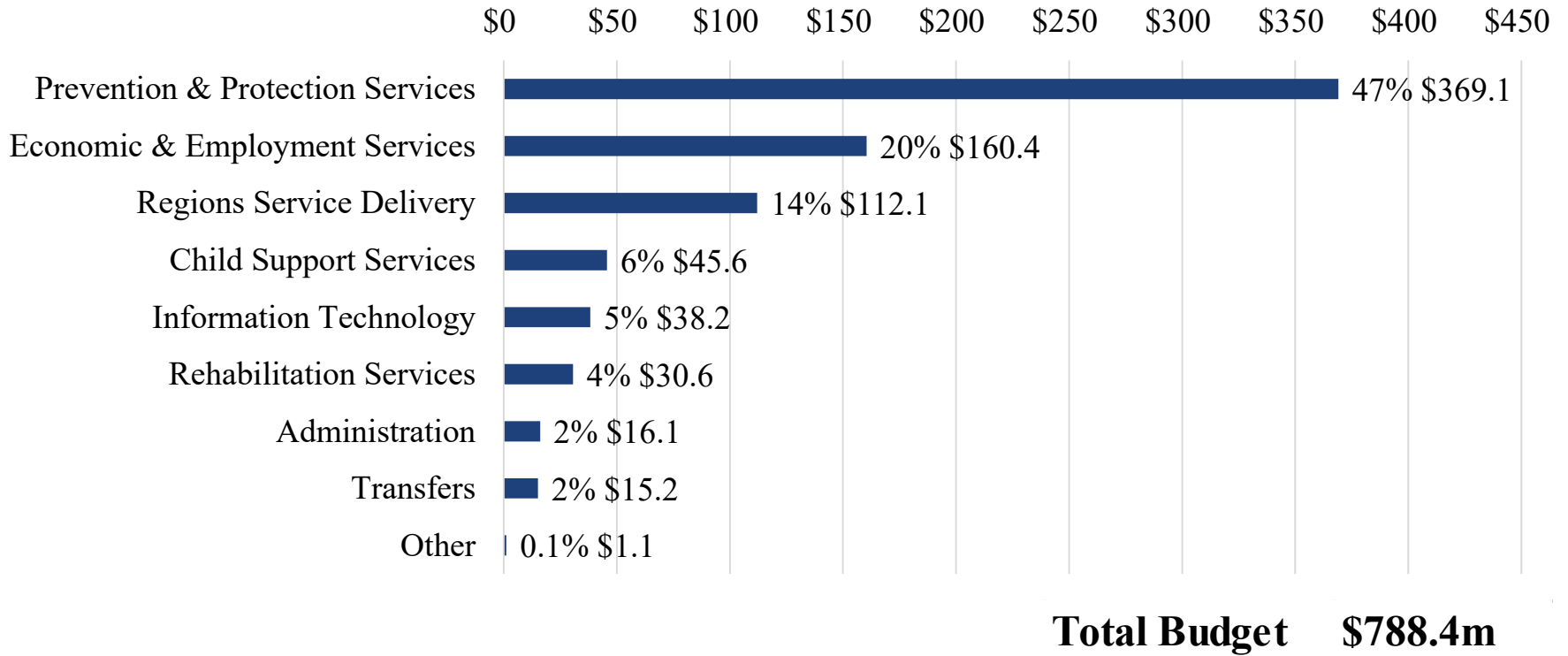
Fiscal Year	Monthly Children	Percent Change	Monthly Cost per Child	Percent Change	Expenditures (millions)	Percent Change	SGF (millions)
FY11	19,734	-2.9%	300	1.5%	\$71.0	-1.4%	\$20.5
FY12	17,682	▼ -10.4%	305	1.6%	64.6	▼ -9.0%	16.9
FY13	16,330	▼ -7.6%	308	1.3%	60.4	▼ -6.5%	16.8
FY14	14,429	▼ -11.6%	317	2.8%	54.9	▼ -9.2%	11.9
FY15	12,779	▼ -11.4%	323	1.9%	49.5	▼ -9.8%	12.0
FY16	11,214	▼ -12.2%	326	1.1%	43.9	▼ -11.3%	11.1
FY17	10,578	▼ -5.7%	332	1.7%	42.1	▼ -4.0%	10.4
FY18	9,263	▼ -12.4%	345	4.0%	38.4	▼ -8.9%	10.4
FY19	8,823	▼ -4.7%	377	9.3%	40.0	▲ 4.1%	10.4
FY20	10,126	▲ 14.8%	426	13.0%	51.8	▲ 29.7%	10.4
FY21 CCE	10,977	▲ 8.4%	533	25.0%	70.2	▲ 35.5%	10.4
FY22 CCE	10,346	▼ -5.7%	560	5.0%	69.5	▼ -1.0%	10.4

FY 2022 Budget Summary (millions)

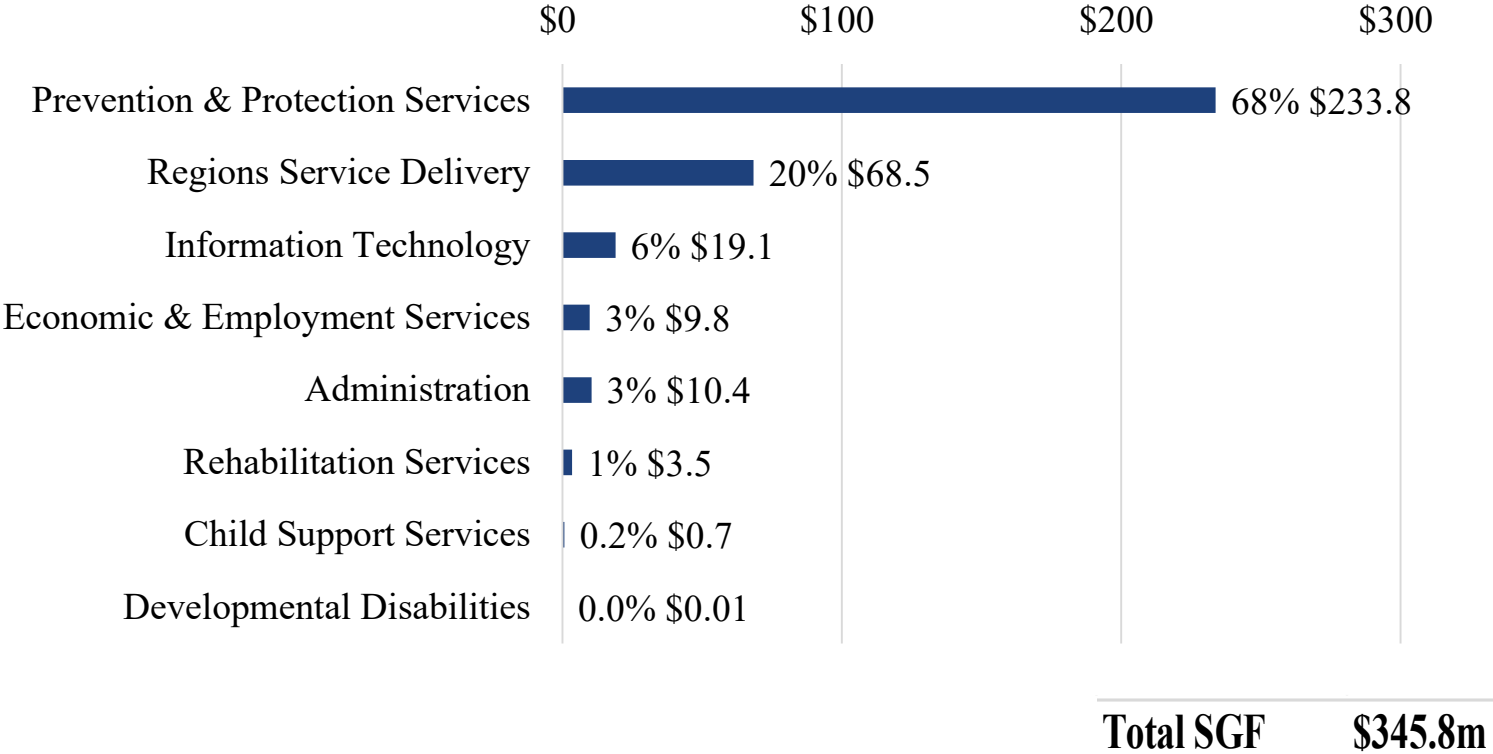
	FY 2021	FY 2022	Change
Total Budget	\$832.4	\$788.4	-\$44.0
Positions	2,549.9	2,537.9	(12.0)
Funding Sources			
State General Fund	\$348.9	\$345.8	-\$3.1
Other State Funds	\$27.3	\$31.8	\$4.5
Federal Funds	\$455.9	\$410.6	-\$45.3
Enterprise Funds	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.0
Total Funding	\$832.4	\$788.4	-\$44.0



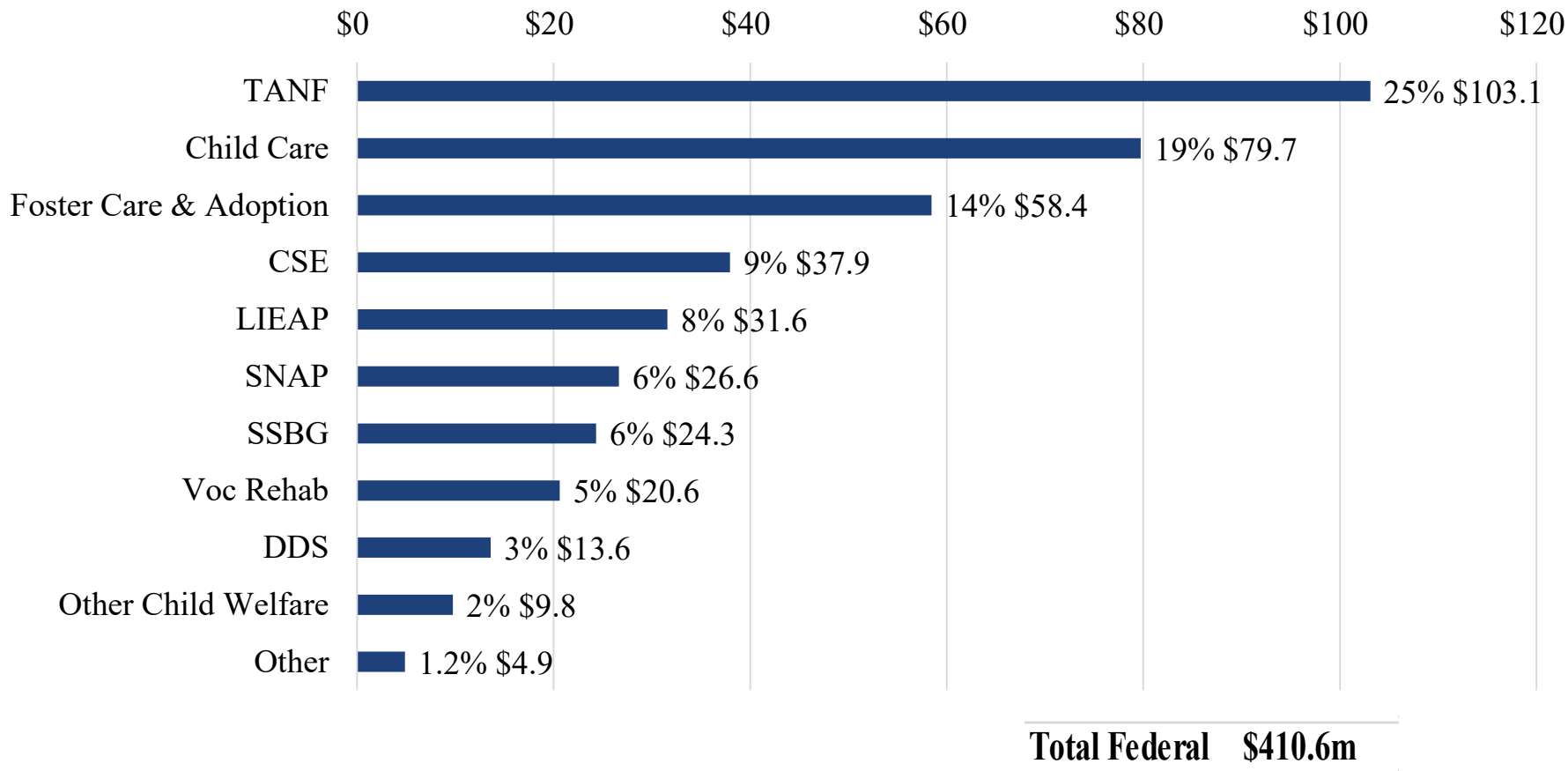
FY 2022 Expenditures by Program (millions)



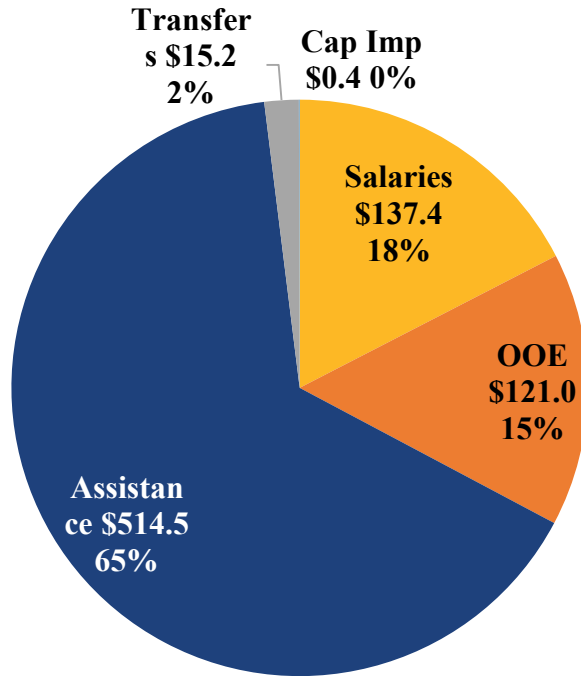
FY 2022 SGF by Program (millions)



FY 2022 Federal Funds (millions)



FY 2022 Expenditures by Category (millions)



Salaries

Regions	\$94.9
Prevention & Protection	11.1
Administration	8.4
Information Technology	7.4
Rehabilitation Services	6.9
Economic & Employment	6.2
Child Support	2.2
Dev. Disabilities	0.3
Total	\$137

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Child Support	\$43.2
Information Technology	30.8
Regions	17.1
Economic & Employment	9.2
Prevention & Protection	7.7
Administration	6.6
Rehabilitation Services	6.2
Dev. Disabilities	0.1
Total	\$121.0

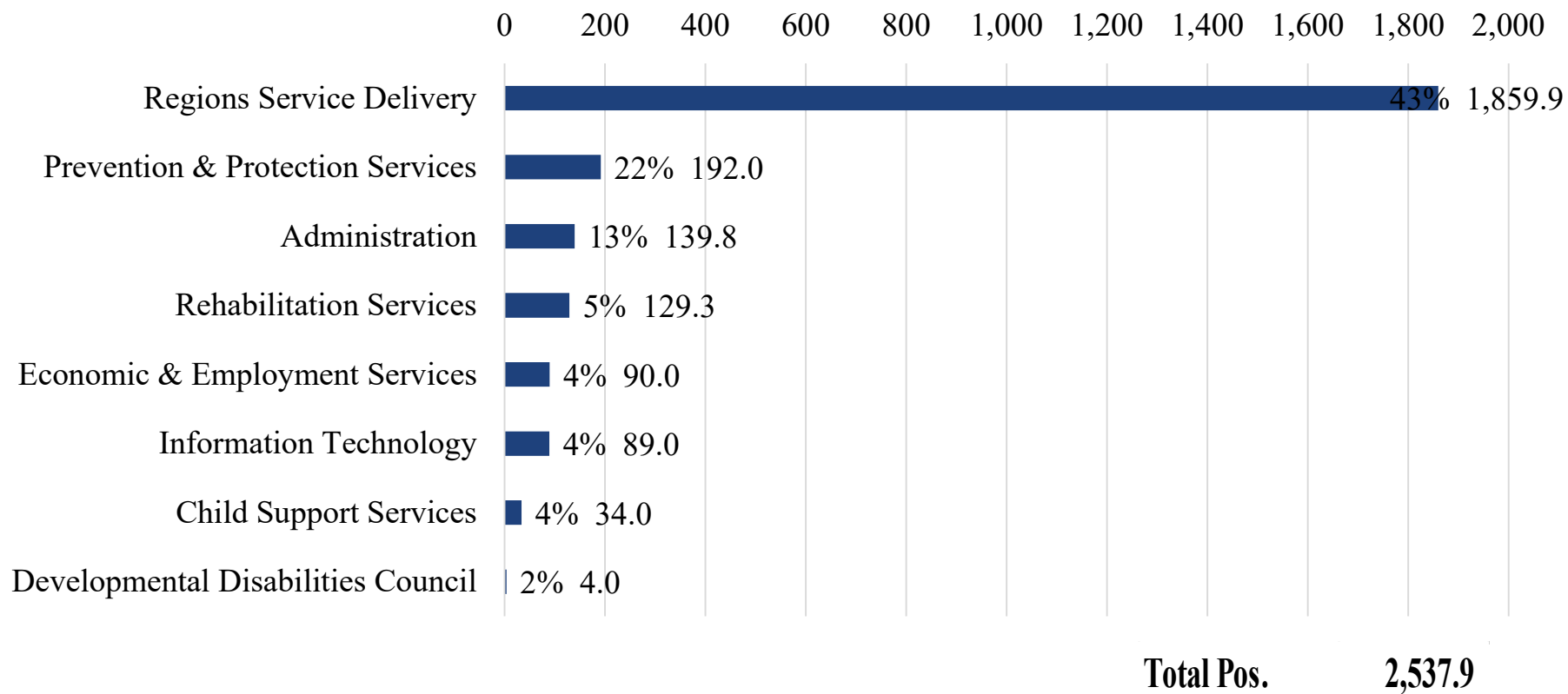
Grants & Assistance

Prevention & Protection	\$351.4
Economic & Employment	145.0
Rehabilitation Services	17.6
Dev. Disabilities	0.3
Child Support	0.2
Other	0.1
Total	\$514.5

Transfers \$15.2

Capital Improvements \$0.4

FY 2022 Positions



FY 2022 Budget Additions (millions)

FY 2022	All Funds	SGF
Enhancements		
Increase Adoption Subsidy	\$8.5	\$3.6
Family Crisis Response	3.0	3.0
Subtotal	11.5	6.6
Fall 2020 Consensus Caseload		
TANF Cash Assistance	0.9	-
Foster Care	8.7	5.0
Subtotal	9.6	5.0
Total	\$21.1	\$11.6

Enhancements (millions)

Enhancement	Description	FY 2021	
		All Funds	SGF
<p>Increase Adoption Subsidy Assistance</p> <p>Funds the increase in the Adoption Support caseload</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FY 2022 caseload estimate assumes a caseload increase of approximately 5% and a 1.5 percent increase in the monthly support payment. 	\$8.52	\$3.57

Enhancements (millions)

Enhancement	Description	FY 2021	
		All Funds	SGF
<p>Family Crisis Response and Support</p> <p>Addresses gaps in the crisis services continuum of behavioral health care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The centralized crisis call center for assessment with its attribute of mobile response to the location of the child is critical to children being stabilized in their own home – not in a hospital, PRTF, or detention center. Without this enhancement, overwhelmed systems of law enforcement, local schools and other community resources responding to crisis circumstances will experience continued strain. 	\$3.00	\$3.00

Reduced Resources (millions)

FY 2022 Reduced Resources		
	All Funds	SGF
End VR End Dependence Grants	\$0.00	(\$4.50)
Shift Funding for Re-platforming of CSS KAECSES System	-	(0.40)
Delay Desktop as a Service and Related Accessories	(0.26)	(0.19)
Delay in CCWIS Modernization Development	(2.00)	(1.00)
Replace SGF with Federal Child Care Funds	-	(3.00)
Hold Foster Care Case Management Providers to FY21 Rates	(2.31)	(2.13)
Reduce Pre-ETS Case Services to Projected Level	(2.35)	(0.50)
Total	(\$6.92)	(\$11.72)

The DCF budget submission included reductions totaling \$10.5 million all funds, of which \$16.5 million was from the State General Fund. Of this, \$3.39 million in all funds and \$4.78 million SGF was restored.

Restored Reduced Resources (millions)

FY 2022 Restored Reduced Resources		
	All Funds	SGF
Hold Foster Care Case Management Providers to FY20 Rates	\$1.58	\$1.45
Alternative Funding for Family First Grants	-	1.47
Reduce Family Service Community Based Grants	0.50	0.50
Reduce Family Services Flexible Spending	0.20	0.20
Reduce SGF for Family Preservation Services	0.87	0.80
Reduce/Eliminate Miscellaneous Grants	0.24	0.35
Total	\$3.39	\$4.78

TANF Balances (millions)

TANF Block Grant Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Est	FY22 Est	FY23 Est	FY24 Est	FY25 Est	FY26 Est	FY27 Est	FY28 Est
Beginning Balance	\$64.6	\$56.0	\$41.5	\$29.7	\$17.8	\$5.6	(\$6.7)	(\$19.2)	(\$31.9)
Revenue									
TANF Block Grant	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5
Total Available	\$166.1	\$157.5	\$143.0	\$131.2	\$119.2	\$107.1	\$94.8	\$82.2	\$69.5
Transfers-Out	14.5	17.1	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6
Expenditures									
Salaries and Operating Expenses	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.8
Foster Care Contracts	29.1	37.8	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5
TANF Cash Assistance	12.8	14.1	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
Youth Services Grants	17.3	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Early Head Start Grants	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Family Preservation	3.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
TANF Employment Services	2.3	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Healthy Families Program	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other TANF Expenses	10.1	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4
Total Transfers and Expenditures	\$110.1	\$116.0	\$113.3	\$113.4	\$113.6	\$113.8	\$114.0	\$114.2	\$114.4
Ending Balance	\$56.0	\$41.5	\$29.7	\$17.8	\$5.6	(\$6.7)	(\$19.2)	(\$31.9)	(\$44.9)

Legislative Proposals

- During these uncertain times, DCF is proposing a legislative agenda designed to support families and individuals by removing barriers they may encounter when seeking access to vital support services
- DCF's agenda prioritizes the needs of some of the state's most vulnerable populations and reinforces the agency's stated promise to enhance transparency

Legislative Proposals

- HB 2116, “Exempting the caregiver of a child in state out of home placement from the childcare assistance 20 hour per week work requirement”
- HB 2127, “Requiring the department for children and families to release information to the public related to a child fatality caused by abuse or neglect when criminal charges are filed related to the fatality.”
- HB (Bill No. pending), “We Kan Drive”
- HB 2150X, “APS”
- HB 2149, “Prohibited offenses”
- SB (Bill No. pending), “ABAWD”

DCF Program Updates



Class Action Settlement

- A class action lawsuit was filed in 2018 by Kansas Appleseed, Children's Rights and the National Center for Youth Law on behalf of named plaintiffs against the Governor, DCF, KDADS, and KDHE
- On July 8th, 2020 DCF announced that defendants have agreed to a settlement agreement
- Agreement set forth three categories of requirements for DCF to address including
 - Practice Improvements
 - Outcomes
 - Accountability reporting and implementation
- Work has already been underway on many of these requirements the past two years

Class Action Settlement

At-A-Glance

Accountability Reporting & Implementation

- Within 30 days of order, amend foster care provider agreements to include practice improvements and outcomes.
- Within 6 mos. of order, develop independent advisory group to inform action planning and improvement.
- Report and validate # and placement duration of youth placed in detention or juvenile justice placement & foster care caseloads.
- Validate performance data through a neutral entity.
- Annual Reporting Periods Jan-Dec, 2021-23 or possibly 2024 for 2 outcomes.

Practice Improvements

- Achieve Substantial Compliance by Oct 31, 2021 and sustain for 12 months with:
- End the use of offices for overnight stays.
- Ensure no placement exceeds its licensed capacity without an approved policy exception.
- No delay in authorizing mental health treatment.
- Ensure Crisis Intervention Services statewide.
- End night to night placements with exception to those deemed appropriate by CFSR placement stability standards by 12/21. End short term placements that are 14 days or shorter by 12/23.

Outcomes

- Sustain final outcome for 12 months.
- Placement stability for children entering care at a rate of 4.44 moves or fewer per 1,000 days in care.
- Children have initial trauma and mental health screen within 30 days of entering care.
- 90% of children have their mental health needs addressed as measured in federal case review.
- 90% of children are in a stable placement as measured in federal case review.
- Children in care in 12 month reporting period have 1 or fewer moves in the past 12 months.

Class Action Settlement

- Where we started – FY 19
 - Number of youth in care at end of fiscal year: 7,578
 - Average length of stay for those leaving state custody: 21.4 months
 - Average percentage of children in out of home placement living with relative: 32.5%
- Where we stand – FY 20
 - Number of youth in care at end of fiscal year: 7,061
 - Average length of stay for those leaving state custody: 20.6 months
 - Average percentage of children in out of home placement living with relative: 34%
- In the second half of FY 2020, the agency achieved a decrease in the number of children who had no overnight placement to an average of six per month, down from 16 per month in the previous six months
- From July 2019 to Dec. 2020 moves per 1,000 days in care dropped from 10.1 to 5.2
- From July 2019 to January 2020 only 10% of placements were for a duration of one calendar day
- As of July 8, 95.9% of children were in a stable placement as measured in federal case review

Kansas Practice Model

- The Kansas Practice Model (KPM) is a customized and integrated practice model designed to enhance our services to Kansas families and children
- Rolled out across the state in 2020
- Works to engage families to help them keep their children safe and prevent unnecessary removals
- KPM includes several new practice models including
 - Team Decision Making
 - Signs of Safety
 - Family Finding

Kin First

- A Kinship placement is when a family member or other close connection provides care for a youth in the foster care system
- According to Casey Family Programs, compared to youth in non-relative foster care, children in kinship care have:
 - Greater placement stability
 - Lower rates of reoccurring maltreatment
 - Better behavioral and mental health
- Kin First: if children need to be removed from their homes, seek to make every child's first, and hopefully only, placement with kin
- DCF will continue to place an emphasis on keeping children safely with kin

Family First Prevention Services

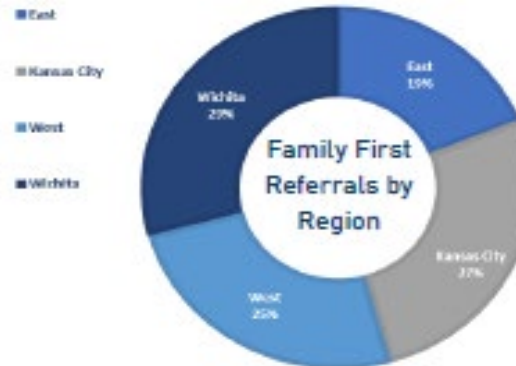
A Year in Review (10/1/2019 – 10/30/2020 unless otherwise noted)

Referrals to
Family First

1014 Families



DCF Prevention Referrals
January 2020 - October 2020



93.9% Of families referred to Family First services between October 2019 to June 2020 did not have a child placed outside of the home.

Children removed into out of home placement decreased by **15.7%** from SFY 2019 to SFY 2020.

Child Support Services

- Enrollment form shortened to two pages.
- Tribal contacts added to Enrollment Form.
- Policy Manual (pdf) posted to DCF public webpage.
- Email address created to contact state employees regarding child support matters: DCF.CSSOmbudsman@ks.gov
- Evaluation of Kansas IV-D program by Midwest Evaluation received in June 2020.
- Frequently Asked Questions made available on DCF website:
 - CSS IV-D Program
 - KPC How to make a Payment
 - Stimulus Payment (First EIP)
 - Modifications for Kansas Child Support Orders

Child Support Services

Midwest Evaluation

Recommendations:

1. Maximize the potential of privatization contracts.
 - Identify type of daily operations model
 - Increase Quality of Service
 - Simplify the system
 - Communicate better at all levels
2. Update the State-wide computer system (KAECSES).
 - Make changes to the system using technology
3. Modernize the Kansas IV-D program.
 - Identify and remove barriers to customers
 - Share more information
 - Learn from and adopt appropriate changes from high performers

- RFP for KAECSES issued in July 2020 and procurement in process
- Removing barriers
 - Policy and Procedure updates
 - Data Integrity and Analysis
 - Working to improve customer communication

Child Support Services

RFP

- 2021 RFP:
 - A detailed explanation of operations to be provided by bidder
 - The Purpose section sets out the top three priorities of CSS
 - 1) Timely, correct, and accurate casework
 - 2) A knowledgeable, fair, and professional workforce, and,
 - 3) A unified, one Kansas IV-D team approach.
- Required office hours and locations provided
- Position qualification minimums provided
- Mandatory processes identified
- Requires contractors to answer case related calls.
- Focus on outcomes within vendor's control such as processing of paperwork, escalation process, and mandatory case management items.
- Clearly identifies state responsibilities.

Pandemic-EBT

- The Pandemic-EBT program, authorized by federal Covid relief legislation, provides benefits to families whose children would have received free or reduced-price meals if the pandemic had not required schools to shut down
- In 2020, DCF worked with KSDE to distribute \$48 million in P-EBT benefits to over 160,000 Kansas families
- Program continues through the 2020-21 school year

Hero Relief Program

- Using CARES Act funds DCF created the Hero Relief Program which provided grants to childcare providers to continue their operations during the pandemic
- The program also provided childcare benefits to families of essential workers between May and October
- DCF distributed more than \$10 million in grants and benefits

Food Assistance

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 allows states to, due to the economic uncertainty of COVID-19, provide temporarily increased benefits through the food assistance program
- The maximum allotments for food assistance increased 15 percent for each household in January and will continue through June 2021
- For the six-month period, the maximum allowable allotment for a family of four has been temporarily increased to \$782

Questions?