

WELCOME STAKEHOLDERS



**SUMMER
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Meeting Agenda



- Welcome – Secretary Laura Howard
- Legislative Update – Andrea Warnke
- Budget Update – Dan Lewien
- Program Updates – Dep. Sec. Tanya Keys
- Focus on Initiatives – Secretary Howard

Message from the Secretary



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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER ANDREA WARNKE



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NOTIFICATION OF QRTP PLACEMENT

HOUSE BILL 2240

DCF requested introduction for House Bill 2240 as the request of the Office of Judicial Administration as a technical amendment to the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children.

HB 2240 clarifies and requires the clerk of the district court to provide stated parties with written notice when a child is placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), after receipt of such written notice from the Secretary for Children and Families.

Parties who must be notified per statute the petitioner; the attorney for the parents, if any; each parent at the last known address; the child, if 12 years of age or older; the child's guardian ad litem; any other party or interested party; and the child's court-appointed special advocate.

FOSTER CARE BUNDLE

HB 2024

DCF testified in support of all three original bills combined into House Bill 2024 during conference committee work. Those bills included HB2024, HB2034 and HB2194

CHILD ABUSE REVIEW EVALUATION EXAM / HB 2034

KDHE and DCF have continued to facilitate and expand the CARE program statewide by training DCF staff statewide on the referral processes. KDHE facilitates which provide medical diagnosis and treatment to children alleged to be victims of abuse or neglect by CARE trained providers.

NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES

The agency has posted required materials to be provided on the public website and provided notice of the link with materials to municipalities and Association of Fire Chiefs, including:

- Notice stating 60 days after surrender Parental Right Termination proceedings will commence.
- Questionnaire regarding birth parent and infant medical or background information including any tribal status information.
- List of grief, pregnancy, adoption or placement counseling services.
- A brochure on postpartum health.
- Rights of Birth Parents

FOSTER CARE BUNDLE HB2024 CONT.

GAIL FINNEY MEMORIAL FOSTER CARE BILL OF RIGHTS HB 2194

DCF has published the Foster Care Bill of Rights on our public facing website in the top banner:



Additionally, the agency is planning to integrate written Foster Care Bill of Rights materials into both the Foster Parent and Foster Child entry process.

Foster Child/Youth materials will include age-appropriate language conveying their rights.

DCF requested introduction and provided verbal testimony in both House and Senate committees. During conference committee, the contents of House Bill 2179 were inserted into House Bill 2094, which was passed in both chambers, vetoed by the Governor and then overridden.

This bill, allows individuals receiving childcare assistance, a continuous 12 months of eligibility, before checking for noncooperation with child support services, which previously disrupted benefits during the 12-month period.

12 MONTH CONTINUOUS CHILDCARE SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY



HB 2179

SNAP EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING FOR AGES 50- 59



HB 2140 / 2094

DCF submitted opponent verbal testimony in both House and Senate committees. During conference committee, the contents of House Bill 2140 were inserted into House Bill 2094, then passed in both chambers, vetoed by the Governor and overridden.

This bill, mandates that all non-exempt Food Assistance recipients ages 50 through 59, not working 30 hours a week, be required to participate in Employment & Training through DCF.

CROSSOVER YOUTH SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 2021 (+ HB 2033)

DCF testified neutral on House Bill 2021 which had multiple components but requires DCF to identify an evidence-based risk and needs assessment to administer to children identified as exhibiting behavior that could lead to juvenile offender charges during a child in need of care (CINC) case and to collaborate with the KDOC so identified children participate in programs funded by the Evidence-based Programs Account.

Additionally, if a child under the CINC Code and the Juvenile Code is eligible to receive services from DCF, KDOC, or the Judicial Branch, that these agencies collaborate to provide such services.

House Bill 2033 was added to this bill in conference committee, which replaces the term 'Mental health' with 'Behavioral Health' for admittance to a Juvenile Crisis Intervention Center. DCF testified in support of this original legislation.

FOSTER YOUTH BANK ACCOUNTS

DCF introduced and testified in support of House Bill 2247, which would have created the ability for Foster Youth, ages 16 or older, to open a bank account without a cosigner. The bill passed the house floor and is waiting in the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee until the 2024 session.



DCF BUDGET UPDATE

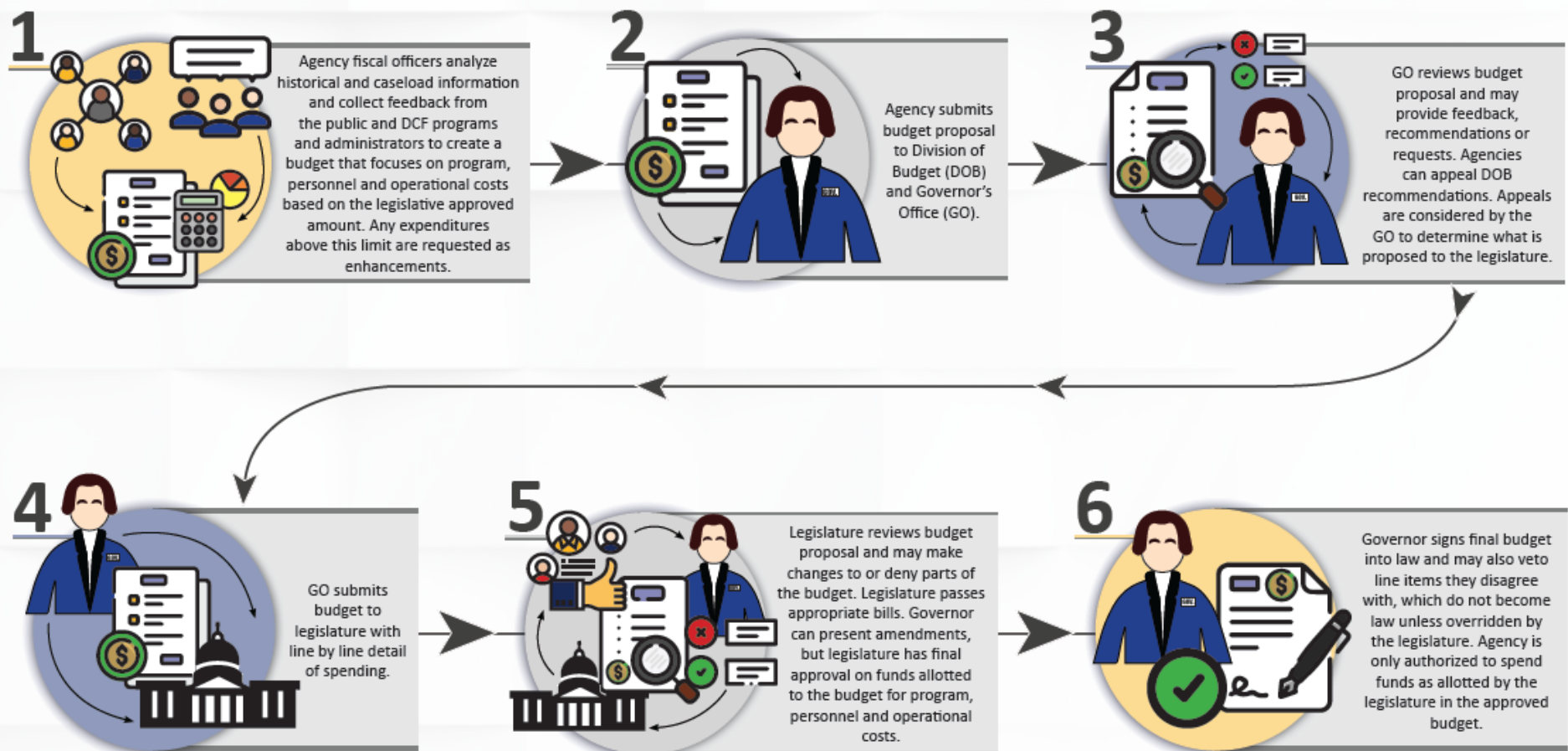


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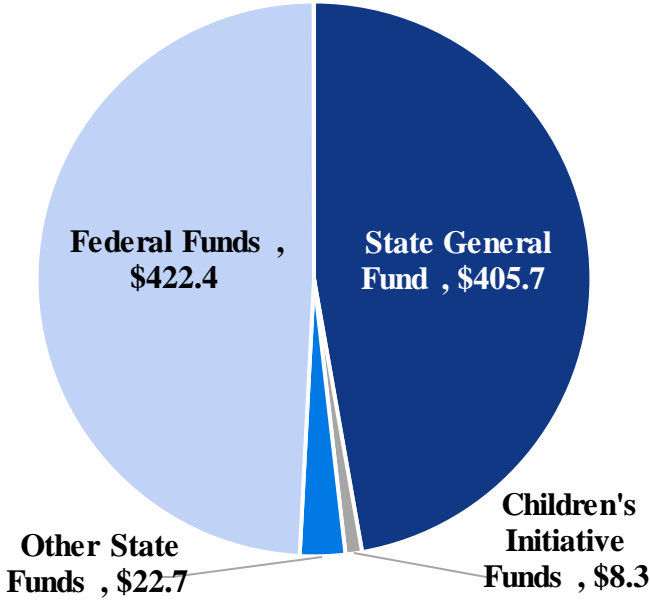
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DCF BUDGET CYCLE



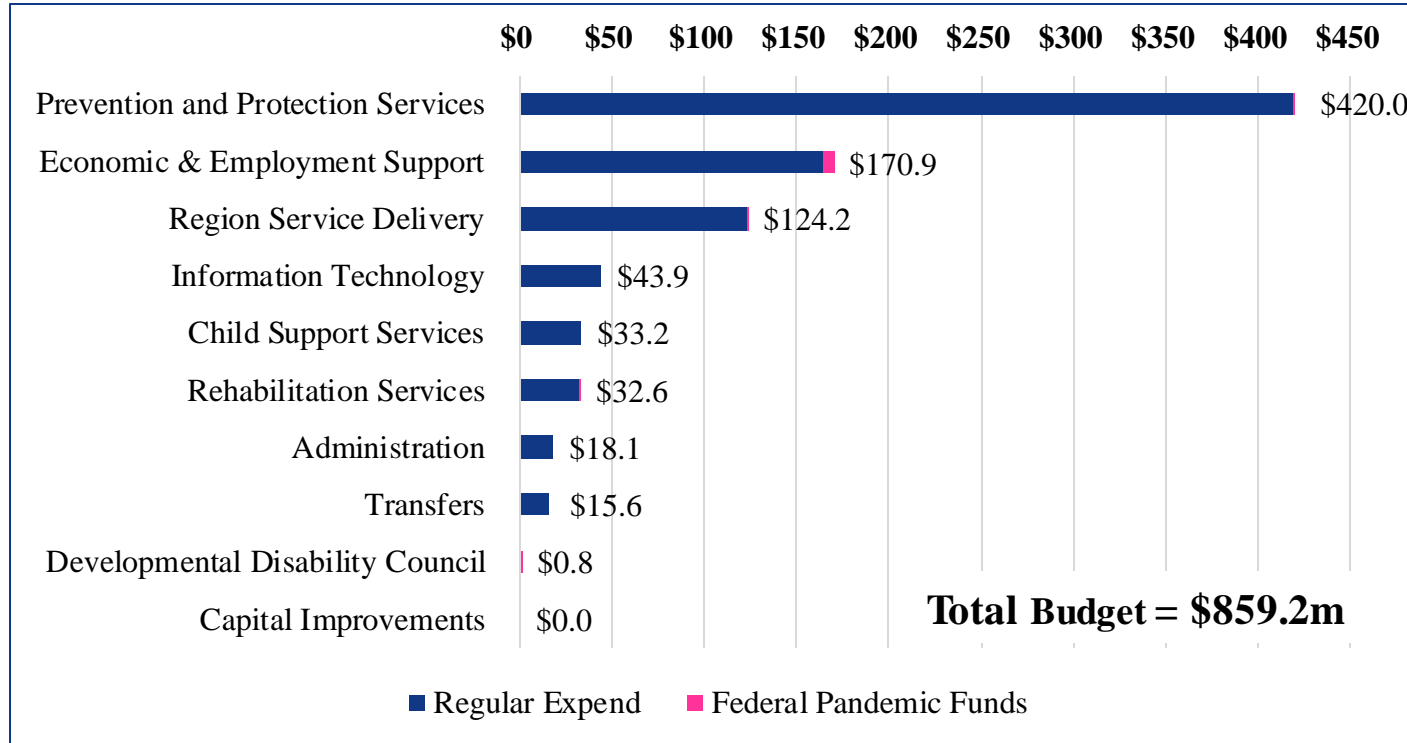
FY 2024 APPROVED BUDGET (MILLIONS)

	FY 24
Total Budget	\$ 859,202,131
Positions	2,642.7
Funding Sources	
State General Fund	\$ 405,740,526
Children's Initiative Funds	\$ 8,274,741
Other State Funds	\$ 22,666,654
Federal funds	\$ 422,387,895
Enterprise Funds	\$ 132,315
Total Funding	\$ 859,202,131
Federal Pandemic Funds	\$ 9,209,184



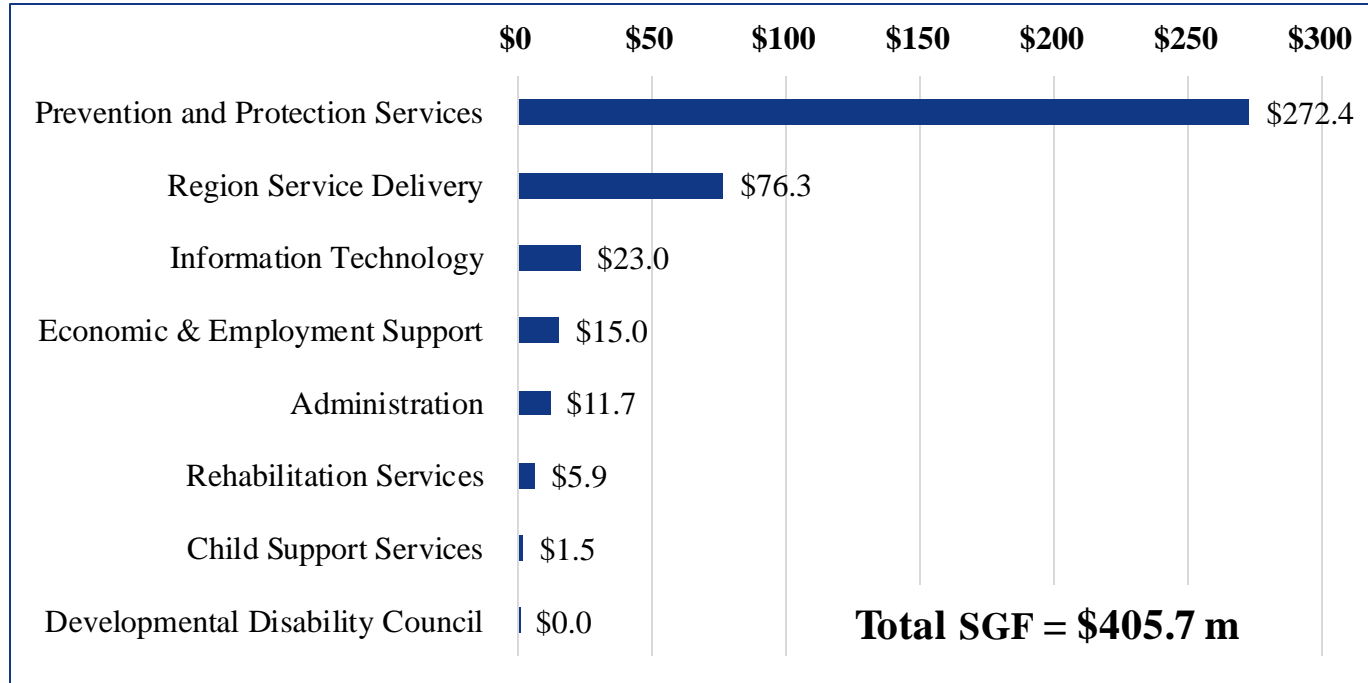
FY 2024 APPROVED BUDGET BY PROGRAM

(MILLIONS)



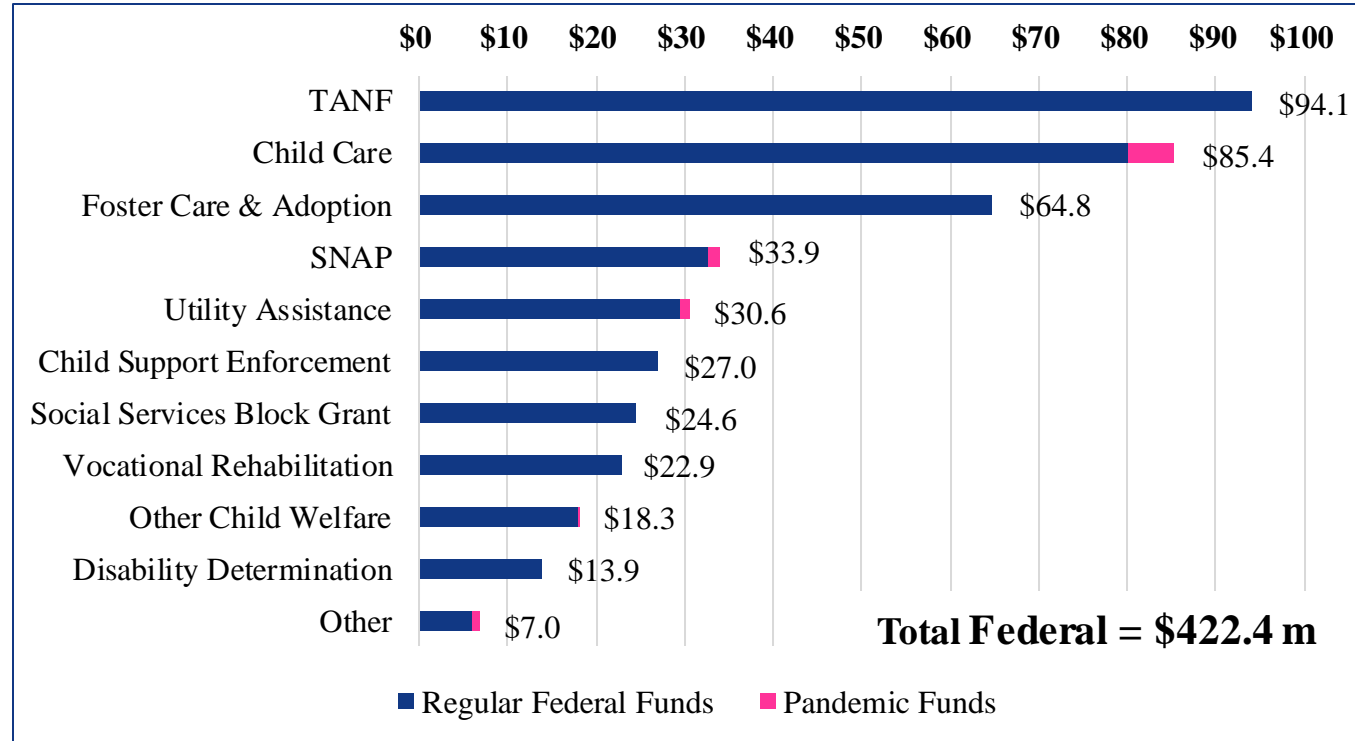
FY 2024 APPROVED SGF BY PROGRAM

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FY 2024 APPROVED FEDERAL FUNDS

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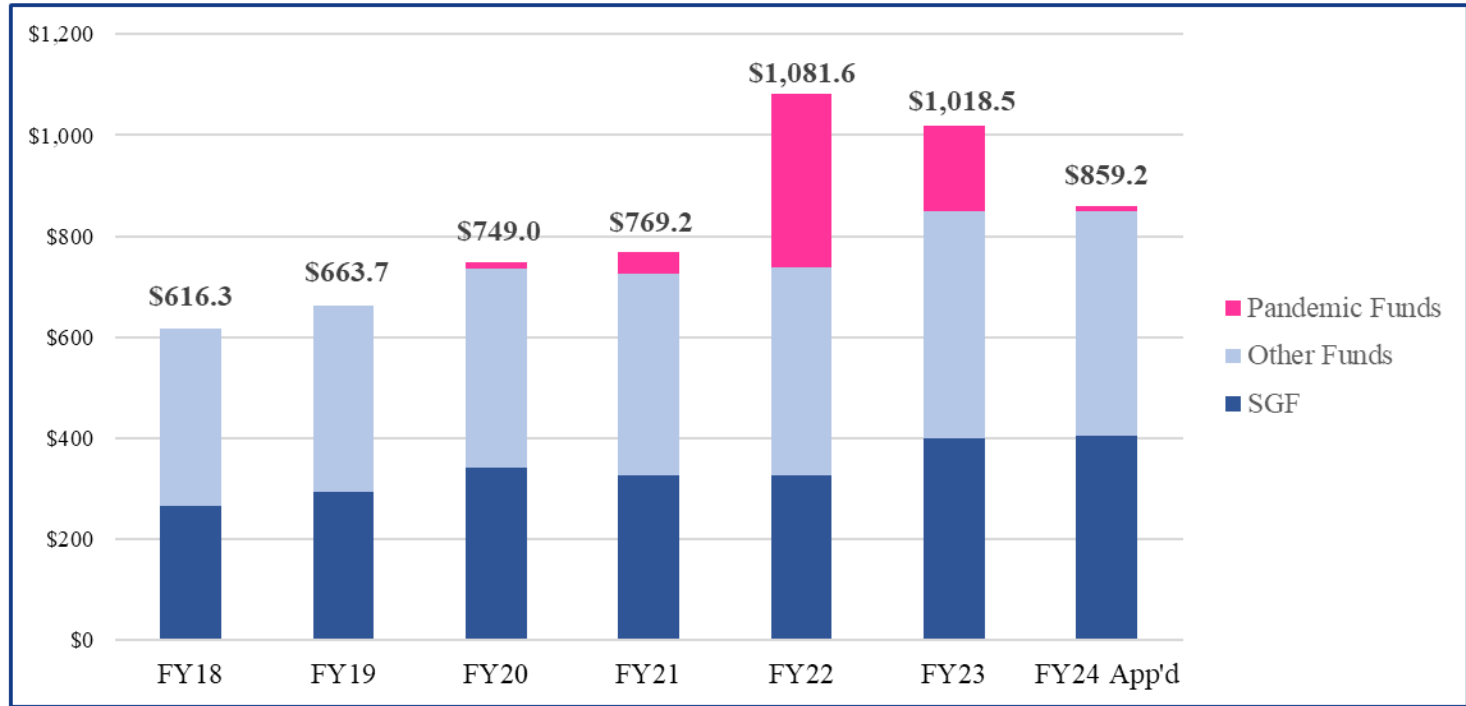


FEDERAL PANDEMIC FUNDING

\$576 million has been received in federal pandemic awards:

Federal Pandemic Fund	Awards	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 GBR	FY24 GBR
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$253.7	\$11.8	\$15.0	\$80.4	\$142.2	\$5.4
Child Care Crisis Stabilization	213.9	-	-	211.1	2.8	-
Low Income Energy Assistance	48.2	-	4.8	33.3	10.1	-
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.6	0.0	20.1	1.3	-	-
Low Income Water Assistance	9.4	-	-	1.7	6.6	1.0
Chaffee Independent Living	6.5	-	0.0	5.7	0.7	-
Pandemic-EBT	5.8	-	1.6	1.7	2.0	0.4
TANF Pandemic Emergency Assistance	5.1	-	-	5.0	0.2	-
SNAP Administration	4.4	-	-	1.3	2.2	0.9
Adult Protective Services	2.9	-	0.1	0.3	1.5	1.0
Emergency Food Assistance	1.5	0.2	0.8	1.0	-	-
Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment	0.9	-	-	0.3	0.3	0.3
Education Training Vouchers	0.9	-	0.0	0.7	0.1	-
Child Welfare Services	0.4	-	0.4	0.1	-	-
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	0.4	-	-	0.4	0.0	-
Other	0.4	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	\$576.0	\$12.0	\$42.7	\$344.3	\$169.0	\$9.1

DCF BUDGET FY 2018 - FY 2024



FY 2024 ADDITIONS TO THE BASE BUDGET

	All Funds	SGF
Base Budget	\$815.1	\$374.5
Governor's Enhancements	10.5	7.4
Legislative Adjustments	15.1	10.9
Consensus Caseload Adjustments	10.2	8.3
Pay Plan	8.3	4.7
Total Adjustments to Base Budget	\$44.1	\$31.2
Total DCF Approved Budget	\$859.2	\$405.7

The total includes non-expense transfers.

GOVERNOR'S DCF ENHANCEMENTS

FY 2024 Enhancement	All Funds	SGF	Explanation
Increase Relative & Kin Placement Rates in Foster Care	\$5,132,556	\$5,132,556	Increases the rate for relative and non-related kin placements from 46%-68% of the licensed foster home rates, depending on the placement level, to 70%, enabling more relatives and non-related kin to be a placement resource for children removed from their homes.
Rate Increase for Vocational Rehabilitation Services	1,094,891	233,212	Increases the rates to VR providers and vendors by 10% to assure an adequate supply of providers and vendors.
Increase for Centers for Independent Living*	216,783	216,783	Increases the reimbursement rates to CILs by 10% to adjust for cost of living increases. Rates have not been adjusted for eight years.
Expand the WeKanDrive Program for Independent Living Youth*	250,000	250,000	Increases base funding from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and would allow the program to expand from the East Region to the Wichita Region.
Increase Independent Living Subsidy	417,109	417,109	The maximum subsidy would be increased from \$700 to \$1,100 per month (approx. 100% of the poverty level). Not every youth receives the maximum: the actual subsidy paid is the difference between the youth's living expenses and other income such as wages and other assistance.
Additional SGF to Match Federal Child Care Funds	3,732,793	1,470,930	Currently, DCF has enough state funds to draw \$13.6 million of the \$15.8 million in available federal Child Care Matching funds. The \$1,470,930 SGF in the enhancement will allow an additional \$2.3 million in federal child care funds to be drawn as the federal child care pandemic funding ends.
Total	\$10,544,132	\$7,420,590	

* Subsequently adjusted by the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE ADDITIONS

FY 2024 Legislative Adjustments	All Funds	SGF	Explanation
WeKanDrive*	\$750,000	\$750,000	Increases the funding for WeKanDrive from \$500,000 to \$1.25 million allowing statewide coverage.
HOPE Ranch*	300,000	300,000	Continues funding for HOPE Ranch.
Expand Boys and Girls Club Services	780,000	0	Adds to the current \$2.6 million of TANF funds to cover cost increases.
Increase Funding for Centers for Independent Living*	216,783	216,783	An additional 10% was added for Centers for Independent Living (CIL) and Community Organizations proving Independent Living to Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIBs). This results in a 20% total increase for these organizations.
Expand Safe Families Services to Four Additional Counties	350,000	350,000	Expands the program into additional counties.
Therapeutic Foster Home Development	6,000,000	5,086,200	This expands the funding for child placing agencies to recruit, train and retain therapeutic foster homes.
Evidence Based Juvenile Services for Delinquent Youth	2,000,000	1,866,400	Ensure youth who enter FC receive evidence-based services. The agency will use Family Functional Therapy in the FC program.
Prevention Services for I/DD Youth	1,000,000	1,000,000	Funding to provide prevention services for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Currently working with partners to determine services and supports.
Expand Healthy Families to Four Additional Counties	972,000	486,000	Expands the Healthy Families America Program into additional counties.
Kan Coach Supervisor Program	350,000	291,655	Federal funding for the Kan Coach supervisor coaching program with KU is ending. This SGF allocation allows it to move to DCF and continue.

LEGISLATIVE ADDITIONS (continued)

FY 2024 Legislative Adjustments	All Funds	SGF Explanation
<i>Additional Funding for Bills Signed by the Governor</i>		
HB 2094, Child Support Cooperation for Child Care Assistance <i>Initially House Bill No. 2179</i>	\$1,365,488	\$0 The new law requires DCF to review child support cooperation by child care recipients/applicants at application and after every 12-month period of continuous eligibility. Previously, penalties for not complying with child support could be applied within the 12-month period. Funding includes \$865,488 for child care assistance and \$500,000 to modify the eligibility information system for this change.
HB 2094, Age for SNAP Work Program Participation <i>Initially House Bill No. 2140</i>	1,022,575	511,287 The new law increases the age for adults without dependents who must participate in the SNAP Work Program from 55 to 59. Funding includes \$631,512 for six positions and standard operating expenses, and \$391,063 for client employment and training supports.
Total	\$2,388,063	\$511,287

CASELOAD ADDITIONS

Additions from the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 consensus caseload meetings:

Caseload	All Funds	SGF Explanation
TANF Cash Assistance Caseload Adjustment	(\$1,700,000)	\$0 The downward trend in the TANF Cash Assistance caseload is expected to continue into FY2024. This adjustment accounts for the reduction in expected caseload. This amount is adjusted two times per year based on actual usage.
Foster Care Caseload Adjustment	11,867,444	8,267,444 With an increased emphasis on preventive services, the number of children in foster care continues to decline. However, additional FC services, higher acuity placements, and rate adjustments to address inflation more than offset the caseload savings.
Total	\$10,167,444	\$8,267,444

OTHER NEW FUNDING FOR FY 2024

- DCF will administer \$18 million in funds approved through the SPARK process for the Community Resource Capacity Program. These grants will enhance the availability and accessibility of health, education, and early childhood resources through improvement and expansion projects. The grants will be awarded in FY 2024 and must be spent by September 2026. The Agency is currently in the awarding process.
- DCF was awarded \$500,000 from the SPARK Efficiency and Modernization Funding through the Department of Administration. The award will provide contracted consultation and training services to the Economic and Employment Services (EES) Division. The funding will focus on strategies to reducing application backlog, speed processing times, and improve business process.
- All DCF benefits-eligible employees received a pay increase under the FY2024 legislative pay plan.
 - A majority of employees received a 5.0% increase in pay. These employees were within 15% of the market rate.
 - Some classifications received 10% to 15% increases including human services and protection services classifications among others. This brought pay closer to market for classification significantly under market.
 - Three staff received a 2.5% increase.

MAJOR REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN FY 2024

Item	All Funds	SGF	Explanation
Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) Development	17,000,000	8,500,000	During FY 2023, request for proposals (RPPs) were issued for the new CCWIS. We are now in the process of reviewing the proposals and plan to award contracts and start development in FY 2024. DCF has unspent funds from prior years that will be utilized to start the project. We will then request an enhancement in the upcoming budget cycle for the funds needed in subsequent years.
Vocational Rehabilitation Information System (KMIS) Development	3,750,000	798,750	Funds for the replacement of the current KMIS system were appropriated by the 2022 Legislature for FY2023. During FY 2023, planning was completed for the system and development planned for FY 2024. These funds are reappropriated to FY 2024 to create the new system.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE & PROVIDE INPUT



The Department for Children and Families is taking suggestions and comments as we move forward through the 2024 budget process.

Please send any questions or suggestions to :

DCF.Budget@ks.gov

PROGRAM UPDATES

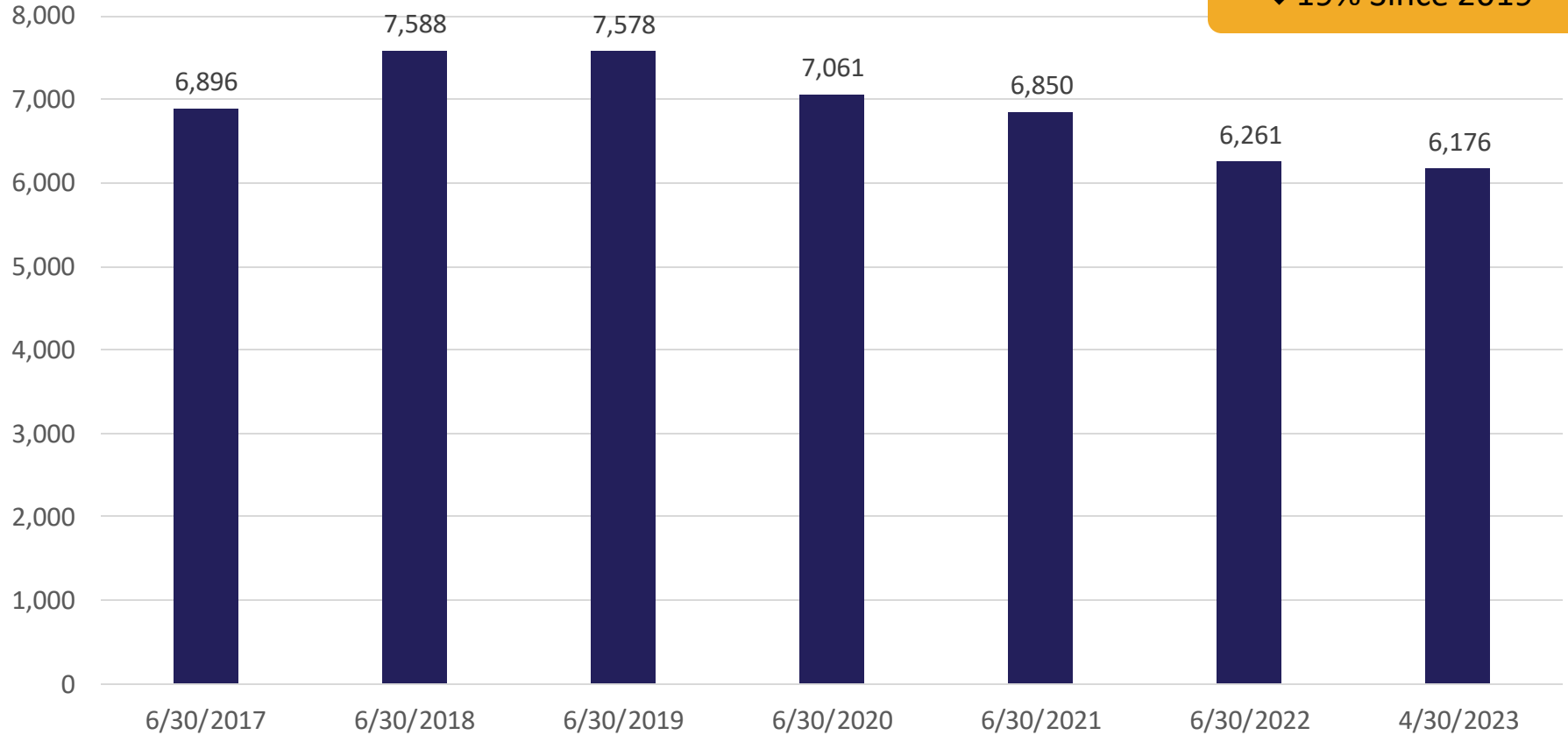


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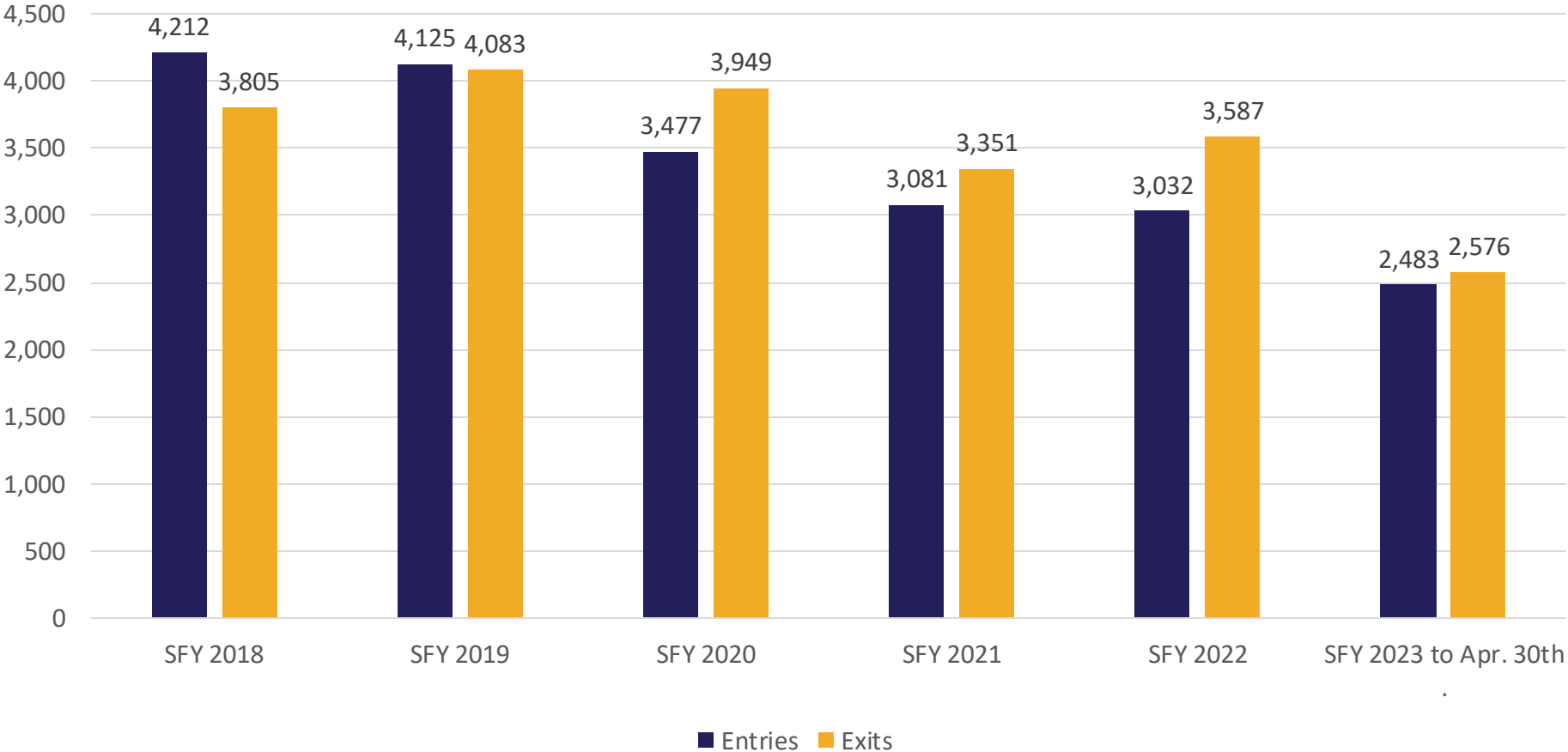
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

↓ 19% Since 2019



■ Number of Children In Foster Care

Children Entering & Exiting Foster Care Across Years



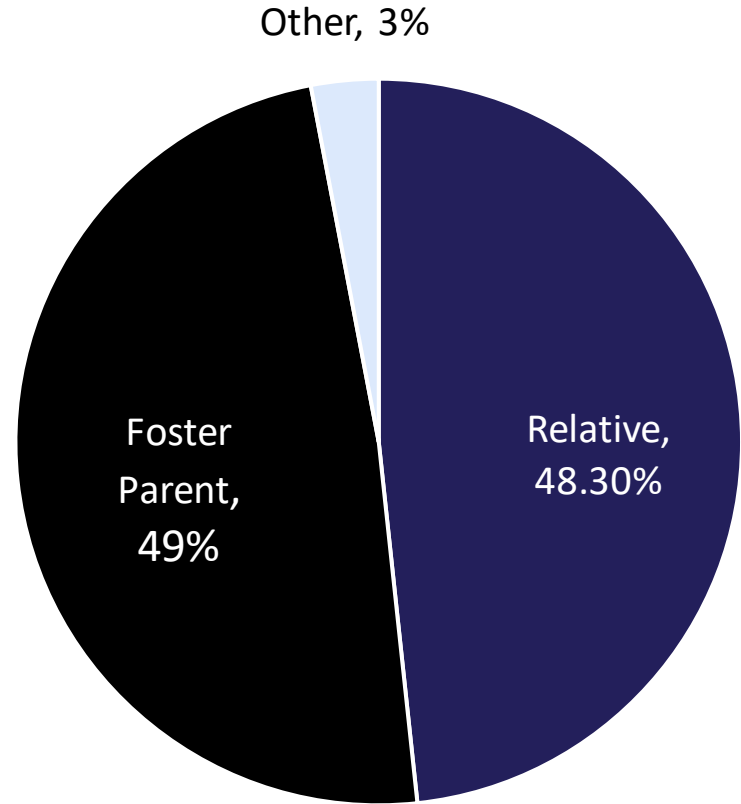
FINALIZED ADOPTIONS

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022 DATA

Adoptions increased in SFY2019 averaging just over 1,000 annually the past 4 years.

- The average age of a child at the time of the finalized adoption is 7 years with two-thirds of children adopted age 8 or younger (65%).
- The average length of time in care is 39 months and over half of children (59%) are adopted as part of a sibling group.

In SFY 22, nearly all 948 adoptions were finalized with a relative or foster parent and 48.7 % were with a foster family and 48.3% were with a relative.



Adoptive Parent Relationship, SFY
2022

STATUS UPDATE

FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES

- **Family Preservation Services (FPS)** Request for Proposal was released on June 2nd and will close on August 9th.
- Available to families in all 105 counties.
- Proposals may be for one or more of the 6 DCF regions.
- Proposals may include emerging, promising and/or evidence-based approaches to maintain children at home.

STATUS UPDATE

COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM

- The new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) will modernize state child welfare systems and develop interfaces between the various agencies serving the Child Welfare and Adult Protectives Services programs.
- Currently, there are five legacy systems of varying ages and capabilities supporting child welfare programs. Major components of the existing systems use aging mainframe technology, unsupported operating systems, and obsolete programming languages. This makes the present systems difficult and costly to maintain, modify, or improve. DCF is seeking three contractors for the CCWIS project.
- Bidders were encouraged to propose an approach and implementation timeline based on their proposed CCWIS solution. This encouragement included specifying their planned rollout / timeline of modules to allow families and workers to benefit from the modernization as soon as possible.
- When a vendor is awarded the contract, additional details will be provided around the implementation strategy and timeline.

STATUS UPDATE

FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGEMENT RFP

Capitalizing on feedback from stakeholders including Legislative Post Audit, Kansas Division of Child Advocate and the performance-based contracts community conversations, there are adjustments including

- Added flexible evidenced based approaches to family reintegration
- Added Settlement agreement improvements and requirements
- Updated federal outcome standards,
- Add requirement for caseload management using Council on Accreditation caseload standards
- Clarified Collaboration
- Added Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) implementation, and
- Clarified changes to financing procedures
- **Most Significant Change:** Bidders could describe **additional non case carrying support they might need to do their case management work** (such as augment with Functional Family Treatment team, mental health coordination liaisons, etc.) in order to meet outcomes and settlement requirements. In many instances in past iterations, contractors would have relied on other systems for part of this work, or we might have added resources during the course of the grant.

STATUS UPDATE

FAILURE TO PLACE: STAND BY BED CAPACITY

- To build capacity for placement stability, across levels of care, stand-by service grant opportunities have been opened to provide stand-by service accepting all children to prevent FTP and provide 24/7 care until the most appropriate placement has been identified.
- As of 05/30/23: 25 stand by placement beds in the FTP prevention network (10 family foster home placement beds [may fluctuate daily], 15 facility placement beds).
- Since 10/1/22: 108 youth across 122 instances served by stand-by bed network providers in either a family foster home level of care or a DCF group care facility avoiding FTP.
- 6-10 foster homes have opted out of the network after accepting the youth as long-term placement.
- Since 10/1/2022, FTP has reduced about 50% from same time frame the prior year.

STATUS UPDATE

FAILURE TO PLACE: STAND BY BED CAPACITY

100 youth are being followed for 1 year after their first Stand By Bed (SBB) using a case review instrument at 90-day intervals.

Stability

28 % Within
catchment area for
SBB

94% Had no FTP
after SBB

35% With only 1
placement since
SBB

79% have had no
runs since SBB

Demographics

54%
Female

61%
Ages 15 or
16

age range
10-18 years

An interview with a sample of youth who experienced Stand By Bed's will occur throughout summer 2023.

Context

54% of SBB were
family foster
homes

46% left SBB for a
family foster home

20% youth have
been released
from custody since
SBB

STATUS UPDATE

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

DCF is working to complete a new State Plan to implement changes required in HB2094 which includes ages 50-59 in mandatory employment & training for Food Assistance benefit.

Mandatory E&T per 2022 HB2448:

- The ABAWD client is aged 18 - 49; and
- The ABAWD client is not employed at least 30 hours a week.

Mandatory E&T for 18-49 went into effect 10/1/2022

- Averaging 572 clients per week since implementation
- Sanctioned a total of 863 clients since mandatory program began

STATUS UPDATE

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSITION TASK FORCE

DCF is participating in the Governor's Early Childhood Task Force.

This week the task force is hosting 9 Community Engagement sessions across the state of Kansas to learn more about how families and communities are navigating the state's current system of programs. Each meeting will be conducted with the assistance of The Hunt Institute.

PRIORITIES



SECRETARY LAURA HOWARD



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FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES

OUTCOMES: OCTOBER 2019 – APRIL 2023



**FAMILY FIRST
REFERRALS**
3,645 Referrals

88%

of target children and youth who have reached 12 months from the time-of-service referral remained together at home without need for foster care

76%

of families referred to Family First were engaged timely in services (within 2 days)

47%

of cases serviced and closed had successfully completed the referred service

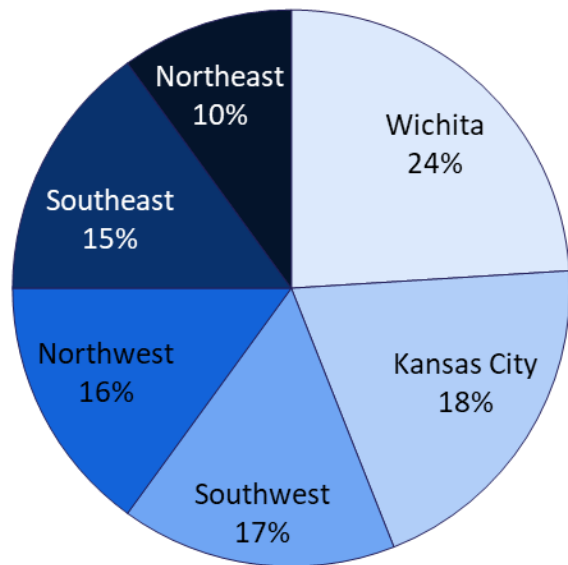
5%

of target children and youth served have been placed in foster care during an open Family First case

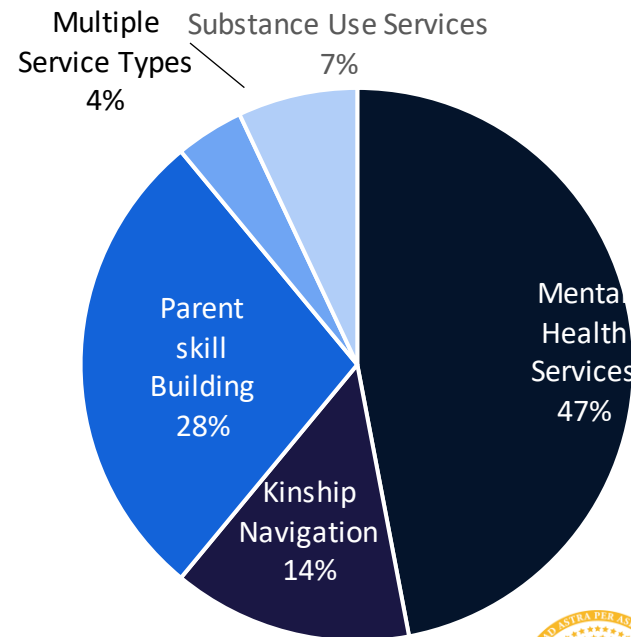
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES

OUTCOMES: OCTOBER 2019 – APRIL 2023

Referrals by Region



Services Referred



STATUS UPDATE

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION GRANTS

PARENT SKILL BUILDING AND KINSHIP NAVIGATION GRANTEEES

Parent Skill Buidling Agency	Evidence-Based Program	FY 2024 Award
Child Advocacy and Parenting Services, Inc.	Family Mentoring	\$414,353.92
Great Circle (acquired by KVC in 2023)	Healthy Families America (HFA)	\$395,475
Kansas Children's Service League	Healthy Families America (HFA)	\$1,555,000
FosterAdopt Connect	Fostering Prevention	\$543,134
Kansas Parents as Teachers Association	Parents as Teachers Bright Futures Program	\$1,000,000
Saint Francis Ministries	Family-Centered Treatment	\$4,798,000
Kinship Navigation Agency	Evidence-Based Program	FY 2024
Kansas Legal Services	Kids 2 Kin	\$324,158

STATUS UPDATE

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION GRANTS

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, MENTAL HEALTH & PRIMARY PREVENTION GRANTEES

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AGENCY	EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM	FY 2024
DCCCA	Substance Treatment and Recovery Teams (START)	\$921,606
Kansas Children's Service League	Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP)	\$310,344.98
KVC	Strengthening Families	\$200,000
Saint Francis Ministries	Seeking Safety	\$700,000

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AGENCY	EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM	FY 2024
Community Solutions, Inc.	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	\$6,409,472
TFI Family Services	Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	\$1,150,000

OTHER PRIMARY PREVENTION	PROGRAM	FY2024
Kansas Legal Services	Parent Advocate Program	\$1,094,577
Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office	Community Support Specialist	\$85,359

STATUS UPDATE SOUL

Support ● Opportunity ● Unity ● Legal relationships

This partnership with Annie E Casey Foundation (AECF) is based on a proposed permanency option for older youth. Ideally, young Kansans, age 16 and older, could choose one or more caregivers to be their SOUL Family without severing their biological family ties.

SOUL has 4 workgroups to collaborate on CINC code changes and implementation needed for Kansas.

Proposed revisions to statutory language are currently being refined and will be ready to share with the committee in coming months!

Work groups include:

Youth and young adult leaders with lived experiences,
OJA, advocates, case management and other providers, DCF, and Annie E. Casey Foundation

WHAT HAPPENED IN IOWA?

4 QUESTION PILOT PROGRAM



A legislative change that requires to order a removal, the court is **required to find by “substantial evidence”** the need for removal outweighs the potential harm removal would cause the child



A legislative change that requires a judge to seek: “the **least restrictive care** for the child with a preference for placement with a child’s family or a fictive kin.”



A pilot project resulted in a **50% reduction** of children coming into care



An increase in the initial placement with **family** and **relatives**

4 QUESTIONS

IOWA PILOT PROGRAM



**Before removing a child from a home,
have you asked:**



1. What can we do to
remove the **danger**
instead of the child?



3. Can the caregiver and
the child go **live with a
relative or family friend?**



2. Can someone the child
or family knows **move
into the home** to remove
the danger?



4. Could the child **move
temporarily** to live with
a relative or family
friend?

Questions sourced from: *4 Questions, 7 Judges*, an Iowa-based Judicial Pilot Program. Read more in: Tabor, M., 2020. Transformation in Child Welfare. *The Iowa Lawyer*, 80 N5(June 2020), pp.10-12.

STATUS UPDATE

KANSAS IMPLEMENTATION

- DCF practitioners asking these questions when engaging with families
- Family engagement – in TDMs and Safety discussions
- DCF Court Recommendations
- DCF Grantees
- Legal Trainings – past and future
- Court engagement
- Court partner discussions
- Community engagement

STATUS UPDATE

COLLABORATION WITH KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER

The Wichita Region sought to understand and address why Sedgwick County has a higher need for foster care. DCF is partnering with the Kansas Leadership Center through an innovative approach to community engagement with key stakeholders for the ultimate goal of improving the disproportionate need for foster care in Sedgwick County.

KLC will partner with the Wichita region to hold community meetings to better understand the challenges and opportunities to safely reduce the need for foster care in Sedgwick County.

Reporting starts in August and the agency will have additional updates as we move through KLC's outcomes and impact data.

FY24 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

EXPAND THERAPEUTIC FAMILY FOSTER HOME CAPACITY



Therapeutic Family Foster Homes (TFFH) went live July 1, 2022. Therapeutic FFH's provide 24hour care for children and youth with high acuity needs with the goal to meet their safety and well-being needs in the community rather than a congregate care or treatment Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

DCF has approved **13** Therapeutic Foster Homes, with 14 youth in placement.

Basic 1,2,3 Family Foster Home
Intensive 1,2 Family Foster Home
Treatment Transition Family Foster Home
Therapeutic Family Foster Home
Congregate Care (Shelters, YRC II, QRTP, Secure Care, etc.)

FY24 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

EXPAND THERAPEUTIC FAMILY FOSTER HOME CAPACITY

Provide step down for youth from:

- Youth Residential Center (YRC II)
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (Q RTP)
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)
- Acute bed – 3-5 days short term


Provide Placement for youth at risk of:

- DCF Custody
- PRTF Treatment

With the addition of \$6M dollars from the legislature, DCF is thankful to expand this program as Therapeutic foster parent(s) are an integral part of Therapeutic Foster Care and assist in achieving stability and timely permanency.

The agency is planning events to garner stakeholder input on how best to implement these additional dollars for this program.

FY24 BUDGET APPROPRIATION



EVIDENCE BASED
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
IN FOSTER CARE

\$2M awarded to provide Evidenced Based services for children in Foster Care.

The evidence-based service desired is Functional Family Therapy and DCF will meet with case management providers to understand best way to procure and arrange training and staffing for practice model implementation

\$1M for Foster Care prevention services to families whose children are living with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

DCF has had initial call with Interhab and upcoming call with Community Developmental Disability Organizations and child placing agencies to understand types of services and supports that will prevent foster care for families.

FY24 BUDGET APPROPRIATION



INTELLECTUAL AND
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