

Department of Economic Security
Children, Youth and Families

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ESTIMATE	FY 2009 JLBC
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	1,535.5	1,535.5	1,535.5
Personal Services	56,175,200	59,646,900	59,646,900
Employee Related Expenditures	20,988,300	19,482,600	19,482,600
Professional and Outside Services	1,864,900	767,900	767,900
Travel - In State	2,140,400	2,337,600	2,337,600
Other Operating Expenditures	6,121,700	9,565,800	9,565,800
Equipment	1,679,500	0	0
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	88,970,000	91,800,800	91,800,800
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Children Services			
Children Support Services	52,543,400	62,282,400	62,282,400
CPS Emergency Placement	4,653,900	5,186,500	5,186,500
CPS Residential Placement	24,474,400	17,710,000	17,710,000
Foster Care Placement	21,673,900	23,362,600	23,362,600
Family Support			
Healthy Families	10,749,900	13,750,000	13,750,000
Family Builders Program	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000
Intensive Family Services	1,985,600	1,985,600	1,985,600
Child Abuse Prevention	35,700	826,900	826,900
Joint Substance Abuse - AZ Families F.I.R.S.T.	6,189,400	7,224,500	7,224,500
Other Services			
Independent Living Maintenance	0	3,136,000	3,136,000
Education and Training Vouchers	352,100	700,000	700,000
Homeless Youth Intervention	375,300	400,000	400,000
Comprehensive Medical & Dental Program	1,859,800	2,057,000	2,057,000
Permanent Guardianship Subsidy	6,182,600	8,051,600	8,051,600
Adoption Services	42,892,200	46,928,300	46,928,300
Adoption Services - Family Preservation Projects	18,700	1,000,000	1,000,000
Adoption Services - Academic Tutoring	0	300,000	300,000
CPS Appeals	710,100	732,900	732,900
Attorney General Legal Services	10,227,800	12,273,900	12,273,900
PROGRAM TOTAL	279,094,800	304,909,000	304,909,000
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	185,969,300	211,221,300	211,221,300
Other Appropriated Funds			
Child Abuse Prevention Fund	785,700	1,576,900	1,576,900
Children and Family Services Training Program Fund	84,600	209,600	209,600
Federal TANF Block Grant	92,255,200	91,901,200	91,901,200
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	93,125,500	93,687,700	93,687,700
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	279,094,800	304,909,000	304,909,000
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	850,100	890,000	890,000
Federal Funds	186,572,000	178,173,800	178,173,800
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	466,516,900	483,972,800	483,972,800

CHANGE IN FUNDING SUMMARY

	FY 2008 to FY 2009 JLBC	
	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	0	0.0%
Other Appropriated Funds	0	0.0%
Total Appropriated Funds	0	0.0%
Non Appropriated Funds	0	0.0%
Total - All Sources	0	0.0%

COST CENTER DESCRIPTION — The program provides staff resources, such as Child Protective Services (CPS) workers; an array of contracted services for abused, neglected, or abandoned children; and medical and dental care for foster children.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2009
	Actual	Actual	Actual	JLBC
• % of newly hired CPS specialists completing training within 7 months of hire	100	100	100	100
• % of children in out-of-home care who have not returned to their families or been permanently placed elsewhere for more than 24 consecutive months	23	21	23	19
• % of CPS reports responded to by CPS staff	100	100	100	100
• % of CPS original dependencies cases where court denied or dismissed	<1	<1	<1	<1
• % of Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) where CPS case findings are affirmed	85	84	90	90
• % of CPS complaints reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide where allegations are reported as valid by the Ombudsman	14	15	12	13
• Average # of days spent in shelter placements Comments: Reducing this measure was a stated goal of the department in their <i>Strengthening Families: A Blueprint for Realigning Arizona's Child Welfare System</i> .	--	--	37	15
• # of children in shelter care more than 21 days Comments: Reducing this measure to 0 by FY 2007 was a stated goal of the department in their <i>Strengthening Families: A Blueprint for Realigning Arizona's Child Welfare System</i> .	1,127	840	1,214	0
• # of children under 3 in shelter care Comments: Reducing this measure to 0 by FY 2007 was a stated goal of the department in their <i>Strengthening Families: A Blueprint for Realigning Arizona's Child Welfare System</i> .	108	44	36	0
• # of children under 6 in group homes Comments: Reducing this measure to 0 by FY 2007 was a stated goal of the department in their <i>Strengthening Families: A Blueprint for Realigning Arizona's Child Welfare System</i> .	154	49	24	0

Operating Budget

The JLBC includes \$91,800,800 and 1,372.9 FTE Positions for the operating budget in FY 2009. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	\$61,447,000
Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant	30,144,200
Children and Family Services Training Program Fund	209,600

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

Children Services Overview

The JLBC includes funding for Children Services in 4 separate line items. This funding provides for out-of-home placements and in-home and out-of-home services for children and families in the CPS system.

Table 1 summarizes funding from all sources for children services in the current line item structure.

Of the \$37,275,200 in other appropriated funds, \$36,525,200 are from the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant. The federal government caps the amount of TANF Block Grant monies that can be transferred to the federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) at 10%. Monies in the line item are deposited into the federal SSBG; once deposited, the monies are spent on the Children Services program.

General Fund	2,180,100
Federal TANF Block Grant	3,006,400

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The CPS Emergency Placement line item provides funding for immediate, short-term placements until a more permanent foster care or residential placement can be arranged. The department is working to decrease the number of out-of-home emergency placements. When out-of-home placements are necessary for the safety of the child, DES is working to place them in the most family-like setting possible. These efforts are expected to create a declining caseload in short-term congregate placements. In June 2007, 270 children were reported in emergency placements at an average monthly cost of \$2,110 per child.

Table 1				
FY 2009 Children Services				
	Children Support Services	CPS Emergency Placement	CPS Residential Placement	Foster Care Placement
Clients ^{1/}	14,561	270	1,447	7,333
General Fund	\$45,403,300	\$ 2,180,100	\$ 6,543,400	\$ 17,139,500
Other Appropriated	<u>16,879,100</u>	<u>3,006,400</u>	<u>11,166,600</u>	<u>6,223,100</u>
Appropriated Total	62,282,400	5,186,500	17,710,000	23,362,600
Federal Funds	8,519,200	5,431,400	23,543,400	18,669,400
Other Non-Appropriated	-	-	-	<u>890,000</u>
Total – All Funds	\$70,801,600	\$10,617,900	\$41,253,400	\$ 42,922,000
General Fund Total				\$ 71,266,300
Other Appropriated Total				37,275,200
Federal Funds Total				56,163,400
Other Non-Appropriated Total				<u>890,000</u>
Total				<u>\$165,594,900</u>

^{1/} Client counts are as of October 2007. The Children Support Services count includes only in-home services to avoid double counting.

CPS Residential Placement

The JLBC includes \$17,710,000 for CPS Residential Placement in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	6,543,400
Federal TANF Block Grant	11,166,600

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The Residential Placement Special Line Item provides funding for the placement of children in the CPS system into group homes and treatment centers. These residential placement services are used for children who need behavioral or other therapeutic treatment. In June 2007, 1,447 children were reported in residential placements at an average monthly cost of \$2,900 per child.

Children Support Services

The JLBC includes \$62,282,400 for Children Support Services in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	45,403,300
Federal TANF Block Grant	16,129,100
Child Abuse Prevention Fund	750,000

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The Children Support Services line item provides support services for both in-home and out-of-home clients to ensure the well being of children who are abused and neglected. This does not include the cost of residential placement for children in out-of-home care. For June 2007, the department reported 9,802 out-of-home clients and 5,453 in-home cases. Monthly reports of abuse averaged 2,813 for FY 2007. About 209 per month were substantiated. There is no report of how many of these children received children support services.

CPS Emergency Placement

The JLBC includes \$5,186,500 for CPS Emergency Placement in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

Foster Care Placement

The JLBC includes \$23,362,600 for Foster Care Placement in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	17,139,500
Federal TANF Block Grant	6,223,100

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The Foster Care Placement Special Line Item provides funding for the placement of children in the CPS system into foster homes. This Special Line Item only includes the cost of placement, not additional support services. In June 2007, 7,333 children were reported in foster care. Of that number, 3,172 children were placed with relatives in unlicensed foster care, which receives no placement funding. The remaining 4,161 children were in licensed foster care at an average monthly cost of \$910 per child.

Family Support

Healthy Families

The JLBC includes \$13,750,000 for Healthy Families in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	8,715,800
Federal TANF Block Grant	5,034,200

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The Healthy Families program provides contracted services to children less than 5 years of age and members of their families and is designed to prevent child abuse or neglect and promote child development and wellness. The program will serve approximately 5,700 clients in FY 2008 with a total cost of about \$3,700 per family.

Family Builders Program

The JLBC includes \$5,200,000 from the Federal TANF Block Grant for the Family Builders Program in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

Through the Family Builders Program, community based providers offer assessment, preservation, and support services to families of children who are in the CPS system. There is an average of 218 referrals per month to the Family Builders Program.

Intensive Family Services

The JLBC includes \$1,985,600 from the General Fund for Intensive Family Services in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

The program provides contracted intensive, time-limited services to families whose children are at imminent risk of out-of-home placement due to abuse, neglect, or dependency. Cost per family is projected to be \$3,247 for 612 families.

Child Abuse Prevention

The JLBC includes \$826,900 and 1 FTE Position from the Child Abuse Prevention Fund for Child Abuse Prevention in FY 2009. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The program provides financial assistance to community treatment programs benefiting abused children and their parents or guardians.

Joint Substance Abuse - AZ Families F.I.R.S.T.

The JLBC includes \$7,224,500 for the Joint Substance Abuse - AZ Families F.I.R.S.T program in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	5,224,500
TANF Block Grant	2,000,000

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The entire TANF Block Grant amount and \$5,000,000 of the total General Fund amount are deposited into the non-appropriated Joint Substance Abuse Treatment Fund. The remaining \$224,500 from the General Fund is for the non-appropriated CPS Expedited Substance Abuse Treatment Fund. These monies must be jointly administered by DES and the Department of Health Services for substance abuse services.

The funds pay for services for parents, guardians, or custodians whose substance abuse is a significant barrier to preserving the family. The monies also pay for services to recipients of the Federal TANF Block Grant whose substance abuse is a significant barrier to maintaining or obtaining employment. In FY 2009, these funds will provide substance abuse services to approximately 2,800 individuals.

The Child Protective Services Expedited Substance Abuse Treatment Fund is used to provide expedited drug treatment to guardians and parents when a dependency case plan calls for such treatment.

Other Services

Independent Living Maintenance

The JLBC includes \$3,136,000 from the General Fund for Independent Living Maintenance in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

The Independent Living Maintenance program provides stipends to about 320 former foster youth between 18 and 21, who are now living on their own and are either enrolled in a postsecondary program or employed.

Education and Training Vouchers

The JLBC includes \$700,000 from the General Fund for the Educational and Training Vouchers program in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

Under this program, children in the foster care system with a financial need may apply for assistance in obtaining post-secondary education and training. Funding for the program also includes an \$800,000 match from the federal government. The match rate is 80% up to \$800,000. The program serves approximately 250 clients.

Homeless Youth Intervention

The JLBC includes \$400,000 from the Federal TANF Block Grant for Homeless Youth Intervention in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

The program has 2 locations in the state for the purpose of helping homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency from services provided through collaborative partnerships with community and faith-based organizations.

Comprehensive Medical & Dental Program (CMDP)

The JLBC includes \$2,057,000 from the General Fund for CMDP in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

The program provides full coverage of the medical and dental expenses of foster children under the jurisdiction of DES, Juvenile Probation Offices, and the State Department of Corrections. The General Fund monies in this program provide medical services to children who are not eligible for coverage through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). AHCCCS reimburses DES for the costs associated with AHCCCS-eligible children.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,057,000
Reimbursement from AHCCCS	<u>27,931,200</u>
Total	\$29,988,200

Permanent Guardianship Subsidy

The JLBC includes \$8,051,600 for Permanent Guardianship Subsidy in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	7,192,300
Federal TANF Block Grant	859,300

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The program provides a subsidy to encourage placement of foster care children in private homes under permanent guardianship status. The amount of the subsidy is not to exceed the amount of a maintenance payment that is used in the Adoption Subsidy program. In June 2007, 1,890 clients received permanent guardianship subsidies.

Adoption Services

The JLBC includes \$46,928,300 for Adoption Services in FY 2009. This amount consists of:

General Fund	36,242,200
Federal TANF Block Grant	10,686,100

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

The monies in this line item are used to subsidize the adoption of children who otherwise would entail high financial risks to prospective parents because of physical, mental, or emotional disorders or who would be otherwise difficult to place in adoption because of age, sibling

relationship or racial or ethnic background. The funding provides for ongoing maintenance and/or payment for special services depending on each eligible child's needs. In June 2007, 10,383 clients received adoption subsidies.

Adoption Services - Family Preservation Projects

The JLBC includes \$1,000,000 from the Federal TANF Block Grant for Adoption Services – Family Preservation Projects in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

These monies are part of a project to evaluate ways to enhance family preservation and promote adoption and permanency for children in the foster care system. These monies will provide additional funding to the agency to recruit adoptive parents, as well as to provide adoption subsidy increases and/or one-time payments. Specific projects in FY 2007 included upgrading the adoption hotline, focused recruitment and retention efforts, and providing crisis intervention services to adoptive families.

Adoption Services - Academic Tutoring

The JLBC includes \$300,000 from the General Fund for the Adoption Services - Academic Tutoring line item in FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2008.

These monies provide tutoring services to adopted children who are at least 1 year behind in a core subject because of multiple out-of-home placements.

CPS Appeals

The JLBC includes \$732,900 and 10.5 FTE Positions from the General Fund for CPS Appeals in FY 2009. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

This line item funds a process for individuals accused of alleged child abuse or neglect to challenge the department's findings.

Attorney General Legal Services

The JLBC includes \$12,273,900 and 151.1 FTE Positions for Attorney General Legal Services in FY 2009. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	12,221,700
Federal TANF Block Grant	52,200

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2008.

Monies in this line item are used to contract for Attorney General representation.

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FORMAT — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Program

FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

The Department of Economic Security shall provide training to any new Child Protective Services FTE Positions before assigning to any of these employees any client caseload duties.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Economic Security use the funding in the Division of Children, Youth and Families to achieve a 100% investigation rate.

Notwithstanding A.R.S. § 35-173C, any transfer to or from the amounts appropriated for Children Support Services, CPS Emergency Placement, CPS Residential Placement or Foster Care Placement requires review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Of the amounts appropriated for Children Support Services, CPS Emergency Placement, CPS Residential Placement, and Foster Care Placement, \$22,613,100 is appropriated from the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant to the Social Services Block Grant for deposit in the following line items in the following amounts: Children Support Services \$5,371,700, CPS Emergency Placement \$2,333,700, CPS Residential Placement \$9,833,300, Foster Care Placement \$5,074,400.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the \$300,000 appropriated to the Adoption Services – Academic Tutoring line item be used to provide tutoring services to adopted children whose education has been disrupted because of multiple out-of-home placements in this state and as a result the child is working below grade level in at least one core subject. This provision shall not be construed to impose a duty on an officer, agent or employee of the state to discharge a responsibility or to create any right in a person or group if the discharge or right would require an expenditure of state monies in excess of the \$300,000 appropriation.

Deletion of Prior Year Footnotes

The JLBC deletes the footnote requiring a report on the intended use of the appropriation for Adoption Services – Family Preservation Projects because DES' stated objectives for this program are consistent with the Legislature's original intent.