



Department of Children and Families - Fiscal Update

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Up and Away with Fiscal Manager



Topics for DCF Presentation

- Child Care Updates
- Child Welfare Updates
- Juvenile Justice Transfer
- Child Support Updates
- Client Cost Sharing
- Questions

Child Care Updates





Child Care Updates

2014 Child Care Admin. Contract Closeout

- DCF transfers balances across CORE lines and between agencies. Contract amendments via DocuSign.
- Underspending may not cover all overspending this year

Regional Child Care Consortia

- Will do consortium contract in 2016 if pool child care cases (WREA and Northern)
- Consortia can request waivers to work cases across county lines (DECE Memo 2015-01)



Child Care Updates, cont.

Federal CCDBG Reauthorization

- Significant changes to federal requirements
- Change to annual eligibility determinations vs. current 6 months. Can have shorter periods for authorizations.
- Will allow 3 month extension if lose eligibility due to income. If lose job, will cover 3 months of job search.
- New requirements for staff doing provider certification

Parent Pay Redesign of Provider Payments

- Implementing electronic payments to providers
- Pilot in WREA Consortium in Fall 2016, statewide implementation in Spring 2017
- Counties will no longer make payments to providers

Child Care Updates, cont.

2015-2017 State Budget

- Funding re-estimate based on caseload and Youngstar rating bonus payments to providers
- DCF has authority to raise provider rates, but no general rate increase planned
- One-time fiscal effect to implement Parent Pay as have to front load benefits on EBT cards
- CCDBG reauthorization changes for annual eligibility and extensions will have a fiscal effect

Child Welfare Updates





Child Welfare Updates

2015-2017 State Budget

- Children and Families Allocation maintained at 2015 level. Funding adjustments for 2015 foster care rate increase and extension of out-of-home (OHC) to age 21 for youth with IEPs.
- Adam Walsh fingerprint funds folded into CFA for 2016
- Funding for full implementation of OHC extension to 21
- No foster care rate increases for 2016 or 2017
- New funding for services to child victims of sex trafficking
- Additional funding for domestic abuse services, primarily for shelters
- Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare becomes a division



Child Welfare Updates, Cont.

Extension of OHC to Age 21

- Will see largest impact in the summer
- Can pay for supervised independent living placements
- If youth stays in RCC placement, can bill DCF for cost
- **Independent Living Services**
 - Moving to regional service delivery for youth age 18-21
 - RFP for Northeast and Western service areas
 - IL funds will go to regional provider for those areas in 2016
 - RFP for other service areas in 2016, funds reallocated in 2017
 - Regional providers will assist counties for transitioning youth at age 17 1/2

Child Welfare Updates, Cont.

Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

- Federal legislation requires states to provide services to foster youth victims of sex trafficking
- States can choose to serve broader sex trafficking victim population
- States must implement foster care policies to allow foster youth to participate in activities. Use prudent parent standard.
- Changes to permanency planning requirements for older youth
- DCF will propose legislation to address services to sex trafficking victims and foster care requirements

Post-Reunification Support and Title IV-E

- Covered in other presentations at conference

Juvenile Justice Transfer



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2015-2017 State Budget

- Youth Aids and Community Intervention Program funding will transfer to DCF effective in 2016
- DCF will be responsible for community-based juvenile justice services under Chapter 938
- DOC will continue to operate juvenile corrections institutes and supervision of juvenile offenders.
- DOC and DCF will meet on transfer once Legislature approves the proposal. Will consult with counties on program and fiscal issues.

Child Support Updates



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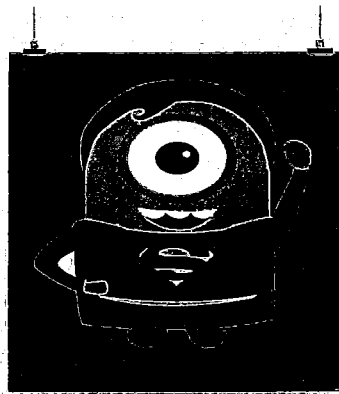
Child Support Funding

- 2015-17 budget maintains GPR funding at 2015 level
- Funding formula to counties emphasizes collection of current support and arrearages to earn more federal incentive funds
- Funding formula has a caseload factor, but given credit only for cases that are being actively worked
- Encourage non IV-D cases to apply for IV-D child support services to maximize revenue. Will improve achievement on performance standards as well.

Child Support Reports

- EOS system being replaced by Control-D

Client Cost Sharing



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DHS 1 Administrative Rule

- DHS will recreate the administrative rule
- DCF currently uses DHS 1 for child welfare services
- DOC does not use DHS 1 for juvenile justice services
- DCF will consult with counties on client cost sharing to determine whether DCF needs to create own rule

Informal survey of fiscal managers

Questions?

