Children's Services Agency
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Children's Services Agency

➢ State-administered child welfare system which oversees all child welfare services for children and their families.
- 83 counties (dual and tri-county configurations)
- 5 Business Service Center (BSC) regions

➢ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Employs approximately 3,710 field and central office staff.
- Administers contracts to provide foster care, licensing and adoption services with approximately 56 agencies.

➢ Children's Services Agency
- Children's Protective Services
- Foster Care and Licensing
- Adoption

Children's Protective Services

Investigates all allegations of suspected child abuse or neglect by a parent, legal guardian or any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare, and provides services to prevent removal from the parental home.

➢ FY 2018 Statistics:

- Complaints received: 171,388 (2.5% increase from FY17)

- Complaints investigated: 96,067 (5.5% increase from FY17)

- Cases with a preponderance finding: 25,654 (15% of all complaints received)

➢ Accomplishments:

- Successful development and implementation of a CPS mobile application and Supervisory Control Protocol.

- Centralized Intake launched Michigan's Online Reporting System, providing mandated reporters with a quick and efficient option for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect.

➢ Update on FY 2019 Supplemental Appropriation:

- Hiring 175 CPS staff.

- Technology and special projects.

Foster Care

MDHHS and private agency partners provide foster care services focused on ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of all children in care.

➢ Statistics:
- As of February 28, 2019, MDHHS was responsible for care and supervision of 13,489 children.

- Number of children placed in out-of-home care in FY18: 6,969

➢ Accomplishments:
- Continued collaboration with the West Michigan Partnership for Children for the care and supervision of all children under foster care jurisdiction in Kent County as part of a performance based funding pilot.

- Michigan is meeting 4 out of 5 national permanency measures.

- Implemented Regional Resource Teams statewide with locations in each BSC.

- Paying unlicensed relative providers as of April 1, 2019.

Adoption

Approximately 3,000 Michigan foster children are legally free with a goal of adoption at any given time. Of those children, over 300 do not have an identified adoptive family.

➢ Statistics:

- In 2018, 2,002 children were adopted.

- The Adoption Subsidy Office administers approximately $206 million each year.

- Approximately 95% of children who are legally free for adoption qualify for Michigan's Adoption Assistance program.

➢ Accomplishment:
- Eight regional Post Adoption Resource Centers continue to provide services statewide.

Strengthening Child Welfare in Michigan

Challenge	Action
Reductions of incidents of maltreatment.	Implementation of the Placement Collaboration Unit.
Increase relative licensure.	Current investment proposal to incentivize relative licensure.
Increase the number of available placements for children in foster care.	Expansion of the Transitional Placement Program and continued recruitment efforts.
Increase retention of front-line staff.	Training for staff, including secondary trauma training, and improve the overall workplace culture and climate. Current investment proposal for Parent Partners and Supportive Visitation will provide needed services to families and support to staff.
Continued improvements are needed to the MiSACWIS system to address functionality and usability.	CSA is working with DTMB to provide a comprehensive plan to address concerns and enable child welfare staff to focus on serving families.

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Governor Whitmer's FY20 Executive Recommendation

Strategic Priority: Achieve Permanency within 12 months
Foster Care Supportive Visitation

Context

- Michigan is not meeting the standard for permanency in 12 months for children entering care: 28.9% (standard is 40.5%). (University of Michigan Child and Adolescent Data Lab- September 2018).

- Children had visits of sufficient frequency with their parents only 60% of the time. (ISEP reporting period 13).

Action

- Foster Care Supportive Visitation provides evidence-based in-home parent education.

- Builds on parent's strengths to increase parenting skills, capacity and confidence.

- Promotes timely permanency through reunification.

- Provides worker relief.

- *Executive Recommendation: $5.9 million Gross and GF/GP*

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Investment Detail

- *Executive Recommendation: $5.9 million Gross and GF/GP*
- Investment includes $5.75 million in contract increases to provide services to children and families and $163,700 for I full time FTE.

	Staffing	Cost Per Family	Families to be Served	Total Costs
Staffing (DM 14)	$163,700	-	-	$163,700
Supportive Visitation	-	$4,000	1,000	$4,000,000
Parent-Child Visit Assistance	-	$500	3,500	$1,750,000
Total	**$163,700**	**$4,500**	**4,500**	**$5,913,700**

- Departmental Manager 14 would be dedicated to the development, technical assistance and monitoring of these contracts.

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Building Community Partnerships Parent Partner Program

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Action

- Parent Partner program provides 6 months of support focused on empowering parents to:
  - Advocate for their family.
  - Successfully navigate the child welfare system.
  - Build a support network through utilization of community-based resources.

- Promotes timely permanency through reunification.

- *Executive Recommendation: $975,000 Gross and GF/GP*
  - ***Investment is contracted services provided to children and families.***

Strategic Priority: License Relative Foster Care Providers
Relative Provider Licensing Incentive

Context

- ISEP section 6.18 requires Michigan to license 85% of relative providers within 180 days of placement: 30.1% in ISEP 13.

- ISEP section 6.19 requires that 80% of relative providers are either licensed or enrolled in the licensing process: 37.6% in ISEP 13.

Action

- Relative Provider Licensing Incentive allows relative providers who become licensed foster parents within 180 days of placement to receive an incentive payment of $1,000.

- This will assist in incentivizing relatives to become licensed following the April 1 implementation of payments for unlicensed relative providers.

- Licensure provides additional levels of background checks, more comprehensive assessments as well as training and supports to help ensure child safety and well-being.

- *Executive Recommendation: $1.76 million Gross and GF/GP*
  - *Investment is a direct benefits to relative providers.*

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FY20 Executive Recommendation Reductions
(in thousands)

	GF	Gross
Eliminate the Adoptive Family Support Network Contract	($250.0)	($250.0)
Eliminate FY19 funding for adoption rate actuarial study	($50.0)	($50.0)
Federal limitations on Title IV-E foster care payments for placements that are not foster family homes	($1,053.7)	($2,169.8)

5 year history of major line item appropriations (in millions)

Appropriation	FY 2016 Expenditures	FY 2017 Expenditures	FY 2018 Expenditures	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Executive Recommendation
Guardian Assistance Payment	$9.4	$11.2	$9.6	$11.1	$10.5
Foster Care Payments	$187.5	$185.6	$236.4	$233.5	$255.0
Adoption Subsidy Payments	$218.7	$222.8	$205.8	$204.8	$198.6
Child Care Fund	$180.4	$183.4	$205.8	$199.7	$234.8

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