

Children Remain with Caretaker Relatives		Agency/Program #: 6901-02-G4
		Division: Human and Community
		Program: TANF
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Program or Project Description:

Provide support in the form of TANF funded child care for working relative caretakers of children who might otherwise be in foster care.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of September 30, 2009
Fund Name:	2010		2011		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds	466,704	164,660	466,704		
Total:	\$466,704	\$164,660	\$466,704	\$0	

Goal(s):

No goals were provided. LFD provides the following from the Governor's budget that were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 funding. (pg. B-38 in the LFD Fiscal Report.) 1) To stabilize the lives of children who are unable to be cared for by their parents, and to prevent these children from entering the child welfare system; and 2) To provide TANF-funded child care to approximately 56-60 working caretaker relative situations monthly to allow them to continue employment while caring for these children.

Performance Measures :

No performance measures were provided. The following performance criteria were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 as requested in the Governor's budget. (pg. B-38 in the LFD Fiscal Report) Outcomes measured would be the number of employed caretaker relative families that continue to use the childcare services, and the number of children benefiting from the experience of quality childcare services. Between July 2007 and fiscal year end 2008, an unduplicated 81 working caretaker relative families benefited from this program.

2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	No milestones were provided by the division. The following milestones were provided in the Governor's budget request (pg. B-41 in the LFD Fiscal Report.)		
	Accept child care benefit applications from caretaker relatives	On-going	
2	Monitor number of working relative caretakers with childcare benefits and number of children receiving childcare	Monthly	
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Performance Report:

As of September 30, 2009 there were 102 unduplicated families with 166 children served with no waiting list. These are children who might otherwise be in foster care. As of October 1, 2009 eligibility is limited to 250% of the federal poverty level.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: One further report in June, 2010.

APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES PROVIDED - Provided
 PERFORMANCE MEASURES- None Provided by the Department.
 MILESTONES: - None Provided

PERFORMANCE REPORT: Data for the first quarter of FY 2010 is provided. However, this is a continuation of a previously funded program. As noted on page B-25 of the LFD Fiscal Report, the subcommittee talked about tracking the number of families or children served, expenditures, and the children remaining in relative care versus those that ended up in foster care.

Recommendation: This program is basically on track with regard to the goals and performance criteria submitted with the budget request. If the workgroup agrees with the addition of the goals and measurements added to this report by LFD staff, the remaining consideration is a report on the number of children that may be in foster care that were served in prior years. The workgroup / LFC may wish to request a report in June, 2010 that would show the number of children whose grandparents were in this program that had received permanency with a relative, the number returned to the birth parent, and the number of children that were placed in the foster care system.

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Change Description
LFD Narrative Added