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### AT A GLANCE

- Assist approximately 23,000 families with child care costs through the Child Care Assistance Program and Early Learning Scholarships.
- Provide financial support through foster care, kinship assistance and adoption assistance to over 18,000 recipients.
- Support over 300 food shelves and meal programs in Minnesota.
- Provide child support services to almost 300,000 parents and their 200,000 children.
- Provide food and cash assistance through the Minnesota Family Investment Program to over 66,000 recipients.

### PURPOSE

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families was established on July 1, 2024. This department brings together programs to better serve children, youth and families across Minnesota. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families will combine programs from the Department of Human Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety. As a new agency, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families is undergoing a strategic planning process to draft an agency mission and vision that will incorporate community and partner engagement, existing division and originating agency strategic plans, and align with the One Minnesota Plan Priorities (<https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/one-mn-plan/One-MN-Plan-Building-Blocks.pdf>) and Measurable Goals. (<https://mn.gov/mmb/one-mn-plan/measurable-goals/>).

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families was established in Laws 2023 Chapter 70.

### STRATEGIES

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families provides a broad range of services for Minnesota's children, youth, and families. This includes:

- Address basic needs through the cash assistance, employment services and food and nutrition programs.
- Ensure child safety and family preservation.
- Support the state's adoptive, foster care, and kinship families.
- Assist in establishing child support services.
- Provide access to high quality, affordable child care and early learning.
- Offer resources to families to support their child's development, including children with disabilities.

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The legal citations for the statutes related to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families are chapters 142A, 142B, 142C, 142D, 142E, 142F, 142G, 518A, 260C, 260D and 260E.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					872,561	930,628
1200 - State Government Special Rev					732	732
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					11,373	11,373
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					282,272	274,621
2005 - Opiate Epidemic Response					3,318	3,318
2403 - Gift					1	1
3000 - Federal					2,608,084	2,605,025
3001 - Federal TANF					295,569	315,499
6003 - Child Support Enforcement					641,955	641,955
<b>Total</b>					<b>4,715,865</b>	<b>4,783,152</b>
Biennial Change				0		9,499,017
Biennial % Change						

**Expenditures by Program**

Operations and Administration					266,510	257,498
Forecast Programs					1,093,440	1,174,887
Grant Programs					2,354,898	2,349,753
Technical and Fiduciary Activities					1,020,052	1,020,036
DCYF Federal Admin Reimbursement					(19,035)	(19,022)
<b>Total</b>					<b>4,715,865</b>	<b>4,783,152</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation					127,289	124,483
Operating Expenses					316,559	310,132
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					3,644,328	3,720,835
Other Financial Transaction					646,724	646,724
<b>Total Before Federal Admin Reimbursement</b>					<b>4,734,900</b>	<b>4,802,174</b>
Federal Admin Reimbursement					(19,035)	(19,022)
<b>Total</b>					<b>4,715,865</b>	<b>4,783,152</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

					<b>939.01</b>	<b>937.01</b>
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Balance Forward In				823		
Direct Appropriation			823	6,800	1,129,404	1,190,583
Transfers In				380		
Transfers Out				8,003	237,808	240,933
Balance Forward Out			823			
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>891,596</b>	<b>949,650</b>
Federal Admin Reimbursement					(19,035)	(19,022)
<b>Expenditures after Federal Admin Reimbursement</b>					<b>872,561</b>	<b>930,628</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,803,189
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					589.00	589.00
<b>1200 - State Government Special Rev</b>						
Direct Appropriation					732	732
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>732</b>	<b>732</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,464
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					5.00	5.00
<b>2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Receipts					10,153	10,153
Transfers In				236	1,220	1,220
Transfers Out				236		
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>11,373</b>	<b>11,373</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		22,746
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Balance Forward In					105,666	55,666
Receipts					72,276	63,083
Transfers In				105,666	159,996	161,538
Balance Forward Out				105,666	55,666	5,666
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>282,272</b>	<b>274,621</b>

# Children, Youth and Families

# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		556,893
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					159.01	159.01

## 2005 - Opiate Epidemic Response

Direct Appropriation					3,318	3,318
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>3,318</b>	<b>3,318</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		6,636
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## 2403 - Gift

Receipts					1	1
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts					2,608,084	2,605,025
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>2,608,084</b>	<b>2,605,025</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		5,213,109
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					167.00	165.00

## 3001 - Federal TANF

Balance Forward In					250,860	216,317
Receipts					261,026	261,026
Transfers In				250,860		
Balance Forward Out				250,860	216,317	161,844
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>295,569</b>	<b>315,499</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		611,068
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					19.00	19.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>6003 - Child Support Enforcement</b>						
Receipts					641,955	641,955
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>641,955</b>	<b>641,955</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,283,910
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						



(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	6,800	6,800	6,800	13,600
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		3,904	3,554	7,458
Allocated Reduction		(85)	(85)	(170)
Programs and Services Moving to DCYF		1,200,325	1,269,199	2,469,524
Minnesota Paid Leave Allocation		96	96	192
November Forecast Adjustment		(81,636)	(88,981)	(170,617)
Forecast Base	6,800	1,129,404	1,190,583	2,319,987
<b>Fund: 1200 - State Government Special Rev</b>				
Base Adjustments				
Programs and Services Moving to DCYF		732	732	1,464
Forecast Base		732	732	1,464
<b>Fund: 2005 - Opiate Epidemic Response</b>				
Base Adjustments				
Programs and Services Moving to DCYF		3,318	3,318	6,636
Forecast Base		3,318	3,318	6,636
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending		11,373	11,373	22,746
Forecast Base		11,373	11,373	22,746
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending		282,272	274,621	556,893
Forecast Base		282,272	274,621	556,893
<b>Fund: 2403 - Gift</b>				
Planned Spending		1	1	2
Forecast Base		1	1	2
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
Planned Spending		2,608,084	2,605,025	5,213,109
Forecast Base		2,608,084	2,605,025	5,213,109
<b>Fund: 3001 - Federal TANF</b>				

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Planned Spending		295,569	315,499	611,068
Forecast Base		295,569	315,499	611,068
<b>Fund: 6003 - Child Support Enforcement</b>				
Planned Spending		641,955	641,955	1,283,910
Forecast Base		641,955	641,955	1,283,910
<b>Federal Admin Reimbursement</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Federal Administrative Reimbursement		(19,035)	(19,022)	(38,057)
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues		10,153	10,153	20,306
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues		72,276	63,083	135,359
<b>Fund: 2403 - Gift</b>				
Forecast Revenues		1	1	2
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
Forecast Revenues		2,608,084	2,605,025	5,213,109
<b>Fund: 3001 - Federal TANF</b>				
Forecast Revenues		261,026	261,026	522,052
<b>Fund: 6003 - Child Support Enforcement</b>				
Forecast Revenues		641,955	641,955	1,283,910
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues		7,110	7,110	14,220
<b>Fund: 1200 - State Government Special Rev</b>				
Forecast Revenues		2,899	2,899	5,798

## Program: Operations and Administration

## Activity: Agencywide Supports

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## AT A GLANCE

- Provides oversight and administration of approximately \$20.7 million in foster care, kinship assistance, and adoption assistance payments per month to over 18,000 recipients
- Issue approximately \$19.8 million in payments per month for the Child Care Assistance Program supporting approximately 11,500 families in 2023.
- Supports 12,282 children through Early Learning Scholarships in 2023.
- Issue approximately \$1 billion in payments per year for cash benefits and food assistance for families; \$55 million in Summer EBT benefits for school year 2023-2024 to 458,000 children; and receive and process approximately \$45.2 million in child support payments per month in 2022.

## PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) brings together programs to better serve children, youth, and families across Minnesota. Agencywide Supports include shared resources that support the collective programs across DCYF. It includes externally facing functions, like community engagement experts, and Tribal liaisons. It also includes internally facing teams, like human resources and financial operations.

While internal infrastructure supporting programs is often invisible to most Minnesotans, it is critical to a well-functioning agency. These are the supports needed to ensure that equity is embedded in the agency culture, community engagement is effective, program staff have the tools to do their jobs, and that payments to program participants and vendors are made timely and accurately.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families partners closely with counties, Tribes, early education providers, families, community, and other partners to meet Minnesotans' needs.

Counties and Tribes are critical local partners in administering many of the DCYF programs. The department is most effective in its supervision of those programs when it engages those governments in a regular and meaningful way. **Tribal and County Relations** are a key function of Agencywide Supports to lead efforts focused on relationship building and partnership between DCYF and those governments.

Similarly, **Government Relations** leads DCYF engagement with the legislature. They lead the development of information for lawmakers, as well as recommendations on behalf of the department. The team also serves as an internal resource on the legislative process, timelines, and analyzing bills.

The **Equity and Engagement Team** supports DCYF to build an internal culture centered on equity and set it as a cornerstone in the way the department works with communities and other partners. The **Communications Team** not only responds to media requests, but also leads efforts to ensure information is accessible and usable for individuals, families, and others.

Agencywide Supports also includes legal, compliance, and oversight functions. It includes the **General Counsel** to provide internal legal advice, the **Compliance Office** to support risk management and audit functions, and **Child Care Licensing** responsibilities.

Operational supports, like **Finance, Human Resources, and Contracts and Grants** teams not only work to align agency resources with priorities, they also support agencywide training and capacity building, employee development, and business processes focused on integrity and efficacy.

All DCYF programs depend on IT systems for administration. The **Business Integration Division** supports business functions to prioritize and align IT operations. A **central IT fund** supports MNIT activity at DCYF to provide systems and solutions to administer services for children, youth, and families throughout Minnesota.

## RESULTS

This is a new administration; no results data is available.

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## Agencywide Supports

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					53,661	53,146
1200 - State Government Special Rev					732	732
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					7,861	7,861
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					97,113	89,461
3000 - Federal					6,586	6,585
3001 - Federal TANF					100	100
<b>Total</b>					<b>166,053</b>	<b>157,885</b>
Biennial Change				0		323,938
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Compensation					68,994	67,003
Operating Expenses					97,059	90,882
<b>Total</b>					<b>166,053</b>	<b>157,885</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>						
					<b>515.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>

## Agencywide Supports

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Balance Forward In				823		
Direct Appropriation			823	6,800	93,245	94,271
Transfers In				380		
Transfers Out				8,003	39,584	41,125
Balance Forward Out			823			
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>53,661</b>	<b>53,146</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		106,807
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					368.00	368.00

### 1200 - State Government Special Rev

Direct Appropriation					732	732
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>732</b>	<b>732</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,464
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					5.00	5.00

### 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Receipts					7,861	7,861
Transfers In				236		
Transfers Out				236		
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>7,861</b>	<b>7,861</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		15,722
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

### 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In					5,666	5,666
Receipts					57,554	48,361
Transfers In				5,666	39,559	41,100
Balance Forward Out				5,666	5,666	5,666
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>97,113</b>	<b>89,461</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		186,574
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## Agencywide Supports

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
Full-Time Equivalents					106.00	106.00

### 3000 - Federal

Receipts					6,586	6,585
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>6,586</b>	<b>6,585</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		13,171
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					36.00	36.00

### 3001 - Federal TANF

Receipts					100	100
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		200
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Operations and Administration****Activity: Child Safety and Permanency**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Provides oversight and administration of approximately \$20.7 million in foster care, kinship assistance, and adoption assistance payments per month to over 18,000 recipients
- Supports approximately 3,000 county and Tribal frontline workers using SSIS to provide case management services to children and families involved in the child welfare system
- Trains approximately an average of 233 workers per month through the Child Welfare Training Academy in partnership with the University of Minnesota
- Provides supervision and oversight of child welfare programs administered by local agencies

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Child Safety and Permanency administration provides supervision and oversight of Minnesota's child welfare system, which spans prevention, family preservation, child protection, foster care, and permanency. It develops policies and best practice guidance to support better outcomes for at-risk children and families and ensure effective implementation of state and federal laws to keep children with their families whenever possible. It administers several prevention and family preservation grant and allocation programs to support families to care for their children safely. It also supports families who provide permanent homes for children through adoption and kinship arrangements. This administration funds county, Tribal, and community-based child welfare services around the state, including Indian child welfare services, child protection, foster care, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Child Safety and Permanency administration implements the following programs:

- Northstar Care for Children
- Early intervention and prevention programs, including Parent Support Outreach Program
- Youth services, including youth transitioning out of foster care
- Education and Training Voucher
- Child Welfare Training Academy, in partnership with the University of Minnesota
- American Indian Child Welfare Initiative
- Public Private Permanency Collaboration
- Opiate Epidemic Response Fund allocation to counties and Initiative Tribes
- Community Resource Centers
- Family First Prevention Services Act, including Kinship Navigator grants
- Family preservation resources
- Child maltreatment screening guidelines
- Safe Harbor Program, co-led with the Minnesota Department of Health



The administration provides the following services to ensure programs are implemented effectively:

- Providing guidance and technical assistance to county and Tribal workers, including training through the Child Welfare Training Academy
- Grant management, ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements and providing technical assistance when needed
- Conducting ongoing research and evaluation and supporting continuous quality improvement through case reviews
- Administering and ensuring compliance with major federal funding streams including Title IV-E, Title IV-B and Title XX
- Ensuring implementation of and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act
- Providing fiscal and programmatic support and technical assistance to Tribal Nations and counties to improve outcomes for American Indian children and families
- Planning for initial and statewide implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act
- Partnering with counties, Tribes, and community-based agencies to support effective implementation of child welfare programs
- Ensuring accurate and timely payments for Northstar Care for Children, including Adoption Assistance, Kinship Assistance and Family Foster Care through Social Services Information System (SSIS)
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## **RESULTS**

This is a new activity, there are no results available.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					11,999	11,712
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					33	33
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					12,779	12,779
3000 - Federal					9,650	9,548
<b>Total</b>					<b>34,461</b>	<b>34,072</b>
Biennial Change				0		68,533
Biennial % Change						

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation					23,451	22,922
Operating Expenses					4,887	5,027
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					6,119	6,119
Other Financial Transaction					4	4
<b>Total</b>					<b>34,461</b>	<b>34,072</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

					<b>181.66</b>	<b>180.66</b>
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# Child Safety and Permanency

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					17,622	17,335
Transfers Out					5,623	5,623
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>11,999</b>	<b>11,712</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		23,711
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					87.00	87.00

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Receipts					33	33
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		66
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Receipts					7,156	7,156
Transfers In					5,623	5,623
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>12,779</b>	<b>12,779</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		25,558
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					42.66	42.66

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts					9,650	9,548
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>9,650</b>	<b>9,548</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		19,198
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					52.00	51.00

**Program: Operations and Administration****Activity: Early Childhood**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-care-and-early-learning>**AT A GLANCE**

- Issue approximately \$19.8 million in payments per month for the Child Care Assistance Program supporting approximately 11,500 families in 2023.
- Supports 12,282 children through Early Learning Scholarships in 2023.
- Issue approximately \$12 million in payments per month to child care workers through the Great Start Compensation Support Program in 2023.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Early Childhood administration supports programs that help young children receive the best start in life, including help finding quality and affordable child care and early learning programs that support early child development and thriving families. This administration combines the Child Care Services division, previously housed at the Department of Human Services, the Early Learning division, formerly at the Department of Education and the Help Me Connect program, previously at the Department of Health.

This administration supports families seeking child care and early learning programs by providing financial assistance to low-income families and ensuring families can identify quality care and education that meet their needs. Additionally, this administration directly supports child care and early learning providers through financial assistance, quality improvement, and professional development opportunities. Child care and early learning providers are supported through loans, technical assistance, and training, with the goal of increasing the supply of quality child care options across the state. The Early Childhood administration supports early learning programs delivered by schools designed to ensure all children are ready for school. Finally, this administration provides a variety of early intervention and supports to children with conditions known to result in developmental delays and those who are showing delays in development.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Early Childhood administration implements the following programs:

- Child Care Development Grants, including Great Start Compensation Payment Program
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Child care and early learning workforce development
- Early Learning Scholarships
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten
- Head Start
- Infant and Toddler Early Intervention (also known as Part C)
- Developmental Screening Aid
- Early Learning Grants
- Help Me Connect
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Home Visiting Aid
- School Readiness
- Developmental Screening Aid

The administration provides the following services to ensure programs are implemented effectively:

- Providing guidance and technical assistance to child care providers, county and tribal workers, school districts, Head Start programs and other providers
- Grant management, ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements and providing technical assistance when needed.
- Conducting ongoing research and evaluation, including managing the Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS)
- Administering and ensuring compliance with major federal funding streams including the Child Care Development block grant, Head Start and IDEA Part C
- Consulting with tribal nations on program delivery and improvement
- Engaging with community members, including participants, to continuously improve programs.
- Overseeing accuracy of payments for CCAP through the MEC2 system
- Managing Early Learning Scholarships across the state
- Directing the Great Start Compensation payment program

## **RESULTS**

This is a new administration; no results data is available.

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## Early Childhood

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

### Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General					9,417	9,458
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					3,058	3,058
3000 - Federal					17,743	17,511
<b>Total</b>					<b>30,218</b>	<b>30,027</b>
Biennial Change				0		60,245
Biennial % Change						

### Expenditures by Category

Compensation					14,172	14,124
Operating Expenses					16,046	15,903
<b>Total</b>					<b>30,218</b>	<b>30,027</b>

### Full-Time Equivalents

					<b>93.00</b>	<b>93.00</b>
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## Early Childhood

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					12,800	12,841
Transfers Out					3,383	3,383
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>9,417</b>	<b>9,458</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		18,875
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					43.00	43.00
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Transfers In					3,058	3,058
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>3,058</b>	<b>3,058</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		6,116
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					10.00	10.00
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					17,743	17,511
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>17,743</b>	<b>17,511</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		35,254
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					40.00	40.00

**Program: Agencywide Supports****Activity: Economic Opportunity and Youth Services**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/youth-services><https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/basic-needs/food-and-nutrition>**AT A GLANCE**

- Supports over 300 food shelves and meal programs in Minnesota.
- Youth Intervention Program funding supports almost 100 youth-serving programs statewide.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

This administration provides support to youth, families and people across Minnesota who are struggling to meet their basic needs and supports youth involved in the justice system and those at risk for system involvement. This administration combines the Office of Economic Opportunity, formerly at the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety's Juvenile Justice Unit, Office of Restorative Practices, and Youth Justice Office. The Office of Restorative Practices was established in 2024.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

This Economic Opportunity and Youth Services administration implements the following programs:

- Emergency Food Programs, such as the Minnesota Food Shelf Program and the federal Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- SNAP Outreach and SNAP Education
- American Indian Food Sovereignty Program
- Office of Restorative Practices
- Youth Justice Office, including the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC), federal Title II delinquency prevention grant funding, Youth Intervention Program grant funding, and Crossover/Dual-Status Youth Program grant funding

The administration provides the following services to ensure programs are implemented effectively:

- Grant management, ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements and providing technical assistance when needed
- Administering and ensuring compliance with major federal funding streams including the Community Services Block Grant
- Conducting ongoing research and evaluation to improve programs
- Consulting with tribal nations on program delivery and improvement
- Engaging with youth, families, and community members, including program participants, to continuously improve programs
- Ensuring Minnesota's compliance with the core requirements of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) and administering its related Title II delinquency prevention subaward program

**RESULTS**

This is a new administration, there are not results for this activity.



(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					3,708	3,562
3000 - Federal					6,618	6,618
<b>Total</b>					<b>10,326</b>	<b>10,180</b>
Biennial Change				0		20,506
Biennial % Change						

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation					6,621	6,475
Operating Expenses					3,705	3,705
<b>Total</b>					<b>10,326</b>	<b>10,180</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

					<b>45.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>
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# Economic Opportunities and Youth Services

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					3,708	3,562
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>3,708</b>	<b>3,562</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		7,270
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					24.00	24.00

<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					6,618	6,618
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>6,618</b>	<b>6,618</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		13,236
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					21.00	21.00

**Program: Operations and Administration****Activity: Family Well-Being**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/basic-needs>**AT A GLANCE**

- Issue approximately \$1 billion in payments per year for cash benefits and food assistance for families; \$55 million in Summer EBT benefits for school year 2023-2024 to 458,000 children; and receive and process approximately \$45.2 million in child support payments per month in 2022.
- Support approximately 3,000 county and tribal frontline workers using MAXIS and MEC2 to issue cash, food, and child care assistance benefits to families; including 11,974 virtual classroom and on-line training sessions taken in 2023.
- PRISM, Minnesota's automated child support computer system, supports the work of more than 1,350 county and state workers providing child support services.
- MAXIS Help Desk processes on average 30,000 calls and online tickets, Child Support Division help desk processed 22,515 calls and online tickets in 2023.
- Parents access information about their child support case activities and payments through a secure state website, [www.childsupport.dhs.state.mn.us](http://www.childsupport.dhs.state.mn.us), more than 185,500 times per month on average.
- Manage on average 400 phone calls and 200 online tickets daily through the Summer EBT call center.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Family Well-Being administration supports programs that form the social safety net for children and families by providing food assistance, cash assistance, child support services, and employment services and other supports. This administration provides infrastructure, guidance, and partner training so Minnesota families can access these services. It also conducts research, community engagement and policy analysis to continuously improve service delivery for participants. Finally, this administration ensures programs and partners are complying with state and federal regulations.

This administration supports children and families struggling to meet their basic needs. Minnesota's food and nutrition programs help people with low incomes get the food they need for nutritious and well-balanced meals. Children learn more easily, adults work more productively, and seniors are healthier with proper nutrition. Minnesota's cash assistance programs help families with low incomes move to economic stability through work.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Family Well-Being administration implements the following programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program, including employment, emergency assistance, and other support services.
- Diversionary Work Program<sup>1</sup>
- Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training
- Child Support Services

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<sup>1</sup> The Diversionary Work Program was repealed during the 2023 legislative session, effective March 1, 2026.

The administration provides the following services to ensure programs are implemented effectively:

- Providing technical assistance and guidance to county and tribal nations workers administering programs, through ongoing training, help desks and maintaining updated policies, manuals, and forms
- Performing data analytics, research and evaluation
- Administering Summer EBT, including managing payments and running a call center for participants
- Administering the federal Temporary for Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant
- Ensuring federal compliance with SNAP program regulations and procedures, including conducting quality control reviews, local agency reviews; running the SNAP Hotline; providing ongoing policy analysis and technical support to counties and tribal nations; and overseeing and managing federal SNAP waivers, appeals, and plans
- Consulting with tribal nations on program delivery and improvement
- Administering the Child Support Payment Center, including payment processing
- Operating Minnesota Child Support Online and the Child Support Help Desk for customer support
- Grant management, ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements and providing technical assistance when needed
- Managing MAXIS, the technology system responsible for cash assistance payments
- Managing PRISM, the technology system responsible for child support enforcement payments
- Managing benefit issuance and the vendor that processes cash, SNAP, and Summer EBT payments
- Engaging with community members, including participants, to continuously improve programs
- Locating parents and establishing parentage
- Establishing and reviewing child support orders for modification
- Helping children receive financial, medical and child care support
- Working with other state agencies to help families when one parent lives outside of Minnesota
- Helping families work toward becoming and remaining self-sufficient, ensuring parents establish a financial partnership

## **RESULTS**

This is a newly formed administration. No results data is available for this biennium.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					10,439	10,439
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					82	82
3000 - Federal					11,255	11,137
3001 - Federal TANF					3,676	3,676
<b>Total</b>					<b>25,452</b>	<b>25,334</b>
Biennial Change				0		50,786
Biennial % Change						

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation					14,051	13,959
Operating Expenses					10,501	10,475
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					900	900
<b>Total</b>					<b>25,452</b>	<b>25,334</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

					<b>104.35</b>	<b>103.35</b>
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## Family Well-Being

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					10,471	10,471
Transfers Out					32	32
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>10,439</b>	<b>10,439</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		20,878
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					67.00	67.00

### 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Receipts					50	50
Transfers In					32	32
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		164
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					0.35	0.35

### 3000 - Federal

Receipts					11,255	11,137
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>11,255</b>	<b>11,137</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		22,392
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					18.00	17.00

### 3001 - Federal TANF

Receipts					3,676	3,676
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>3,676</b>	<b>3,676</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		7,352
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
Full-Time Equivalents					19.00	19.00

**Program: Forecasted Programs****Activity: Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/cashemployment>**AT A GLANCE**

- About 70 percent of people served through the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) are children.
- In an average month, the programs serve about 62,000 children and their parents or caretakers in almost 23,000 households.
- Families receive an average of \$1,100 a month of a combined cash assistance and food support through MFIP and \$523 a month of cash assistance through the Diversionary Work Program.
- All funds spending for the MFIP/DWP activity for FY 2023 was \$310 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) provide temporary financial support to help meet the basic needs of low-income families with children and low-income pregnant women.

Most parents enrolling in MFIP or DWP were employed in the three months before they turned to the program for assistance. The majority are workers in one of four industries: hotel/restaurant, retail, temp agencies, and health care. Another significant portion of families receiving assistance experience barriers to stable employment including serious mental illness, chronic and incapacitating illness, or intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The goal of these programs is to stabilize families and improve economic outcomes through employment. Without these benefits, families lack other resources available to help meet their basic needs.

These programs are funded with a combination of state and federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds and federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Counties and Tribal Nations administer the MFIP and DWP programs. Effective March 1, 2026, DWP is repealed and families applying and eligible for assistance will enroll in MFIP.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Minnesota Family Investment Program provides job counseling, cash assistance, and food assistance. Families cannot receive assistance for more than 60 months in their lifetime, unless a significant impairment identified in state law qualifies them for extended assistance. The amount of assistance is based on family size and other sources of income. A family of three with no other income can receive \$731 in cash assistance and \$639 in SNAP benefits per month. The benefits are structured to reward families who work and are gradually reduced as income rises. Parents are required to participate in employment services. Families may also be eligible for childcare assistance and for health care coverage under Medical Assistance. Most families are also eligible for the MFIP housing assistance grant of \$110 per month if they do not already receive a rental subsidy through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Diversionary Work Program is a four-month long program for families who are applying for cash assistance who have not received cash assistance in the last 12 months and who meet other eligibility criteria. The program includes intensive, up-front job search services. A family receives cash benefits based on its housing, utility costs, and personal needs up to the same maximum as MFIP, based on the number of people in the family. Housing and

utility costs are paid directly to the landlord or utility company. The maximum that a family of three, a parent with two children, can receive is \$731 in financial assistance. Most families are also eligible for SNAP benefits, childcare assistance, and health care coverage under Medical Assistance.

## RESULTS

- The **Self-Support Index** is a results measure. The Self-Support Index gives the percentage of adults eligible for MFIP or DWP during a given quarter who have left assistance or are working at least 30 hours per week three years later. Customized targets are set for each county or tribe using characteristics of the people served and local economic conditions. State law requires the Department of Children, Youth and Families to use the Self-Support Index to allocate performance bonus funds. The following chart shows that about two-thirds of participants have left MFIP and/or are working at least 30 hours per week three years after a baseline period.

<i><b>Year ending in March of:</b></i>	<i><b>S-SI</b></i>
2013	66.9%
2014	68.5%
2015	68.8%
2016	68.0%
2017	65.9%
2018	64.6%
2019	64.4%
2020	65.7%
2021	64.6%
2022	63.4%
2023	61.7%

- The decline in the Self-Support Index from 2020 to 2023 can be explained by the corresponding decline in the **range of expected performance** for each local agency. Each local agency has a customized range of Self-Support Index scores based on factors outside of the control of the local agency, such as demographics of person and household, local economic and community factors.
- The **statewide median placement wage** is a results measure and counts the number of MFIP and DWP Employment Services participants newly enrolled during the quarter who obtained employment in that quarter, and the median placement (starting) wage by service area at the start of the job. This only includes the first quarter of the fiscal year. The Minnesota Family Investment Program Management Indicators Report provides details for all quarters.

<i><b>January-March (Quarter 1) of Year</b></i>	<i><b>Number job placements (MFIP) in Q1</b></i>	<i><b>Number job placements (DWP) in Q1</b></i>
2023	1,213	486
2022	851	490
2021	1,060	0
2020	962	736



- The federal **Work Participation Rate** (WPR) is a process measure and counts the number of parents engaging in a minimum number of hours of federally recognized work activities. The measure does NOT count households who discontinue assistance when getting a job. Many requirements of the work participation rate were not in effect during the COVID 19 public health emergency.

<i><b>Federal Fiscal Year</b></i>	<i><b>WPR</b></i>
2012	45.3%
2013	45.1%
2014	46.2%
2015	37.9%
2016	39.4%
2017	38.9%
2018	37.2%
2019	35.7%
2020	22.3%
2021	14.9%
2022	20.4%

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The legal authority for the Minnesota Family Investment Program activities was M.S. chapter 256J in the Minnesota Department of Human Services (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256J>). It will be M.S. chapter 142G in the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

# MFIP and Diversionary Work Program

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					103,555	120,414
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					750	750
3000 - Federal					409,497	409,497
3001 - Federal TANF					123,849	143,779
<b>Total</b>					<b>637,651</b>	<b>674,440</b>
Biennial Change				0		1,312,091
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					636,851	673,640
Other Financial Transaction					800	800
<b>Total</b>					<b>637,651</b>	<b>674,440</b>

# MFIP and Diversionary Work Program

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					103,555	120,414
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>103,555</b>	<b>120,414</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		223,969
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Receipts					750	750
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,500
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					409,497	409,497
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>409,497</b>	<b>409,497</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		818,994
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3001 - Federal TANF</b>						
Balance Forward In					250,860	216,317
Receipts					89,306	89,306
Transfers In				250,860		
Balance Forward Out				250,860	216,317	161,844
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>123,849</b>	<b>143,779</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		267,628
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Forecasted Programs****Activity: Minnesota Family Investment Program Child Care Assistance**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/partners-and-providers/child-care-services>**AT A GLANCE**

- In 2023 MFIP Child Care Assistance paid childcare for 8,988 children in 4,765 families during an average month.
- The average monthly assistance per family was \$1,776.
- All funds spending for the MFIP Child Care Assistance activity for FY 2023 was \$106 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

In order to work, families need safe and reliable childcare. The average annual cost of full-time care for one child ranges from \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year, depending on the age of the child, location, and type of provider attended.<sup>1</sup> Many low-income families struggle to find affordable childcare that fits their needs. Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Child Care Assistance provides financial subsidies to help low-income families pay for childcare. To support quality childcare experiences and school readiness, the program can pay a higher subsidy rate when a child is being cared for in a setting that meets quality standards.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The program provides support to help improve outcomes for the most at-risk children and their families by increasing access to high quality childcare.

The following families are eligible to receive MFIP childcare assistance:

- MFIP and Divisionary Work Program (DWP) families who are employed, pursuing employment, or participating in employment, training or social services activities authorized in approved employment plans.
- Employed families who are in their first year off MFIP or DWP (this is known as the “transition year”).
- Families in counties with a Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) childcare waiting list who have had their transition year extended.
- Parents under age 21 who are pursuing a high school or general equivalency diploma (GED), do not receive MFIP benefits, and reside in a county that has a BSF waiting list that includes parents under age 21.

When family income increases, the amount of childcare expenses paid by the family in the form of copayments also increases. All families receiving childcare assistance and earning 75 percent or more of the federal poverty guideline make copayments based on family income. A family of three leaving MFIP and earning 115 percent of the federal poverty level (\$29,693) would have a total biweekly childcare provider payment of \$25 for all children in childcare.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.childcareawaremn.org/families/cost-of-care/>

The MFIP childcare assistance activity is part of the state’s Child Care Assistance Program. Maximum rates in the Child Care Assistance Program are set in state law. Maximum rates are set for each type of care: childcare centers, family childcare, and legal non-licensed childcare. Providers are paid at the rate they charge private pay families up to the maximum rate. The program pays a higher rate to providers who meet quality standards through Parent Aware, are accredited, or hold certain educational credentials.

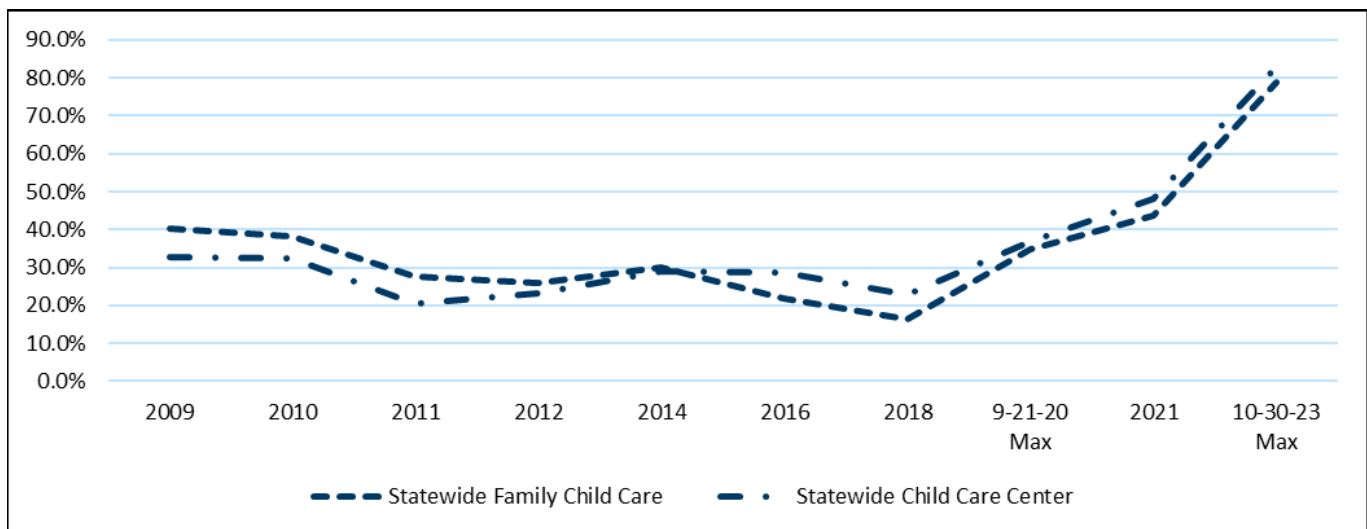
Childcare must be provided by a legal childcare provider over the age of 18 years. Allowable providers include legal non-licensed family childcare, license-exempt centers, licensed family childcare, and licensed childcare centers. Families choose their providers in the private childcare market. Counties administer the Child Care Assistance Program.

All families who meet eligibility requirements may receive this help. MFIP childcare assistance is funded with state and federal funds that include the federal Child Care and Development Fund and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) fund.

## RESULTS

**Percent of provider prices fully covered by childcare** - Maximum rates paid to providers under the Child Care Assistance Program may not cover the full cost of childcare. This may be a barrier for some families, if the family cannot find a provider in their community whose prices are covered by the maximum allowed under the program. However, **the percent of childcare provider prices that are fully covered by the Child Care Assistance Program increased when the maximum rates were increased in the 2023 legislative session.** As of October 30, 2023, approximately 79 percent of family childcare providers and approximately 83 percent of childcare centers charge prices that are fully covered by the Child Care Assistance Program standard maximum rates.

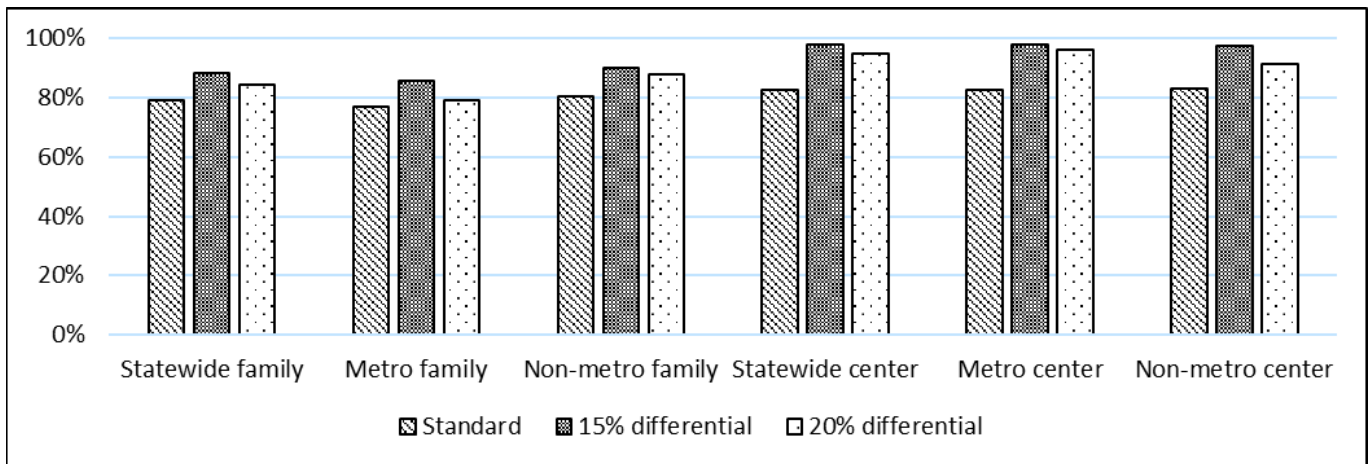
**Provider prices fully covered by Standard Maximum Rates statewide, by percentage.**



**Quality Differential Impact-** Parent Aware is Minnesota’s rating tool for helping parents select high quality childcare and early education programs. The Child Care Assistance Program allows for a maximum rate up to 15 percent higher for providers with a Parent Aware 3-star rating, or who hold certain accreditation or education standards established in statute. An up to 20 percent higher maximum rate can be paid to providers with a 4-star Parent Aware rating.

**This quality measure shows that higher maximum rates may increase families’ access to high quality providers by allowing the maximum rate paid by the Child Care Assistance Program to fully cover more (or an equivalent proportion) of their prices as compared to the prices charged by all providers.** This measure indicates the impact of quality differentials by type of care. It is first presented as a statewide total, and then broken out by metro and non-metro counties.

**Prices fully covered by Standard and Quality Differential Maximum Rates, by percent.**



Specifically, the 20 percent differential allows the prices charged by center based four-star rated metro providers to be fully covered by the maximum subsidy at a higher proportion compared to the prices of all metro center providers. The higher maximum rates offer coverage of the prices charged by all other types of quality providers at higher levels than the standard maximum rates.

**Use of High-Quality Care** - Children who participate in high quality early care and education are more likely to experience school success and positive life-long outcomes. This quality measure shows that the percent of all children receiving childcare assistance through providers eligible for the higher subsidy rates for quality has increased from 37.5 percent in July of 2016 to 51 percent in July of 2023.

**Percent of Children Receiving Child Care Assistance in Quality Settings**

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Standard Care	46.6%	44.5%	47.6%	48.8%
Provider holds Accreditation*	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	1.6%
Provider holds Parent Aware 1-2 Star	4.0%	3.5%	2.3%	1.5%
Provider holds Parent Aware 3-4 Star*	47%	49.6%	47.6%	48.1%

*\* These providers are eligible for CCAP higher rates for quality. Data representative of services provided in July of each year.*

The data source for the prices charged by providers is a biennial survey of provider prices conducted by Child Care Aware of Minnesota for the Department. To assess the portion of provider prices fully covered, provider prices are compared to the applicable maximum subsidy rates. The data source for children in care with provider's eligible for the higher rates for quality is from MEC<sup>2</sup>, Minnesota's childcare electronic eligibility and payment system.

The legal authority for the MFIP/TY Child Care Assistance program was in M.S. chapter 119B in the Minnesota Department of Human Services (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/119B>). It will be M.S. chapter 142E in the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2024/0/80/laws.5.6.0#laws.5.6.0>).

# MFIP Child Care Assistance

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27

## Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General					107,315	146,025
3000 - Federal					113,236	113,236
<b>Total</b>					<b>220,551</b>	<b>259,261</b>
Biennial Change				0		479,812
Biennial % Change						

## Expenditures by Category

Grants, Aids and Subsidies					220,551	259,261
<b>Total</b>					<b>220,551</b>	<b>259,261</b>

# MFIP Child Care Assistance

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					107,315	146,025
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>107,315</b>	<b>146,025</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		253,340
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					113,236	113,236
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>113,236</b>	<b>113,236</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		226,472
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						



**Program: Forecasted Programs****Activity: Northstar Care for Children**

<https://dcyf.mn.gov/>

**AT A GLANCE**

- 10,509 children experienced an out-of-home placement.
- 1,544 children were either adopted or had a permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative.
- All fund spending for the Northstar Care for Children activity for FY 2023 was \$176.9 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Northstar Care for Children is designed to help children who are removed from their homes and placed in foster care. It supports permanency through adoption or transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) to a relative if the child cannot be safely reunified with parents. Financial support and medical assistance are provided on behalf of eligible children to support their daily care, stability, and well-being needs while in temporary foster care and in permanent adoptive and kinship homes. The financial benefit varies with the child's age but averages about \$12,000 annually per child. Northstar Care for Children consolidates and simplifies administration of three existing programs: Family Foster Care, Kinship Assistance (which replaced Relative Custody Assistance), and Adoption Assistance. Northstar Care for Children helps more children grow up in safe, stable, and permanent homes.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Northstar Care for Children program:

- Combines three child welfare benefit programs – Family Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Kinship Assistance – into a single program with uniform processes and unified benefits, each of which uses federal Title IV-E funds.
  - Northstar Foster Care is for temporary family foster care, including where children might become permanent members of families. It is not used for group housing or residential treatment.
  - Northstar Kinship Assistance supports children achieving permanency with relatives and kin through TPLPC and simplifies ongoing requirements for permanent kinship caregivers.
  - Northstar Adoption Assistance supports children achieving permanency through adoption and allows more decision making by adoptive parents, rather than requiring detailed state review and approval.
- Provides a monthly basic payment based on children's age for most eligible children.
- Uses a uniform assessment for all children to determine needs beyond the basic payment. The assessment results in one of 15 levels of monthly supplemental difficulty of care payments.
- Maintains children's existing pre-Northstar benefits unless they specifically transition into Northstar Care for Children (pre-Northstar benefit programs are phased out as children exit them).
- Reduces barriers to permanency by eliminating financial and medical disparities in benefits across existing programs, particularly for older youth in foster care. This in turn helps reduce racial disparities that are typically associated with longer stays in foster care and aging out of foster care without permanency.

Funding for Northstar Care for Children comes from state general fund appropriations; federal Title IV-E payments for foster care, guardianship assistance, and adoption assistance; and county and Tribal spending on foster care. Northstar Care for Children spending was eligible for the temporary 6.2 percent Federal Medical Assistance

Percentage (FMAP) increase authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which lasted through March 31, 2023 and was phased down in each fiscal quarter until it ended January 1, 2024.<sup>1</sup>

## RESULTS

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families monitors the performance of counties and Tribes in delivering child welfare services, including services provided under Northstar Care for Children.

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Rate of relative care	Result	Of all days that children spent in family foster care settings during the given period, what percentage of days were spent with a relative	Increased by 3 percentage points from 2019	2023: 63.1%
Placement stability	Quality	Of all children who enter foster care in the year, what is the number of placement moves per 1,000 days spent in foster care?	Decreased by 0.2 per 1,000 since 2019	2023: 3.5 per 1,000
Permanency, 12-23 months	Quality	Of all children in foster care who had been in foster care between 12 and 23 months on the first day of the year, what percent of children are discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the year	Increased by 4 percentage points since 2019	2023: 59.6%
Permanency, 24 months	Quality	Of all children in foster care who had been in foster care for 24 months or more on the first day of the year, what percent of children are discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the year	Increased by 9 percentage points since 2019	2023: 42.2%

Performance Measures notes:

Measures provided by the Child Safety and Permanency Administration at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Also see the DHS Child Welfare Dashboard

([http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_148137](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_148137))

The legal authority for Northstar Care for Children was M.S. chapter 256N in the Minnesota Department of Human Services (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/256N>). It will be M.S. chapters 142A.60-142A.612 in the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

<sup>1</sup> The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116-127). Section 6008 of the FFCRA provides a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each qualifying state's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) beginning January 1, 2020, and through the last day of the calendar quarter in which the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services terminates.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					110,398	116,346
3000 - Federal					124,840	124,840
<b>Total</b>					<b>235,238</b>	<b>241,186</b>
Biennial Change				0		476,424
Biennial % Change						

**Expenditures by Category**

Grants, Aids and Subsidies					235,238	241,186
<b>Total</b>					<b>235,238</b>	<b>241,186</b>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					110,398	116,346
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>110,398</b>	<b>116,346</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		226,744
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					124,840	124,840
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>124,840</b>	<b>124,840</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		249,680
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Forecasted Program****Activity: Early Childhood Family Education**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-care-and-early-learning>**AT A GLANCE**

- 12,949 children participated in ongoing Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The purpose of the program is to provide parenting education to support children's learning and development. All families with children prenatal to kindergarten are eligible for services. School districts with prekindergarten through third grade initiatives may continue to serve families up to third grade.

This program helps meet the objective of all children attend a safe, nurturing school.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) provides programming and services to educate parents and other relatives about the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children, and to enhance the skills of parents and other relatives in providing for their children's learning and development. In addition, there is funding available to provide home visiting to families. Each year, programs must: 1) conduct a community needs assessment that identifies new and underserved populations; 2) identify child and family risk factors, particularly those that impact children's learning and development; and 3) assess family and parenting education needs in the community. Programs are required to provide programming and services that are tailored to the needs of families and parents prioritized in the community needs assessment.

**Additional ECFE Program Requirements**

- Provide programming to educate parents and other relatives about the development of children and to enhance the skills of parents and other relatives in providing for their children's learning and development.
- Provide structured learning activities requiring interaction between children and their parents or relatives.
- Provide learning experiences for children, parents, and other relatives that promote children's early literacy and, where practicable, their native language skills and activities for children that require substantial involvement of the children's parents or other relatives.
- Provide structured learning activities for children that promote children's development and positive interaction with peers, which are held while parents or relatives attend parent education classes.
- Provide information on related community resources.
- Provide information, materials, and activities that support the safety of children, including prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Provide information about, and if needed, assist in making arrangements for an early childhood health and developmental screening when the child nears the third birthday.

ECFE programs should also:

- Encourage parents and other relatives to involve four- and five-year-old children in School Readiness programs, and other public and nonpublic early learning programs.
- Provide parents of English learners with translated oral and written information to monitor the program's impact on their children's English language development, to know whether their children are progressing in developing their English and native language proficiency, and to actively engage with and support their children in developing their English and native language proficiency.

### Revenue

ECFE revenue is a combination of state aid and local property tax levy. Total revenue is 2.3 percent of the general education formula allowance times 150, or the number of children under age 5 who lived in the district as of October 1 of the previous school year, whichever is greater. Starting in FY 2018, local Home Visiting levies were supplemented with state aid.

### Collaboration

It is common for other state-funded programs to work collaboratively with ECFE:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE), which provides family literacy programs.
- School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten utilize ECFE to provide family engagement and parenting education service.
- Help Me Grow facilitates the referral and assessment process for Part C and Part B early intervention services.

## RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Children participating in regular parent/child weekly sessions.	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	FY2021: 8,299** FY2022: 12,113	FY2023: 12,949
Class offerings for children/parents.	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	FY2021: 1,227** FY2022: 1,416	FY2023: 1,307

\*Note: Some districts did not report ECFE courses in these years.

\*\*Note: Figures impacted by the COVID pandemic and ECFE being a voluntary program.

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This statute was previously M.S. 124D.13 and M.S. 124D.135, it is now codified under M.S. 142D.10; M.S. 142D.11.

Early Childhood Family Education

Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					40,005	41,636
Transfers Out					40,005	41,636

**Program: Forecasted Program****Activity: Health and Developmental Screening**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-care-and-early-learning>**AT A GLANCE**

- In fiscal year (FY) 2023, a total of 58,259 children were screened by school districts. Outcomes included:
  - 7,808 children referred to the school readiness program.
  - 5,210 families referred to early childhood family education.
  - 1,079 children referred to Head Start.
  - 163 parents referred to adult education/literacy.
  - 6,198 children referred to special education for speech/language.
  - 4,906 children referred to special education for cognitive.
  - 2,377 children referred to special education for fine/gross motor.
  - 3,591 children referred to special education for social/emotional concerns.
  - 3,990 children received interpreter services during screening.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The purpose of this program is to detect factors that may impede children's learning, growth, and development. Every school board must provide for a mandatory program of early childhood health and developmental screening for children at least once before they start school, targeting children between 3 and 4 years of age. Districts receive state aid for every child screened prior to starting kindergarten, or within 30 days after first entering kindergarten. Charter schools may elect to apply to provide a screening program.

This program supports the objective of ensuring every student receives a world class education and attends a safe, nurturing school.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

A screening program must include the following components:

- Outreach to inform each resident family about the availability of the program.
- Developmental screening, including cognitive, speech/language, fine/gross motor, and social emotional.
- Hearing and vision screening.
- Immunization review.
- The child's height and weight.
- Identification of risk factors that may influence learning.
- Identification of health care coverage and referral to an appropriate provider.
- An interview with the parent about the child.
- Referral and follow up for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment when potential needs are identified.

A district may also offer additional health screening components such as nutritional, physical, and dental assessments; review of family circumstances that might affect development; blood pressure; laboratory tests; and health history.



Families may opt out by submitting a signed statement of conscientiously held beliefs.

Children may receive a comparable screening through: Head Start; Child and Teen Checkups/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT), or their health care provider.

A district must provide the parent or guardian of the child screened with a record indicating the month and year the child received screening and the results of the screening.

### RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Percentage of all Minnesota 3-year-old children receiving health and developmental screening.	Quality	Data collected by MDE	FY2020: 28% FY2021: 21% FY2022: 29%	FY2023: 32%
Number of children receiving interpreter services	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	FY2020: 2,982 FY2021: 2,199 FY2022: 3,535	FY2023: 3,990
Referrals for further assistance made for children identified as having possible health and/or development problems or needs.	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	FY2020: 16,428 FY2021: 16,123 FY2022: 28,024	FY2023: 30,531

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The legal authority for Health and Developmental Screening activities was M.S. chapter 124D.135 in the Minnesota Department of Education. It will be M.S. chapters 142D.09-093 in the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

## Health and Developmental Screening

## Activity Financing by Fund

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					4,099	4,051
Transfers Out					4,099	4,051

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Support Services Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/cashemployment><https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/basic-needs/food-and-nutrition>**AT A GLANCE**

- Provides MFIP/DWP employment services to approximately 21,700 people per month.
- Provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program employment services to approximately 400 people per month.
- More than 449,000 Minnesotans receive help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) every month with an average monthly benefit of \$222 per person.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Support Services Grants cover the cost of services to address barriers, help stabilize families and adults, and build skills that ensure participants are prepared to find and retain employment.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) primary focus is on self-sufficiency through employment. Minnesota's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Program is focused on SNAP recipients and providing them with clear pathways in developing marketable and in-demand skills, leading to career advancement and self-sufficiency. Additionally, a portion of this budget activity is federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These efforts help keep more people fed and healthy. Fifty-eight percent of SNAP participants are children and their families, 17 percent are seniors, 12 percent are adults with a disability, and 12 percent are other adults.<sup>1</sup> In summer 2024, Minnesota launched the Summer EBT program which provides additional food assistance for over 400,000 children during the summer months.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Support Services Grants activity provides funding for the MFIP Consolidated Fund and for the SNAP Employment and Training Program:

- **MFIP Consolidated Fund:** Support Services Grants are allocated to counties and tribes, and are funded with a combination of state and federal funds, including from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Counties and tribes use the MFIP Consolidated Fund to provide an array of employment services including job search, job placement, training, and education. The Consolidated Fund also provides other supports such as emergency needs for low-income families with children.

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<sup>1</sup> Characteristics of People and Cases on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2023. (<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5182P-ENG>).

Workforce Centers, counties, Tribal Nations, and community agencies provide employment services. Service providers evaluate the needs of each participant and develop an individualized employment plan that builds on strengths and addresses areas of need. Services include:

- Referrals to housing, child care, and health care coverage, including any needed chemical and mental health services, to aid in stabilizing families
- Basic education, English proficiency training, skill building, and education programs to prepare participants for the labor market
- Job search assistance and job placement services to help participants locate employment that matches their skills and abilities
- Innovative programs to address special populations or needs such as: the Whole Family Systems initiative, summer youth employment, and services for teen parents that includes public health home visits.

Support Services Grants also fund a portion of county and tribal costs to administer MFIP and DWP.

**SNAP Employment and Training:** Federal SNAP Employment and Training funds are allocated to counties and tribal nations and used to provide a basic foundation of employment services that, if enhanced with local or other state funds, can earn a 50 percent reimbursement to build greater capacity. Support Services Grants to SNAP Employment and Training programs are matched through federal reimbursement.

**SNAP:** This federally funded program provides a monthly benefit to low-income families, seniors, people with disabilities, and some single adults for purchasing only food. Households must have incomes of less than 165 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). Benefits are based on household size and the amount and types of incomes and expenses. This program is combined with MFIP and operated as a stand-alone program.

## RESULTS

The two key measures in MFIP/DWP are:

- The **Self-Support Index** is a results measure. The Self-Support Index shows the percentage of adults eligible for MFIP or DWP in a quarter who have left assistance or are working at least 30 hours per week three years later. Customized targets are set for each county or tribe using characteristics of the people served and local economic conditions. State law requires the Department of Human Services to use the Self-Support Index to allocate performance bonus funds. The chart following shows that about two-thirds of participants have left MFIP or DWP and/or are working at least 30 hours per week three years after a baseline period.
- The decline in the Self-Support Index from 2020 to 2023 can be explained by the corresponding decline in the range of expected performance for each local agency. Each local agency has a customized range of Self-Support Index scores based on factors outside of the control of the local agency, such as demographics of person and household, local economic and community factors.

<i><b>Year ending in March of:</b></i>	<i><b>S-SI</b></i>
2012	65.3%
2013	66.9%
2014	68.5%
2015	68.8%
2016	68.0%
2017	65.9%
2018	64.6%
2019	64.4%
2020	65.7%
2021	64.6%
2022	63.4%
2023	61.7%

- The federal Work Participation Rate (WPR) is a process measure and counts the number of parents engaging in a minimum number of hours of federally-recognized work activities. The measure does not count households who discontinue assistance when getting a job.

<i><b>Federal Fiscal Year</b></i>	<i><b>WPR</b></i>
2012	45.3%
2013	45.1%
2014	46.2%
2015	37.9%
2016	39.4%
2017	38.9%
2018	37.2%
2019	35.7%
2020	22.3%
2021	14.9%
2022	20.4%

Another employment-related, state-mandated performance measure tracked is:

- **MFIP/DWP Median Placement Wage**, a quality measure that reflects the number of people getting jobs and the median wage. The chart shows the statewide median hourly starting wage. NOTE: The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) was suspended due to COVID-19 during the state peacetime emergency from April 2020 to August 2021.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Median Placement Wage Per Hour for MFIP Clients</b>	<b>Median Placement Wage Per Hour for DWP Clients</b>
2008	\$9.00	\$9.39
2009	\$9.00	\$9.30
2010	\$9.50	\$9.50
2011	\$9.50	\$9.50
2012	\$9.95	\$10.00
2013	\$10.00	\$10.00
2014	\$10.29	\$10.00
2015	\$11.00	\$11.00
2016	\$11.50	\$11.50
2017	\$12.00	\$12.00
2018	\$12.50	\$13.00
2019	\$13.00	\$13.00
2020	\$14.00	-
2021	\$15.00	-
2022	\$15.88	\$16.44
2023	\$17.07	\$17.23

Two key federal reporting requirements for SNAP E&T are the percentage of participants employed and median quarterly wages in the second quarter after exiting the program.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Percent of participants employed 2 quarters after exit</b>	<b>Median quarterly wages of employed participants 2 quarters after exit</b>
2020	52.09%	\$4204.21
2021	48.52%	\$4,018.72
2022	45.16%	\$5,894.00
2023	9.12%	\$6,648.12

The legal authority for Support Services Grants is M.S. sections 256J.626 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256J.626>) in the Minnesota Department of Human Services. It will be M.S. sections 142G.76 in the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

## Support Services Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					12,290	12,290
3000 - Federal					91,200	91,200
3001 - Federal TANF					96,451	96,451
<b>Total</b>					<b>199,941</b>	<b>199,941</b>
Biennial Change				0		399,882
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Operating Expenses					80,000	80,000
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					119,941	119,941
<b>Total</b>					<b>199,941</b>	<b>199,941</b>

## Support Services Grants

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					12,290	12,290
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>12,290</b>	<b>12,290</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		24,580
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					91,200	91,200
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>91,200</b>	<b>91,200</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		182,400
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3001 - Federal TANF</b>						
Receipts					96,451	96,451
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>96,451</b>	<b>96,451</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		192,902
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						



**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/partners-and-providers/child-care-services>**AT A GLANCE**

- In SFY23 Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance paid for childcare for 13,169 children in 6,775 families in an average month.
- As of May 2024, there was a waiting list of 1,116 families eligible for assistance but unable to be served at the current funding levels.
- The average monthly assistance per family was \$1,663.
- All funds spending for the BSF Child Care Assistance Grants activity for FY 2023 was \$142 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

In order to work, families need safe and reliable childcare. The average annual cost of full-time care for one child ranges from \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year, depending on the age of the child, location, and type of provider attended.<sup>1</sup> Many low-income families struggle to find affordable childcare that fits their needs. Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Child Care Assistance provides financial subsidies to help low-income families pay for childcare through the Child Care Assistance Program. Families earning no more than 47 percent of the state median income (\$49,605 in 2023 for a family of three) are eligible to enter the Basic Sliding Fee program. Families leave the Child Care Assistance Program when their earnings are greater than 67 percent of state median income (\$70,713 in 2023 for a family of three) or when their copayment exceeds their cost of care.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

BSF childcare assistance grants provide support to help improve outcomes for the most at-risk children and their families by increasing access to high quality childcare.

Families must be working, looking for work or attending school to be eligible for the Basic Sliding Fee Program. The program helps families pay childcare costs on a sliding fee basis. As family income increases, so does the amount of childcare expenses (copayment) paid by the family. All families receiving childcare assistance and earning 75 percent or more of the federal poverty guideline make copayments based on their income. A family of three earning 55 percent of the state median income (\$58,048) would have a total biweekly copayment of \$187 for all children in care.

The BSF childcare assistance grants activity is part of the state's Child Care Assistance Program. Maximum rates for provider payment in the Child Care Assistance Program are set in state law. Maximum rates are set for each type of care: childcare centers, family childcare, and legal non-licensed childcare. Providers are paid at the rate they charge in the private childcare market, up to this limit. The program pays a higher rate to providers who have met quality standards through Parent Aware, are accredited, or hold certain educational credentials.

Childcare must be provided by a legal childcare provider over the age of 18 years. Allowable providers include legal non-licensed family childcare, license-exempt centers, licensed family childcare, and licensed childcare centers. Families choose their providers in the private childcare market. Counties administer the Child Care Assistance Program.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.childcareawaremn.org/families/cost-of-care/>

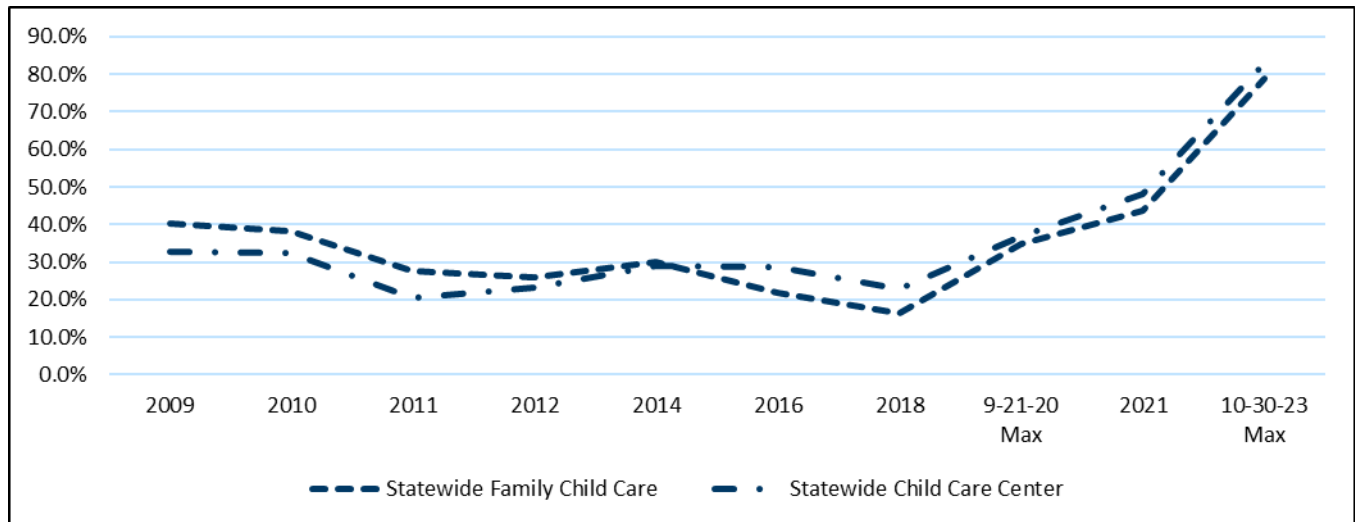
BSF funding is a capped allocation. It includes a combination of state funds and federal Child Care and Development and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. The agency allocates funding to counties, who administer the program. Because the funding is capped, not everyone who is eligible for the program may be served. As of May 2024, there was a waiting list for BSF childcare assistance of 1,116 families.

## RESULTS

**Percent of Provider Prices Fully Covered by CCAP** - Maximum rates paid to providers under the Child Care Assistance Program may not cover the full cost of childcare. This may be a barrier for some families if they cannot find a provider in their community whose prices are covered by the maximum allowed under the program. **The percent of childcare providers who charge prices that are fully covered by the Child Care Assistance Program increased when the maximum rates were raised in the 2023 legislative session.**

As of October 30, 2023, approximately 79 percent of family childcare providers and approximately 83 percent of childcare centers charge prices that are fully covered by the Child Care Assistance Program standard maximum rates.

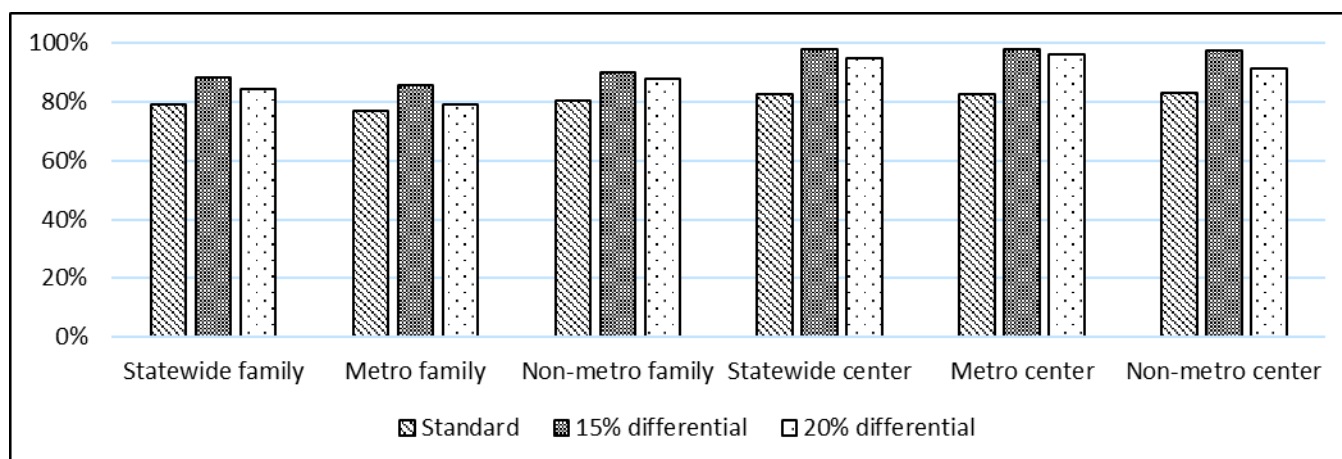
**Provider prices fully covered by Standard Maximum Rates statewide, by percentage**



**Quality Differential Impact** - Parent Aware is Minnesota's rating tool for helping parents select high quality childcare and early education programs. The Child Care Assistance Program allows up to a 15 percent higher maximum rate to be paid to providers with a Parent Aware 3-star rating, or who hold certain accreditation or education standards established in statute. Up to a 20 percent higher maximum rate can be paid to providers with a 4-star Parent Aware rating.

This quality measure shows that higher maximum rates may increase families' access to high quality providers by allowing the maximum rate paid by the Child Care Assistance Program to fully cover more (or an equivalent proportion) of their prices as compared to the prices charged by all providers. This measure indicates the impact of quality differentials by type of care. It is first presented as a statewide total, and then broken out by metro and non-metro counties.

### Prices fully covered by Standard and Quality Differential Maximum Rates



Specifically, the 20 percent differential allows the prices charged by center based four-star rated metro providers to be fully covered by the maximum subsidy at a higher proportion compared to the prices of all metro center providers. The higher maximum rates offer coverage of the prices charged by all other types of quality providers at higher levels than the standard maximum rates.

**Use of High-Quality Care** - Children who participate in high quality early care and education are more likely to experience school success and positive life-long outcomes. This quality measure shows that the percent of all children receiving childcare assistance through providers eligible for the higher subsidy rates for quality has increased from 37.5 percent in July of 2016 to 51 percent in July of 2023.

### Percent of Children Receiving Child Care Assistance in Quality Settings

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Standard Care	46.6%	44.5%	47.6%	48.8%
Provider holds Accreditation*	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	1.6%
Provider holds Parent Aware 1-2 Star	4.0%	3.5%	2.3%	1.5%
Provider holds Parent Aware 3-4 Star*	47%	49.6%	47.6%	48.1%

*\* These providers are eligible for CCAP higher rates for quality. Data representative of services provided in July of each year.*

The data source for the prices charged by providers is a biennial survey of provider prices conducted by Child Care Aware of Minnesota for the Department. To assess the portion of provider prices fully covered, provider prices are compared to the applicable maximum subsidy rates. The data source for children in care with provider's eligible of the higher rates for quality is from MEC<sup>2</sup>, Minnesota's childcare electronic eligibility and payment system.

The legal authority for the Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Child Care Assistance program was in M.S. chapter 119B. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/119B>) in the Department of Human Services. It will be in M.S. chapter 142E. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2024/0/80/laws.5.6.0#laws.5.6.0>) at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

(Dollars in Thousands)

		Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>							
1000 - General						137,768	135,212
3000 - Federal						116,523	116,523
<b>Total</b>						<b>254,291</b>	<b>251,735</b>
Biennial Change					0		506,026
Biennial % Change							
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>							
Grants, Aids and Subsidies						254,291	251,735
<b>Total</b>						<b>254,291</b>	<b>251,735</b>

# Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					137,768	135,212
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>137,768</b>	<b>135,212</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		272,980
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					116,523	116,523
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>116,523</b>	<b>116,523</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		233,046
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Child Care Development Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-care-and-early-learning>**AT A GLANCE**

- Over 6,000 child care programs received funding through the Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program from October – December 2023.
- 2,879 family child care providers and 11,360 child care center direct care staff have listed their employment at their child care program in Develop, Minnesota's Quality Improvement and Registry Tool.
- 32% of eligible child care and early education programs are Rated by Parent Aware, Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System as of July 2023.
- All spending for the Child Care Development Grants activity for FY23 was \$203.2 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Child Care Development Grants provide a system of quality improvement and financial supports for licensed child care programs, professional development supports for the child care workforce, and information and supports for prospective child care business owners to improve the supply of child care. They also support families to find care and education to meet their needs.

These grants are foundational to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families' strategy for addressing Minnesota's child care scarcity. The lack of quality child care, especially in Greater Minnesota, has a tangible economic impact because communities with an adequate supply of child care are better positioned to attract and retain employees.

In addition, there are too few individuals with the qualifications needed to work in child care programs, which also contributes to the child care shortage. These grants also help new child care workforce members gain needed qualifications, and provide grants, loans, training, coaching, and technical assistance that help retain and support the child care workforce.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families provides compensation support payments to child care providers, and grants to public and private partners who specialize in providing services for child care providers, families, and individuals working on starting new child care businesses, to increase the supply and quality of child care in Minnesota. Services include:

- Information for parents searching for quality child care and early education for their children through Parent Aware, an online search tool (Parent Aware website, <http://www.parentaware.org/>) and other parent education services provided by Child Care Aware of Minnesota.
- Grants, loans, financial supports and other incentives to encourage current and prospective child care providers and early educators to enter the care and education field, stay in it, advance in the field of child care and early education, and improve their programs.
- Training, coaching, professional development advising, and other workforce supports for early childhood and school-age care providers to increase their business skills, knowledge of child development, and instructional practices to meet the needs of individual children.
- Compensation support payments to retain early educators working directly with children in child care programs, stabilizing the child care workforce as part of a larger strategy to address Minnesota's child care shortages.

- Supports for family, friend and neighbor providers to promote children's social-emotional learning and healthy development, early literacy, and other skills to succeed as learners.
- Reimbursement to child care programs and providers to cover some of the fees charged to complete a nationally recognized child care accreditation program.

Child Care Development Grants are funded with federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funds and state general funds.

## RESULTS

**Use of Quality Child Care** - Children who participate in quality child care and early education are more likely to experience school success and positive life-long outcomes. This measure shows that the percent of all children receiving child care assistance and attending child care programs with Parent Aware Ratings has increased from 65 percent in July 2021 to 71 percent in July 2023.

**Number of Programs Rated by Parent Aware** – Parent Aware improves children’s outcomes by improving families’ access to high quality child care. This measure shows that the percentage of child care and early education programs with a Parent Aware rating increased from 2021 to 2023.

**Provider Education Levels** – Early childhood educators with degrees or credentials are needed to provide the kind of early learning opportunities that will make a difference for children’s outcomes. This measure shows that the education level of early childhood educators has continued to grow over time, as reported by those educators volunteering to verify their education level.

**Searches for Quality Care through Parent Aware** – The ParentAware.org website is an important resource for families searching for all types of early care and education settings, including child care, school-based pre-kindergarten programs, and Head Start. The number of unique visitors on this website grew between 2021 to 2023.

Measurement Name	Type of Measure	Measurement Data Source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Quality Child Care	Result	Percent of children receiving child care assistance in quality settings	65% in 2021	71% in 2023
Quality Child Care	Quantity	Percent of child care and early education programs with a Parent Aware rating	30% in 2021	32% in 2023
Quality Child Care	Quantity	Number of family child care providers and teachers working directly with children with a Credential, CDA or Degree (AAS, BA/BS or higher)	6,070 in 2021	9,352 in 2023
Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program Impact	Quantity	Number of child care programs receiving payments through the Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program and the number of individuals supported.	6,186 programs and 40,161 individuals from July to Sept 2023	6,388 programs and 38,593 individuals from Oct to Dec 2023
Parent Aware Visibility	Quantity	Number of unique visitors on Parent Aware.org	109,671 in 2021	121,000 in 2023

The legal authority for the Child Care Development Grant activities was M.S. chapter 119B in the Minnesota Department of Human Services (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=119B>). It will be M.S. chapters 142D and 142E in the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

## Child Care Development Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					138,819	138,819
3000 - Federal					37,562	37,562
<b>Total</b>					<b>176,381</b>	<b>176,381</b>
Biennial Change				0		352,762
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					176,381	176,381
<b>Total</b>					<b>176,381</b>	<b>176,381</b>



## Child Care Development Grants

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

### 1000 - General

Direct Appropriation					138,819	138,819
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>138,819</b>	<b>138,819</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		277,638
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

### 3000 - Federal

Receipts					37,562	37,562
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>37,562</b>	<b>37,562</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		75,124
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Child Support Enforcement Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-support>**AT A GLANCE**

- In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, county and state child support offices provide services to more than 292,245 custodial and non-custodial parents and their 206,649 children.
- In FFY 2023, the child support program collected and disbursed \$520 million in child support payments.
- Access and visitation funds served 1,465 children in 2023.
- All funds spending for Child Support Enforcement Grants for FFY2023 was \$1.7 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Every child needs financial and emotional support, and every child has the right to support from both parents. Minnesota's child support program benefits children by enforcing parental responsibility for their support.

The State of Minnesota collected \$520 million in child support payments in FY 2023. The Minnesota child support program plays an active role in reducing the reliance on other state income maintenance programs given the significant amount of child support that is collected and sent directly to families.

Child support represents a high proportion of income for low income custodial parents. Ten percent of cases are currently on public assistance and 40.3 percent of cases were formerly on public assistance. 88 percent of custodial parents who are eligible for child support are women. The program disproportionately serves parents of color. African American parents account for 24 percent of the child support caseload and American Indian parents account for six percent even though African American and American Indian Minnesotans only account for seven and three percent of the general population.

Child Support Enforcement Grants help strengthen families by providing financial supports. Child support helps families become self-sufficient.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Under state direction and supervision, child support activities are administered by counties and tribes. Staff assist custodial parents in obtaining basic support, medical support, and childcare support for children, through locating parents and establishing paternity and support obligations. Without this assistance, many families would not have the financial resources to remain self-sufficient.

The following activities help to support and stabilize families:

- Establish paternity through genetic testing, Recognition of Parentage or other means;
- Establish and modify court orders for child support, medical support and child care support, based on statutory guidelines;
- Enforce court orders to assure payment through remedies established in federal regulation and state law, such as income withholding, driver's license suspension and passport denial; and
- Collect and process payments from employers, parents, counties and other states and issue support funds to families.

## RESULTS

The federal government funds state child support programs in part through performance incentives. These are calculated by measuring the state's performance in core activities: paternity establishment, order establishment, collection of current support, collection of arrears (past due support), and program cost effectiveness. States are ranked by their scores on the measures and earn higher incentives as performance increases. Each percentage measurement has a threshold of 80 percent to earn the maximum incentive for that measure. To maximize the incentive for cost-effectiveness, states must collect five dollars for every dollar spent on the child support program.

In 2023 Minnesota earned \$11.3 million dollars in federal incentives. The federal incentives are passed on to counties to help cover their administrative costs of the program.

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Paternities established	Result	Percent of children born outside marriage for whom paternity was established in open child support cases for the year	Decreased by three percentage points since 2019	FFY2023: 97.7%
Orders established	Result	Percent of cases open at the end of the year with orders established	Decreased by three percentage points since 2019	FFY2023: 85.7%
Collections on current support	Result	Percent of cases with current support due within the year that had a collection on current support	Decreased by two percentage points since 2019	FFY2023: 73.4%
Collections on arrears	Result	Percent of cases with arrears due within the year that had a collection on arrears	Decreased by three percentage points since 2019	FFY2023: 69.9%
Cost effectiveness	Result	Dollars collected per dollars spent	Decreased by 46 cents since 2019	FFY2023: \$2.68

Evidence-based Practice	Source of Evidence	FY 22-23 Expenditures
Driver's License Suspension Procedural Justice Project	Pilot that started in Fall 2021, ended in Spring 2022. MMB Impact Evaluation Unit conducted an evaluation. The descriptive report was published April 2023 and the impact evaluation report is published on the MMB website <sup>1</sup> .	No current costs in regards to the evaluation report. Based upon finding(s) of the evaluation report there may be action steps taken to address the findings which may have future costs.

<sup>1</sup> Driver's License Suspension Project Impact Evaluation:  
[https://mn.gov/mmb/assets/DLS%20impact%20report\\_Final%20%28accessible%29\\_tcm1059-632219.pdf](https://mn.gov/mmb/assets/DLS%20impact%20report_Final%20%28accessible%29_tcm1059-632219.pdf)

**Notes on Performance Measures:**

1. Federal performance measures are listed in the 2023 Minnesota Child Support Performance Report (<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/docs/2024/other/240564.pdf>)
  2. FFY = federal fiscal year
  3. Paternities established can be higher than 100 percent because the results include children born in prior years for whom paternity has been established in that year.
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The legal authority for Child Support Enforcement Grants comes from federal and state laws.

Federal law 42 U.S.C. secs. 651-669b requires that states establish a child support program and gives general guidelines for administering the program. (Title 42 651; <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2011-title42/html/USCODE-2011-title42-chap7-subchapIV-partD.htm>).

State law:

Requires a person receiving public assistance to assign child support rights to the state and cooperate with child support services (M.S. sec. 518A.81)

Provides legal authority to establish child support (M.S. sec. 518A.81) and to establish paternity (M.S. sec. 257.57)

Provides legal authority to set and collect fees for child support services (M.S. sec. 518A.51, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=518A.51>), and requires the state to establish a central collections unit (M.S. sec. 518A.56, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=518A.56>).

# Child Support Enforcement Grants

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					1,509	1,509
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					50	50
3000 - Federal					2,730	2,001
<b>Total</b>					<b>4,289</b>	<b>3,560</b>
Biennial Change				0		7,849
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Operating Expenses					1,759	1,554
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					2,530	2,006
<b>Total</b>					<b>4,289</b>	<b>3,560</b>

# Child Support Enforcement Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					50	50
Transfers Out					50	50
<b>2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Receipts					1,509	1,509
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,509</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		3,018
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Transfers In					50	50
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		100
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					2,730	2,001
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,001</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		4,731
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Children's Services Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-safety-and-family-preservation>**AT A GLANCE**

In 2023:

- 23,507 assessments and investigations of child abuse and neglect involving 30,444 children were finalized.
- Of these, 4,884 unique children were determined to be victims of child maltreatment.
- 10,509 children/youth experienced an out-of-home placement.
- All funds spending for the Children's Services Grants activity for FY 2023 was \$82.6 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Strong families and communities are an effective first line of defense for keeping children safe, especially in times of stress. Children who have been abused and neglected are more likely to perform poorly in school, become involved in criminal activities and abuse or neglect their own children. Long-term intervention costs for crime, corrections, truancy, hospitalization, special education, and mental health care are also minimized when programs and services support strong families and communities. Research provides compelling evidence that strength-based child welfare interventions, such as those funded with Children's Services Grants, result in safer children and more stable families. Without these services, children and families remain at risk.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Children's Services Grants fund county, tribal, and community-based child welfare services around the state, including Indian child welfare services, child protection, homeless youth services, and child abuse and neglect services. These grants help keep children out of foster care and safely with their families and reduce disparities in the number of children of color in out-of-home placements. Recently these grants have been used to:

- Reform the child welfare system to focus on prevention and early intervention efforts to ensure children's safety and well-being by supporting families.
- Improve the Minnesota Child Welfare Training System.
- Design and develop Tribal approaches that ensure child safety and permanency.
- Transfer responsibility from counties to Tribes to deliver a full continuum of child welfare services to American Indian children and families on three reservations.

These services are essential to keep children safe and families stable. Children's Services Grants include state and federal funding for child welfare services.

**RESULTS**

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families monitors the performance of counties and tribes in delivering child welfare services. Minnesota outcomes meet or exceed most federal standards. Efforts to engage families early and collaboratively with evidence-based interventions have resulted in improved safety and timely permanency outcomes.

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Repeated abuse or neglect	Quantity	Percent of children not experiencing repeated abuse or neglect within 12 months of a prior report	Remained steady since 2020	2023: 94.4%
Permanency within 12 months	Result	Percent of all children who enter foster care in the previous year that are discharged to permanency (i.e., reunification with parents, caregivers, living with relative, guardianship, adoption) within 12 months	Increased by 2 percentage points since 2020	2023: 48.6%
Permanency , 12 to 23 months	Result	Percent of all children in foster care who had been in care between 12 and 23 months on the first day of the year that were discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the year	Increased by 7.2 percentage points since 2020	2023: 59.6%
Permanency , 24 months or more	Result	Percent of all children in foster care who had been in care for 24 months or more on the first day of the year that were discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the year	Increased by 10 percentage points since 2020	2023: 42.2%

Performance Measures notes:

Measures from the Child Safety and Permanency Administration at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Also see the DHS Child Welfare Dashboard

([http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_148137](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_148137))

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Several state statutes provide the legal authority for the Children's Services Grants activity:

Provisions for reasonable efforts, Interstate Compact on Placement of Children and Minnesota Indian Preservation Act are in M.S. chapter 260 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=260>)

Provisions for juvenile protection are in M.S. chapter 260C (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=260C>)

Provisions for voluntary foster care for treatment are in M.S. chapter 260D (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=260D>)

Reporting of Maltreatment of minors is under M.S. chapter 260E (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=260E>)



## Children's Services Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					40,369	40,369
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue					1,220	1,220
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					17,410	17,411
2403 - Gift					1	1
3000 - Federal					32,622	30,761
<b>Total</b>					<b>91,622</b>	<b>89,762</b>
Biennial Change				0		181,384
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					91,622	89,762
<b>Total</b>					<b>91,622</b>	<b>89,762</b>

# Children's Services Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					51,097	51,098
Transfers Out					10,728	10,729
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>40,369</b>	<b>40,369</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		80,738
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Transfers In					1,220	1,220
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,220</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2,440
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Receipts					3,351	3,351
Transfers In					14,059	14,060
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>17,410</b>	<b>17,411</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		34,821
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2403 - Gift</b>						
Receipts					1	1
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					32,622	30,761
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>32,622</b>	<b>30,761</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		63,383
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Child and Community Service Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-safety-and-family-preservation>**AT A GLANCE**

In 2023:

- 23,507 assessments and investigations of child abuse and neglect involving 30,443 children were finalized.
- 1,544 children were either adopted or had a permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative.
- All funds spending for the Children and Community Services activity for FY 2023 was \$97.4 million.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

Under the state Vulnerable Children and Adult Act, Child and Community Services Grants provide funding to support core safety services for vulnerable children, including response to reports of maltreatment, assessments of safety and risk, case management, and other supportive services that help keep children safely in their own homes. This budget activity includes other grant programs that are allocated to local agencies and tribal nations for child welfare activities.

The grants provide funding that supports counties' administrative responsibility for child protection services and foster care. The funding also helps counties purchase or provide these services for children and families.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Funding through these grants provides core safety services that focus on preventing or remedying child maltreatment, preserving and rehabilitating families, and providing for community-based care. Services include:

- Response to reports of child maltreatment and assessment of safety and risk of harm.
- Adoption and foster care supports for children.
- Case management and counseling.

Children and Community Services Grants provide child protection services to help keep more children out of foster care and safely with their families, and to decrease the disproportionate number of children of color in out-of-home placements. They help ensure that vulnerable children are better protected and receive support services in their communities. These grants include state funds and the federal Social Services Block Grant and are allocated to counties through the state's Vulnerable Children and Adult Act.

This budget activity includes many funding streams that support child welfare activities. Child protection funding for the opioid epidemic response fund is annually distributed to counties and tribal nations to provide prevention and protection activities for children whose families are affected by addiction. The Child Protection Grant is used to address staffing for child protection activities or expand child protection services. The Counsel for Child Protection allocation provides an offset to county board costs for expenses related to paying for court-appointed counsel representing parents at emergency protective care (EPC) hearings. The Family First Prevention Services Act Allocation provides funding to counties and American Indian Child Welfare Initiative tribes for prevention activities.

## RESULTS

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families monitors the performance of counties in delivering child welfare services. Minnesota outcomes meet or exceed most federal child welfare standards. Efforts to engage families early and collaboratively with evidence-based interventions have resulted in improved safety and timely permanency outcomes for children.

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Repeated abuse or neglect	Result	Percent of children not experiencing repeated abuse or neglect within 12 months of a prior report	Remained steady since 2020	2023: 94.4%
Permanency	Result	Percent of all children who enter foster care in the previous year that are discharged to permanency (i.e., reunification with parents, caregivers, living with relative, guardianship, adoption) within 12 months	Increased by two percentage points since 2020	2023: 48.6%
Permanency, 12 months	Result	Percent of all children in foster care who had been in care between 12 and 23 months on the first day of the year that were discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the year	Increased by 7 percentage points since 2020	2023: 59.6%

Performance Measures notes:

Measures provided by the Child Safety and Permanency Administration at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Also see the DHS Child Welfare Data Dashboard (<https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/child-protection-foster-care-adoption/child-welfare-data-dashboard/>).

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The legal authority for the Vulnerable Children and Adult Act is in M.S. chapter 256M (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256M>). This Act establishes a fund to address the needs of vulnerable children and adults in each county under a service plan agreed to by each county board and the commissioners of children, youth, and families and human services.

## Child and Community Services Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					87,653	87,653
2005 - Opiate Epidemic Response					3,318	3,318
3000 - Federal					29,999	29,999
<b>Total</b>					<b>120,970</b>	<b>120,970</b>
Biennial Change				0		241,940
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					120,970	120,970
<b>Total</b>					<b>120,970</b>	<b>120,970</b>

# Child and Community Services Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					90,984	90,984
Transfers Out					3,331	3,331
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>87,653</b>	<b>87,653</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		175,306
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>2005 - Opiate Epidemic Response</b>						
Direct Appropriation					3,318	3,318
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>3,318</b>	<b>3,318</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		6,636
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					29,999	29,999
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>29,999</b>	<b>29,999</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		59,998
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Child and Economic Support Grants**

SNAP (<https://dcyf.mn.gov/programs-directory/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>)

Economic Opportunity (<https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/program-overviews/economic-supports-cash-food/office-of-economic-opportunity/>)

**AT A GLANCE**

- More than 449,000 Minnesotans receive help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) every month with an average monthly benefit of \$222 per person.
- In SFY 2022-23, 297 food shelves across the state received funding from the Minnesota Food Shelf Program (MFSP) grant, totaling \$1.5 million.
- 88.5% of the MFSP grant funds were spent on food purchases that allowed food shelves to keep fresh produce, pantry staples, dairy products, and meat on their shelves.<sup>1</sup>
- As of April 2022, Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) has helped 1,114 people save nearly \$4.9 million and acquire over 3,300 long-term financial assets since 1998.
- All funds spending for the Child and Economic Support Grants activity for FY 2023 was \$1.3 billion.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

People living in poverty often face numerous barriers and have complex needs. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families administers nearly 200 grants annually to more than 100 organizations to help people in poverty meet their basic needs through the Children and Economic Support Grants. Funds are also used to help people get the skills and knowledge to improve their economic stability. Without these funds, more people would be hungry, homeless, and poor.

The largest part of this budget activity is federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Outreach and nutrition education are conducted under this activity. These efforts help keep more people fed and healthy. Fifty-eight percent of SNAP participants are children and their families, 17 percent are seniors, 12 percent are adults with a disability, and 12 percent are other adults.<sup>1</sup>

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Children and Economic Support Grants fund food, poverty reduction, and financial capability services for low-income families and individuals. These services are designed to:

- Help people buy food.
- Help families with school-aged children buy groceries when school is out for the summer.
- Ensure people eligible for SNAP know about the program and receive application assistance.
- Educate people on nutrition and food preparation.
- Help legal non-citizens 50 years and older who do not qualify for federal SNAP due to citizenship status purchase food.
- Fund food banks, food shelves, and on-site meal programs.
- Support food system changes and provide equitable access to food support for Tribal Nations and American Indian communities.
- Fund a diaper distribution program for low-income families.

<sup>1</sup> Characteristics of People and Cases on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2023 (<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Public/DHS-5182P-ENG>).

These grants also support:

- Programs administered by regional Community Action Agencies that help low-income people become more economically secure.
- Financial capability services through the Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) and related financial education initiatives.

In addition to the federal SNAP funding, other funding sources include state grants, federal grants from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA) for Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), SNAP Outreach, and SNAP Education, and Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Community Services Block Grant.

## RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
SNAP Enrollment	Quantity	Count of enrollment	10 percent increase from December 2021	December 2022: 450,067 <sup>1</sup>
Family Assets for Independence	Result	Participants interviewed reported improved Incomes of FAIM post-secondary education participants	Trend not available	2019: 57% <sup>2</sup>
Food shelf visits	Quantity	Number of food shelf visits	36 percent increase from 2022	2023: 7.5 million

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The legal authority for Children and Economic Support Grants comes from:

SNAP Employment and Training, M.S. sec. 142F.10

Minnesota Food Assistance Program, M.S. sec. 142F.13

SNAP Outreach, M.S. Sec. 142F.12

Community Action Programs, M.S. secs. 142F.30-142F.302

Minnesota Food Shelf Program, M.S. sec. 142F.14

American Indian Food Sovereignty Funding Program, M.S. sec. 142F.15

Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM), M.S. sec. 142F.20

Diaper Distribution Grant Program, M.S. sec. 142A.42

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<sup>2</sup> Minnesota Community Action Annual Report, 2019  
([https://minncap.org/files/galleries/2019\\_MinnCAP\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](https://minncap.org/files/galleries/2019_MinnCAP_Annual_Report.pdf)).



## Child and Economic Support Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

### **Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					11,816	11,816
3000 - Federal					1,294,429	1,294,429
<b>Total</b>					<b>1,306,245</b>	<b>1,306,245</b>
Biennial Change				0		2,612,490
Biennial % Change						

### **Expenditures by Category**

Grants, Aids and Subsidies					1,306,245	1,306,245
<b>Total</b>					<b>1,306,245</b>	<b>1,306,245</b>

# Child and Economic Support Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

## 1000 - General

Direct Appropriation					11,816	11,816
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>11,816</b>	<b>11,816</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		23,632
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts					1,294,429	1,294,429
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1,294,429</b>	<b>1,294,429</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2,588,858
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Program****Activity: Early Learning Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-care-and-early-learning>**AT A GLANCE**

- Approximately 20 percent of the eligible 3 and 4-year-olds in the state are served by the Early Learning Scholarship program. Effective July 1, 2024, scholarship amounts are aligned to Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program, with scholarship award amounts varying based on program type, quality and region of the state.
- Additionally, beginning in January of 2024, scholarships were expanded to serve all children, ages 0 to kindergarten entry.
- 34 Head Start and Early Head Start programs served 13,593 children and families in fiscal year (FY) 2023.
- 1,102 children experiencing homelessness received services in FY 2023
- 9,053 Minnesota infants and toddlers with disabilities were counted as being served through Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP) on December 1, 2023.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Early Learning Grants budget activity includes programs that were formerly located at the Minnesota Department of Education, such as Early Learning Scholarships, Head Start, Infant and Toddler program, Reach Out and Read and the Parent Child+ program. These grant programs provide access to quality education for families.

The Early Learning Scholarship program supports access to the state's early care and education system for young children. Early Learning Scholarships, as a funding source, are intended to increase access to high quality early care education for those families with barriers to accessing care.

Head Start and Early Head Start are federal programs that support comprehensive development and promote school readiness of children from birth to age 5 from low-income families. Head Start and Early Head Start services include early learning, health, and family well-being.

Minnesota supplements federal Head Start funds with state funds. With the additional state funding, Head Start and Early Head Start programs are able to expand services and access to educational opportunities for additional children, thus preparing children and families experiencing multiple risk factors for kindergarten. Head Start and Early Head Start supports families and children with high needs to make progress on closing the opportunity gap upon school entrance, which supports the objective of ensuring every student receives a world-class education.

The federally regulated Infants and Toddlers program (Part C of IDEA) through the provision of individualized family-centered services to eligible children and their families seeks to:

- to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities, to minimize their potential for developmental delay, and to recognize the significant brain development that occurs during a child's first 3 years of life;
- to reduce the educational costs to our society, including our Nation's schools, by minimizing the need for special education and related services after infants and toddlers with disabilities reach school age;
- to maximize the potential for individuals with disabilities to live independently in society;

- to enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their infants and toddlers with disabilities;
- to enhance the capacity of state and local agencies and service providers to identify, evaluate, and meet the needs of all children, particularly minority, low-income, inner city, and rural children, and infants and toddlers in foster care

### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

The Early Learning Scholarship program has two pathways:

- Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to eligible families. - Scholarship funds are paid directly to the early learning program.
- Pathway II scholarships are awarded to families through an eligible Four-Star Parent Aware-rated program. Participating programs receive funding to provide scholarships to a specified number of eligible children to cover the cost of the program.

The ParentChild+ program is a national model focused on early literacy, parenting, and school readiness. It is a home visiting program that promotes creative ways to learn through play, increases parenting skills, and helps children prepare for school. Participants select either in-person home visits following safety protocols or virtual visits. Participants receive deliveries including free books, toys, and guide sheets.

The Reach Out and Read program supports early literacy and development by providing books to children at pediatric clinics throughout the state. Doctors and nurses are trained in the program and provide developmental guidance to parents and children during routine visits.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote children's development through comprehensive services that support early learning, health, and family well-being which include:

- Health, dental, and nutrition support and resources
- Education
- Parent engagement
- Social services and family supports including assistance with housing, medical insurance, heating, and food

Programs operate a center-based, home-based, or combination delivery model.

- Head Start center-based programs must operate at least 3.5 hours per day, four days a week, for 128 days a year, and have at least two home visits.
- Early Head Start home-based programs must offer at least 46 home visits of 1.5 hours each, and at least 22 group socializations distributed over the course of the program year.
- Many programs offer full-day, full-year services, through partnerships with child care and school-based programs.

Infant and Toddler program provides the following services:

- Specific services are determined for each eligible child and family based on the child's needs and family priorities.
- Services most often include special instruction, speech therapy, and occupational or physical therapy and other qualified personnel.
- Services are provided at no cost to Minnesota families due to our birth mandate status that ensures general education revenue to support early intervention programs.

- Ninety-four percent of eligible infants and toddlers receive early intervention services in their homes and other natural environments that children birth to age three spend their time.
- Federal funds support 12 Interagency Early Intervention Committees (IEICs) that conduct public awareness and outreach activities to seek out and identify potentially eligible infants and toddlers in coordination with state, local and community partners.
- Federal funds support the implementation of programs and services at the local level by supplementing state special education and general education aide.
- Federal funds support a comprehensive system of personnel development including extensive technical assistance, guidance and professional development.

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## RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Percentage of children who met developmental targets upon exiting Head Start	Results	Data collected by MDE	3-year-olds: FY 2020-2021 – 81% FY 2021-2022 – 80%  4-year-olds: FY 2020-2021 – 70% FY 2021-2022 – 63%	3-year-olds:  FY2022-2023 – 78%  4-year-olds:  FY2022-2023 – 68%
Number of children assessed upon exiting Head Start	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	3-year-olds: FY 2020-2021 – 1,483 FY 2021-2022 – 1,819  4-year-olds Y 2020-2021 – 2,153Y 2021-2022 – 2,078	3-year-olds:  FY2022-2023 – 1,720  4-year-olds:  FY2022-2023 – 2,022
Children will demonstrate positive relationships a. Greater than expected progress b. Exited Part C within age expectations	Result	Data collected by MDE	 FFY2020: 50.12% FFY2021: 49.90%  FFY2020: 48.38% FFY2021: 48.82%	 FFY2022: 51.79%  FFY2022: 46.98%
Children will acquire and use knowledge and skills a. Greater than expected progress b. Exited Part C within age expectations	Result	Data collected by MDE	 FFY2020: 57.61% FFY2021: 55.57%  FFY2020: 43.43% FFY2021: 41.79%	 FFY2022: 57.15%  FFY2022: 39.87%

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Children will take action to meet needs a. Greater than expected progress b. Exited Part C within age expectations	Result	Data collected by MDE	FFY2020: 57.83% FFY2021: 59.12%  FFY2020: 50.69% FFY2021: 50.11%	FFY2022: 55.52%  FFY2022: 47.53%
Percent of participating families who report that the Infants and Toddlers program has helped their child develop and learn	Quality	Data collected by MDE	FFY2020: 87.05% FFY2021: 90.48%	FFY2022: 90.69%
Number of early care and education programs participating in Parent Aware.	Quantity	Data collected by MDE	FY2018: 2,610 FY2019: 2,869 FY2020: 2,921 FY2021: 2,941 FY2022: 2,886	FY2023: 2,876
Percent of rated early care and education programs with a 3- or 4-Star Parent Aware rating.	Quality		FY2018: 79% FY2019: 71% FY2020: 79%	FY2021: 78%
Number of high-needs children attending a 3- or 4-Star Parent Aware rated public education program.	Quantity		FY2018: 28,851 FY2019: 28,687 FY2020: 31,251	FY2021: 31,470
Number of high-needs children attending a 3- or 4-Star Parent Aware rated public education program.	Quantity		FY2018: 17,091 FY2019: 15,022 FY2020: 14,185 FY2021: 12,268 FY2022: 11,597	FY2023: 12,282
Percent of participating families who report that the Infants and Toddlers program has helped their child develop and learn	Quality	Data collected by MDE	FFY2020: 87.05% FFY2021: 90.48%	FFY2022: 90.69%

#### Number of Children Receiving a Scholarship by Race

Race	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
American Indian or Alaskan Native	670	584	544	569	525	568
Asian	733	609	553	437	437	437
Black or African	3,630	3,544	3,624	3,148	3,139	3,488
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	38	31	21	24	16	20
Hispanic/Latino	2,086	1,835	1,669	1,679	1,742	1,863
White	5,647	4,893	4,505	4,370	4,007	4,086
Two or More 9.3%	1,428	1,292	1,389	1,455	1,407	1,451
Not Answered	2,305	2,138	1,938	581	343	298
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,537</b>	<b>15,022</b>	<b>14,185</b>	<b>12,268</b>	<b>11,597</b>	<b>12,282</b>

### Performance Measure Notes

- FY 2023 enrollment retrieved from internal MDE records.
  - FY 2023 data retrieved from the federal Office of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR). This may not include all state funded Head Start/Early Head Start enrollment, as there are not requirements to report non-federally funded children on the PIR.
  - FY 2019-2020 - Data is not available for this year as spring assessments fell during the period when sites were initially closed due to the first weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic and the planning that took place then to continue services. FY 2020-2021 - Data was impacted by multiple site closures that occurred multiple times throughout the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and CDC/MDH requirements. FY 2021-2022 - Data was impacted by multiple site closures that occurred multiple times throughout the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and CDC/MDH requirements. The Office of Head Start allowed programs to make determinations on their own as to whether virtual or in person services would be offered through December 2021. On January 1, 2022 in person service was required unless sites were closed because of COVID-19 health guidance from the CDC/MDH.
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Head Start: M.S. 119A.50-545; 42 U.S.C. 9840 et seq.

Early Learning Scholarships: M.S. 124.142; M.S. 124D.165

Infants and Toddler, Part C: M.S. 125A.26–48

Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

## Early Learning Grants

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

### **Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General					43,498	43,498
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					147,615	147,615
<b>Total</b>					<b>191,113</b>	<b>191,113</b>
Biennial Change				0		382,226
Biennial % Change						

### **Expenditures by Category**

Grants, Aids and Subsidies					191,113	191,113
<b>Total</b>					<b>191,113</b>	<b>191,113</b>



## Early Learning Grants

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Direct Appropriation					174,471	174,471
Transfers Out					130,973	130,973
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>43,498</b>	<b>43,498</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		86,996
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

### 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In					100,000	50,000
Transfers In				100,000	97,615	97,615
Balance Forward Out				100,000	50,000	
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>147,615</b>	<b>147,615</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		295,230
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Grant Programs****Activity: Youth Services Grants**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/youth-services>**AT A GLANCE**

- The Youth Intervention Program provided almost 100 grants in 2023
- The newly formed Restorative Practices Grant program will administer \$8 million in grants in 2024

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Youth Services budget activity supports grants administered by the Youth Justice Office and the Office of Restorative Practices. These offices will transfer from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Children, Youth and Families by July 1, 2025.

**Youth Justice Office Grant Programs**

The Youth Justice Office (YJO) identifies, promotes, and sustains the most effective youth crime prevention and intervention solutions - those that recognize the promise and potential of young people as well as the need to ensure community safety. The Youth Justice Office provides staff support to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC). Functions include federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) compliance monitoring, disparities-reduction programming, initiatives to expand mental health service access, support for families impacted by incarceration, distribution of grant funding to prevention and intervention programs, and more.

The Youth Justice Office administers state and federal grant funding, including the Youth Intervention Program which provides grants to sustain and expand services for youth, including truancy prevention, literacy and academic assistance, behavioral interventions and counseling, mentoring services, juvenile justice system diversions and restorative practice programming, afterschool activities, career exploration and life skills classes, and emergency youth shelter.

**Office of Restorative Practices**

The Minnesota Office of Restorative Practices was established in 2024 at the Department of Public Safety's Office of Justice Program. This Office will be staffed with restorative practice practitioners and experts dedicated to providing training and technical assistance in best practices; assist local communities in establishing and sustaining restorative practices programs through education and funding; and maintaining a statewide network of thriving restorative practice programs.

The Office will be responsible for administering approximately \$8 million dollars to new and existing restorative practice programs in the first couple of years and then administering \$5 million dollars per biennium ongoing.

**SERVICES PROVIDED****Youth Intervention Program**

Youth Intervention Program provides grants that fund early intervention, nonresidential, community-based programs that provide advocacy, education, counseling, mentoring, and referral services to youth and their families experiencing personal, familial, school, legal, or chemical problems with the goal of resolving the present problems and preventing the occurrence of problems in the future. Programs focus on increasing independent living skills, decision-making skills, and conflict-resolution skills, school attendance, and increasing the

development and maintenance of relationships with positive, caring adults. Grantees include non-profit organizations, city and county governments, and Tribal governments.

The Youth Intervention Program has been administered by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for decades. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature made a significant investment in the program, increasing funding to \$13,206,930 for the biennium, which nearly doubled the previous amount. In the 2023 competitive grant cycle, there were over \$19 million in requests for the \$13 million available from 150 applicants. OJP made grant awards to 98 applicants. OJP is maximizing distributing the funding broadly to ensure services and interventions reach the communities and individuals who need it. The program previously funded 77 grants and is now funding 98.

**Restorative Practices Initiative Grant Program**

The Restorative Practices Initiatives grant program is intended to uphold Restorative Practices initiatives statewide that have current programs in place or are creating new Restorative Practices programs. The grants can also fund Restitution Grants to reimburse victims for economic loss and harm resulting from offenses committed by juveniles.

**RESULTS**

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
YIP Number of Grants	Quantity	Grants management system.	2022-2023 grant period: 77 grants	2024-2025 grant period: 98 grants
Restorative Practices: Number of Grants	Quantity	Grants management system.	New grant program, no data yet to report.	N/A

The legal authority for the Juvenile Justice Program was M.S. 229A.71 in the Department of Public Safety. It will be M.S. 142A.75 at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

The legal authority for Youth Intervention Programs (YIP) was M.S. 229A.73 in the Department of Public Safety. It will be M.S. 142A.43 at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

The legal authority for the Office of Restorative Practices was M.S. 229A.95 in the Department of Public Safety. It will be M.S. 142A.76 at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

# Youth Services Grants

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
1000 - General					8,891	8,891
3000 - Federal					1,155	1,155
<b>Total</b>					<b>10,046</b>	<b>10,046</b>
Biennial Change				0		20,092
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					10,046	10,046
<b>Total</b>					<b>10,046</b>	<b>10,046</b>

# Youth Services Grants

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

## 1000 - General

Direct Appropriation					8,891	8,891
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>8,891</b>	<b>8,891</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		17,782
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts					1,155	1,155
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,155</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2,310
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

**Program: Technical and Fiduciary Activities****Activity: Technical and Fiduciary Activities**<https://dcyf.mn.gov/individuals-and-families/family-services/child-support>**AT A GLANCE**

- Child support program payments make up most of the activity in this program.
- In federal fiscal year 2023, the program processed \$539 million in child support payments.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Fiduciary and Technical Activities budget program collects money from individuals and organizations and distributes the collected funds to people owed the money. It also includes transfers and expenditures between federal grants, programs, and other agencies that would result in misleading distortions of the state's budget if they were not accounted for in a separate budget activity. This structure helps us make sure that funds are properly processed in the state's accounting system and to comply with federal accounting requirements.

Fiduciary activities include collecting money from individuals and organizations and distributing it to the people owed the money. This primarily includes collecting and distributing child support money. Because these are not state funds and belong to others, they are not included in the state's budget or consolidated fund statement.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The following services will make up most of the transactions in this budget activity:

- Child Support Payments: Payments made to custodial parents, collected from non-custodial parents
- Recoveries: Money recovered that cannot be processed in the state computer systems. Funds will be held here until they can be credited to the correct area, such as:
  - US Treasury
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Counties
  - People enrolled in services
- Several different types of inter-fund and pass through expenditures that are technical activities, including:
  - Federal administrative reimbursement earned by and paid to counties, tribes, and other local agencies
  - Federal administrative reimbursement earned by and paid to other state agencies.
  - Administrative reimbursement (primarily federal funds) earned on statewide indirect costs and paid to the general fund
  - Administrative reimbursement (primarily federal funds) earned on DCYF Agencywide Supports administrative costs and paid to the general fund or special revenue fund under state law and policy
  - Transfers between federal grants, programs and state agencies that are accounted for as expenditures in the state's SWIFT accounting system
  - Other technical accounting transactions

## RESULTS

The Child Support Program makes timely distribution of collected child support payments to custodial parents and ranks in the top tier of states in terms of percent collections and payments on both current obligations and arrears.

### National Federal Performance Measure: Collections on Current

State	FFY2022 (%)	Due (2022) millions (\$)	Paid (2022) millions (\$)	FFY2021 (%)	FFY2020 (%)
Pennsylvania	81.72	1,144	935	84.33	83.01
North Dakota	75.88	114	87	75.45	76.18
Vermont	74.17	40	30	75.82	75.71
Wisconsin	73.66	676	498	74.54	74.10
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>72.62</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>75.75</b>	<b>75.41</b>
New York	72.02	1,832	1,320	78.29	68.85
Nebraska	71.64	224	161	71.33	71.65
Wyoming	71.63	69	49	70.23	70.73

### National Federal Performance Measure: Collections on Arrears

State	FFY2022 (%)	Due (2022) millions (\$)	Paid (2022) millions (\$)	FFY2021 (%)	FFY2020 (%)
Pennsylvania	82.76	208,904	172,885	86.33	88.07
Vermont	78.15	10,434	8,154	80.45	82.50
Wyoming	76.13	20,796	15,832	77.65	73.21
Indiana	74.54	190,463	141,965	78.15	79.80
Alaska	72.66	35,446	25,755	65.56	77.55
Nebraska	71.97	67,319	48,448	73.78	76.04
Florida	71.53	459,559	328,744	73.78	76.89
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>70.41</b>	<b>141,370</b>	<b>99,540</b>	<b>72.30</b>	<b>79.65</b>

Source: 2023 Minnesota Child Support Performance Report  
<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/docs/2024/other/240564.pdf>

Several state statutes underlie the activities in this budget activity. These statutes are M.S. sections 256.741 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256.741>), which will be M.S. 518A.81 for the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families; 256.019 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256.019>) which will be M.S. 142A.28 for the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families; 256.01 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=256.01>) will be under M.S. 142A.03 for the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families

## Technical and Fiduciary Activities

## Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>						
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue					4,165	4,165
3000 - Federal					302,439	302,423
3001 - Federal TANF					71,493	71,493
6003 - Child Support Enforcement					641,955	641,955
<b>Total</b>					<b>1,020,052</b>	<b>1,020,036</b>
Biennial Change				0		2,040,088
Biennial % Change						
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>						
Operating Expenses					102,602	102,586
Grants, Aids and Subsidies					271,530	271,530
Other Financial Transaction					645,920	645,920
<b>Total</b>					<b>1,020,052</b>	<b>1,020,036</b>



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## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>						
Receipts					4,165	4,165
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>4,165</b>	<b>4,165</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		8,330
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3000 - Federal</b>						
Receipts					302,439	302,423
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>302,439</b>	<b>302,423</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		604,862
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>3001 - Federal TANF</b>						
Receipts					71,493	71,493
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>71,493</b>	<b>71,493</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		142,986
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						
<b>6003 - Child Support Enforcement</b>						
Receipts					641,955	641,955
<b>Expenditures</b>					<b>641,955</b>	<b>641,955</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		1,283,910
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						