



**Childrens Administration**  
**010 - M1 - 93 - MANDATORY CASELOAD ADJUSTMENTS**

**Agency Submittal: 2015-17 Final 2017 Sup**

**Budget Period: 2015-17**

**SUMMARY**

Children’s Administration (CA) requests -\$2,470,000 Total Funds (-\$2,142,000 GF-State) adjustments in the 2015-17 Biennium, Fiscal Year 2017 Supplemental Budget, to reflect changes in Adoption Support, Foster Care and Extended Foster Care eligible clients based on the June 2016 Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) forecast. This request will be updated by the November and February forecasts.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

CA requests -\$2,470,000 Total Funds (-\$2,142,000 GF-State) for forecasted changes in the caseload and per capita costs of children in out-of-home care and families receiving adoption support payments. Changes in the caseload were identified by the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC), as required by RCW 43.88C.010 (7) (a) and (9), and estimated changes in per capita expenditures were identified and agreed upon by the a workgroup including CA, Office of Financial Management, House and Senate fiscal staff.

The mandatory caseload adjustment includes forecasted services for children on adoption support and in foster care, including extended foster care. The CFC made minor adjustments to the June Forecast for the adoption support caseload.

	Fiscal Year	Feb-16 Forecast	June-16 Forecast	Difference
<b>Adoption Support</b>	2017	15,335	15,401	0.4 percent; (64 cases)
<b>Licensed Foster Care</b>	2017	5,656	5,494	-2.9 percent; (-162 cases)

Forecasted services include:

- Monthly maintenance payments for children in foster care, young adults in extended foster care and families receiving adoption support;
- Child aide and supervision for children in foster care and young adults in extended foster care;
- Child placing agencies and case management fees;
- Support goods and services;
- Child care for foster parents; and
- Federal reimbursement for foster care children eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**PROPOSED SOLUTION**

CA requests funding for an adjustment to reflect the changes in the cost of forecasted services due to projected changes in the June 2016 adoption support and foster care caseloads.



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**DSHS MISSION**  
 To transform lives  
**DSHS VALUES**  
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**EXPECTED RESULTS**

Funding this decision package ensures that the current array of services and supports is adjusted to reflect caseload changes in Foster Care, Extended Foster Care and Adoption Support.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

There is no known opposition to this request.

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**OTHER CONNECTIONS**

**Performance Outcomes/Important Connections**

**1. Does this DP provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?**

Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities - Supported People - Help the most vulnerable people become independent and self-sufficient.

**2. The decision package meets the following DSHS' strategic objectives:**

3.2: Percentage of children in out-of-home placement longer than five years will decrease.

**3. Identify other important connections or impacts below.** (Indicate 'Yes' or 'No'. If 'Yes' identify the connections or impacts related to the proposal.)

a) Regional/County impacts? No

b) Other local government impacts? No

c) Tribal government impacts? No

d) Other state agency impacts? No

e) Responds to specific task force, report, mandate or executive order? No

f) Does request contain a compensation change or require changes to a Collective Bargaining Agreement? No

g) Facility/workplace needs or impacts? No

h) Capital budget impacts? No

i) Is change required to existing statutes, rules or contracts? No

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- j) Is the request related to litigation? No
- k) Is the request related to Puget Sound recovery? No
- l) Other important connections? No

**4. Please provide a detailed discussion of connections/impacts identified above.**  
N/A

**Alternatives/Consequences/Other**

**5. What alternatives were explored by the agency, and why was this alternative chosen?**

Funding will more closely align with projected caseload and service expenditures.

**6. How has or can the agency address the issue or need within its current appropriation level?**

This request accounts for forecasted caseload changes that may be more or less than existing funding levels

**7. Does this decision package include funding for any IT-related costs (hardware, software, services, cloud-based services, contracts or IT staff)?**

No

Yes (Include an IT Addendum)

**Fiscal Detail**

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<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019</u></b>
001-1 General Fund-State	0	-2,142,000	-5,685,000	-1,890,000
001-A General Fund-DSHS Fam	0	-328,000	-591,000	-915,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,470,000</b>	<b>-6,276,000</b>	<b>-2,805,000</b>

<b>Staffing</b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019</u></b>
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Performance Measure Detail**

		<b>Incremental Changes</b>			
<b>Activity:</b>		<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019</u></b>
<b>Program: 010</b>					
A230	Foster Care Support	0	0	0	0
A250	Adoption Support	0	0	0	0
No measures submitted for package					

**Object Detail**

		<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019</u></b>
N	Grants, Benefits, and Client Services	0	-2,470,000	-6,276,000	-2,805,000
<b>Total Objects</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-2,470,000</b>	<b>-6,276,000</b>	<b>-2,805,000</b>

**DSHS Source Detail**

**Overall Funding**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019</u></b>
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**Fund 001-1, General Fund-State**

**Sources Title**

0011	General Fund State	0	-2,142,000	-5,685,000	-1,890,000
<b>Total for Fund 001-1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-2,142,000</b>	<b>-5,685,000</b>	<b>-1,890,000</b>

**Fund 001-A, General Fund-DSHS Fam**

**Sources Title**

658L	Title IV-E-Foster Care (50%)	0	-328,000	-591,000	-915,000
<b>Total for Fund 001-A</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-328,000</b>	<b>-591,000</b>	<b>-915,000</b>
<b>Total Overall Funding</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-2,470,000</b>	<b>-6,276,000</b>	<b>-2,805,000</b>