

**REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION**  
**Juvenile Rehabilitation**  
**Local Fund Technical Correction**



Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0.0	0.0	X.X
GF-State	\$531,000	\$531,000	\$1,062,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY**

The Rehabilitation Administration (RA) requests \$1,062,000 (GF-State) in order to offset a decrease in payments received from the parents of youth in Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) facilities. Parents of juvenile residents are required to pay a portion of their gross income to offset DSHS’s costs. Parent payments have not been at the level assumed in the RA budget (local authority). By funding this request, RA will have sufficient funds to provide adequate essential services without impacting other programs.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

State law (WAC 388-720-0020) requires that parents of juvenile residents pay a percentage of their gross income to DSHS for the cost of the juvenile’s support, treatment, and confinement in DSHS JR facilities. The ability to pay is based on the parent’s income in accordance with a fee schedule. JR has been adversely impacted as parents are not eligible for a parent pay Notice for Recovery (NFR) or do not meet the criteria for payment. For the month of July 2015, 28.6 percent of the new admits were not eligible for a parent pay NFR. The reasons included: grandparents as their legal guardian, ward of the state, received adoption support, or youth over the age of eighteen. Of those parents who did receive NFR assessments, 67.4 percent did not meet the criteria. The reasons included: parents on public assistance (43.4 percent), earn less than the 150 percent Federal Poverty Guideline (required to do a NFR), parents incarcerated, victim of the youth’s crime was a family member, or unable to locate. Only 8.1 percent of NFRs are in progress for those submitted in July as the additional 24.4 percent are pending as no known or ambiguous income with further financial questionnaires sent out. JR estimates that only 25 percent of parents are eligible or able to pay a portion of their legal responsibility.

Failure to fund this request will mean the shortfall of local funds will continue to reduce the overall institutional budget and decrease services to youth. The local fund authority from parent payments is part of the funding assumed for residential facilities. Therefore, not earning these funds decreases overall total funds available for the program.

**PROPOSED SOLUTION**

This decision package requests a fund adjustment between unearned local funding authority and GF-State to ensure the residential facilities are adequately funded. The adjustments enable DSHS to meet the current obligation to the youth at residential facilities.



**DSHS VISION**  
 People are healthy • People are safe • People are supported • Taxpayer resources are guarded  
**DSHS MISSION**  
 To transform lives  
**DSHS VALUES**  
 Honesty and Integrity • Pursuit of Excellence • Open Communication • Diversity and Inclusion • Commitment to Service

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

Funding this request allows JR to maintain essential services for youth.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

Stakeholders will not oppose this request.