



Report to the Legislature

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(MTCC)**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A budget proviso was included in the final 2006 Supplemental budget (ESSB 6386, Section 202(19)) that required the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Children's Administration (CA) to design a referral process for Public Health Nurses and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) workers of the Economic Services Administration (ESA) to access services for children and families from the Medicaid Treatment Child Care (MTCC) program beginning July 1, 2006, and provide client and expenditure information quarterly.

This fourth quarter report provides information for the period of October 2006 to December 2006. It reflects data that captures new referrals from CA, TANF and Public Health through the early implementation efforts of the proviso.

Major areas of progress since the proviso began include:

- The referral criteria and process have been implemented
- Appropriate staff have been trained
- Referrals from ESA/TANF and Public Health are occurring, especially in Region 2 and Region 4
- The original workgroup continues quarterly meetings for follow up and problem resolution

Currently there are four contractors in Children's Administration (CA) regions providing MTCC services. Children from another region may be served in one of the contracted MTCC programs, if they are placed in the service catchment area. Qualified providers may apply at any time to become an MTCC provider.

For Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006) CA had sufficient funding to serve approximately 327 children on average per month. We anticipate also having the opportunity to serve approximately 327 children on average per month through Fiscal Year 2007.

The following provides the average number of children served in the four quarters Children's Administration (CA) has been providing information via these reports:

- An average of 258 children were served per month during the first quarter of calendar year 2006 (January - March 2006)
- An average of 263 children were served per month during the second quarter of calendar year 2006 (April - June 2006)

- An average of 282 children were served per month during the third quarter of calendar year 2006 (July - September 2006)
- An average of 285 children were served per month during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2006 (October - December 2006)

SERVICE UTILIZATION

The following information responds to the proviso requirement that “Starting in June 2006, the department shall report quarterly...on the MTCC program and include...information on: (a) program expenditures levels (Chart 1); (b) the number of authorized referrals and child enrollments (Chart 2); and (c) the number of referrals” (Addendum).

The April 2007 report reflects:

- a) the program expenditures;
- b) the total number of authorized referrals and child enrollments;
- c) the number of new referrals from all three referral sources Children’s Administration (CA) Public Health (PH) and Economic Services Administration (ESA);

In addition we included charts that show:

- d) the number of authorized referrals;
- e) the number of referrals found eligible;
- f) the number of new referrals that have been placed on a wait list by the provider for services;

Both providers and referents indicated that once the initial protocols were in place, referrals have increased considerably. New referrals are continuing at a steady pace through CA, ESA/TANF, and Public Health systems. With the influx of referrals, some children have been placed on a wait list. To capture this information, we have incorporated data collection that shows when new referrals have been placed on a wait list. The children are placed on the wait list because the program is full in the age group, classroom, or the program itself is full.

In the October – December 2006 quarter, an average of 285 children were served through the MTCC programs. This number reflects all on-going cases of children served in the program plus a portion of the newly referred and authorized children. During this period 110 children were newly referred, 92 were authorized by CA gatekeepers and 71 were found eligible for services during the timeframe. (See Addendum)

Region 1

Transitional Programs for Women initially had difficulties with referrals from public health that were either too young for the program or were out of the catchment area. In response there have been several local cross-system trainings and CA and the provider continue to meet to resolve the referral issue. The provider recently indicated that appropriate public health referrals began to occur in January 2007. The increase in referrals will be reflected in the next quarterly report.

Region 2

Enterprise for Progress in the Community (EPIC) is experiencing an increased number of ESA/TANF referrals. Most cases referred had both Public Health and TANF involvement. Local agencies in Yakima made an agreement that ESA/TANF will take the lead and be the main referent in dually involved cases. The EPIC program initially stretched to incorporate 15 more children in their program and now they are at capacity and placing children on a wait list.

Region 3

There are no MTCC programs in Region 3; however, some portions of the region access the King County program. Currently, there are five Region 3 children who are placed in King County and are being served by Childhaven. Region 3 pays for the services for these children.

Region 4

Public Health referrals continue to increase. Active regional discussions include on-going triaging of cases, coordination and clarification between Public Health, Children's Administration, and Childhaven. King County Public Health reported referring an increasing number of children between July 2006 and January 2007. The Childhaven program reports that the referral process is working well. In response to the surge in referral requests which required placing children on a waiting list the provider:

- Converted two classrooms to accommodate infants
- Added additional staff to ensure proper staff infant ratio in the program
- Set up an internal mechanism to monitor wait times, in April 2007

Anecdotally, the provider reports that the children that were waiting for services in the October – December 2006 quarter are now being served. They also report that although recently there has been an increase in referrals, the length of time that children are enrolled in the program has decreased.

Region 5

Sunrise has experienced a slower implementation than the other regions. The Sunrise program meets on a regular basis with local CA staff to help inform staff regarding MTCC services. The plan to meet with Public Health and TANF was delayed due to ESA staffing changes. This was identified at a recent planning meeting and an updated list of appropriate contacts has been requested from ESA.

The providers and CA regional and headquarters staff met in March 2007 to continue to refine the process and resolve issues as needed. The workgroup will continue to address and refine the data collection process and identify the need for any additional training sessions on an as needed basis.

Chart 1

MTCC Service Expenditures by Region For Fiscal Year 2007

	Expenditures October 2006 - December 2006	Expenditures To Date Fiscal Year 2007 July 2006 – December 2006	Total CA Allotment for Fiscal Year 2007
Region 1	\$23,828	\$46,139	
Region 2	\$178,364	\$357,470	
Region 3	\$7,387	\$47,059	
Region 4	\$832,602	\$1,631,858	
Region 5	\$57,263	\$114,573	
Total	\$1,099,444	\$2,197,099	* \$8,295,758

*The Total Allotment for FY 2007 includes unused federal money from FY 2006. The unadjusted baseline budget is \$6,808,095.

Chart 2

Total Authorized Referrals and Child Enrollments (New and Existing Cases)

Fiscal Year 2006

Third Quarter: **January – March 2006**

Children Served*	Region 1	Region 2	Region 4	Region 5	TOTAL
Jan-06	4	51	191	12	258
Feb-06	5	57	188	11	261
Mar-06	5	55	183	13	256

*This table reflects the total number of children per region that received MTCC services and the contractor has received payment. Region 3 numbers are included in the Region 4 count.

Total Authorized Referrals and Child Enrollments (New and Existing Cases)

Fiscal Year 2006

Fourth Quarter: **April – June 2006**

Children Served*	Region 1	Region 2	Region 4	Region 5	TOTAL
Apr-06	4	50	187	10	251
May-06	7	50	193	12	262
Jun-06	9	49	204	13	275

*This table reflects the total number of children per region that received MTCC services and the contractor has received payment. Region 3 numbers are included in the Region 4 count.

**Total Authorized Referrals and Child Enrollments
(New and Existing Cases)**

Fiscal Year 2007

First Quarter: **July - September 2006**

Children Served*	Region 1	Region 2	Region 4	Region 5	TOTAL
Jul-06	8	50	217	14	289
Aug-06	5	59	209	14	287
Sep-06	6	54	197	14	271

*This table reflects the total number of children per region that received MTCC service and the contractor has received payment. Region 3 numbers are included in the Region 4 count.

Fiscal Year 2007

Second Quarter: **October – December 2006**

Children Served*	Region 1	Region 2	Region 4	Region 5	TOTAL
Oct-06	6	49	218	12	285
Nov-06	6	52	216	15	289
Dec-06	7	54	205	14	280

*This table reflects the total number of children per region that received MTCC service and the contractor has received payment. Region 3 numbers are included in the Region 4 count.

Addendum

New Cases Only

Fourth Quarter: **October - December 2006**

NEW REFERRALS BY MONTH

Number of New Cases Referred	Region 1			Region 2			Region 4			Region 5			Total
	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	
06-Oct	0	0	0	9	3	1	23	1	2	2	0	0	
06-Nov	0	0	0	5	2	0	14	0	5	3	0	0	
06-Dec	2	0	0	4	4	1	17	1	10	1	0	0	
Total	2			18	9	2	54	2	17	6		110	

Referrals are identified as those cases where it is likely that the child will meet the basic eligibility criteria. This does NOT include informational phone calls or cases where the child does not meet the basic criteria, such as age or living within the provider's catchment area.

WAITING LIST

CASES REFERRED BUT PLACED ON A WAIT LIST BY THE MTCC PROVIDER

Wait List	Region 1			Region 2			Region 4			Region 5			Total
	CA	ESA	PH										
06-Oct	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	
06-Nov	0	0	0	4	0	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	
06-Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	
Total				6			62	3					71

Waiting lists occur at individual provider programs when there is no available space in the provider's program for a child's age group or the provider's program is full.

AUTHORIZED

CASES AUTHORIZED

Number Authorized	Region 1			Region 2			Region 4			Region 5			Total
	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	
06-Oct	0	0	0	8	2	1	14	1	10	2	0	0	
06-Nov	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	1	4	3	0	0	
06-Dec	0	0	0	2	3	0	15	2	9	1	0	0	
Total				13	5	1	39	4	23	6			92

Children are considered authorized when the identified CA gatekeeper has signed off on the Referral/Authorization DSHS Form 13-709. The form is then forwarded to the program with a copy back to the referent.

ELIGIBLE

ELIGIBLE CASES/MEETS MEDICAL NECESSITY

Number New Eligible/ Meets Medical Necessity	Region 1			Region 2			Region 4			Region 5			Total
	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	
06-Oct	0	0	0	1	1	1	10	0	2	1	0	0	
06-Nov	0	0	0	2	3	0	10	1	4	2	0	0	
06-Dec	0	0	0	6	0	0	15	2	9	1	0	0	
Total				9	4	1	35	3	15	4			71

Children are not determined eligible for the program until 30 days after services are authorized and begin. Medical Necessity is established after 30 days of observation of the child in the program. A child who enters services in July would not be determined eligible until August.