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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 third quarter report provides information for the period July – September 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 include:

- Referral criteria and process has been implemented.
- Appropriate staff have been trained.
- Referrals from TANF and Public Health are occurring, especially in Region 2 and Region 4.
- The original workgroup will continue 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 through 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.



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

- An average of 258 children were served per month during the first quarter of calendar year 2006 (January through March 2006)
- An average of 263 children were served per month during the second quarter of calendar year 2006 (April through June 2006)
- An average of 282 children were served per month during the third quarter of calendar year 2006 (July through September 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 December 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. The data for the next report will continue to show increases in Public Health and ESA/TANF referrals. With an influx of referrals, some children might be on a wait list. To capture this information, we have incorporated data collection that shows when new referrals

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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 July – September 2006 quarter, an average of 282 children were served through the MTCC programs. This number reflects all on-going cases of children served through the program plus a portion of the newly referred and authorized children. During this period 99 children were newly referred, 78 were authorized by CA gatekeepers and 53 were found eligible for services during the timeframe. (See addendum).

In Region 1; the provider, Transitional Programs for Women, has received multiple referral phone calls from public health. However, they are unable to serve the children referred because most do not fit the program criteria or catchment area. For example, Public Health has referred children who are under the age of 2 ½ and the current program serves children ages 2 ½ to five. Children's Administration (CA) continues to refer children to the program. There have been several local cross-system trainings and CA and the provider continue to meet.

In Region 2, the provider EPIC, is experiencing an increased number of 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.

Region 3 does not have its own MTCC program but 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 in Region 4. Region 3 pays for the services for these children.

Region 4 is experiencing increased and consistent referrals from Public Health. 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.

The Region 5 provider, Sunrise, has experienced a slower implementation with their first local trainings occurring in November and December. The Sunrise program has started to meet with local CA staff on a regular basis to help inform staff regarding MTCC services. There is a plan in place to meet with TANF and Public Health.

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Statewide the workgroup met in January 2007 and will reconvene in April 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.

Chart #1

**MTCC Service Expenditures by Region
For Fiscal Year 2007**

	July through September 2006 Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditures To Date July 2006 – September 2006	Total CA Allotment for FY 2007
Region 1	\$22,311	\$22,311	
Region 2	\$179,105	\$179,105	
Region 3	\$39,672	\$39,672	
Region 4	\$799,257	\$799,257	
Region 5	\$57,311	\$57,311	
Total	\$1,096,656	\$1,096,656	\$6,808,095

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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
April-06	4	50	187	10	251
May-06	7	50	193	12	262
June-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.

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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
July-06	8	50	217	14	289
August-06	5	59	209	14	287
Sept.-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.

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Addendum

New Cases Only
Third Quarter: **July - September 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-Jul	1				1				19		3		1				
06-Aug	1		2		8	12			29	1	2		2				
06-Sep			1		1	7			12	2	2		1				
Total	2	3	3		10	19			60	3	7		4				99

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.

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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	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	CA	ESA	PH	
06-Jul							11						
06-Aug				2	5		19	1					
06-Sep				1		7	9						
Total				3	5	7	39	1					55

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.

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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-Jul					1				13		1		1				
06-Aug	1	1			8	12			17				2				
06-Sep		1			1	7			21				1				
Total	1	2			10	19			51		1		4				78

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.

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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-Jul									1								
06-Aug					2	5			13		1		2				
06-Sep					1	6			21				1				
Total					3	11			34		1		4				53

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.

