

## Children and Family Services, Office of

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### Mission

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) serves New York's public by promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of our children, families and communities. OCFS achieves results by setting and enforcing policies, building partnerships, and funding and providing quality services.

### Organization and Staffing

OCFS is headed by a Commissioner who is served by an Executive Deputy Director and several Deputy Commissioners who oversee various departments and programs. Agency staff are located throughout the State in OCFS operated residential facilities and in regional offices, where they work with county commissioners to implement and monitor local programs.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2020 Executive Budget recommends \$3.8 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is a net decrease of \$236 million from FY 2019. The change primarily reflects the following actions: \$144 million decrease in General Fund support for child care subsidies and \$17 million decrease for the Advantage Afterschool Program with an equal increase in Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) fund appropriations in the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, \$49 million decrease from not needing new authority for Raise the Age capital (remains in budget as a reappropriation), and a \$35 million decrease related to the elimination of legislative adds. The FY 2020 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,964 FTEs, which is unchanged from FY 2019.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### Program Highlights

#### Child Welfare Services

Child Welfare Services provide a variety of services to families to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and to strengthen families to successfully care for their children. Child Protective Services include: investigating reports of child abuse or maltreatment, providing solutions to protect children, and helping prevent future occurrences of abuse or maltreatment. Preventive Services are provided to families with children at risk of entering foster care. Independent Living Services teach youth aging out of foster care the necessary skills to be independent adults.

#### Foster Care

Foster Care provides out-of-home placements for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse/neglect by their parent, or a court determination that a child is a "person in need of supervision" or a juvenile delinquent. Foster boarding homes provide care in a home setting by foster parents, and residential programs serve youth with more significant health or emotional needs. The foster care caseload has dropped from 37,000 in FY 2003 to 16,000 in FY 2018 after the State reformed child welfare financing to incentivize preventive and Child Protective Services that help keep families together.

#### Child Care

The Child Care Block Grant (CCBG) provides child care subsidies to families on public assistance, families transitioning off of public assistance, and low-income families.

#### Adoption Services

Adoption Services provide funding for expenses related to the adoption of children from the Foster Care system. Subsidies are provided to families to help meet the needs of caring for handicapped and hard-to-place children.

#### Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services assist individuals 18 and over that present the following: physical and/or mental disabilities resulting in a reduced capacity for self-care; evidence of harm or risk of being harmed by others; and lack of assistance from others. In 2017, the agency received approximately 51,370 adult protective services referrals.

**Domestic Violence Services**

Domestic Violence Services assist individuals 16 and over that have been victims of domestic violence (DV). Services are designed to provide safety and support to victims and their children through approved residential and non-residential programs. In 2017, 11,791 adults and children received DV residential services and 41,483 adults and children received DV non-residential services.

**Committees on Special Education**

Committees on Special Education (CSE) are the primary placement system for providing special education services for children with educational disabilities. CSEs place students into day and residential schools, both in and out-of-state, and CSE funding supports the maintenance costs of residential CSE placements. During FY 2018 1,535 students were placed in-state and 410 students were placed out-of-state.

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Services**

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program provides funding to counties for contracts with not-for-profit runaway programs that provide services to youth. Services include short-term shelter and long-term transitional and independent living services for youth. All youth receive case management services and basic needs, either directly by the service provider or through referral to other programs.

**Youth Facilities and Youth Program Services**

The Youth Facilities Program supports the Division for Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY), which provides a range of core mandated and enhanced services to court adjudicated youth and their families, delivered in state-operated residential facilities and at community sites. The Program also provides support for local detention facilities that house youth while the cases are pending in family court. In addition, the Youth Development Program provides funding to localities to support delinquency prevention programs.

**Commission for the Blind**

The Commission for the Blind supports services to legally blind children and older adults including Vocational Rehab Basic Support, Independent Living for Adults and Preschool Children, Independent Living for Older Blind, Supported Employment programming and In-Service Training. The Commission also provides support for assessments, mobility training, academic instruction, case management, and job-oriented vocational instruction.

**Statewide Central Register**

The Statewide Central Register (SCR) is responsible for screening all calls of suspected child abuse and maltreatment. In 2017 the SCR handled 297,447 calls and received 308,275 requests for database check clearances.

**Human Services Call Center**

The Human Services Call Center (HSCC) handles more than one million calls annually for ten state agencies from 48 different lines, providing callers with information through high- quality customer service.

**ALL FUNDS  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

| Category          | Available<br>FY 2019 | Appropriations<br>Recommended<br>FY 2020 | Change From<br>FY 2019 | Reappropriations<br>Recommended<br>FY 2020 |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| State Operations  | 479,429,000          | 494,325,000                              | 14,896,000             | 593,100,000                                |
| Aid To Localities | 3,432,822,250        | 3,231,228,350                            | (201,593,900)          | 4,126,496,177                              |
| Capital Projects  | 92,699,000           | 43,453,000                               | (49,246,000)           | 409,779,000                                |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>4,004,950,250</b> | <b>3,769,006,350</b>                     | <b>(235,943,900)</b>   | <b>5,129,375,177</b>                       |

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**ALL FUND TYPES**  
**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM**  
**FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

| Program                                       | FY 2019<br>Estimated FTEs<br>03/31/19 | FY 2020<br>Estimated FTEs<br>03/31/20 | FTE Change |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Central Administration                        |                                       |                                       |            |
| General Fund                                  | 290                                   | 290                                   | 0          |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal               | 8                                     | 8                                     | 0          |
| Internal Service Funds                        | 99                                    | 99                                    | 0          |
| Child Care                                    |                                       |                                       |            |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal               | 232                                   | 232                                   | 0          |
| New York State Commission for the Blind       |                                       |                                       |            |
| General Fund                                  | 32                                    | 32                                    | 0          |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal               | 106                                   | 106                                   | 0          |
| Family and Children Services                  |                                       |                                       |            |
| General Fund                                  | 484                                   | 484                                   | 0          |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal               | 45                                    | 45                                    | 0          |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                 | 2                                     | 2                                     | 0          |
| Maintenance & Improvement of Youth Facilities |                                       |                                       |            |
| Capital Projects Funds - Other                | 69                                    | 69                                    | 0          |
| Systems Support                               |                                       |                                       |            |
| General Fund                                  | 2                                     | 2                                     | 0          |
| Training and Development                      |                                       |                                       |            |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                 | 42                                    | 42                                    | 0          |
| Youth Facilities                              |                                       |                                       |            |
| General Fund                                  | 1,553                                 | 1,553                                 | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>2,964</b>                          | <b>2,964</b>                          | <b>0</b>   |

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

| Fund Type                       | Available<br>FY 2019 | Recommended<br>FY 2020 | Change            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Enterprise Funds                | 475,000              | 515,000                | 40,000            |
| General Fund                    | 272,283,000          | 272,139,000            | (144,000)         |
| Internal Service Funds          | 22,162,000           | 22,162,000             | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 138,415,000          | 153,415,000            | 15,000,000        |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other   | 46,094,000           | 46,094,000             | 0                 |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>479,429,000</b>   | <b>494,325,000</b>     | <b>14,896,000</b> |
| Adjustments:                    |                      |                        |                   |
| Transfer(s) To                  |                      |                        |                   |
| Civil Service, Department of    |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                    | 60,000               |                        |                   |
| Employee Relations, Office of   |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                    | 174,000              |                        |                   |
| <b>Appropriated FY 2019</b>     | <b>479,663,000</b>   |                        |                   |

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

| Program  | Available<br>FY 2019 | Recommended<br>FY 2020 | Change            |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Central Administration</b>                  |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                                   | 29,541,000           | 29,541,000             | 0                 |
| Internal Service Funds                         | 22,062,000           | 22,062,000             | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 528,000              | 528,000                | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 3,534,000            | 3,534,000              | 0                 |
| <b>Child Care</b>                              |                      |                        |                   |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 51,777,000           | 51,777,000             | 0                 |
| <b>Family and Children Services</b>            |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                                   | 41,846,000           | 42,270,000             | 424,000           |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 22,970,000           | 37,970,000             | 15,000,000        |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 1,346,000            | 1,346,000              | 0                 |
| <b>New York State Commission for the Blind</b> |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                                   | 8,224,000            | 8,224,000              | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 32,547,000           | 32,547,000             | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 1,920,000            | 1,920,000              | 0                 |
| <b>Systems Support</b>                         |                      |                        |                   |
| General Fund                                   | 12,308,000           | 12,461,000             | 153,000           |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 30,593,000           | 30,593,000             | 0                 |
| <b>Training and Development</b>                |                      |                        |                   |
| Enterprise Funds                               | 200,000              | 200,000                | 0                 |
| General Fund                                   | 19,299,000           | 19,299,000             | 0                 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 39,294,000           | 39,294,000             | 0                 |
| <b>Youth Facilities</b>                        |                      |                        |                   |
| Enterprise Funds                               | 275,000              | 315,000                | 40,000            |
| General Fund                                   | 161,065,000          | 160,344,000            | (721,000)         |
| Internal Service Funds                         | 100,000              | 100,000                | 0                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>479,429,000</b>   | <b>494,325,000</b>     | <b>14,896,000</b> |

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2020 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

| Program                                 | Total              |               | Personal Service Regular<br>(Annual Salaried) |               |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---|---------------|
|   | Amount             | Change        | Amount  | Change        |
| Central Administration                  | 22,033,000         | 0             | 21,652,000                                    | 0             |
| Family and Children Services            | 35,295,000         | 700,000       | 32,847,000                                    | 700,000       |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 2,209,000          | 0             | 2,197,000                                     | 0             |
| Systems Support                         | 153,000            | 153,000       | 153,000                                       | 153,000       |
| Youth Facilities                        | 121,140,000        | (754,000)     | 107,914,000                                   | (754,000)     |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>180,830,000</b> | <b>99,000</b> | <b>164,763,000</b>                            | <b>99,000</b> |

| Program                                 | Temporary Service<br>(Nonannual Salaried) |          | Holiday/Overtime Pay |               |
|---|---|----------|----------------------|---------------|
|   | Amount                                    | Change   | Amount               | Change        |
| Central Administration                  | 308,000                                   | 0        | 73,000               | 0             |
| Family and Children Services            | 0   | 0        | 2,448,000            | 0             |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 0   | 0        | 12,000               | 20,000        |
| Youth Facilities                        | 3,574,000                                 | 0        | 9,652,000            | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>3,882,000</b>                          | <b>0</b> | <b>12,185,000</b>    | <b>20,000</b> |

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2020 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

| Program                                 | Total             |                  | Supplies and Materials |              |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
|   | Amount            | Change           | Amount                 | Change       |
| Central Administration                  | 7,508,000         | 0                | 432,000                | 0            |
| Family and Children Services            | 6,975,000         | (276,000)        | 635,000                | 5,000        |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 6,015,000         | 0                | 8,000                  | 0            |
| Systems Support                         | 12,308,000        | 0                | 154,000                | 0            |
| Training and Development                | 19,299,000        | 0                | 0                      | 0            |
| Youth Facilities                        | 39,204,000        | 33,000           | 13,955,000             | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>91,309,000</b> | <b>(243,000)</b> | <b>15,184,000</b>      | <b>5,000</b> |

| Program                                 | Travel           |              | Contractual Services |               |
|---|------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
|   | Amount           | Change       | Amount               | Change        |
| Central Administration                  | 181,000          | 0            | 4,455,000            | 0             |
| Family and Children Services            | 215,000          | 5,000        | 6,065,000            | 40,000        |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 5,000            | 0            | 6,002,000            | 0             |
| Systems Support                         | 177,000          | 0            | 11,106,000           | 0             |
| Training and Development                | 0                | 0            | 19,299,000           | 0             |
| Youth Facilities                        | 673,000          | 0            | 23,738,000           | 33,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>1,251,000</b> | <b>5,000</b> | <b>70,665,000</b>    | <b>73,000</b> |

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| Program                      | Equipment        |          |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------|
|                              | Amount           | Change   |
| Central Administration       | 2,440,000        | 0        |
| Family and Children Services | 60,000           | 0        |
| Systems Support              | 871,000          | 0        |
| Youth Facilities             | 838,000          | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>4,209,000</b> | <b>0</b> |

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2020 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

| Program                                 | Total              |                   | Personal Service  |                |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   | Amount             | Change            | Amount            | Change         |
| Central Administration                  | 26,124,000         | 0                 | 11,205,000        | 0              |
| Child Care                              | 51,777,000         | 0                 | 18,933,000        | 0              |
| Family and Children Services            | 39,316,000         | 15,000,000        | 7,696,000         | 500,000        |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 34,467,000         | 0                 | 8,507,000         | 0              |
| Systems Support                         | 30,593,000         | 0                 | 0                 | 0              |
| Training and Development                | 39,494,000         | 0                 | 5,591,000         | 0              |
| Youth Facilities                        | 415,000            | 40,000            | 0                 | 0              |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>222,186,000</b> | <b>15,040,000</b> | <b>51,932,000</b> | <b>500,000</b> |

| Program                                 | Nonpersonal Service |                   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
|   | Amount              | Change            |
| Central Administration                  | 14,919,000          | 0                 |
| Child Care                              | 32,844,000          | 0                 |
| Family and Children Services            | 31,620,000          | 14,500,000        |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 25,960,000          | 0                 |
| Systems Support                         | 30,593,000          | 0                 |
| Training and Development                | 33,903,000          | 0                 |
| Youth Facilities                        | 415,000             | 40,000            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>170,254,000</b>  | <b>14,540,000</b> |

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

| Fund Type                       | Available FY 2019 | Recommended FY 2020 | Change        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| General Fund                    | 1,941,805,250     | 1,754,430,350       | (187,374,900) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 1,477,215,000     | 1,462,996,000       | (14,219,000)  |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other   | 13,802,000        | 13,802,000          | 0             |

|              |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,432,822,250</b> | <b>3,231,228,350</b> | <b>(201,593,900)</b> |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

| <b>Program</b>                                 | <b>Available<br/>FY 2019</b> | <b>Recommended<br/>FY 2020</b> | <b>Change</b>        |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Child Care</b>                              |                              |                                |                      |
| General Fund                                   | 296,077,700                  | 167,614,100                    | (128,463,600)        |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 438,746,000                  | 443,746,000                    | 5,000,000            |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 343,000                      | 343,000                        | 0                    |
| <b>Family and Children Services</b>            |                              |                                |                      |
| General Fund                                   | 1,640,861,750                | 1,582,000,450                  | (58,861,300)         |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 1,018,900,000                | 1,018,900,000                  | 0                    |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other                  | 13,459,000                   | 13,459,000                     | 0                    |
| <b>New York State Commission for the Blind</b> |                              |                                |                      |
| General Fund                                   | 50,000                       | 0                              | (50,000)             |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 350,000                      | 350,000                        | 0                    |
| <b>Training and Development</b>                |                              |                                |                      |
| General Fund                                   | 4,815,800                    | 4,815,800                      | 0                    |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal                | 19,219,000                   | 0                              | (19,219,000)         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>3,432,822,250</b>         | <b>3,231,228,350</b>           | <b>(201,593,900)</b> |

**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

| <b>Comprehensive Construction Program</b>              | <b>Available<br/>FY 2019</b> | <b>Recommended<br/>FY 2020</b> | <b>Change</b>       | <b>Reappropriations<br/>FY 2020</b> |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Design and Construction Supervision</b>             |                              |                                |                     |                                     |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund                      | 7,000,000                    | 7,000,000                      | 0                   | 30,775,000                          |
| <b>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</b>           |                              |                                |                     |                                     |
| Capital Projects Fund                                  | 5,000,000                    | 5,754,000                      | 754,000             | 1,811,000                           |
| <b>Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities</b> |                              |                                |                     |                                     |
| Capital Projects Fund                                  | 2,699,000                    | 2,699,000                      | 0                   | 15,024,000                          |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund                      | 68,000,000                   | 18,000,000                     | (50,000,000)        | 281,927,000                         |
| <b>Program Improvement or Program Change</b>           |                              |                                |                     |                                     |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund                      | 10,000,000                   | 10,000,000                     | 0                   | 80,242,000                          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>92,699,000</b>            | <b>43,453,000</b>              | <b>(49,246,000)</b> | <b>409,779,000</b>                  |

Note: Most recent estimates as of 1/15/2019