

## 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 supported by 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 2021 Executive Budget recommends \$3.8 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is consistent with 2020 levels. A net year-to-year increase of less than \$1 million primarily reflects the following actions: a \$25 million decrease in General Fund support for child welfare costs attributed to additional Federal funding directed to offset such costs, a \$22 million decrease in General Fund support related to eliminating the State share of Committee on Special Education (CSE) costs, a \$1.2 million decrease related to the closure of the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) Limited Secure Facility, a \$3.59 million decrease related to elimination of the Public Private Partnership program, a \$4.2 million decrease for union professional development and quality enhancement activities, and a \$26.3 million decrease related to the elimination of legislative adds. These decreases are offset by an increase of \$75 million in Federal appropriations related to implementation of the Federal Family First Act, a General Fund increase of \$5 million for a domestic violence pilot program, and an increase of \$3.8 million in Federal appropriation authority for the Commission for the Blind. The FY 2021 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,856 FTEs, a decrease of 63 FTEs from FY 2020 resulting from the closure of the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) Limited Secure Facility.

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 less than 16,000 in FY 2019 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***

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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 2018, the agency received approximately 53,812 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 2018, 12,074 adults and children received DV residential services and 39,458 adults and children received DV non-residential services.

### ***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 2018 the SCR handled 297,233 calls and received 316,481 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 46 different lines, providing callers with information through high-quality customer service.

## **ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	495,312,000	508,982,000	13,670,000	628,976,000
Aid To Localities	3,281,501,350	3,268,478,150	(13,023,200)	4,094,600,702
Capital Projects	43,453,000	43,453,000	0	425,065,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,820,266,350</b>	<b>3,820,913,150</b>	<b>646,800</b>	<b>5,148,641,702</b>

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

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	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	1,508	1,445	(63)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>(63)</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Enterprise Funds	515,000	515,000	0
General Fund	273,126,000	271,887,000	(1,239,000)
Internal Service Funds	22,162,000	22,162,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	153,415,000	168,324,000	14,909,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	46,094,000	46,094,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,312,000</b>	<b>508,982,000</b>	<b>13,670,000</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Children and Family Services, Office of			
General Fund			
(Aid To Localities)	(987,000)		
<b>Appropriated FY 2020</b>	<b>494,325,000</b>		

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available FY 2020</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Central Administration</b>			
General Fund	30,528,000	30,528,000	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	62,886,000	11,109,000
<b>Family and Children Services</b>			
General Fund	42,270,000	42,270,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	37,970,000	37,970,000	0
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	36,347,000	3,800,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,920,000	1,920,000	0
<b>Systems Support</b>			
General Fund	12,461,000	12,461,000	0
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	315,000	315,000	0
General Fund	160,344,000	159,105,000	(1,239,000)
Internal Service Funds	100,000	100,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,312,000</b>	<b>508,982,000</b>	<b>13,670,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	22,920,000	(100,000)	22,539,000	(100,000)
Family and Children Services	35,295,000	0	32,847,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	2,209,000	0	2,197,000	0
Systems Support	153,000	0	153,000	0
Training and Development	778,000	778,000	770,000	770,000
Youth Facilities	120,077,000	(1,063,000)	106,851,000	(1,063,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,432,000</b>	<b>(385,000)</b>	<b>165,357,000</b>	<b>(393,000)</b>

Program	Temporary Service (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	21,000
Training and Development	0	0	8,000	18,000
Youth Facilities	3,574,000	0	9,652,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,882,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,193,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	7,608,000	100,000	462,000	30,000
Family and Children Services	6,975,000	0	635,000	0
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	18,521,000	(778,000)	47,000	47,000
Youth Facilities	39,028,000	(176,000)	13,892,000	(63,000)

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<b>Total</b>	<b>90,455,000</b>	<b>(854,000)</b>	<b>15,198,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>
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Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	181,000	0	4,455,000	0
Family and Children Services	215,000	0	6,065,000	0
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	274,000	274,000	17,831,000	(1,468,000)
Youth Facilities	670,000	(3,000)	23,632,000	(106,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,522,000</b>	<b>271,000</b>	<b>69,091,000</b>	<b>(1,574,000)</b>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	2,510,000	70,000
Family and Children Services	60,000	0
Systems Support	871,000	0
Training and Development	369,000	369,000
Youth Facilities	834,000	(4,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,644,000</b>	<b>435,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	26,124,000	0	11,205,000	0
Child Care	62,886,000	11,109,000	24,102,000	5,169,000
Family and Children Services	39,316,000	0	7,696,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	38,267,000	3,800,000	8,507,000	0
Systems Support	30,593,000	0	500,000	500,000
Training and Development	39,494,000	0	5,591,000	0
Youth Facilities	415,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,095,000</b>	<b>14,909,000</b>	<b>57,601,000</b>	<b>5,669,000</b>

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Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	14,919,000	0
Child Care	38,784,000	5,940,000
Family and Children Services	31,620,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	29,760,000	3,800,000
Systems Support	30,093,000	(500,000)
Training and Development	33,903,000	0
Youth Facilities	415,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>179,494,000</b>	<b>9,240,000</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	1,804,703,350	1,727,789,150	(76,914,200)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,462,996,000	1,526,887,000	63,891,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,802,000	13,802,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,281,501,350</b>	<b>3,268,478,150</b>	<b>(13,023,200)</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) To			
Children and Family Services, Office of			
General Fund			
(State Operations)	987,000		
<b>Appropriated FY 2020</b>	<b>3,282,488,350</b>		

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Child Care			
General Fund	193,082,100	186,575,900	(6,506,200)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	443,746,000	432,637,000	(11,109,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,000	343,000	0
Family and Children Services			
General Fund	1,606,755,450	1,536,397,450	(70,358,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,018,900,000	1,093,900,000	75,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,459,000	13,459,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind			
General Fund	50,000	0	(50,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	350,000	350,000	0
Training and Development			
General Fund	4,815,800	4,815,800	0

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<b>Total</b>	<b>3,281,501,350</b>	<b>3,268,478,150</b>	<b>(13,023,200)</b>
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**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Comprehensive Construction Program</b>	<b>Available FY 2020</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2021</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations FY 2021</b>
Design and Construction Supervision				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	34,128,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	5,754,000	5,754,000	0	3,273,000
Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	2,699,000	2,699,000	0	15,589,000
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	18,000,000	18,000,000	0	284,818,000
Program Improvement or Program Change				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	87,257,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,453,000</b>	<b>43,453,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>425,065,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020