

Children and Family Services, Office of

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 2022 Executive Budget recommends \$4.5 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is a \$416 million increase compared to FY 2021 levels. Changes reflect the following actions: a \$62 million decrease in State Operating Fund authority which reflects a five percent reduction to various programs, a \$10.9 million decrease related to the closure of four youth facilities, a \$4 million decrease related to consolidating and reducing support for the Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) program and the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) while providing greater program flexibility to address changing needs, a \$3.7 million decrease related to the annualization of the closure of the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) in FY 2021, a decrease of \$1.8 million related to the consolidation of Community Multi-Service Offices (CMSOs), and a \$29.3 million decrease related to the elimination of legislative adds. These decreases are offset by an increase of \$500 million in federal child care authority related to additional federal stimulus dollars to address public health emergencies and a \$27 million increase in State General Fund support for child care subsidies due to decreased available federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) resources for child care. The FY 2022 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,514 FTEs, a decrease of 285 FTEs from FY 2021 resulting from the closure of the closure of youth facilities and the CMSO consolidation.

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 15,400 in FY 2020 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 2019, the agency received approximately 53,377 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 2019, 12,797 adults and children received DV residential services and 40,135 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 2019 the SCR handled 310,156 calls and received 342,456 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 2021	Appropriations Recommended FY 2022	Change From FY 2021	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2022
State Operations	508,982,000	492,571,000	(16,411,000)	702,147,000
Aid To Localities	3,517,607,659	3,950,023,000	432,415,341	5,677,910,310
Capital Projects	43,453,000	43,453,000	0	433,772,000
Total	4,070,042,659	4,486,047,000	416,004,341	6,813,829,310

ALL FUND TYPES

PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM

FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FTE Change
Central Administration			
General Fund	285	285	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	1,393	1,108	(285)
Total	2,799	2,514	(285)

STATE OPERATIONS

ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE

APPROPRIATIONS

(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
Enterprise Funds	515,000	515,000	0
General Fund	271,887,000	255,476,000	(16,411,000)
Internal Service Funds	22,162,000	22,162,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	168,324,000	168,324,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	46,094,000	46,094,000	0
Total	508,982,000	492,571,000	(16,411,000)

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
Central Administration			
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
Child Care			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	62,886,000	62,886,000	0
Family and Children Services			
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
New York State Commission for the Blind			
General Fund	8,224,000	8,224,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	36,347,000	36,347,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,920,000	1,920,000	0
Systems Support			
General Fund	12,461,000	12,461,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	30,593,000	30,593,000	0
Training and Development			
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
Youth Facilities			
Enterprise Funds	315,000	315,000	0
General Fund	159,105,000	142,694,000	(16,411,000)
Internal Service Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Total	508,982,000	492,571,000	(16,411,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2022 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	22,920,000	0	22,539,000	0
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	0	770,000	0
Youth Facilities	105,850,000	(14,227,000)	94,570,000	(12,281,000)
Total	167,205,000	(14,227,000)	153,076,000	(12,281,000)

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	0
Training and Development	0	0	8,000	0
Youth Facilities	2,862,000	(712,000)	8,418,000	(1,234,000)
Total	3,170,000	(712,000)	10,959,000	(1,234,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2022 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	7,608,000	0	462,000	0
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	0	47,000	0
Youth Facilities	36,844,000	(2,184,000)	12,889,000	(1,003,000)

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Total	88,271,000	(2,184,000)	14,195,000	(1,003,000)
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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	0	17,831,000	0
Youth Facilities	623,000	(47,000)	22,612,000	(1,020,000)
Total	1,475,000	(47,000)	68,071,000	(1,020,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	2,510,000	0
Family and Children Services	60,000	0
Systems Support	871,000	0
Training and Development	369,000	0
Youth Facilities	720,000	(114,000)
Total	4,530,000	(114,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2022 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	0	24,600,000	498,000
Family and Children Services	39,316,000	0	7,696,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	38,267,000	0	8,507,000	0
Systems Support	30,593,000	0	500,000	0
Training and Development	39,494,000	0	5,591,000	0
Youth Facilities	415,000	0	0	0
Total	237,095,000	0	58,099,000	498,000

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Nonpersonal Service		
Program	Amount	Change
Central Administration	14,919,000	0
Child Care	38,286,000	(498,000)
Family and Children Services	31,620,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	29,760,000	0
Systems Support	30,093,000	0
Training and Development	33,903,000	0
Youth Facilities	415,000	0
Total	178,996,000	(498,000)

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
General Fund	1,776,918,659	1,710,024,000	(66,894,659)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,726,887,000	2,226,887,000	500,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,802,000	13,112,000	(690,000)
Total	3,517,607,659	3,950,023,000	432,415,341

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

Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
Child Care			
General Fund	207,833,900	233,311,000	25,477,100
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	632,637,000	1,132,637,000	500,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,000	326,000	(17,000)
Family and Children Services			
General Fund	1,564,218,959	1,472,138,000	(92,080,959)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,093,900,000	1,093,900,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,459,000	12,786,000	(673,000)
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	4,575,000	(240,800)
Total	3,517,607,659	3,950,023,000	432,415,341

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change	Reappropriations FY 2022
Design and Construction Supervision				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	37,895,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	5,754,000	5,754,000	0	3,395,000
Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	2,699,000	2,699,000	0	16,334,000
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	18,000,000	18,000,000	0	281,261,000
Program Improvement or Program Change				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	94,887,000
Total	43,453,000	43,453,000	0	433,772,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/19/2021