

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 2023 Executive Budget recommends \$4.2 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is a \$2.4 billion decrease compared to FY 2022 levels, reflecting the one-time nature of \$2.475 billion in federal pandemic funding in FY 2022 which is reappropriated in this Budget, a \$3.8 million decrease related to the annualization of the closure of the Columbia and Red Hook Youth Facilities in FY 2022, and a \$51 million decrease related to the elimination of legislative adds. These decreases are offset by an increase of \$11.3 million for additional staff at Youth Facilities, \$11 million in State General Funds for the Adoption Delinking initiative to support the Home Visiting program, \$10.4 million to fund the Human Services Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for impacted programs, \$1.4 million for the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) Business Enterprise Program (BEP), \$2 million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) program and a net increase of \$50 million in State General Fund support for child care subsidies due to increased State funds to maintain the child care market rate and increased available federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) resources for child care. The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,886 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2022.

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 CY 2003 to 15,016 in CY 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

Adult Protective Services assist individuals 18 and over that present the following: physical and/or mental

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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 2020, the agency received 35,892 adult protective referrals, a 33 percent decrease from 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 2020, 11,051 adults and children received DV residential services and 36,692 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 2022 | Appropriations Recommended FY 2023 | Change From FY 2022 | Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023 |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| State Operations | 539,096,939 | 547,233,000 | 8,136,061 | 770,963,666 |
| Aid To Localities | 6,003,177,180 | 3,586,945,450 | (2,416,231,730) | 8,188,685,239 |
| Capital Projects | 43,453,000 | 43,590,000 | 137,000 | 450,321,000 |
| Total | 6,585,727,119 | 4,177,768,450 | (2,407,958,669) | 9,409,969,905 |

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

| Program | FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22 | FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23 | FTE Change |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Central Administration | | | |
| General Fund | 313 | 313 | 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 | 35 | 35 | 0 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 106 | 106 | 0 |
| Family and Children Services | | | |
| General Fund | 531 | 531 | 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 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Training and Development | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 42 | 42 | 0 |
| Youth Facilities | | | |
| General Fund | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 |
| Total | 2,886 | 2,886 | 0 |

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

| Fund Type | Available FY 2022 | Recommended FY 2023 | Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Enterprise Funds | 515,000 | 515,000 | 0 |
| General Fund | 273,586,764 | 280,379,000 | 6,792,236 |
| Internal Service Funds | 22,625,676 | 22,627,000 | 1,324 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 195,827,681 | 196,065,000 | 237,319 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 46,541,818 | 47,647,000 | 1,105,182 |
| Total | 539,096,939 | 547,233,000 | 8,136,061 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Transfer(s) From | | | |
| Special Pay Bill | | | |
| General Fund | (16,425,939) | | |
| Appropriated FY 2022 | 522,671,000 | | |

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

| Program | Available FY 2022 | Recommended FY 2023 | Change |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Center for Community Health | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 20,002 | 0 | (20,002) |
| Central Administration | | | |
| General Fund | 32,119,650 | 32,107,000 | (12,650) |
| Internal Service Funds | 22,525,676 | 22,527,000 | 1,324 |
| 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 | 66,459,981 | 66,461,000 | 1,019 |
| Family and Children Services | | | |
| General Fund | 45,390,602 | 45,391,000 | 398 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 61,021,559 | 61,027,000 | 5,441 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 1,371,412 | 1,373,000 | 1,588 |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | | | |
| General Fund | 8,381,295 | 8,382,000 | 705 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 37,205,139 | 37,456,000 | 250,861 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 1,920,000 | 3,020,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Raise the Age | | | |
| General Fund | 697,378 | 0 | (697,378) |
| Systems Support | | | |
| General Fund | 12,509,509 | 12,510,000 | 491 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 30,593,000 | 30,593,000 | 0 |
| Training and Development | | | |
| Enterprise Funds | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 |
| General Fund | 19,379,297 | 19,380,000 | 703 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 39,716,406 | 39,720,000 | 3,594 |
| Youth Facilities | | | |
| Enterprise Funds | 315,000 | 315,000 | 0 |
| General Fund | 155,109,033 | 162,609,000 | 7,499,967 |
| Internal Service Funds | 100,000 | 100,000 | 0 |
| Total | 539,096,939 | 547,233,000 | 8,136,061 |

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

| Program | Total | | Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried) | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Central Administration | 24,499,000 | (12,650) | 24,118,000 | (12,650) |
| Family and Children Services | 38,416,000 | 398 | 35,968,000 | 398 |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 2,367,000 | 705 | 2,355,000 | 705 |
| Raise the Age | 0 | (697,378) | 0 | (697,378) |
| Systems Support | 202,000 | 491 | 202,000 | 491 |
| Training and Development | 859,000 | 703 | 851,000 | 703 |
| Youth Facilities | 125,365,000 | 8,049,967 | 112,383,000 | 7,332,967 |
| Total | 191,708,000 | 7,342,236 | 175,877,000 | 6,625,236 |

| 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 | 3,325,000 | 158,000 | 9,657,000 | 559,000 |
| Total | 3,633,000 | 158,000 | 12,198,000 | 559,000 |

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 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 | 37,244,000 | (550,000) | 13,081,000 | (262,000) |
| Total | 88,671,000 | (550,000) | 14,387,000 | (262,000) |

| 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 | 627,000 | (6,000) | 22,801,000 | (261,000) |
| Total | 1,479,000 | (6,000) | 68,260,000 | (261,000) |

| 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 | 735,000 | (21,000) |
| Total | 4,545,000 | (21,000) |

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

| Program | Total | | Personal Service | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Center for Community Health | 0 | (20,002) | 0 | (11,868) |
| Central Administration | 26,589,000 | 1,324 | 11,486,000 | 867 |
| Child Care | 66,461,000 | 1,019 | 31,121,000 | 4,400,320 |
| Family and Children Services | 62,400,000 | 7,029 | 11,744,000 | 2,201 |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 40,476,000 | 1,350,861 | 9,366,000 | 861 |
| Systems Support | 30,593,000 | 0 | 500,000 | 0 |
| Training and Development | 39,920,000 | 3,594 | 5,848,000 | 1,801 |
| Youth Facilities | 415,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 266,854,000 | 1,343,825 | 70,065,000 | 4,394,182 |

| Program | Nonpersonal Service | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Amount | Change |
| Center for Community Health | 0 | (8,134) |
| Central Administration | 15,103,000 | 457 |
| Child Care | 35,340,000 | (4,399,301) |
| Family and Children Services | 50,656,000 | 4,828 |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | 31,110,000 | 1,350,000 |
| Systems Support | 30,093,000 | 0 |
| Training and Development | 34,072,000 | 1,793 |
| Youth Facilities | 415,000 | 0 |
| Total | 196,789,000 | (3,050,357) |

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

| Fund Type | Available FY 2022 | Recommended FY 2023 | Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 1,852,488,180 | 1,911,256,450 | 58,768,270 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 4,126,887,000 | 1,651,887,000 | (2,475,000,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 23,802,000 | 23,802,000 | 0 |
| Total | 6,003,177,180 | 3,586,945,450 | (2,416,231,730) |

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

| Program | Available FY 2022 | Recommended FY 2023 | Change |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Child Care | | | |
| General Fund | 256,991,200 | 305,587,200 | 48,596,000 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 3,032,637,000 | 632,637,000 | (2,400,000,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 343,000 | 343,000 | 0 |
| Family and Children Services | | | |
| General Fund | 1,590,566,180 | 1,600,853,450 | 10,287,270 |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 1,093,900,000 | 1,018,900,000 | (75,000,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Other | 23,459,000 | 23,459,000 | 0 |
| New York State Commission for the Blind | | | |
| General Fund | 115,000 | 0 | (115,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 350,000 | 350,000 | 0 |
| Training and Development | | | |
| General Fund | 4,815,800 | 4,815,800 | 0 |
| Total | 6,003,177,180 | 3,586,945,450 | (2,416,231,730) |

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

| Comprehensive Construction Program | Available FY 2022 | Recommended FY 2023 | Change | Reappropriations FY 2023 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Design and Construction Supervision | | | | |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | 0 | 42,255,000 |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations | | | | |
| Capital Projects Fund | 5,754,000 | 5,871,000 | 117,000 | 4,808,000 |
| Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities | | | | |
| Capital Projects Fund | 2,699,000 | 2,719,000 | 20,000 | 15,210,000 |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund | 18,000,000 | 18,000,000 | 0 | 284,427,000 |
| Program Improvement or Program Change | | | | |
| Youth Facilities Improvement Fund | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 0 | 103,621,000 |
| Total | 43,453,000 | 43,590,000 | 137,000 | 450,321,000 |

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020