

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MISSION

The Council on Children and Families was established in 1977 to develop more coordinated, cost-efficient and effective systems of services among State agencies.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Council on Children and Families consists of the commissioners and directors of the State's 13 health, education and human services agencies. Chaired by the Governor's Director of State Operations, the Council provides a neutral forum for resolving interagency issues as well as coordinating cross-agency planning and policy which affects New York's children and families.

The Council is administered by an Executive Director and comprises two bureaus: the Bureau of Interagency Coordination and Case Resolution and the Bureau of Policy Analysis. The Council will have a workforce of 18 in 1999-2000. Fourteen of these positions are supported by State tax dollars from the General Fund and four are supported through federal grants.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 1999-2000, the Executive Budget provides \$892,000 in General Fund support for the Council, a decrease of \$18,000 from the prior year. The Budget also includes a Fiduciary Fund appropriation of \$300,000, which reflects the Council's aggressive pursuit of additional grants to better advance its agenda and those of other member agencies.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In May 1997, the Commissioners/Directors of the Council's member agencies established a common set of goals, objectives and performance standards to measure the life outcomes of our children. Known as New York State Touchstones, these goals serve as a results-oriented framework for State and local activities on behalf of children and their families. An Executive Level Guidance Team of senior staff from the Council's member agencies oversees Touchstones activities and is responsible for mobilizing actions within agencies to integrate Touchstones within State operations.

The 1998 Touchstones/Kids Count Data Book, produced by the Council and Department of Health in conjunction with Council member agencies, utilizes the Touchstones framework to provide an overview of the status of children and families both statewide and for individual counties. Over the next year, a partnership, consisting of the Council and its member agencies, the Center for Technology in Government, and the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, will develop an interactive web site to enhance data collection and dissemination and expand both the data available and its usefulness to smaller jurisdictions and communities.

The Council's activities to strengthen families — by focusing on preventive strategies, removing barriers to effective service delivery, and coordinating efforts to facilitate outcomes-based approaches at the local level — include participating in:

- The Task Force on School/Community Collaboration, which facilitates the development of school-based and school-linked partnerships;
- The Task Force on Out-of Wedlock Pregnancies and Poverty which is charged with developing a 10-year plan to reduce teen and out-of-wedlock pregnancies;

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- A statewide initiative to improve policy and practice in juvenile delinquency diversion;
- The New York State Head Start Collaboration Project;
- The AmeriCorps® Family Literacy Grant; and,
- The Family Renaissance Consortium.

The Council also provides expert guidance and direction on policy and program development through participation on the following interagency initiatives and workgroups: Coordinated Children's Services Initiative; Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Project; Adolescent Project Team; School Violence Prevention; NYS Task Force on HIV/AIDS Prevention; Governor's State Incentive Task Force — OASAS Cooperative Agreement; and Megan's Law Task Force.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$1,610,000	\$1,742,000	+ \$132,000	\$256,000
Aid To Localities . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital Projects . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$1,610,000	\$1,742,000	+ \$132,000	\$256,000

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Administration					
General Fund	14	14	.....	14	.....
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	2	2	.....	2	.....
Subtotal, Direct Funded Programs	16	16	.....	16	.....
Suballocations:					
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	2			2	.....
Total	18			18	.....

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$910,000	\$892,000	-\$18,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	500,000	550,000	+ 50,000
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	300,000	+ 100,000
Total	\$1,610,000	\$1,742,000	+ \$132,000

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$910,000	\$892,000	-\$18,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	500,000	550,000	+ 50,000
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	300,000	+ 100,000
Total	\$1,610,000	\$1,742,000	+ \$132,000

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$820,000	. . . .	\$820,000	. . . .
Total	\$820,000	. . . .	\$820,000	. . . .

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$72,000	-\$18,000	\$11,520	-\$2,880
Total	\$72,000	-\$18,000	\$11,520	-\$2,880

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$21,760	-\$5,440	\$37,280	-\$9,320
Total	\$21,760	-\$5,440	\$37,280	-\$9,320

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$1,440	-\$360
Total	\$1,440	-\$360

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$850,000	+ \$150,000	\$850,000	+ \$150,000
Total	\$850,000	+ \$150,000	\$850,000	+ \$150,000