



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

Joint Budget Committee Staff FY 2016-17 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Human Services Executive Director's Office and Services for People with Disabilities

The Department of Human Services is responsible for the administration and supervision of all non-medical public assistance and welfare programs in the state. The Office of Operations provides Department-wide facility maintenance and management, accounting, payroll, contracting, purchasing, and field audits. The Division of Child Welfare provides funding for programs that protect children from harm and assist families in caring for and protecting their children. The Office of Early Childhood is responsible for licensing and monitoring child care facilities; administering programs that are designed to improve the quality and availability of child care in the state; supervises the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program; and works with multiple stakeholders in the areas of Early Intervention, childhood mental health, and healthcare, to mitigate challenges that affect school readiness and academic success. The Department's FY 2015-16 appropriation represents 7.2 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 8.5 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations. This briefing focuses on the following divisions: Executive Director's Office and Services for People with Disabilities.

FY 2015-16 Appropriation and FY 2016-17 Request

Department of Human Services						
(Executive Director's Office and Services for People with Disabilities)						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2015-16 Appropriation						
SB 15-234 (Long Bill)	\$250,574,587	\$63,541,906	\$43,199,259	\$77,351,690	\$66,481,732	1,799.2
Other Legislation	<u>1,729,628</u>	<u>1,729,628</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$252,304,215	\$65,271,534	\$43,199,259	\$77,351,690	\$66,481,732	1,799.2
FY 2016-17 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2015-16 Appropriation	\$252,304,215	\$65,271,534	\$43,199,259	\$77,351,690	\$66,481,732	1,799.2
R1 County child welfare staff - phase 2	38,259	31,755	0	0	6,504	0.0
R2 DYC security staffing in facilities - phase 2	946,531	946,531	0	0	0	0.0
R3 Court ordered evaluation and jail-based bed space	117,135	117,135	0	0	0	0.0
R6 Children's savings accounts	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0.0
R7 Continuation of child care quality initiatives	121,681	0	0	0	121,681	0.0
R11 Intensive residential treatment for SUD	20,835	0	20,835	0	0	0.0

Department of Human Services						
(Executive Director's Office and Services for People with Disabilities)						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
R14 Behavioral health crisis services staffing	38,107	38,107	0	0	0	0.0
R18 Grand Junction physician services	(88,946)	(88,946)	0	0	0	(0.5)
R19 Community provider rate adjustment	(60,097)	(60,097)	0	0	0	0.0
NP5 Resources for Administrative Courts	35,572	22,055	1,067	0	12,450	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	(48,281,896)	(4,678,968)	(789,316)	(4,939,144)	(37,874,468)	(229.7)
Centrally appropriated line items	<u>(2,285,718)</u>	<u>(705,250)</u>	<u>213,009</u>	<u>(360,100)</u>	<u>(1,433,377)</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$203,005,678	\$60,993,856	\$42,644,854	\$72,052,446	\$27,314,522	1,569.0
Increase/(Decrease)	(\$49,298,537)	(\$4,277,678)	(\$554,405)	(\$5,299,244)	(\$39,167,210)	(230.2)
Percentage Change	(19.5%)	(6.6%)	(1.3%)	(6.9%)	(58.9%)	(12.8%)

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Indirect Costs: The Department of Human Services receives funding from numerous cash and federal funds, which results in a complex cost allocation plan for indirect costs. Currently, due to the complexity of the plan and a lack of information about how the plan aligns with the Long Bill structure, the Department is out of compliance with the Committee's policy on how indirect costs are appropriated in the Long Bill. This decreases the General Assembly's ability to track the Department's use of program moneys for administrative overhead.

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's annual report was submitted on October 23, 2015 and included five recommendations for legislative and funding changes. Due to the timing of the report and the submission of the Department's budget request, none of the recommendations are reflected in the Department's budget.

Regional Center Task Force: The Regional Center Task Force was created by the General Assembly in 2014 as a mechanism to determine the appropriate role for Regional Centers in the changing landscape of services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Statute charged the Task Force with answering five questions, and the Task Force must finalize their recommendations by December 31, 2015. This issue provides a number of points to consider for the most contentious charges of the Task Force which were to determine the number of institutional and waiver-licensed beds should be operated by the State.

Update on the Vocational Rehabilitation Programs and Independent Living Centers: The Vocational Rehabilitation Programs continue to under-expend vocational rehabilitation funding, which has resulted in a federal maintenance of effort penalty. For FY 2015-16 the Programs are projecting an underexpenditure of \$6,863,988 total funds, the majority of which are federal funds set-aside for pre-transition services for students with disabilities. The General Assembly invested \$4.0 million General Fund over two-years for the Independent Living Centers through S.B. 15-240. The Centers completed a statutorily required facilitation and

came to agreement on funding formula factors, which included funding for the creation of a new Office of Independent Living Centers using a portion of the new funds.

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2015-16/Humbrf1.pdf