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An Overview of the Department of Children and Families

Presentation to the
Florida Children & Youth Cabinet

Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families,
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.



The mission of the Department of Children and Family Services is to...




... Protect the vulnerable ...



... promote strong and economically self-sufficient families...



... advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.



Department of Children and Families

Family and Community Services

Food Stamps and Medicaid

Child Care Licensing and Training


Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Adult Protective Services


Refugee Services

Homelessness

Domestic Violence



Regions and Circuits




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Family and Community Services Foster Care and Adoption

- Child Protective Investigations
- Community-Based Care
- Case Management
- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
- Children's Legal Services
- Florida Abuse Hotline
- Independent Living
- Quality Parenting Initiative
- Prevention



Foster Care and Adoption Data

According to our latest reports:

- 12,162 Children in In-Home Care with DCF supervision
- 19,275 Children in Out-Of-Home Care
 - 9,934 – Relative Care
 - 9,341 – Foster Care
- 3,009 Children Adopted during FY 2010-2011

Food Stamps and Medicaid



- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Medicaid Eligibility Determination
- Food for Florida Program
- Medical Assistance for Pregnant Women

Food Stamps and Medicaid

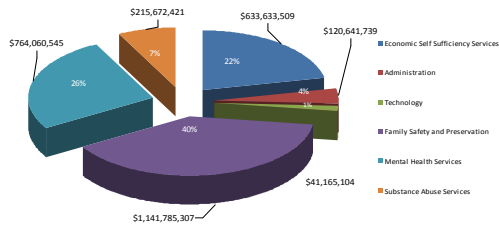


Program Data	Month		Fiscal Year		
	Jul 11	Jul 10	10-11	09-10	08-09
Families:					
Cash Assistance	53,004	56,617	107,946	113,646	105,803
Food Stamps	1,727,044	1,490,780	2,344,836	1,926,468	1,465,182
Medicaid	1,823,644	1,712,249	3,168,182	2,911,645	2,621,128
Persons:					
Cash Assistance	93,413	102,824	217,950	233,091	211,619
Food Stamps	3,172,914	2,794,233	4,276,729	3,618,713	2,833,816
Medicaid	2,596,816	2,428,236	3,413,193	3,132,052	2,776,932
Benefits:					
Cash Assistance	\$12,479,954	\$13,365,369	\$159,707,337	\$166,095,940	\$151,241,489
Food Stamps	\$426,310,317	\$378,944,134	\$4,932,076,010	\$4,034,447,154	\$2,478,354,544

Appropriations by Budget Entity



FY 10-11



Opportunities for Collaboration



- Success Rate of Children in Foster Care
- Normalcy for Children in Foster Care
- Complete Case Management Profile

Opportunities for Collaboration



- Prevention and Diversion
- Human Trafficking
- Empowering and Supporting Parents

Mutual Agency Customers



- **The Agency for Health Care Administration**
 - Funds Medicaid services
 - Regulates, licenses, and inspects specialty providers that serve DCF customers
 - nursing homes
 - adult living facilities
 - specialized inpatient psychiatric programs for children
 - facility closures
- **The Department of Health**
 - Children's Medical Services will be "medical home" for foster children
 - Shares vital statistics data
 - Chairs the Child Death Review Team
 - Operates local Child Protection Teams
 - Operates Early Steps Program
 - Provides health care to many DCF customers
 - Inspects foster care and group homes

Mutual Agency Customers



- **The Department of Juvenile Justice**
 - Share mutual customers
 - Cooperate to ensure that youth receive appropriate case management
 - DCF investigates abuse allegations in DJJ facilities
- **The Agency for Persons with Disabilities**
 - Serves disabled foster children on the Home and Community Based Waiver
 - DCF refers eligible customers to APD
 - Staff from the local Community-Based Care agencies and APD work together to manage mutual customers.
- **The Agency for WorkForce Innovation**
 - Helps public assistance recipients find employment
 - DCF's child care information system incorporates Voluntary Pre-K information
 - DCF refers at risk families to subsidized child care (School Readiness) program funded by AWI.
 - AWI also helps youth seek employment.

Mutual Agency Customers



- **The Department of Education**
 - Brings staff together regularly to improve educational outcomes for child care and foster youth
 - Information and Data exchange between DCF and DOE is used to identify areas for mutual focus
 - DCF hosts on-line training for DOE early learning courses and tracks transcripts for child care providers
- **The Guardian ad Litem Program**
 - Advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children
 - Includes volunteer information, news, and local programs
 - Works in conjunction with DCF staff to make recommendations to the court that are in the best interest of the parties involved

DCF Strategic Vision



Four Areas of Focus

Provide the support and tools employees need to deliver world-class service to Floridians

Empower Frontline Staff

Effect Program Improvements

Apply proven best practices to maximize efficiencies and outcomes

Help Floridians move from entitlement to empowerment

Enable Family Accountability

Engage Communities

Seek partnerships that promote local programs designed to strengthen families

Questions?