

Presentation to the House Appropriations Committee

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Child Protective Services - Assessing risk and ensuring child safety

- CPS investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children.
- CPS provides services to **preserve families and keep children safe** in their own homes.
- When children can not be safe in their own homes, CPS cares for them through foster care or a kinship placement.
- If a court terminates parental rights, CPS works to find the child an **adoptive family**.
- CPS helps prepare children for productive adulthood.
- Through **Prevention and Early Intervention** contracts, CPS helps prevent child maltreatment and juvenile delinquency.

Child Care Licensing (CCL) - Keeping children safe in out-of-home care

• CCL regulates all child-care operations (day care and 24-hr residential care) to reduce the risk of injury, abuse, and health-related risks.

Adult Protective Services (APS) - Protecting vulnerable adults in their own homes and in Mental Health & Mental Retardation settings

Adult Protective Services investigates abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly
or disabled adults in two settings: in private homes and in state operated and/or
contracted settings that serve those with mental illness or development disabilities. 1



FTEs

- 11,152.5 total FTEs
 - $\checkmark~$ Over 56,000 calls received each month by Statewide Intake staff
 - ✓ 242,563 completed investigations of abuse/neglect/exploitation
 - ✓ Over 14,000 families receiving CPS services per month
 - ✓ About 26,000 child day care operations and 10,000 24-hour child care operations regulated
 - \checkmark Over 27,000 children in substitute care

Paid Foster Care

- A federal entitlement program funded with federal Title IV-E, state GR, and federal TANF
- \$709 million All Funds for FY 10-11 biennium (27% of the agency's budget)
- Due primarily to CPS Reform initiatives, caseload dropped by 9% in FY 08 and is projected to drop another 5% for FY 09
- The downward trend slows in FY 10 with less than a 1% drop projected, and then climbs slightly by 1.4% for FY 11
 - Average number of children (FTEs) in paid foster care has changed from 18,758 in FY 07 to a projected low of 16,065 for FY 10, rising to 16,289 for FY 11

Adoption Subsidy Payments

- A federal entitlement program funded with federal Title IV-E and state GR
- \$333 million All Funds for FY 10-11 biennium (13% of the agency's budget)
- The caseload trend indicates a steady growth of 9% for FY 10 and 8% for FY 11
 - Average number of children receiving an adoption subsidy payment is projected to change from 27,477 in FY 09 to 32,385 in FY 11



- Continuing the success of agency reform
 - Expanded work with families
 - Decreased caseworker workload
 - Increased adoptions
- Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act
 - Helping families care for relative children
 - Improving outcomes for foster youth
- Maintain the viability of the foster care system