



Legislative Fiscal Bureau

One East Main, Suite 301 • Madison, WI 53703 • (608) 266-3847 • Fax: (608) 267-6873

May 18, 2011

Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #203

Children and Family Aids (DCF -- Children and Families)

[LFB 2011-13 Budget Summary: Page 91, #5]

CURRENT LAW

Children and family aids funding is distributed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for services related to child abuse and neglect and to unborn child abuse, including prevention, investigation, and treatment. The basic county allocation of children and family aids is distributed to county departments of human/social services and is supported with temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant funds, social services block grant (SSBG) funds, Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, Title IV-B of the federal Social Security Act, federal targeted case management (TCM) funds, and GPR. TCM funds are federal medical assistance matching funds for case management services provided to children in out-of-home care who are not eligible for reimbursement under Title IV-E. Base funding for children and family aids is \$64,687,500 (\$30,403,900 GPR, \$26,278,400 FED, and \$8,005,200 PR). Funds not allocated to counties for the basic county allocation are distributed to tribes for child care and for the tribal family services block grant.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$2,383,700 (-\$3,890,500 FED and \$6,274,200 PR) in 2011-12 and \$2,383,700 (-\$5,464,200 FED and \$7,847,900 PR) in 2012-13 to fully fund an increase in foster care rates approved under 2009 Act 28, to implement the levels of care foster care licensing system required under Act 28, and to reflect reestimates of federal and program revenues. Total funding for children and family aids would be increased from the base amount of \$64,687,500 to \$67,071,200 in each year of the 2011-13 biennium.

Of the children and family aids allocation amount, \$66,475,500 annually is for the basic county allocation. The remainder of the children and family aids funding is for tribal child care (\$408,700 GPR annually) and for the tribal family services block grant (\$187,000 FED annually).

MODIFICATION

Specify under section 48.563(2) of the Wisconsin statutes that the basic county allocation for children and family aids is \$66,475,500 in each fiscal year.

Explanation: The amount of the basic county allocation for children and family aids is specified in statute. The bill did not change the statutory basic county allocation to match the funding provided under the bill. The administration has requested this change so that the statutory amount matches the amount of funding provided under the bill for the basic county allocation for children and family aids.

Prepared by: Kim Swissdorf