Child Welfare Funding and an Update on the State’s Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver

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Discussion Item One – Funding Source Overview CBCs
Multiple streams and multiple cost allocation methodologies.

Discussion Item Two – Section AB Funding – *fungible*
Section C Funding – *Highly Restrictive*

Discussion Item Three – How does all of this pertain to the
Title IV-E Waiver - *Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act*

Discussion Item Four – Status of the State’s current Title IV-E
Demonstration Waiver

Discussion Item Five – Child Well Being *and IV-E Eligibility*

Discussion Item Six – Importance of Cost Allocation plans and
overview of CAP principles – *OMB A87 Circulars*
Current CBC Funding

So...How Many Buckets Are There?

- State General Revenue
- Lawton Chiles Tobacco TF
- Child Welfare Training TF
- SSBG I & II
- TANF
- Child Abuse & Treatment Grant
- Title IV – E Adoption Admin and Assistance
- Title IV-E Adoption Incentive Award
- Title IV-B Child Welfare Services
- Title IV-B PSSF
- Title IV-B Part II Caseworkers
- Title IV-E Chafee Independent Living
- Title XIX Medicaid Administration
- Education and Training Voucher
- Mental Health Block Grant MOE (GR)
- Title IV-E Foster Care Waiver?
### SECTION AB FUNDING

- Case management, prevention, adoption and adoptive supports, licensed care
  - Title IV-E Adoption
  - TANF
  - Title IV-E Waiver
  - Title IV-B Parts I & II
  - SSBG
    - Multiple Cost Allocation Principles and Methods
      - Activity
      - Cost Pool

### SECTION C FUNDING

- Maintenance Adoption Subsidies (MAS), Independent Living, Chafee and ETV Programs, Safe and Stable Families Act (Adoption Supports and other Prevention Services), Child Welfare / PI Training, Children’s Mental Health Wrap Around Funding
  - Title IV-E Chafee
  - ETV
  - TANF
  - IV-E Adoption Assistance
  - TANF
  - Title IV-B Part II PSSF
  - Mental Health Block Grant MOE
Overall CBC State to Federal Funding Comparison

- State: $403 million (51%)
- Federal: $387 million (49%)
Title IV-E Waiver

The Waiver in brief

- The waiver allows federal foster care funds to be used for a wide variety of child welfare purposes rather than being restricted to licensed out-of-home care, as is normally the case under title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

- This permits funds to be used for child welfare services including prevention, diversion from out-of-home placement through intensive in-home services, reunification, when this can be accomplished safely or through permanency.

- The State receives a defined amount of federal funds for foster care over a five year period.

- Adoption assistance funds continue to be received on a federal/state matching basis.

- Savings in federal, state or local funds must be used to further provision of child welfare services.

- An independent evaluator will assess the effectiveness of the demonstration based on program outcomes.

Key Advantages

- The demonstration puts funding incentives in line with program goals and good practice. For children who can safely remain in their home with appropriate services or be returned home through appropriate reunification services, this can provide an alternative to children entering or remaining in expensive out-of-home care.

- For children who can not safely remain in the home or return home, the focus should be on moving the children towards permanence through adoption or other appropriate alternative.
Federal Share Title IV-E Waiver History

With Projected 2% Increase Going Forward

Federal Share Title IV-E Foster Care / Waiver Funding (In Millions)

2005: $127.13
2006: $145.09
2007: $144.94
2008: $148.47
2009: $152.93
2010: $157.52
2011: $162.24
2012: $167.73
2013: $172.76
2014: $176.22
2015: $179.74
2016: $183.34

2% Growth Includes CPI Increase
A 2% annual increase over the next 5 years. These funds will not require a matching component.

This increase contains a cost of living adjustment (based on the 2013 legislative change that increases the foster care board rate on an annual basis starting in January 2015).

Child Welfare training is being removed from the Waiver base and treated separately in a traditional IV-E sense. However, from a state perspective this is considered a victory in the sense that when the State started to operate under the Waiver, we were earning training dollars at a 50% FFP. Under the changed Federal guidelines, the state stands to earn at a 75% FFP. In addition, these dollars do not need to be matched solely by State GR dollars, in-kind match is a potential source if training were to be expanded.

The terms and conditions will allow for renegotiations if OHC placement costs increase and/or the OHC population increases by 10%.
The good work that Florida has done with eligibility; we have the highest IV-E penetration rate in the country. Because of this, we upped our growth rate to 1.7%. The increase to the foster care board rate (COLA) takes the growth rate to 2.1%. By moving training from the capped allocation, we will have a new opportunity to partner with Universities or others to dramatically increase the training funds.
Eligibility

- TANF Eligibility,
- Title IV-E eligibility,
- etc.
- Drives our Ability to Report and Draw our Federal Dollars
How is Eligibility Used

- There are approximately 16 Federal funding sources used in the Child Welfare program
- Plus the different State funding sources
- Sorting these out to make it work in Florida
- The CBC Cost Allocation Plan
Cost Allocation Plan

- Florida has designed a Cost Allocation Plan Template for CBCs because fund usage is managed on a statewide basis by DCF requiring uniformity.
- The template has predefined cost pools describing a service or activity that has been tied to allowable fund sources.
- For each of these predefined cost pools, a CBC must describe what costs it is capturing and how those costs are allocated to the cost pool.
Why is Maintaining Eligibility Important

• Current Eligibility Rate IV-E 76.6%
• Factors in Waiver Growth Calculation
• Eligibility Tracking Required by Terms and Conditions
• Well Being –
  • PI
  • CWLS
  • Hotline
  • CBC’s
Questions