

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MISSION

The Council on Children and Families, established in 1977, ensures that services provided to children and families are coordinated across State agencies and between New York State and its political subdivisions in order to achieve the most rational and effective services system possible.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Council consists of the commissioners and directors of the State's thirteen health, education and human services agencies. Chaired by the Governor's Director of State Operations, the Council provides a neutral forum for resolving interagency issues and integrating plans and policies affecting New York's children and families.

The agency consists of three Offices: Executive Director, Counsel, and Administrative Services; and two Bureaus: Policy Analysis and Interagency Coordination and Case Resolution. The Council will have a workforce of 21 in 2000-01. Fourteen of these positions are supported by State tax dollars from the General Fund and seven by Federal grants.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

For fiscal year 2000-01, the Executive Budget provides \$928,000 in General Fund support for the Council, an increase of \$36,000 from the prior year. The Budget also includes new Federal appropriations of \$1.1 million to support a two year project, the New York State Alliance for Family Literacy. This project is intended to raise the quality and standards of family literacy statewide by expanding and strengthening services and through improved coordination of resources.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Council and the Commissioners and Directors of its member agencies have developed a common set of goals, objectives and indicators for improving the lives of children and families throughout the State, known as New York State Touchstones. Interagency activities undertaken by the Council are guided by Touchstones, and by the shared commitment of its member agencies to strengthen families by focusing on preventive strategies, removing barriers to effective service delivery, and coordinating efforts to facilitate outcome-based approaches at the local level. Furthering this goal, the Council annually issues the Touchstones/Kids Count data book. Publication costs are funded through grants from private foundations.

To improve timeliness and enable the sharing of data collected at the State and local level that measures children's well-being, the Council partnered with several organizations to develop an electronic resource to bring together data from multiple sources into a publicly-accessible information repository. This interactive Web Site will be available in SFY 2000-01 to provide up-to-date information and other supportive resources that will help users gather and analyze various indicators, assess needs, and design and improve programs.

The Council's major activities for 2000-01 include the following:

- A Statewide initiative to improve policy and practice in juvenile delinquency diversion for non-violent youth;
- Kids Well-Being Indicator Clearinghouse (KWIC);
- New York State Head Start Collaboration Project;
- Task Force on School-Community Collaboration; and

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— Family Support New York.

The Council provides guidance and direction on policy and program development through participation on the following interagency initiatives and workgroups: coordinated Children's Services Initiative; Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Project; Adolescent Project Team; New York State Task Force on HIV/AIDS Prevention; Governor's State Incentive Task Force/OASAS Cooperative Agreement; and the Interagency Workgroup for the Care and Management of Child and Adolescent Sexual Abusers.

The Council also will assist with the implementation of recommendations made to the Governor by the task forces on Out of Wedlock Pregnancies and Poverty and on School Violence.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations	\$1,742,000	\$2,878,000	+\$1,136,000	\$295,000
Aid To Localities .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital Projects .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$1,742,000	\$2,878,000	+\$1,136,000	\$295,000

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Administration					
General Fund	14	14	.....	14	.....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2	2	3	5	+3
Subtotal, Direct Funded Programs	16	16	3	19	+3
Suballocations:					
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2			2	.....
Total	18			21	+3

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$892,000	\$928,000	+\$36,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	550,000	1,650,000	+1,100,000
Fiduciary Funds	300,000	300,000
Total	\$1,742,000	\$2,878,000	+\$1,136,000

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Program</u>	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$892,000	\$928,000	+\$36,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	550,000	1,650,000	+1,100,000
Expendable Trust Funds	300,000	300,000	.....
Total	<u>\$1,742,000</u>	<u>\$2,878,000</u>	<u>+\$1,136,000</u>

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

<u>Program</u>	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$837,000	+\$17,000	\$837,000	+\$17,000
Total	<u>\$837,000</u>	<u>+\$17,000</u>	<u>\$837,000</u>	<u>+\$17,000</u>

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

<u>Program</u>	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$91,000	+\$19,000	\$15,200	+\$3,680
Total	<u>\$91,000</u>	<u>+\$19,000</u>	<u>\$15,200</u>	<u>+\$3,680</u>

<u>Program</u>	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$20,000	-\$1,760	\$50,000	+\$12,720
Total	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>-\$1,760</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>+\$12,720</u>

<u>Program</u>	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$5,800	+\$4,360
Total	<u>\$5,800</u>	<u>+\$4,360</u>

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

<u>Program</u>	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$1,950,000	+\$1,100,000	\$1,950,000	+\$1,100,000
Total	<u>\$1,950,000</u>	<u>+\$1,100,000</u>	<u>\$1,950,000</u>	<u>+\$1,100,000</u>

