

New Mexico Children, Youth And Families Department

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Mission Statement

Improve the quality of life for our children

Strategic Planks

- Shore up our Core Functions
- Prevention
- Financial Controls
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Operating Principles

- Be kind, respectful and responsive
- Be child/youth-centric
- Create a culture of accountability and support
- Simplify: Do fewer, bigger things that produce results
- It's all about the quality of our workers

CYFD FY20 Budget Request

Overall CYFD

- Total FY20 General Fund request \$301,177.5 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$546,625.5)
 - \$21,298.4 General Fund increase over the FY19 OpBud
 - \$10,000.0 for Early Childhood Services
 - \$7,298.4 for Protective Services
 - \$2,000.0 for Behavioral Health Services
 - \$2,000.0 for Juvenile Justice Services

Early Childhood Services

- FY20 ECS General Fund request \$96,439.4 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$271,582.0)
 - General Fund increase of \$10,000.0
 - \$3,000.0 for Early Pre-K and Mixed-Aged Pre-K
 - \$2,000.0 for At-Risk Child Care
 - \$3,000.0 for Quality and Workforce Initiatives
 - \$2,000.0 for Home Visiting

• Protective Services

- FY20 PS General Fund request \$102,813.9 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$162,173.7)
 - General Fund increase of \$7,000.0
 - \$4,000.0 for 102 additional workers (Aligned with the CWLA standards)
 - \$3,000.0 for,
 - Safety Assessment Tool
 - Domestic Violence Services
 - Reunification Services
 - Increased Security for Workers

Behavioral Health Services

- FY20 BH General Fund request \$17,831.7 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$19,172.4)
 - General Fund increase of \$2,000.0
 - \$1,000.0 for Infant Mental Health
 - \$1,000.0 for Shelter Care
 - *\$1,000.0 special appropriation to implement the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

Juvenile Justice Services

- FY20 JJS General Fund request \$70,904.7 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$74,091.0)
 - General Fund increase of \$2,000.0 (In FY19 self-funded with land grant fund balance)
 - Targeted raises in FY19

Program Support

- FY20 Program Support General Fund request \$13,187.8 (Total FY20 Budget Request: \$19,606.4)
 - General Fund flat

Key Accomplishments

Overall CYFD

- Increased total budget by \$79 million (\$107 million if FY20 budget request approved)
- Improved office space around the state including lease of a new building in Las Cruces and the purchase of phase one renovation of a Children's Wellness Center in Albuquerque
- Implemented targeted field staff pay raises and established student loan repayment plan
- Improved overall agency morale by 5 percentage points (according to Organizational Health Survey)
- Launched PullTogether with over 127,500 users of the <u>PullTogether.org</u> website, 321,000 page views and over 1,700 calls to the Resource and Referral Phone line
- Received over 5,000 comfort backpacks for foster children

Protective Services

- Increased the number of field workers by 30% (~100 more workers in the field)
- Increased number of foster homes by 24% (~258 more homes)
- Launched and rolled out Law Enforcement Portal with 363 Law Enforcement officials trained
- Expanded scope and added Community Behavioral Health Clinicians (CBHCs) to county offices to improve placement and treatment options for Protective Service youth
- Implemented ongoing, regionally based training program for all Protective Services offices
- Implementing evidence-based safety organized practice tool

Behavioral Health Services

- Doubled the number of Infant Mental Health Teams from 4 to 9
- Conducted Mental Health First Aid Training
- Conducted service array study and completed GEO mapping project

Juvenile Justice Services

- Increased graduation rates; in 2014 44 graduates with 206 population and in 2018 62 graduates with 149 population
- Implemented Vocational Education Programming, including a new Voc Ed building at YDDC
- Expanded Life Skills Programming college and career fair, dog obedience program, talent show, personal finance and athletics
- 100% success rate in becoming PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) compliant
- Reduced incidents of individual confinement per month fell; from 234 to 28 and shortened the length of confinement from 1 hour 36 minutes to 37 minutes
- Reduced client on staff incidents by 54% and client on client incidents by 41%

Early Childhood Services

- Increased participation in Child Care Assistance by 4,500 children a month
- Created and launched "Am I Eligible" screening tool and online application
- Launched At-Risk Child Care Program with ~1,000 children served
- Increased funding for CYFD Pre-K by 55% and implemented Early Pre-K for 3 year old children and mixed age Pre-K
- Increased funding for Home Visiting by 79% and created Level 2 Home Visiting Program and NICU Home Visiting Program
 including safe sleep cradles