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APPROPRIATION*

(dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund
FY23	FY24	or Nonrecurring	Affected
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Both LFC and the Executive included funding in their respective recommendations for this purpose in FY24

Sources of Information

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 135

House Bill 135 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to CYFD for child advocacy centers.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

CYFD said that there are 10 child advocacy centers across New Mexico, serving 25 counties and four pueblos. During FY22 and to date in FY23, the centers have served 4,468 children. The FY23 budget for the centers is \$3.2 million.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD said the 10 child advocacy centers currently active in New Mexico provide a coordinated and comprehensive array of child abuse and neglect intervention services to minimize the longterm effects of child maltreatment. These services include on-site forensic interviews, mental health services, medical services, family advocacy services, and investigation coordination. These centers are part of the network of community-based programs that the Prevention and Initiatives Bureau of the Protective Services Division of CYFD works to develop, expand, and enhance, using a combination of federal and state funds, which are focused on preventing child maltreatment and supporting families to remain safely together.

Currently, seven of the state's 13 judicial districts (1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 13) are not funded at a level which would allow them to fully meet the service needs of their populations.

COUNTY SERVED	PROGRAM	
Bernalillo, Sandoval	All Faiths	
Southern Eddy, Lea	Cavern City CAC	
Chaves and Northern Eddy	Chaves County CASA	
San Juan and McKinley	Childhaven	
Taos, Rio Arriba, Colfax, Union, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel, Taos	Communities Against Violence, Inc.	
& Picuris pueblos		
Lincoln and Otero	Kids Inc. Safehouse for Kids	
Dona Ana, Luna, Sierra	La Pinon Sexual Assault and Recovery	
Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Los Alamos	Solace Crisis Treatment Center	
Valencia, Torrance, Socorro, Laguna Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo	Valencia Shelter Services	

CYFD provided the following table:

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