

Office of Early Childhood OEC64800

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund	118	119	118	119	119	118	118

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	8,607,678	8,509,676	9,343,095	10,106,638	10,232,924	10,021,638	10,147,924
Other Expenses	438,353	331,743	319,731	319,731	319,731	1,319,731	1,319,731
Other Current Expenses							
Birth to Three	23,452,406	25,050,126	29,452,407	31,452,407	25,952,407	32,952,407	32,452,407
Evenstart	295,455	295,455	295,456	295,456	295,456	545,456	545,456
2Gen - TANF	312,500	249,880	412,500	412,500	412,500	572,500	572,500
Nurturing Families Network	10,201,731	10,080,931	10,347,422	12,139,479	12,139,479	12,139,479	12,139,479
Early Child Care Provider Stabilization Payments	-	-	50,000,000	-	-	-	-
OEC Parent Cabinet	-	-	-	165,000	165,000	150,000	150,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Head Start Services	4,719,623	5,038,338	5,083,238	5,083,238	5,083,238	5,083,238	5,083,238
Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	55,045,133	58,088,967	59,527,096	73,727,096	112,827,096	73,727,096	112,827,096
Child Care Quality Enhancements	4,423,221	6,168,525	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	1,144,209	1,095,243	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Early Care and Education	122,026,863	127,831,049	160,386,759	174,645,249	190,137,329	174,645,249	190,137,329
Smart Start	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,325,000	3,325,000	3,325,000	3,325,000	3,325,000
Agency Total - General Fund	233,917,172	245,989,933	335,947,234	319,126,324	368,344,690	321,936,324	376,154,690
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	22,650,000	-	-	12,300,000	2,500,000
American Rescue Plan Act	-	16,800,000	103,875,000	35,000,000	-	35,150,000	2,000,000
Agency Grand Total	233,917,172	262,789,933	462,472,234	354,126,324	368,344,690	369,386,324	380,654,690

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the 2Gen Initiative

2Gen - TANF	-	-	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000

Background

PA 15-5 establishes the Two-Generational (2Gen) Initiative, which is a whole-family approach that creates opportunities and addresses the needs of two generations at once. It helps children and parents get the education, training, and social supports needed to allow parents the ability to pass on economic security to their children.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Legislative

Provide funding of \$160,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the 2Gen Initiative.

Provide Funding for Shared Service Networks

Other Expenses	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 and FY 25 to develop shared service networks.

Provide Funding for Interpreter Services

Birth to Three	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 and FY 25 for interpreter services.

Provide Funding for Even Start

Evenstart	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the Even Start program.

Provide Funding for Increased Rates in the Care4Kids System

Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	14,200,000	53,300,000	14,200,000	53,300,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	14,200,000	53,300,000	14,200,000	53,300,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$14.2 million in FY 24 and \$53.3 million in FY 25 to support a 10% annual rate increase for licensed and 5% annual rate increase for unlicensed Care4Kids providers.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Increase School Readiness and Child Day Care Contract Rates

Early Care and Education	-	15,492,080	-	15,492,080	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	15,492,080	-	15,492,080	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,492,080 in FY 25 to support an increasing the Pre-K rate from \$8,924 to \$10,500 per child per year. This is anticipated to support 9,830 seats.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Parent Cabinet

Personal Services	85,000	85,000	-	-	(85,000)	(85,000)
OEC Parent Cabinet	165,000	165,000	150,000	150,000	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total - General Fund	250,000	250,000	150,000	150,000	(100,000)	(100,000)
Positions - General Fund	1	1	-	-	(1)	(1)

Background

The Parent Cabinet is a parent-led advisory group that works directly with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to help make improvements in the lives of children and families across the state.

Governor

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support activities of the Parent Cabinet, including adding one full-time staff position.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Legislative

Funding of \$150,000 is provided in FY 24 and FY 25 for operational support of the Parent Cabinet.

Reduce Unfunded Headcount**Legislative**

Reduce unfunded headcount of 20 positions.

Current Services**Adjust Child Care Stabilization Funding to Reflect Requirements**

Early Child Care Provider Stabilization Payments	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)	-	-

Background

Public Act 22-80, section 1, authorized additional one time funding for childcare stabilization programs in FY 23.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$50 million in FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the expiration of support for one time childcare stabilization programs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for the Elimination of Parent Fees in Birth to Three

Birth to Three	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-

Background

Public Act 21-46 eliminated parent fees for the Birth to Three program. The cost of these fees were supported by one-time funding sources during the FY 22 - FY 23 biennium.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the annualization of costs related to parent fees based on updated cost projections.

Legislative

Provide ARPA funding in lieu of General Fund appropriations of \$1.5 million in FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the annualization of costs related to parent fees based on updated cost projections (reflected under ARPA write-ups below).

Adjust Funding for Enhanced GAP Payments in Birth to Three

Birth to Three	500,000	(5,000,000)	500,000	-	-	5,000,000
Total - General Fund	500,000	(5,000,000)	500,000	-	-	5,000,000

Background

General Administrative Payments (GAP) are paid to programs for services without the family present that are not billable but are needed for high quality early intervention. Section 12 of Public Act 22-81 requires the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to make GAP payments of \$200, as opposed to \$100, per child in FY 23 and FY 24.

Governor

Provide funding of \$500,000 to support anticipated cost requirements in FY 24 and reduce funding by \$5 million in FY 25 to reflect the expiration of the increased payment.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 to support anticipated cost requirements associated with GAP payments. Maintain funding in FY 25.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	1,029,571	1,155,857	1,029,571	1,155,857	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,029,571	1,155,857	1,029,571	1,155,857	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides net funding of \$237.2 million in FY 24 and \$394 million in FY 25, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,029,571 in FY 24 and \$1,155,857 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(351,028)	(351,028)	(351,028)	(351,028)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(351,028)	(351,028)	(351,028)	(351,028)	-	-

Background

The FY 23 Revised Budget included a total of \$128,456,014 for an extra 27th pay period for six appropriated funds. There are usually 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, but every 11 years there is an additional 27th pay period.

Governor

Remove funding of \$351,028 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Nurturing Families Network	1,792,057	1,792,057	1,792,057	1,792,057	-	-
Early Care and Education	14,258,490	14,258,490	14,258,490	14,258,490	-	-
Total - General Fund	16,050,547	16,050,547	16,050,547	16,050,547	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, and Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department. Funding of approximately \$87 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 is provided to annualize the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in FY 22 (4%) and FY 23 (5.4%). Funding was previously centrally appropriated in the Office of Policy and Management's Private Provider account.

Governor

Funding of \$16,050,547 is provided in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support the annualization of FY 23 COLAs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Provide Funding for Childhood Collaboratives

Other Expenses	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-

Background

Section 41(b) of PA 23-204 and sections 154, 160, and 163 of PA 23-205 carryforward a total of \$339.6 million in unexpended balances from various FY 23 General Fund accounts for initiatives in FY 24 and FY 25.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Legislative

Provide carryforward funding of \$2 million in FY 24 to support childhood collaboratives.

Provide Funding for the Extension of the Workforce Pipeline Pilot Program

Other Expenses	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000

Legislative

Providing carryforward funding of \$2.5 million in FY 24 and FY 25 for the extension of the Workforce Pipeline Pilot program.

Provide Funding for the Family Child Care Provider Agreement

Early Care and Education	-	-	7,800,000	-	7,800,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	7,800,000	-	7,800,000	-

Background

Section 42 of PA 23-204 carries forward funding for expenses administered by the Office of Early Childhood.

Legislative

Carry forward up to \$7.8 million in surplus FY 23 Early Care and Education appropriations into FY 24 to the Care4Kids TANF/CCDF account for the family child care provider agreement.

American Rescue Plan Act**Provide Funding for Childhood Collaboratives**

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget bill, reallocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, resulting in the shifting of approximately \$608.2 million in funding from FY 22 and FY 23 to FY 24 and FY 25.

Legislative

Provide ARPA funding of \$2 million in FY 25 for childhood collaboratives to support parent ambassadors to engage with expectant mothers and parents of very young children to build awareness regarding the importance of quality early childhood education and services. Funding will be provided for additional ambassadors and outreach in concentrated poverty census tracts with a goal of increasing the percentage of children in preschool in such tracts.

Provide Funding for Care4Kids

ARPA - CSFRF	35,000,000	-	35,000,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	35,000,000	-	35,000,000	-	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$35 million in FY 24 to help manage the reduction in Care4Kids enrollment over the biennium.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Cradle to Career

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-

Background

The Cradle to Career program supports local educational services in Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, and Waterbury to support children and youth from birth through college and career.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Legislative

Provide ARPA funding of \$150,000 for Cradle to Career in FY 24.

Reduce Funding for Seed Children's Services Fund

Governor

Reduce funding by \$20 million in FY 23 for Seed Children's Services Fund as it is duplicative of the Start Early - Early Child Initiative, which is supported by \$20 million in ARPA funds, per PA 22-118, as amended by PA 22-146.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	335,947,234	335,947,234	335,947,234	335,947,234	-	-
Policy Revisions	14,450,000	69,042,080	17,260,000	71,852,080	2,810,000	2,810,000
Current Services	(31,270,910)	(36,644,624)	(31,270,910)	(31,644,624)	-	5,000,000
Total Recommended - GF	319,126,324	368,344,690	321,936,324	376,154,690	2,810,000	7,810,000

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	118	118	118	118	-	-
Policy Revisions	1	1	-	-	(1)	(1)
Total Recommended - GF	119	119	118	118	(1)	(1)