

## DCF's Board and Care for Children - Adoption Account

This Department of Children and Families (DCF) account primarily provides monthly subsidy payments to families that have adopted a special needs child. A special needs child is one that is difficult to place into adoption because of the presence of one or more conditions, including, but not limited to, physical or mental disability, serious emotional maladjustment, and physical or mental disability. It also subsidizes certain licensed relative guardians of children who cannot return home either due to the death of a parent(s), or the inability of the parent(s) to provide a safe, stable home. These guardians are provided a monthly board and care payment plus medical coverage in the state Medicaid program. DCF pays for permanency placement services for children in their care and custody who are considered difficult to place, including services to legally free the child for adoption, pre-placement planning, recruitment and screening, home study and evaluation, placement planning, post-placement supervision, or services to return the child home and supervision after return home. The account also provides tuition subsidies for adoptees enrolled in post-secondary education or training programs full-time that meet certain requirements.

**Expenditures** (in millions)

Fiscal Year	Actual \$
FY 19	99.0
FY 20	102.1
FY 21	101.9
FY 22	103.8
FY 23	106.3

**Placements** (caseload)

Fiscal Year	Monthly Average	Difference - Previous FY	Difference - FY 19
FY 19	7,933	-	-
FY 20	8,223	290	290
FY 21	8,243	20	310
FY 22	8,300	57	367
FY 23	8,406	106	473

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(in millions)

