

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.223

Office of Childhood Administrative Services and Operations

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Operations

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Efficiency & Effectiveness

1b. What does this program do?

Administration funds the infrastructure necessary to support the new Office of Childhood's programs related to child care, home visiting, early learning, and early intervention for children birth to age five, as well as afterschool programs for school-age children. Office of Childhood staff are responsible for the following:

1. Assuring the health, safety, and development of Missouri's children through a regulatory process to prevent injury, risk, or harm to dependent children in child care settings;
2. Managing child care administrative rules, processing fingerprints and conducting background screenings for child care and First Steps providers;
3. Providing the overall monitoring, management, and fiscal compliance of all child care programs;
4. Ensuring accurate and timely payments for all child care programs;
5. Delivering home visits;
6. Developing and maintaining the EarlyConnections.mo.gov and Childhood.dese.mo.gov sites, coordinating the social media campaigns for the Office of Childhood and planning and facilitating the annual [Conference on the Young Years](#);
7. Providing professional development and technical assistance to customers;
8. Helping families with the child care cost so they are able to focus on finding and holding steady jobs;
9. Managing the [quality assurance report](#) to provide a continuous quality improvement processes for early learning programs; and
10. Providing families with consumer education about the quality and necessity of early learning programs and the benefits within.

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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

The Office of Childhood will count the number of children and students served through the Office's programs.

2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

The Office of Childhood will survey stakeholders such as parents, teachers and students.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

The Office of Childhood will measure and track the outcomes achieved by children and students enrolled in the Office's programs.

The Office of Childhood will measure the length of time required to make payments to providers and will review payments to ensure all are made in accordance with state statutes.

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

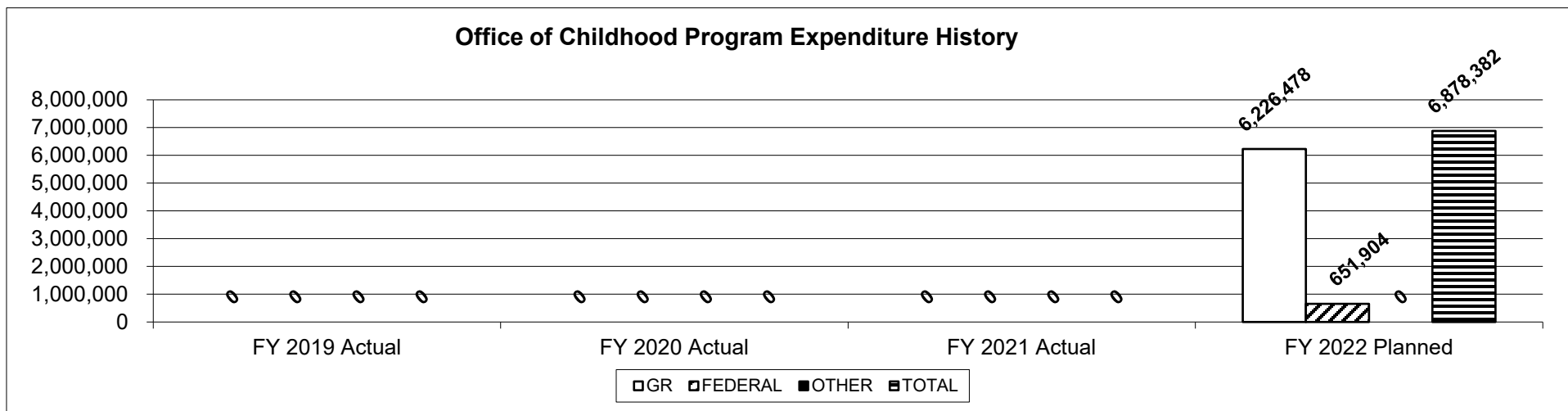
The Office of Childhood will use outcomes and survey data to determine the impact the Office's programs are having in children's lives.

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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Note: The Office of Childhood was newly created in FY 2022.

4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Executive Order 21-02

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes, the federal funds in Office of Childhood require matching and maintenance of effort for Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), IDEA Part C, and Pre-school Development Grant (PDG).

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

Yes, CCDF and IDEA Part C are federally mandated.