

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.300

Program Name: Children's Division Administration

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Children's Administration

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Effective, supported, and accountable workforce.

1b. What does this program do?

The mission of the Children's Division (CD) is to partner with families and communities to protect children from abuse and neglect and to assure safety, permanency, and well being for Missouri's children. CD Administration provides funding for salaries, expense, and equipment for all CD Central Office staff who provide direction and support to the entire Division. Central Office is responsible for the regulation and management of all Division programs. The following is a description of units responsible for the management of CD programs.

Children's Division Director's Office is responsible for coordination of human resources functions with the Department's Human Resource Center, legislative affairs, and coordination of legal support with Division of Legal Services. Focus is placed on proactive internal and external communications to enhance the division's relationship with staff, clients, partners, and the public.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention is responsible for programs to help ensure Missouri's children are safe and work to prevent children from coming into the care and custody of CD. This responsibility includes overseeing the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline, in and out of home investigations, policy supervision, critical events, interagency prevention initiatives, and partnership development. Focus is placed on safety of the children and providing support for those services.

Permanency is responsible for programs supporting the permanency and well-being of Missouri's Children once in care. This includes overseeing Foster Care, Adoption/Guardianship, interdepartmental placement management, policy and program development, field support to regional and circuit managers, older youth programs, and health initiatives. Focus is placed on the delivery of child welfare services and providing support for those services.

Operations and Administration is responsible for communications, constituent services, emergency management, strategic planning, systems development and support, quality assurance and quality improvement, professional development and training, recruitment and retention, coordination of fiscal functions with the Division of Finance and Administrative Services, and implement of the Family First Prevention Services Act. Focus is placed on strategic planning and the use of data to maintain and improve the delivery of services and maintenance of the state's IV-B Plan (Social Security Act reference for Safe and Stable Families – prevention).

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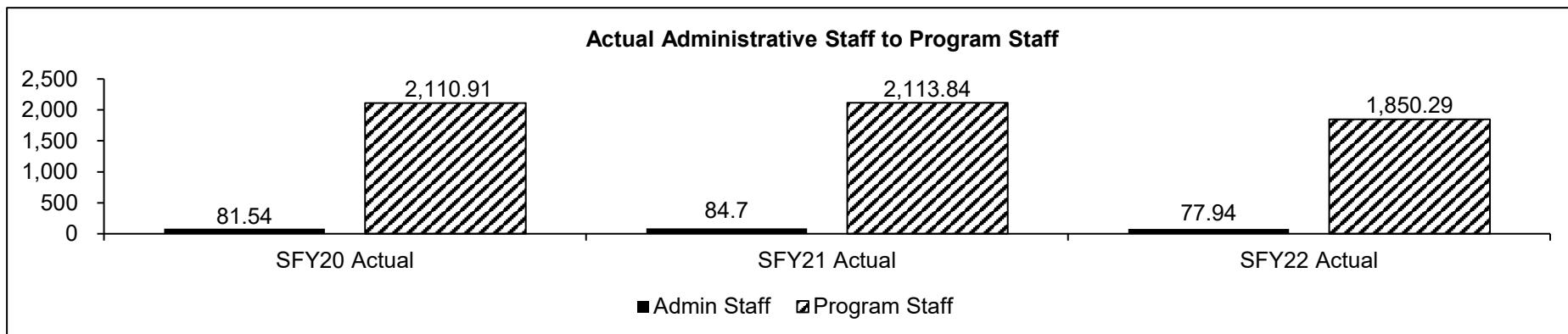
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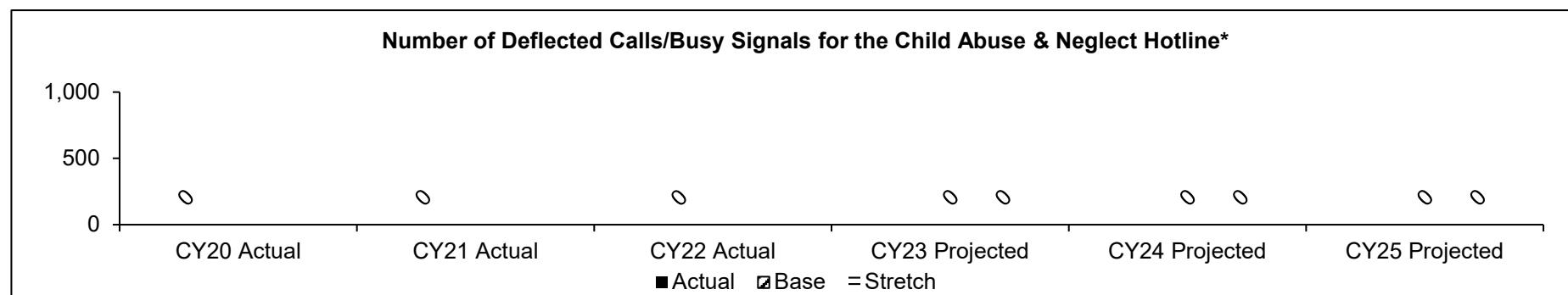
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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



January 2021, the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit transitioned to a Genesys platform to improve citizen's experience.

CY = Calendar year

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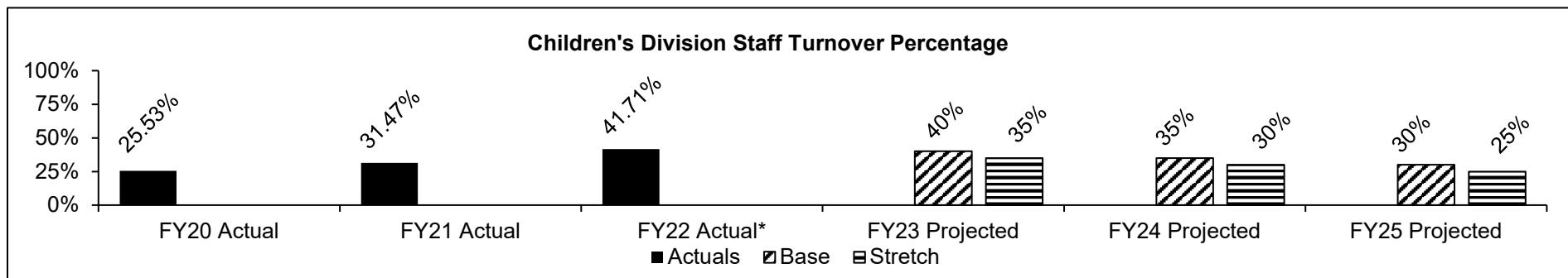
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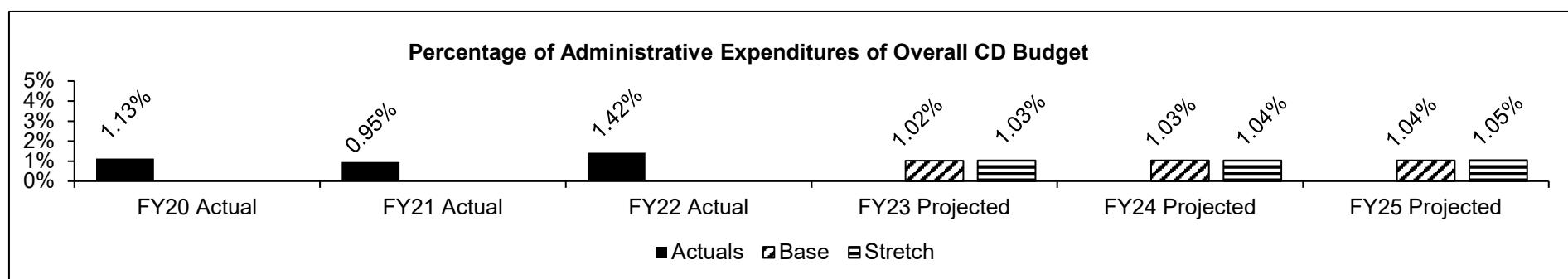
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



*Children's Service Workers have the highest turnover rate.

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



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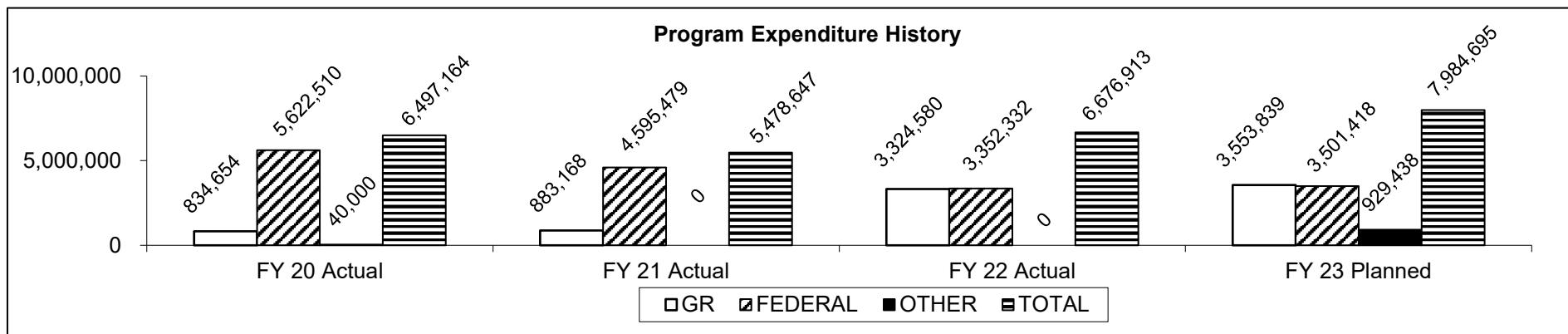
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

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

Third Party Liability Fund (0120)

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

State Statute(s) - Sections 207.010 and 207.020, RSMo; Federal 42 USC Sections 670 and 5101

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

Expenditures are allocated in accordance with the methodology outlined in the department's cost allocation plan and charged to corresponding grants or used as maintenance of effort as appropriate.

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

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) obligate Missouri to investigate reports of child abuse, neglect and care for children who are abused and neglected. Administrative activities related to these obligations are considered mandatory.