PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services **HB Section(s):** **11.320**
Program Name: Children's Division
Program is found in the following core budget(s): Birth Match

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protecting infants that are at high risk from abuse and/or neglect.

1b. What does this program do?

House Bills 429 (2021) and 432 (2021) establish the Birth Match Program, which orders data sharing between the Department of Social Services, Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and the courts to compare birth reports with reports of parents who have been convicted of certain crimes or have a termination of parental rights in order to ensure the safety of the child and provide services, if needed.

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

DHSS vital Statistics sends information containing certain information from the newborn's birth certificate; Children's Division completes a search in their system of record, Family & Children Electronic System (FACES), to verify it is a match.

Birth Match reports are completed as a Newborn Crisis Assessment (NCA).

Since August 28, 2021 through December 31, 2022, the Children's Division has received 105 Birth match reports.

Of the 105 reports, 56 already had a NCA report or referral called in by a medical professional at birth.

There was 49 reports that did not have an initial NCA or referral. Of those 49 reports, 48 had no concerns for the safety of the child/ren and only 1 report had a case opened through the Children's Division due to safety concerns.

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

Number of FCS cases opened based on Birth Match criteria based NCA.

Number of cases referred to IIS based on Birth Match criteria based NCA.

Number of cases identified through Birth Match that were referred to Home Visiting.

Note: Home Visiting and IIS are voluntary and agreed upon by the parent so every case is not going to need/want Home Visiting and IIS.

*These measures will not available till June 2023.

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

Number of subsequent reports on any child identified through Birth Match criteria after twelve months.

Number of children that were identified through Birth Match criteria that were removed from the home.

*These measures will not available until June 2023.

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

Amount of time elapsed between child's birth and CANHU alerting the NCA to the

Initial contact with the Birth Match identified child was made per CD policy.

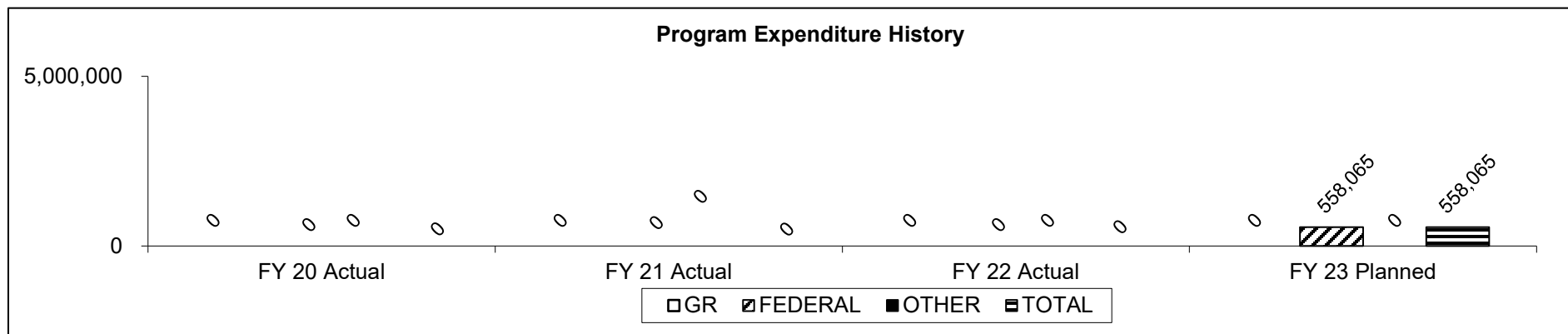*These measures will not available until June 2023.

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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.*)

Program Expenditure History

Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

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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.)

House Bills 429 and 432 established section 210.156 RSMo,

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

N/A

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 obligate Missouri to care for children who are abused and neglected. Prevention legislation related to these obligations would be considered mandatory.