

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

Program Name: Foster Care Special Expenses

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

HB Section(s): 11.330

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth while safely reducing children in care.

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division (CD) Foster Care program provides the least restrictive environment for children placed into foster care by Missouri courts. Services and supports are provided to youth, birth parents, and caregivers to remedy the issues that prompted the child(ren) being brought into custody. The Division works toward permanency (reunification, adoption, or guardianship) for all children in their care, while working toward improving their well-being.

Foster and relative families caring for children between the ages of 0-36 months also receive an additional \$80 per month to help meet the special needs of infants such as diapers, formula, and supplies.

Foster Care Case Management

Contracted Case Management providers receive a case rate per child per month for children being served by the private agency. A portion of that case rate is for foster care services and is paid from this appropriation. Contracted case managers contract directly with foster, relative, and respite providers.

Legal Expenses

The Foster Care appropriation is used to pay legal expenses when a child cannot safely return home, and a decision is made to terminate parental rights. Legal expenses include litigation fees, attorney fees, and costs. Attorneys may contract directly with the department, or they may be secured by the prospective adoptive parents.

Special Expenses

Clothing	\$80/quarter	\$100/quarter	\$175/quarter
Infant	\$80/month		
Respite Rate - FY23	<u>0 to 5 years</u>	<u>6 to 12 years</u>	<u>13 years and older</u>
Traditional Foster Children	\$31/day	\$31/day	\$38/day
Level A and Medical Children	\$31/day	\$31/day	\$38/day
Level B Foster Children	\$56/day	\$56/day	\$63/day

Other Support Payments for Foster Parents:

Child Care: Dependent on the type of child care provided and foster parent needs.

Transportation: Reimburses at the state mileage rate for medical appointments, counseling, parent visits, Permanency Planning/Family Support Team meetings, or other trips to support the child's case plan.

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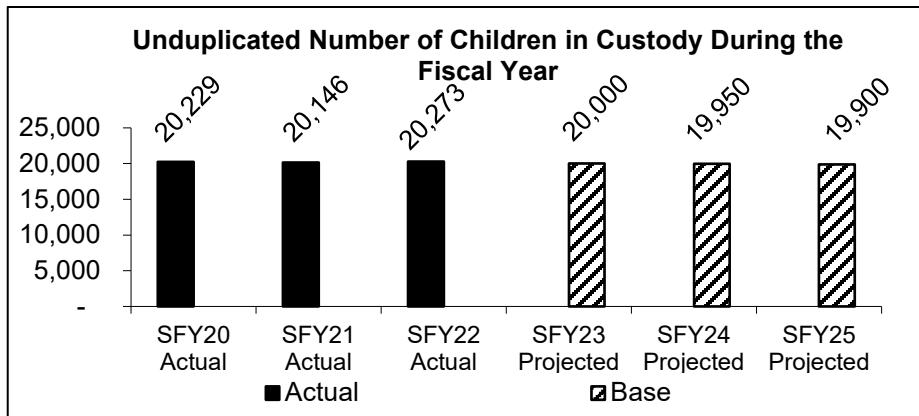
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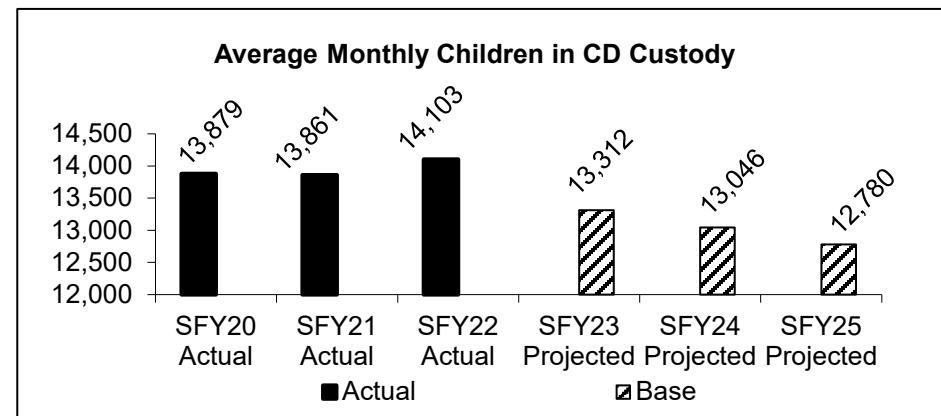
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

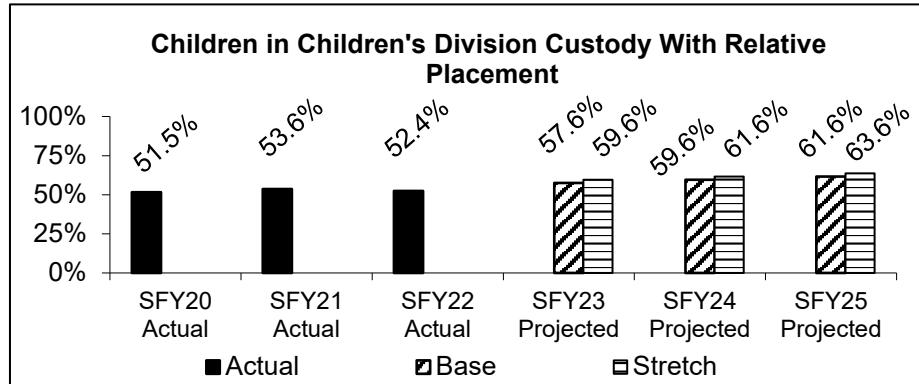


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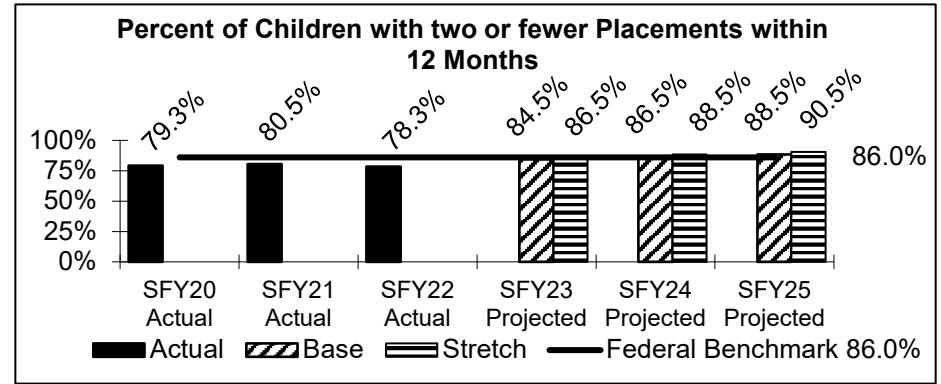


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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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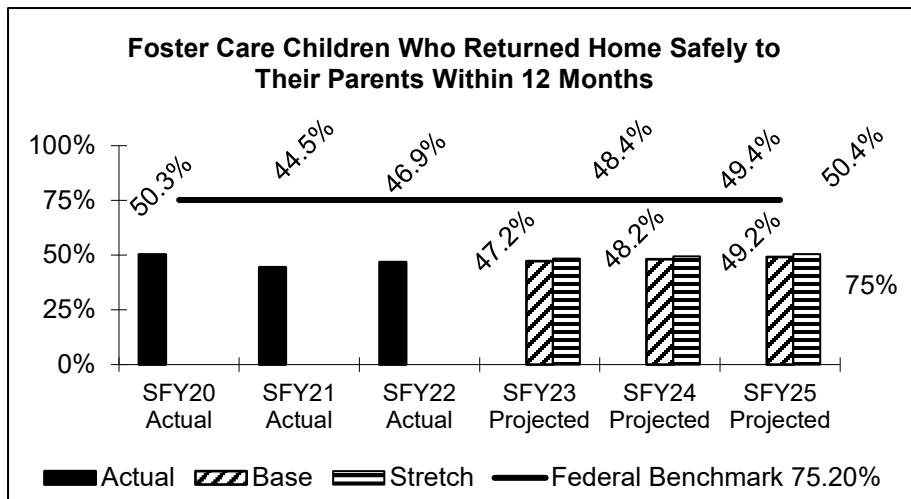
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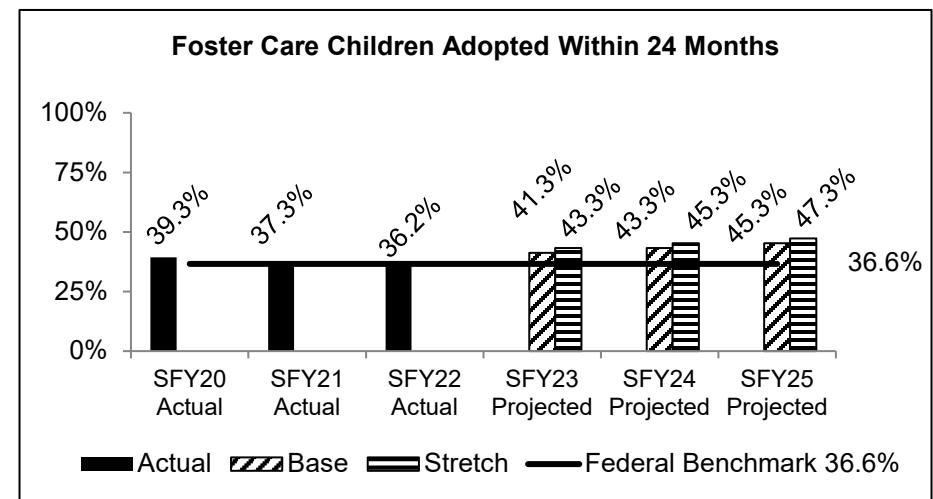
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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

This measure is under development.

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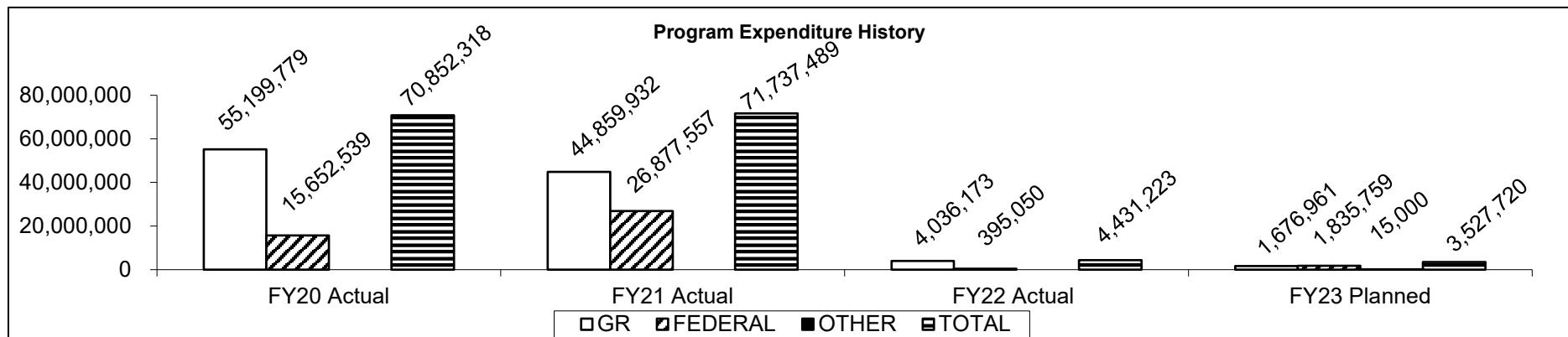
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

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

Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund (0979)

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

State statute: Sections 173.270, 211.031, and 453.315, RSMo.; Federal: 42 USC Sections 670 and 5101

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

Children and youth receiving services from the Children's Division are grouped into two categories for expenditure purposes - Homeless Dependent and Neglected (HDN) and IV-E. Expenditures for HDN children and youth are state-funded or TANF funded. Expenditures on behalf of eligible IV-E children and youth are reimbursable at the IV-E program rate a 50% state match (50% federal earned) for IV-E administrative costs. Some expenditures are reimbursable at the Social Services Block Grant federal rate of 100%. Expenditures related to TANF are reimbursable at 100% federal and require MOE unless identified as maintenance of effort.

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. Administrative activities related to these obligations would be considered mandatory.