

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s):

11.370

Program Name: Independent Living

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth while transitioning to economic stability.

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division Chafee Foster Care program assists foster and former foster youth in achieving positive outcomes in their transition to independent adulthood through life skills teaching. Youth are referred by their case manager to a contracted provider. Chafee services are used to assist youth in achieving their own goals for self-sufficiency, and to ensure youth recognize and accept responsibility in preparation for and transitioning to adulthood. This appropriation also provides support for Chafee services for youth in Transitional Living Placements.

The Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) serves the following purposes:

- To help children who are likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age and beyond make a successful, self-sufficient, and productive transition to adulthood
- To provide personal and emotional support to children aging out of foster care, through the promotion of interactions with dedicated adult mentors
- To provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education, and other appropriate support services to former foster care recipients between 18 and 20 and youth who obtained adoption or legal guardianship after age 16 years of age to complement their own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency
- Assist youth who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 years of age with regular, on-going opportunities to engage in age or developmentally-appropriate activities
- To assist youth who are likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age receive the education, training, and services necessary to obtain employment
- To assist youth who are likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age prepare for and enter post-secondary training and education institutions

Chafee funds are also utilized to continue supporting Missouri's Aftercare program for youth who have exited state custody at age 18 or older but have not yet reached age 20. Additionally, funds are used for the administration and facilitation of foster youth advisory boards.

Many services are available through the Chafee Foster Care Program. Contractors provide services to all foster youth, ages 14 through 20, who are referred to the program. Services focus on academic achievement, job readiness, community services and support, youth leadership, and independent living skills. Contractors assess the needs of each individual youth and provide necessary life skills training, or assist the youth in obtaining appropriate resources.

Provider	Region
LINC	KC Region
The Community Partnership	Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas Counties
Preferred Family Healthcare Inc.	Southeast and Southwest
Epworth Children & Family Services	St. Louis City and County
Family Facets (through 12/31/21)	Northeast
Preferred Family Healthcare Inc.	Northwest

Preferred Family Healthcare as of 2/1/22

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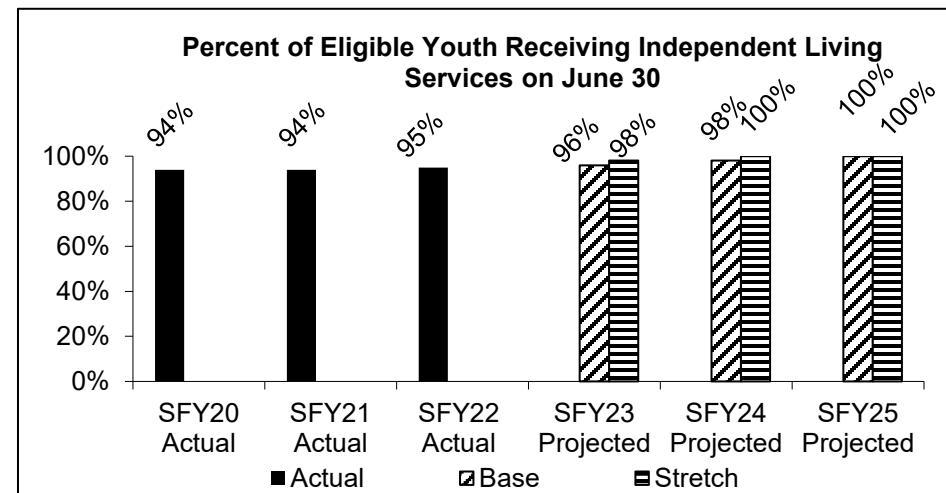
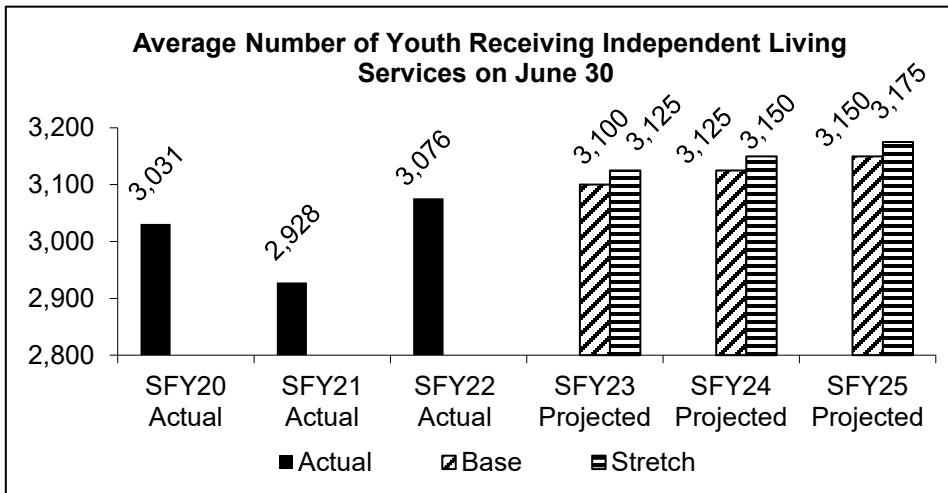
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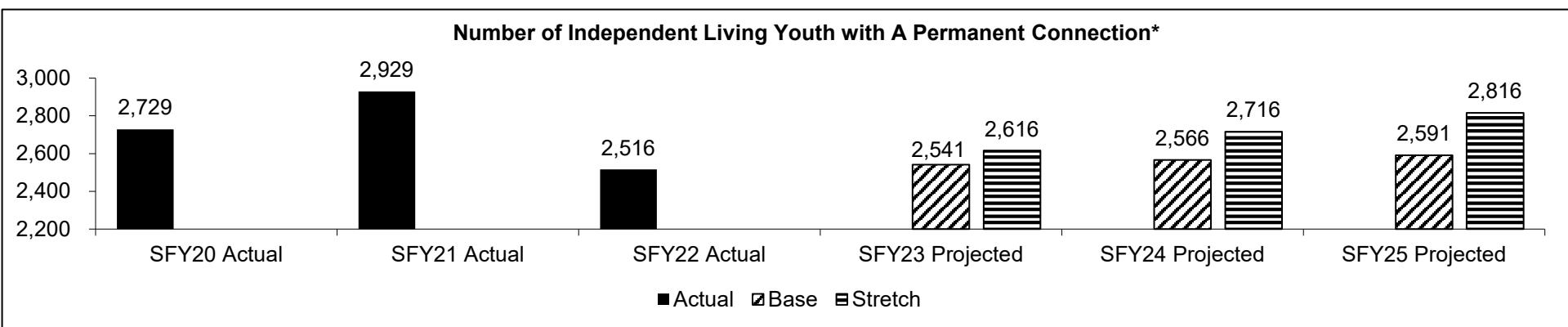
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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



* Youth who have at least one permanent connection.

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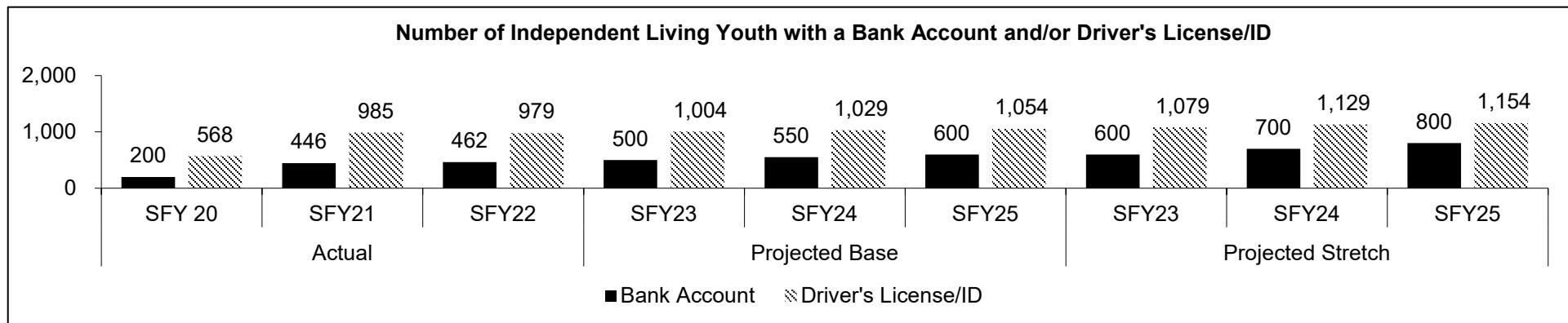
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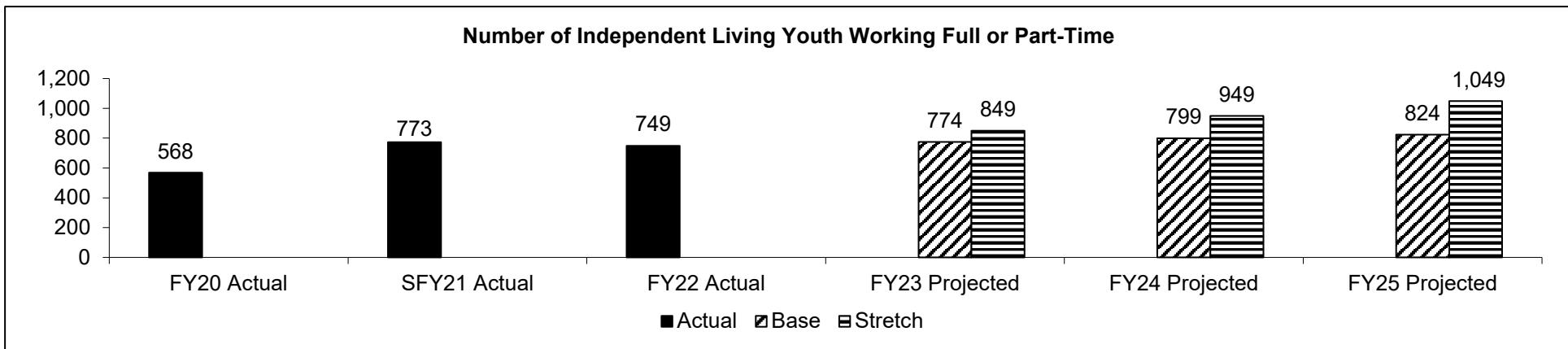
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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



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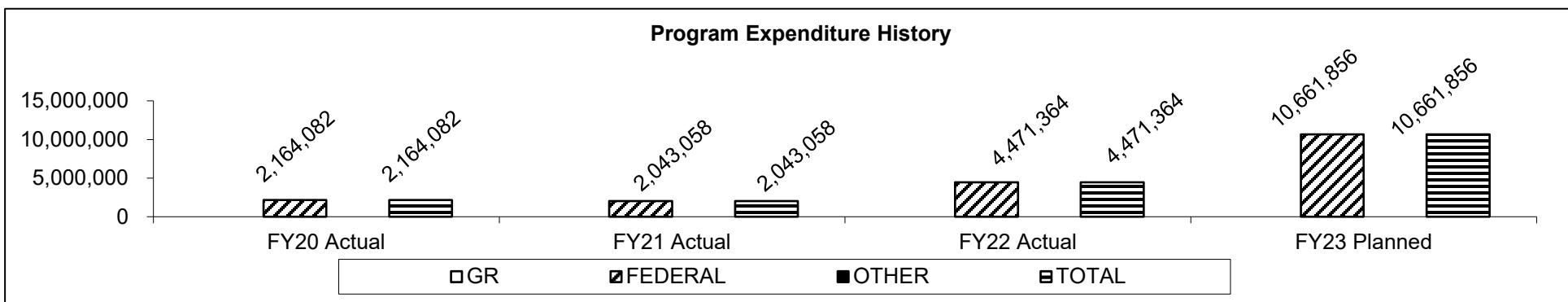
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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.)

State statute: Sections 207.010, 207.020, and 210.001 RSMo.; Federal law: P.L. 99-272.

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

Expenditures are paid with funding from the Chafee Grant, which has a 20% state match requirement. The requirement is met by expenditures from other appropriations.

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

Independent Living is a federally funded and mandated program.