

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s):

11.338

Program Name: Therapeutic Foster Care Placement

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Providing safety and comprehensive support services for foster care youth with emotional, behavioral, or social issues or medical needs.

1b. What does this program do?

Therapeutic foster care (TFC) is a living situation consisting of highly intensive individual treatment for one (1) or two (2) children living in a TFC trained family foster home setting and community environment. TFC is a specialized program for children with significant emotional or behavioral needs, who, with additional resources, can remain in a family setting and achieve positive growth and development. TFC services are provided by agencies contracted with the Division to develop and oversee Treatment Foster homes. These contracted agencies shall meet all TFC program specifications outlined in their contract.

Foster Parent Training:

For non-relative TFC parents, they have to successfully complete the approved pre-service training curriculum to become licensed, along with an additional 27 hours of approved specialized training. The contractor will ensure that the TFC parents complete at least 10 hours of annual in-service training on issues related to treatment and care of child; along with 30hrs of in-service training that's required for license renewal.

For Relative TFC the contractor shall provide and ensure completion of 9hrs of pre-service training in order to become licensed. The provider will also receive an additional 27 hrs of specialized training within the first 6 months of placement of the TFC child; along with an additional 10 hours of in-service training related to issues relating to treatment and care of child.

"Trauma-Informed" Model

The need to address trauma is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective behavioral health services, CD seeks to use a "Trauma-Informed" care approach to understand, recognize and respond to better serve each foster youth. TFC agencies are at least expected to achieve the "Trauma Responsive" stage of the Missouri model. Reflecting from the Missouri Department of Mental Health definition of Trauma Informed is explained when organizations have begun to change their organizational culture to highlight the role of trauma. At all levels of the organization, staff begin re-thinking the routines and infrastructure of the organization.

Eligibility

Currently utilizing the CD-137 (Level of Determination form) and the CS-9 (Childhood Severity Psychiatric Illness Form). CD is also reviewing updates to the CAN assessment tool to determine eligibility as well.

Residential Care Facility	Maint.	Rehab.	Total Daily Care Rate
Rehab – Therapeutic Foster Care Level I		\$114.19	\$134.90

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

Average Number of Children in Therapeutic Foster Care Placement for each Fiscal Year.

* This data will not be available until June 2023.

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

Number of eligible youth for TFCP out of the total number of submissions for each Fiscal Year.

Types of placement stability for youth in FHT / RHT placement

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

Number of Foster Families Trained as a TFCP for each Fiscal Year.

Total Number of Youth and monitoring of residential placements.

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

Number of Children Exiting a TFCP for each Fiscal Year.

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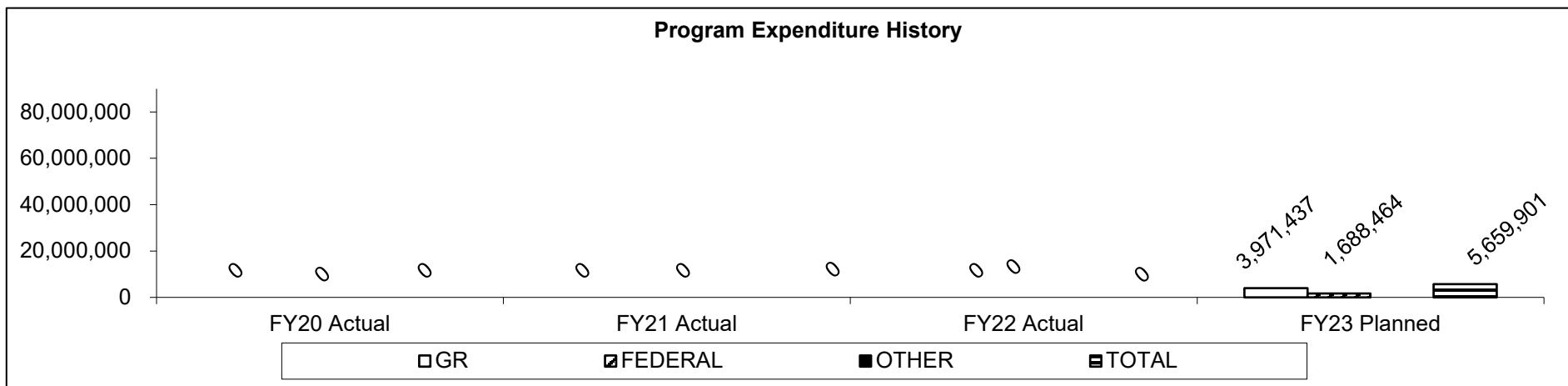
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

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

N/A

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

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), enacted as part of Public Law (P.L.) 115—123, authorized new optional title IV-E funding for time-limited prevention services for mental health, substance abuse, and in-home parent skill-based programs for children or youth who are candidates for foster care, pregnant or parenting

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

Expenditures on behalf of eligible IV-E children and youth are reimbursable at the IV-E program rate, which is the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). The FMAP fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally the state matching requirement is around 35% and the federal match is around 65%.

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.