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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	5,037,332	5,208,966	3.41	9,460,461	81.62	9,495,527	0.37
FEDERAL FUND	7,622,737	7,000,848	(8.16)	3,319,412	(52.59)	3,337,570	0.55
OTHER FUND	2,358,958	2,559,223	8.49	2,364,898	(7.59)	2,379,195	0.60
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	16,011,006	16,920,189	5.68	1,516,637	(91.04)	1,617,128	6.63
BALANCE FORWARD	(4,037,239)	4,190,021	(203.78)	176,320	(95.79)	176,320	
REVERSIONS	(37,082)						
Total Revenues	26,955,712	35,879,247	33.10	16,837,728	(53.07)	17,005,740	1.00
Total FTE[1]		68.00		72.00		72.00	

[1]The base budget includes one position that was not approved to continue in FY 2025 as noted in the Major Closing Issue.

Overview

The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) provides an array of services to children and adolescents and is organized into four major program areas: administration, residential services, community services, and quality and oversight. This budget is the central administrative account of the division and contains the unclassified Administrator; the division's four unclassified Deputy Administrators; and central fiscal, accounting, and personnel staff. This budget is primarily funded by federal Title IV-E grant funds and General Fund appropriations.

Major Closing Issue

Elimination of Various Programs, One Position, and a Funding Source Change to Continue Seven Positions

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

Elimination of Various Programs, One Position, and a Funding Source Change to Continue Seven Positions (E499 & E599, DHS-DCFS-12-13)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends a net reduction of $4.9 million ($1.1 million General Fund increase) over the 2025-27 Biennium to eliminate $6.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds and one position and change the funding source for seven positions currently supported with ARPA funds.

The E499 decision unit is recommended to remove budgetary authority built into the adjusted base budget and does not reflect a reduction to the previously approved award allocation of ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for ongoing positions and programs. The adjusted base budget does not necessarily account for funding that has been expended, or is planned to be expended, by the close of FY 2025, therefore, the Governor's recommended budget utilizes the E499 decision unit to ensure no authority is duplicated in the 2025-27 Biennium for funding that has been, or is planned to be, expended by the close of FY 2025.

Summary of Issue: Continuing positions currently funded by ARPA funds would require alternative funding as ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds expire during the 2025-27 Biennium. The Governor recommends the elimination of one position and programs funded by ARPA and continuing seven positions with a change in funding source.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: During the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to continue eight positions related to Children's Behavioral Health initiatives supported by ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds through the end of FY 2024. The Governor's recommendations for the 2025-27 Biennium include the elimination of eight positions and associated costs, elimination of Community Recovery Grant programs, and the elimination of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Advanced Degree Program due to the reduction of $6.1 million in ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Governor recommends the addition of $1.2 million from various funding sources (General Fund of $1.1 million) to continue seven of the positions, resulting in a net decrease of one position.

The following programs were provided one-time ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for program implementation and to assist community providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for the programs, which are detailed in the table below, is not recommended to continue over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Children, Youth, and Family Administration
2025-27 Biennium Governor Recommended ARPA Program Eliminations

Program Name	Program Description	Program Outcomes	ARPA
Strong Minds	Interactive learning activity focused on developing adaptive coping skills for youth.	45,559 youth have received the Strong Minds curriculum statewide.	$ (1,214,406)
Child Assault Prevention Project	Teaches children to recognize and get help for situations where they may be physically or sexually abused.	3,666 youth have attended the Child Assault Prevention Child Self-Protection workshop.	
The Eddy House	Provides emergency services and shelter to youth who have aged out of foster care.	749 youth have utilized the Eddy House Independent Living Program.	
Refuge for Women	Provides shelter, trauma-informed care, and continuum of care to victims of sex trafficking.	70 clients have been served.	
Nevada PEP	Provides outreach and awareness for resources and services for community groups and families who care for children with disabilities.	3,115 youth have been provided outreach and awareness.	
APRN Advanced Degree Program	Provides scholarships to eligible Nevada Registered Nurses to enter a nationally accredited APRN program.	368 nurses have enrolled and/or are currently participating in an APRN program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Reno.	$ (3,428,570)
		Total	**$ (4,642,976)**

The seven positions recommended to continue over the 2025-27 Biennium are filled and would continue to support the Fiscal Support Staff Unit workload. The agency indicates the positions have helped reduce overtime and turnover in this unit. The positions reflected in the Governor's recommendations are detailed in the following table:

Children, Youth, and Family Administration
2025-27 Biennium Governor Recommended ARPA Position Eliminations and Continuations

Position Type	Status[1]	Governor's Recommendation	General Fund Appropriations	Federal Funds	Other	Total
Quality Assurance Specialist 3 (Grade 38, Step 7)	Contracted	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Administrative Services Officer 1 (Grade 37, Step 7)	Filled	Continue with Change of Funding	$ 1,053,037	$ 87,067	$ 68,710	$ 1,208,814
Management Analyst 2 (Grade 35, Step 6)	Filled					
Management Analyst 2 (Grade 35, Step 6)	Filled					
Management Analyst 1 (Grade 33, Step 4)	Filled					
Personnel Technician 2 (Grade 27, Step 3)	Contracted					
Accounting Assistant 3 (Grade 27, Step 1)	Filled					
Accounting Assistant 2 (Grade 25, Step 1)	Vacant					
	Totals		**$ 1,053,037**	**$ 87,067**	**$ 68,710**	**$ 1,208,814**

[1] Status as of February 7, 2025 per DCFS.

The agency indicates, as of February 7, 2025, of the eight positions recommended to be eliminated in Decision Unit E499, one position is vacant, five positions are filled, and one position is filled with a temporary contract worker. The eighth position, a Quality Assurance Specialist position, which is recommended to be permanently eliminated, is filled with a temporary contract worker, whose contract ends June 30, 2025. The agency indicates due to the expiration of the ARPA funds, it would issue layoff notices to incumbents, which would be rescinded if the recommendation to continue the positions with a change in funding were to be approved. In addition, the agency would work to transition the incumbents into vacant positions if the change in funding source were not approved.

Fiscal staff has identified several issues regarding the positions in the base budget and the Governor's recommendations for position eliminations and continuations, as discussed below.

As noted above, during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the agency received authority to continue eight positions with ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds only through the end of FY 2024, as additional funding to continue the positions in FY 2025 was not identified. Based on work programs submitted and approved by the Interim Finance Committee over the 2023-25 Biennium, the agency requested and received approval to continue funding seven of the eight positions in FY 2025, funded with the agency's unexpended FY 2024 ARPA funds.

As of February 2, 2025, no work program to continue the other ARPA-funded position, the Quality Assurance Specialist, has been submitted. However, the position was not eliminated in FY 2025 and instead it appears was continued without the authority to do so. In addition, the Quality Assurance Specialist position is included in the agency's base budget for the 2025-27 Biennium.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee expressed concerns about whether the organizations that received ARPA funding through the Community Recovery Grant program and the APRN Advanced Degree Program were aware that ARPA funding would no longer be available to support the programs. The agency testified it had informed the programs when the funds were granted that the availability of funds would be time limited.

On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A254933145 to remove the Quality Assurance Specialist position from the base budget and Decision Unit E499, which aligns the positions in the base budget and Decision Unit E499 with the legislatively approved number of positions. With the budget amendment, the position eliminations in Decision Unit E499 are reduced from eight ARPA-funded positions to seven, with a corresponding decrease in ARPA fund reductions of $278,045 over the 2025-27 Biennium, to $5.9 million. As a result of the budget amendment, the net fiscal impact of Decision Unit E499 and Decision Unit E599 to remove the ARPA funds and change the funding source to continue the seven positions is a reduction of $5.9 million in ARPA funds and an increase in other funds totaling $1.2 million ($1.1 million General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium. The removal of the position in the base budget results in a net decrease of $219,702 ($1,816 General Fund increase) over the 2025-27 Biennium in the Base, M100, and M300 decision units.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation, as amended by Budget Amendment A254933145, to remove the Quality Assurance Specialist position from the base budget and Decision Unit E499, for a net reduction of $4.7 million ($1.1 million General Fund increase and the elimination of $5.9 million in ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds) and a change in the funding source to continue seven positions currently supported with ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in Decision Units E499 and E599, along with a decrease of $219,702 ($1,816 General Fund increase) due to the proposed elimination of the position in the base budget?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 General Fund	FY 2026 Federal Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 General Fund	FY 2027 Federal Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Replacement of office furniture. (E711, DHS-DCFS-13)	$ 7,402	$ 569	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2	NEW COST ALLOCATION	Establishes a new cost allocation to reimburse the division for support provided to programs that were transferred to the Family Support Program and Victim Services during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. (E251, DHS-DCFS-11)	$(1,140,601)	$(34,137)	$1,174,738	$(1,123,139)	$(34,275)	$1,157,414
3	CONTRACT SERVICES	Adjusts contract services to align with operations and increases expenses for memberships, conference registrations, and equipment. (E252, DHS-DCFS-11)	$ 3,750	$ 384	$ 1,242	$ 3,375	$ 384	$ 1,617
4	TRANSFERS	Eliminates a transfer to the Division of Social Services for the Master Client Index. (E253, DHS-DCFS-12)	$(10,690)	$ (1,094)	$ (3,528)	$ (9,622)	$ (1,094)	$ (4,596)

5. Two New Management Analyst Positions (E225, DHS-DCFS-9-10): The Governor recommends $373,500 ($281,696 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium for two new Management Analyst positions (one Grade 35 and one Grade 37) and associated costs to replace temporary contract workers in the Contracts Unit. According to the agency, the Contracts Unit processes an average of 407 contract-related tasks per fiscal year, resulting in an average of 4,967 hours spent completing various tasks related to contracts. The agency states that one contract manager is assigned to complete the division's work, but the division utilizes temporary contract staff to assist with the workload. If approved, the two new Management Analyst positions would decrease the need for temporary contract staff. The agency indicates the decision unit includes net expenditures totaling $8,802 over the 2025-27 Biennium for office furniture, travel, hardware and software, vacancy savings, and a reduction in grant expenses which should not be included in the decision unit. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove costs that were inadvertently included, resulting in a reduction of $8,802 ($6,407 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium.

6. One New Personnel Analyst Position (E228, DHS-DCFS-10): The Governor recommends $183,387 ($155,931 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium for one new Personnel Analyst position (Grade 34) and associated costs due to reductions of services provided by the Division of Human Resource Management. According to the agency, delays in communication regarding recruitment, compensation changes, and interpreting collective bargaining agreements have negatively impacted the division's ability to perform human resources tasks efficiently, causing an increase in staff complaints, hiring delays, and turnover. The agency indicates the new position would be responsible for providing general services in recruitment, employee records preparation, employee orientation, administration, and reporting. The agency notes the decision unit includes net expenditures totaling $1,868 over the 2025-27 Biennium for travel, software, and vacancy savings, which should not be included in the decision unit. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove costs that were inadvertently included, resulting in a reduction of $1,868 ($705 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium.

7. Funding Reduction for Differential Response Program (BASE, DHS-DCFS-6-8): The Governor's recommended base budget includes transfers from the Fund for Healthy Nevada of $2.7 million over the 2025-27 Biennium for the Differential Response program, which is an early intervention and child abuse prevention program. On March 17, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A255623145 to reduce transfers from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada by $341,452 over the 2025-27 Biennium. According to the agency, tobacco settlement funds are projected to decrease by more than 12.0% in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium, resulting in reduced revenue available in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 4 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Items 5 and 6 be closed with the noted technical adjustments to remove costs that were inadvertently included in the budget, and Other Closing Item 7 be closed as recommended in Budget Amendment A255623145. Fiscal staff requests authority to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DHS-DCFS - FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-63, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3146

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	2,273,957	1,978,478	(12.99)	2,572,338	30.02	3,103,137	20.63
INTERIM FINANCE		79,763					
FEDERAL FUND	8,238,785	11,398,072	38.35	8,646,460	(24.14)	8,546,765	(1.15)
OTHER FUND	483,257	503,243	4.14	672,049	33.54	686,060	2.08
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	7,729,696	18,935,472	144.97	1,310,866	(93.08)	1,304,524	(0.48)
BALANCE FORWARD	(1,794,175)	1,794,175	(200.00)				
REVERSIONS	(205,154)						
Total Revenues	16,726,366	34,689,203	107.39	13,201,713	(61.94)	13,640,486	3.32
Total FTE		48.02[1]		39.02		39.02	

[1]Based on actions taken by the 82nd (2023) Legislature and the Interim Finance Committee, the FY 2025 FTE count should reflect 50.02 as discussed in Major Closing Issue 1.

Overview

The Family Support Program budget account was created by the 82nd (2023) Legislature to consolidate family support services previously managed out of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Administration and Rural Child Welfare budget accounts in order to provide focus on quality and fidelity in the child welfare system, including supports for youth with or at risk of mental health challenges. In addition, this budget account supports the Kinship Navigator Program, which supports those parenting a relative or fictive kin's child in Nevada. The funding sources for this budget account include a combination of federal funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, county reimbursements, transfers from other agencies, and General Fund appropriations.

Major Closing Issues

1. Elimination of Eight ARPA-Funded Positions and Change in Funding Source for the Continuation of Three Positions
2. Implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act Plan

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. Elimination of Eight ARPA-Funded Positions and Change in Funding Source for the Continuation of Three Positions (BASE, E499 & E599, DHS-DCFS-63-64 & 69-70)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends a net reduction in funding of $1.7 million ($342,485 General Fund increase) over the 2025-27 Biennium, which would result in the elimination of $2.9 million in ARPA funds and eight positions and a funding source change for three positions currently supported with ARPA funds.

The E499 decision unit is recommended to remove budgetary authority built into the adjusted base budget and does not reflect a reduction to the previously approved award allocation of ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for these positions. The adjusted base budget does not necessarily account for funding that has been expended, or is planned to be expended, by the close of FY 2025, therefore, the Governor's recommended budget utilizes the E499 decision unit to ensure no authority is duplicated in the 2025-27 Biennium for funding that has been, or is planned to be, expended by the close of FY 2025.

<u>Summary of Issue</u>: Ongoing positions funded by ARPA would require alternative funding as ARPA funds would expire during the second fiscal year of the 2025-27 Biennium.

<u>Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing</u>: During the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to create the Family Support Program budget account, which consolidated family support services and 49 positions that were previously managed and funded in the division's Administration and Rural Child Welfare budget accounts. Of the transferred positions, 11 were approved to be supported by ARPA funds through the end of FY 2024. The Governor's recommendations for the 2025-27 Biennium include the elimination of 11 positions and associated costs, accompanied by a reduction of $2.9 million in ARPA funding, and the addition of $1.2 million from various funding sources to continue 3 of those positions, resulting in a net decrease of 8 positions.

The three positions recommended for continued funding over the 2025-27 Biennium are filled and include an unclassified Medical Epidemiologist, who provides clinical leadership in the development of behavioral health policy and the promotion of behavioral health and wellness in the state for children, youth, and families. The Medical Epidemiologist would be supported by a combination of General Fund appropriations, federal Title IV-E reimbursements, county reimbursements, and transfers of federal Title XIX funds from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. The other two positions recommended to continue include the Health Bureau Chief, who would be responsible for oversight of policy, planning, development, and administration of the System of Care project; and the Clinical Program Planner, who would be responsible for quality assurance oversight, program planning, and program evaluation of the System of Care project. The Health Bureau Chief and Clinical Program Planner positions would be supported by System of Care grant funding, as detailed in the following table:

Family Support Program
2025-27 Biennium Governor Recommended ARPA Position Eliminations and Continuations

Position Type	Status[1]	Governor's Recommendation	General Fund Appropriations	Federal Funds	Other	Total
Medical Epidemiologist (Unclassified)	Filled	Continue	$ 342,485	$ 66,481	$ 144,013	$ 552,979
Health Bureau Chief (Grade 42, Step 8)	Filled	Continue	$ -	$ 647,747	$ -	$ 647,747
Clinical Program Planner 1 (Grade 38, Step 10)	Filled	Continue				
Clinical Program Planner 1 (Grade 38, Step 1)	Contracted	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Clinical Program Planner 1 (Grade 38, Step 1)	Vacant	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Quality Assurance Specialist 3 (Grade 38, Step 10)	Vacant	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Quality Assurance Specialist 3 (Grade 38, Step 1)	Contracted	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Quality Assurance Specialist 2 (Grade 35, Step 1)	Filled	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Quality Assurance Specialist 2 (Grade 35, Step 1)	Vacant	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Social Services Program Specialist 1 (Grade 33, Step 7)	Filled	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Administrative Assistant 2 (Grade 25, Step 1)	Filled	Eliminate	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
		Totals	**$ 342,485**	**$ 714,228**	**$ 144,013**	**$ 1,200,726**

[1]As indicated by the agency on February 5, 2025.

The agency indicates, as of February 5, 2025, that of the eight positions recommended to be permanently eliminated, three are vacant, three are filled, and temporary contract staff, whose contracts end June 30, 2025, fill the other two positions. <u>The agency indicates it would issue layoff notices but will work to transition incumbents into vacant positions elsewhere within the division</u>.

<u>Fiscal staff has identified several issues regarding the positions in the base budget and the Governor's recommendations for position eliminations and continuations, as discussed below</u>.

As noted above, during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the agency received authority to continue 11 positions with ARPA funds only through the end of FY 2024, as additional funding to continue the positions in FY 2025 was not identified. The agency requested and received approval from the Interim Finance Committee to continue funding 9 of the positions in FY 2025, funded with the agency's unexpended FY 2024 ARPA funds.

As of February 2, 2025, no work programs to continue the other two ARPA-funded positions have been submitted. However, the remaining two ARPA-funded positions were not eliminated in FY 2025 and instead, it appears they were continued in the budget without the authority to do so. Accordingly, these two positions are included in the agency's base budget for the 2025-27 Biennium and have been recommended to be eliminated in Decision Unit E499. Since the positions should not have been included in the base budget, they would not be required to be eliminated in Decision Unit E499.

Additionally, the agency received approval from the Interim Finance Committee on October 10, 2024, to utilize the new iteration of the federal System of Care grant to replace ARPA funding for two of the nine ARPA-funded positions that were approved to continue in FY 2025 and fund four new state positions. The agency and Governor's Finance Office indicated the corrections to eliminate and change funding for certain ARPA-funded positions and add new positions funded by the System of Care grant were not made to the base budget due to an oversight when making final adjustments for the Governor's recommended budget. The agency and Governor's Finance Office agree the base budget should not have included two ARPA-funded positions as those positions were required to be eliminated in FY 2025. In addition, the agency agrees six positions supported by the System of Care grant funding, approved during the 2023-25 Biennium, should have continued in the agency's base budget and were not included in the Governor's recommended budget.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the budget hearing on February 12, 2025, the Subcommittee expressed concerns regarding the agency's plan for three of the positions that are currently filled but are recommended to be eliminated. The agency confirmed it would issue layoff notices in accordance with the Division of Human Resource Management's guidelines but would also work to place the incumbents in other vacant positions within the division.

Following the budget hearing, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253543146 on March 19, 2025, to add four existing positions to the base budget, supported with Systems of Care grant funding, which were originally approved by the Interim Finance Committee on October 10, 2024. In addition, the budget amendment changes the funding source for two positions in the base budget from ARPA funding to System of Care grant funding, and since the two positions are no longer ARPA-funded, removes the two positions from Decision Units E499 and E599. The changes in the budget amendment align the positions and funding in the base budget with the legislatively approved positions and funding. As a result of the amendment, the net of Decision Units E499 and E599 results in an increase of $5,228 ($3,418 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium. The addition of the four positions to the base budget and funding change for two positions in the base budget results in an increase of $813,805 ($204,434 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium in the Base, M100, and M300 decision units.

Additionally, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A257643146 on March 31, 2025, to remove two additional ARPA-funded positions from the base budget and Decision Unit E499 that were not intended to continue beyond FY 2024 to align with actions taken by the 82nd (2023) Legislature. Budget Amendment A257643146 results in an increase of $419,474 in ARPA funding in Decision Unit E499 over the 2025-27 Biennium. The removal of two positions from the base budget results in a decrease of $416,227 over the 2025-27 Biennium in the Base, M100, and M300 decision units.

With the identified budget amendments, Decision Unit E499 would eliminate 7 ARPA-funded positions rather than 11 positions as recommended by the Governor, and Decision Unit E599 would restore 1 position rather than 3 as included in The Executive Budget.

Lastly, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to correct personnel costs in Budget Amendment A253543146, resulting in a decrease in Systems of Care grant funding of $1,289 over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation as amended by Budget Amendments A253543146 and A257643146, which add 4 existing positions to the base budget, correct the funding source for 2 positions, and remove 2 ARPA-funded positions from the base budget, for a net reduction in funding, inclusive of the noted technical adjustment, of $1.3 million ($345,903 General Fund increase) over the 2025-27 Biennium? With the budget amendments, Decision Units E499 and E599 would eliminate $1.9 million in ARPA funds and 7 positions, change the funding source for 1 position currently supported with ARPA funds in Decision Units E499 and E599, and result in a net increase of $397,578 ($204,434 General Fund) due to the addition of 4 positions and a change in funding source for 2 additional positions in the base budget.

2. Implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act Plan (E259, DHS-DCFS-67-68)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends $566,558 (General Fund appropriations of $57,112 and federal Title IV-E Prevention funds of $509,446) over the 2025-27 Biennium to implement Nevada's federally approved Family First Prevention Services Act plan.

Summary of Issue: The Family First Prevention Services Act is a federal program enacted under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The act is intended to prevent children from entering foster care by providing enhanced support to children and families through the provision of mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator services.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: On October 4, 2023, the DCFS was notified that the Children's Bureau of the federal Administration for Children and Families had approved Nevada's Family First Prevention Services Act plan, which allows the state to access federal Title IV-E funds for a variety of eligible services aimed at keeping families together and preventing children from entering the foster care system. Prior to the Family First Prevention Services Act, Title IV-E funds could only be used to reimburse a state child welfare agency for foster-care-related staff and training, and to provide financial support to families fostering a child. According to the agency, state child welfare agencies can now claim Title IV-E reimbursement for services that are defined as an evidence-based or promising practice. The programs and services must be approved by the federal Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse and would apply to children who are not in the foster care system but may benefit from the services due to their risk of removal from their parents, relatives, or permanent placement. Services would include mental health services, substance abuse prevention and treatment services, and in-home parenting skill-based programs.

According to information provided in the agency's federally approved plan, 2,681 children in Nevada were removed from their homes in FY 2022 for several factors including neglect, parental drug/alcohol use or abuse, and domestic violence. The agency indicates children in this population, who are in voluntary jurisdiction of the court, could become eligible for Family First Prevention Services Act services and programs as they are at an imminent risk of entering foster care but could remain safely at home or in a kinship placement with the receipt of Family First Prevention Services Act services or programs.

Additionally, the agency's approved plan would include youth who are at risk for placement disruption and have a caseworker, or youth and young adults up to the age of 18, who have previously been in foster care and are pregnant and/or parenting.

The agency's federally approved plan indicates that four services, approved by the federal Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse, would be implemented in Nevada: Family Check Up, Motivational Interviewing, Parents as Teachers, and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. Based on the plan, different services and programs would be offered in different regions as reflected in the following table:

Nevada Family First Prevention Services Act County Selected Programs and Services				
County	**Family Check Up**	**Motivational Interviewing**	**Parents as Teachers**	**Parent-Child Interaction**
Clark County		x		x
Washoe County		x	x	
Rural Counties	x	x		x

According to the Governor's recommendation, services and programs provided by direct client services and community providers would be supported with $509,446 of federal Title IV-E Prevention Plan funding in FY 2027. Additionally, training for staff to implement the programs would be supported by General Fund appropriations of $28,556 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium. According to the agency, eligible prevention activities would be reimbursed at the Federal Financial Participation rate of 50.0% supported by federal Title IV-E Prevention Plan funds through September 30, 2026. Following that date, the agency states, the reimbursement rates would be calculated based on the agency's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate, which is currently 60.22%. The Governor's recommendation does not reflect the upfront funding that would be required for the agency to receive $509,446 of Title IV-E Prevention Plan reimbursements in FY 2027 (no Title IV-E Prevention Plan reimbursements are recommended in the decision unit in FY 2026). However, the agency indicated that General Fund appropriations of $509,446 in the base budget allocated for Family First Prevention Services Act transition activities in FY 2027 would be used to draw Title IV-E Prevention Plan reimbursements.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee sought clarification about the matching funds needed to support the federal Title IV-E reimbursements that were included in the Governor's recommendation. The agency stated that the matching funds were available in the base budget but were inadvertently included in the wrong expense category. On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253543146 to change the expense category for General Fund appropriations of $480,890 in FY 2027 to demonstrate the availability of matching funds for the implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act. Additionally, the budget amendment removes General Fund appropriations of $28,556 in FY 2026 as the agency does not intend to implement Parents as Teachers programming in the 2025-27 Biennium and other staff training is not needed until FY 2027 to implement the program. However, the budget amendment did not remove $19,466 in FY 2027 for Parents as Teachers programming in the Governor's recommendation that the agency indicated is not needed.

On April 15, 2025, the agency submitted updated FMAP rates to the Fiscal Analysis Division which reflect a new rate of 59.67% for FY 2027. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to reduce General Fund appropriations from $28,566 to $9,090 ($19,466 decrease) in FY 2027, to remove costs for Parents as Teacher programming, and to reduce federal Title IV-E reimbursements in the Governor's recommendation to $292,371 in FY 2027 to align with the agency's updated FMAP rate and total available state funding of $489,980 as a result of Budget Amendment A253543146 and the removal of Parents as Teachers programming costs in FY 2027.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation, as amended by Budget Amendment A253543146 and inclusive of the noted technical adjustments to eliminate Parents as Teachers programming costs and update the FMAP rate, to implement the Family First Prevention Services Act plan, funded with $301,461 ($9,090 General Fund) in FY 2027?

Other Closing Items

			FY 2026			FY 2027		
Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	General Fund	Federal Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Federal Fund	Other Funds
1	NEW COST ALLOCATION	Cost allocation to reimburse the division for support provided to programs that were transferred to the Family Support Program during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. (E800, DHS-DCFS-70-71)	$ -	$ 482,199	$ 28,503	$ -	$ 463,361	$ 28,860
2	REGISTRATION FEES	Registrations fees for additional staff to attend conferences. (E258, DHS-DCFS-67)	$ 4,454	$ -	$ 4,454	$ 3,342	$ -	$ 3,341
3	REDUCTION OF ARPA AUTHORITY	Elimination of the federal Community Based Child Abuse Prevention ARPA Grant (E490, DHS-DCFS-68-69)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$(242,330)	$ -
4		Elimination of the federal Child Abuse and Neglect State ARPA Grant (E491, DHS-DCFS-69)	$ -	$(173,219)	$ -	$ -	$(286,727)	$ -

5. Position Transfers to the Office of Analytics (E908 & E260, DHS-DCFS-68 & 71): The Governor recommends General Fund reductions of $589,129 over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer two Clinical Program Planner positions to the Office of Analytics budget account in the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office. According to the agency, the positions would continue to primarily support the division, but positions in the Office of Analytics would have access to additional enterprisewide software solutions for automating and dashboarding for recurring data-based deliverables, peer-to-peer development to improve analysis and evaluation of claims, and shared access to datasets, such as the Medicaid data warehouse. The Governor's recommendation includes additional transfers of General Fund appropriations of $296,452 to support the ongoing cost of the positions in the Office of Analytics; however, the agency confirmed the additional transfers of General Fund appropriations would not be needed. On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253543146 to remove General Fund appropriations of $296,452 over the 2025-27 Biennium in Decision Unit E260 to eliminate additional funding transfers to support the positions in the Office of Analytics.

6. Conversion of Contract Position to Full-Time Position (E225, DHS-DCFS-66): The Governor recommends transfers of federal Title XIX funds from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy for the Children's Mental Health Block Grant of $96,949 to convert a contract Quality Assurance Specialist position to a new state Quality Assurance Specialist position (Grade 38) in the Planning and Evaluation Unit. As recommended by the Governor, the decision unit includes reductions in contract

expenses of $96,952 over the 2025-27 Biennium. According to the agency, the conversion of the position would improve the agency's ability to fill the position and improve retention. The Governor's recommendation does not include General Fund appropriations to support the position, which the agency indicates should be supported by 50.0% General Fund appropriations and 50.0% federal Title XIX funds. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to reduce transfers from Medicaid by $48,475 over the 2025-27 Biennium with a corresponding increase in General Fund appropriations to align the funding needed to support the new state Quality Assurance Specialist position.

7. Qualtrics Data Collection and Analysis Tool (E257, DHS-DCFS-67): The Governor recommends $36,233 ($18,116 General Fund) in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to support the cost of one Qualtrics software license for 15 users. According to the agency, Qualtrics is a data collection and analysis tool for program evaluation, quality assurance, and continuous quality improvement for children's mental health programs. The license was funded in the division's Information Services budget account for the 2023-25 Biennium but is recommended to be included in the Family Support Program budget account for the 2025-27 Biennium. Based on updated information provided by the agency, the total costs of the license should be decreased to $28,421 in each year of the biennium. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to decrease Decision Unit E257 by $7,812 ($3,906 General Fund appropriations) in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to align costs with the updated quote from Qualtrics.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 4 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 5 be closed as recommended in Budget Amendment A253543146, and Other Closing Items 6 and 7 be closed with the noted technical adjustments to adjust the funding mix in Decision Unit E225 and to reduce costs in Decision Unit E257. Fiscal staff requests authority to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DHS-DCFS - CHILD WELFARE TRUST **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-51, **Volume II**
Account: 645 - 3242

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND				97,153		97,153	
OTHER FUND	289,667	212,187	(26.75)	212,187		212,187	
BALANCE FORWARD	273,165	286,316	4.81	333,001	16.31	376,853	13.17
Total Revenues	562,832	498,503	(11.43)	642,341	28.85	686,193	6.83
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Per statutory authority established in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 432.037, this budget account serves as a collection account for children's benefits, including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's Administration, and court ordered benefits. Funds are transferred from this account to the Rural Child Welfare account to assist in the cost of care for children in the division's custody. Unused funds are returned to the child or legal guardian when the child leaves state custody. The amounts included in this budget account represent the Division of Child and Family Services' rural caseload. Clark and Washoe Counties administer child welfare trust programs directly; collections made on the behalf of children in the care of either county are not recorded in the state accounting system.

Major Closing Issue

Elimination of the State Deduction for Cost of Care

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

Elimination of the State Deduction for Cost of Care (E260, DHS-DCFS-51-52)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $97,153 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to replace the cost of care deduction from children's public and court-ordered benefits.

Summary of Issue: The Division of Child and Family Services currently deducts the cost of care from a child's state-managed trust fund, comprised of the child's public and court ordered benefits, when the child receives child welfare services.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: Children in the custody of the state who receive public and court-ordered benefits due to the child's own disability, parental disability, or the death of a parent have state-managed trust funds in the Child Welfare Trust Account. The trust funds are intended to be used for specific purposes such as medical expenses, therapy, and other services not covered by Medicaid, and money remaining in the trust fund when a child ages out of foster care is returned to the child when the child leaves state custody. Pursuant to NRS 432.037, the Division of Child and Family Services deducts the cost of care from a child's state-managed trust fund. Conversely, foster children who do not have public or court-ordered benefits who receive the same services do not contribute to funding the cost of care. The agency indicates, if the child's public and court-ordered benefits were to remain in the child's trust fund, the benefits could be used to assist a child in meeting the child's own needs when the child ages out of foster care, as the funds would no longer be deducted to offset the cost of care. By removing the deduction for cost of care, no child in foster care, regardless of whether the child receives public and court ordered benefits or not, would contribute towards the cost of care. The agency has submitted a bill draft request to amend NRS 432 to remove language requiring the division to deduct expenses for services provided to a child from the child's state-managed trust fund.

The Governor's recommendation includes General Fund appropriations of $97,153 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to increase transfers to the Rural Child Welfare account. However, the agency and the Governor's Finance Office concur that the recommendation should instead reduce the transfers to the Rural Child Welfare budget account by $97,153 each year of the biennium with a corresponding increase to the agency's reserves to reflect the funds remaining in the children's trust fund accounts. The agency and Governor's Finance Office concur the General Fund appropriations of $97,153 each year in this decision unit should be removed as the Rural Child Welfare budget account includes a recommendation to replace transfers from the Child Welfare Trust fund with General Fund appropriations of $97,153 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium.

<u>Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information</u>: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee expressed concern regarding compliance with the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) maximum resource limit and state-managed trust fund accounts. In response to follow-up questions, the agency clarified that it establishes Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts for all children receiving SSI in order to comply with SSI's maximum resource limit of $2,000. The agency states ABLE accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts for people with disabilities that can be used to pay for qualified disability-related expenses. The agency indicates no other strategies are used regarding funding held in the Child Welfare Trust budget account, besides completing required representative payee reports for the Social Security Administration.

As noted, the Governor's recommendation includes General Fund appropriations of $97,153 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to increase transfers to the Rural Child Welfare account to $194,306 each year, instead of eliminating the transfers. On March 6, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253883242 to eliminate the General Fund appropriations of $97,153 and the $194,306 in transfers to the Rural Child Welfare budget account in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium. With the budget amendment, reserves would increase by $97,153 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to reflect the elimination of the deductions for the cost of care.

<u>Decision for the Subcommittee</u>:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation, as amended by Budget Amendment A253883242, to eliminate transfers of $97,153 to the Rural Child Welfare budget account in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium, and instead increase reserves by $97,153 to eliminate deductions for the cost of care that are currently deducted from the children's state-managed trust fund accounts?

<u>Other Closing Item</u>

<u>Adjustments to Projected Expenditures (E261, DHS-DCFS-52)</u>:The Governor recommends utilizing reserves of $22,754 and reductions of Treasurer's Interest Distributions of $17,088 over the 2025-27 Biennium to reduce transfers to the Rural Child Welfare budget account and increase miscellaneous goods expenses. According to the agency, this recommendation would restore expenses for miscellaneous goods to match FY 2024 expenditures and adjust transfers to the Rural Child Welfare budget account based on a three-year average; however, the agency states the recommendation should not include a reduction of Treasurer's Interest Distributions. On March 6, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253883242 to eliminate the $17,088 reduction in Treasurer's Interest Distributions over the 2025-27 Biennium, with a corresponding increase in reserves.

Fiscal staff recommends the Other Closing Item be closed as recommended by the Governor, as amended by Budget Amendment A253883242. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DHS-DCFS - VICTIMS OF CRIME **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-123, **Volume II**
Account: 287 - 4895

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	3,424,059	5,415,199	58.15	4,772,624	(11.87)	4,839,645	1.40
FEDERAL FUND	1,361,800	1,030,000	(24.36)	741,706	(27.99)	741,706	
OTHER FUND	2,541,036	1,978,924	(22.12)	2,177,098	10.01	2,177,098	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	166,295	437,210	162.91				
BALANCE FORWARD	1,960,027						
REVERSIONS	(1,861,054)						
Total Revenues	7,592,163	8,861,333	16.72	7,691,428	(13.20)	7,758,449	0.87
Total FTE		9.00		12.00		12.00	

Overview

The 80th (2019) Legislature approved the transfer of the Victims of Crime budget from the Department of Administration to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). The DCFS administers the state's other victims of crime programs, including Victims of Crime Act and Victims of Domestic Violence. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 217.010, the Victims of Crime program provides financial assistance to eligible victims who sustain injuries in a violent crime committed in Nevada. The Victims of Crime program pays for hospital bills, medical and dental treatment, mental health counseling, lost wages, funeral costs, and other crime-related expenses. The budget is primarily funded with General Fund appropriations, as well as federal Victims of Crime Act, Victim Compensation grant funds.

Major Closing Issues

1. In-House Processing of Victims of Crime Claims
2. Funding Change for Ongoing Payments to Victims

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. In-House Processing of Victims of Crime Claims (E304, DHS-DCFS-126)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends net General Fund reductions of $89,430 over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund three new Crime Victim Compensation Specialist positions (Grade 32) and new online payment and application systems to process Victims of Crime compensation claims.

Summary of Issue: Three new Crime Victim Compensation Specialist positions and new online payment and application systems would allow the agency to process Victims of Crime compensation claims in-house and eliminate expenditures for an external vendor to process Victims of Crime compensation claims.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The agency states it currently outsources the processing of victim of crime compensation claims to Cost Containment Strategies Inc., whose contract will expire on June 30, 2026. The agency indicates the outsourcing of the claims processing causes several operational challenges. Specifically, the agency is unable to directly access or utilize the data stored within the vendor's system to generate unique reports, which causes inefficiencies. The agency must request any data or reports from the vendor, potentially delaying response times and limiting internal oversight and the ability to use the data for planning purposes. Additionally, the agency states Cost Containment Strategies Inc. is the sole vendor capable of providing these specialized services, which complicates the agency's efforts to explore alternative providers or negotiate more favorable contract terms.

The Governor's recommendation would eliminate $1.6 million in contract expenses for Cost Containment Strategies Inc. and add three new Crime Victim Compensation Specialist positions (Grade 32) to assume the responsibilities of auditing billing claims and managing provider negotiations in-house. Along with the new positions, the recommendation includes $500,000 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to support the development and implementation of new online payment and application systems.

The agency plans to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the new online payment and application systems by the end of February 2025 and anticipates contract approval by the Board of Examiners in June 2025. This timeline would provide the agency with approximately 12 months to transition to a new, self-managed database system. The transition process will involve system development and customization, data transfers, redundancy testing, and final go-live preparations.

The Governor's recommendation includes $15,301 over the 2025-27 Biennium to add 330 square feet of office space at 4530 South Decatur in Las Vegas for the three new positions. However, the agency indicates that the office has relocated to one of the buildings in the new state complex in Las Vegas, and the additional $15,301 over the biennium included in the Governor's recommendation is no longer needed, as there is sufficient space for the three positions in the new office.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the budget hearing on February 12, 2025, the agency testified that it did not anticipate a delay in processing claims for victims of crime during the transition to a new application and processing system, as the agency would continue to work with the current vendor until the new positions and software would be able to process claims and make payments to victims. During the budget hearing, Subcommittee members expressed concern that correspondence to claimants from the current vendor, Cost Containment Strategies Inc., might include the vendor's name. Following the budget hearing, the agency clarified that correspondence from the current vendor does not include the vendor's name.

As noted, the Governor's recommendation includes $15,301 over the 2025-27 Biennium to add 330 square feet of office space for the three new positions. However, the agency indicates that the rent expense included in the Governor's recommendation is no longer needed, as the agency has sufficient space for the three positions in its new office. On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A254764895 to eliminate the rent expense from this decision unit, resulting in General Fund reductions of $15,301 over the 2025-27 Biennium. In addition, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove duplicate Business Productivity Suite costs, resulting in General Fund reductions of $2,502 over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation, as amended by Budget Amendment A254764895, inclusive of the technical adjustment to remove duplicate Business Productivity Suite costs, resulting in net General Fund reductions of $107,233 over the 2025-27 Biennium to transition from outsourcing the processing of Victims of Crime compensation claims to providing those services internally with the addition of three new positions and a new online payment and application system?

2. Funding Change for Ongoing Payments to Victims (E253 & E499, DHS-DCFS-125-126)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $1.2 million over the 2025-27 Biennium and the removal of $874,420 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to support Victims of Crime benefits.

The E499 decision unit is recommended to remove budgetary authority built into the adjusted base budget and does not reflect a reduction to the previously approved award allocation of ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for Victims of Crime compensation claims. The adjusted base budget does not necessarily account for funding that has been expended, or is planned to be expended, by the close of FY 2025, therefore, the Governor's recommended budget utilizes the E499 decision unit to ensure no authority is duplicated in the 2025-27 Biennium for funding that has been, or is planned to be, expended by the close of FY 2025.

Summary of Issue: ARPA funds are not an ongoing funding source for victims' compensation claims, and federal Victims of Crime Assistance Funds are projected to decrease, resulting in a shortfall of $1.2 million over the 2025-27 Biennium. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations to replace the shortfall in federal funds.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: During the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the Legislature approved General Fund appropriations of $6.5 million and ARPA funds of $575,346 over the 2023-25 Biennium to replace Court Administrative Assessment funding and declining federal grant revenue from the Victims of Crime Assistance Fund. The agency projects that funds from the Victims of Crime Assistance Fund will continue to decrease, from the legislatively approved $3.3 million in the 2023-25 Biennium, to $1.5 million in the 2025-27 Biennium. The agency indicates funding from the grant is based upon the state's participation in funding Victims of Crime from two years prior, and the agency's budget reflects the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 award. The elimination of ARPA funds in the E499 decision unit, combined with the reduction in grant revenue, results in a shortfall of $1.2 million to support victims' compensation claims. In the E253 decision unit, the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $1.2 million over the 2025-27 Biennium to provide the Victims of Crime budget with a consistent source of revenue to continue to pay Victims of Crime claims in a timely manner.

In 2023, the agency indicated that it was experiencing decreases in annual revenues, along with an increase in expenditures due to an expansion of the definition of victims that are eligible for reimbursement. The agency states it has not been able to identify other funding sources to supplement Victims of Crime compensation expenses.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the budget hearing on February 12, 2025, the agency stated that the amount of federal Victims of Crime Assistance funds awarded to Nevada depends on the amount the state has expended on the program. The agency indicates its goal is to ensure that state funding is spent appropriately to continue receiving the federal match and compensate victims of crime.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of $1.2 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2025-27 Biennium and the elimination of $874,420 of ARPA funding to support Victims of Crime benefits?

Other Closing Items

1. Additional Office Space (E250, DHS-DCFS-125): The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $14,408 over the 2025-27 Biennium for an additional 222 square feet of office space in Carson City to support one position working at this location. The agency indicates that the rent expenditures in FY 2027 are duplicated and should be reduced. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove the duplicated rent expenditures, resulting in a General Fund decrease of $4,657 in FY 2027.

2. Elimination of Transfers (E251, DHS-DCFS-125): The Governor recommends General Fund reductions of $47,620 over the 2025-27 Biennium to reduce transfers that support one position in the division's Children, Youth, and Family Administration budget account. The agency's base budget includes transfers of $243,524 over the 2025-27 Biennium to support building rent and the cost of one position in the division's Children, Youth, and Family Administration budget account. However, as discussed in Major Closing Issue 1, the agency indicates that the Las Vegas office has relocated to one of the buildings in the new state complex, and the agency's base budget already includes this rental expense, resulting in building rent being duplicative. On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A254764895 to further reduce transfers to the Children, Youth, and Family Administration budget account by $195,904 over the 2025-27 Biennium, resulting in the elimination of transfers and total General Fund reductions of $243,524 over the 2025-27 Biennium.

3. Appropriations Act Language (BUDGET OVERVIEW-34-35): The 82nd (2023) Legislature approved language for inclusion in the Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 511, Section 36) providing that the General Fund appropriations in this budget account are available for both fiscal years of the biennium and may be transferred within the same budget account from one fiscal year to the other with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon recommendation of the Governor. The Governor recommends similar language for inclusion in the Appropriations Act for the 2025-27 Biennium.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 be closed as recommended by the Governor with the noted technical adjustment to reduce duplicated expenditures, Other Closing Item 2 be closed as recommended by the Governor, as amended by Budget Amendment A254764895, and Other Closing Item 3 be closed as recommended by the Governor. Fiscal staff requests authority to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DHS-DCFS - INFORMATION SERVICES **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-23, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3143

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	4,260,987	4,337,895	1.80	5,227,943	20.52	5,274,144	0.88
FEDERAL FUND	2,071,229	3,176,703	53.37	14,530,196	357.40	14,330,233	(1.38)
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	3,372,678	15,773,686	367.69	647,738	(95.89)	664,539	2.59
BALANCE FORWARD	(2,066,844)	3,185,794	(254.14)				
REVERSIONS	(551,253)						
Total Revenues	7,086,797	26,474,078	273.57	20,405,877	(22.92)	20,268,916	(0.67)
Total FTE		44.00		44.00		44.00	

Overview

This budget account funds the Information Management Services Unit within the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), which supports the technology needs of the division and the county child welfare agencies. The Information Management Services Unit maintains three major computer applications: CaseloadPro, Avatar, and UNITY. Avatar is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant case management and billing system that supports children's mental health. CaseloadPro, implemented in FY 2018, is the Youth Parole Bureau case management system. The Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth (UNITY) system is the division's federal-mandate-compliant Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. In addition to maintaining these applications, the Information Management Services Unit provides helpdesk support and application training to all three Nevada child welfare agencies (DCFS, Clark County Department of Family Services, and Washoe County Human Services Agency) and network and desktop computer support for the DCFS. The budget account is primarily supported by federal Title IV-E funds and General Fund appropriations.

Major Closing Issue

UNITY System Replacement

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

UNITY System Replacement (E227 & E499, DHS-DCFS-26-27)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends federal Title IV-E funds of $21.0 million and a reduction of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds of $22.5 million over the 2025-27 Biennium to support the ongoing UNITY replacement efforts.

The E499 decision unit is recommended to remove budgetary authority built into the adjusted base budget and does not reflect a reduction to the previously approved award allocation of ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the implementation of the UNITY replacement project. The adjusted base budget does not necessarily account for project funding that has been expended, or is planned to be expended, by the close of FY 2025, therefore, the Governor's recommended budget utilizes the E499 decision unit to ensure no authority is duplicated in the 2025-27 Biennium for funding that has been, or is planned to be, expended by the close of FY 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Governor's recommended federal Title IV-E reimbursements to continue replacement of the UNITY system appears insufficient to support the project in the 2025-27 Biennium since state funds are not included.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: As background, the UNITY system is Nevada's federally required Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. It is an electronic child welfare case management tool and stores official case records for all children and families served by child welfare agencies in Nevada.

The agency notes that the current UNITY system is a legacy electronic child welfare case management tool built in 2003 and is costly to maintain as it requires dedicated IT staff of 27 positions. In addition, the system's outdated technology makes it difficult to use, particularly in the field on mobile devices, with some rural counties still relying on paper files. Further, the system is inflexible, and it is a struggle to adapt the system to new regulations like the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), and lacks configurability, resulting in a backlog of pending work requests for compliance with federal and state reporting. Additionally, the agency notes the system cannot handle multimedia files or scanned documents, posing a challenge in data collection. According to the agency, the inefficiencies contribute to staff burnout and high turnover, underscoring the need for technological innovation to improve operations and outcomes for the youth served. The agency indicates that other states have experienced improvements in staff retention, reduced data entry, and better youth and family engagement through replacements of similar systems.

According to the agency, replacing the system will lead to improved accuracy and timeliness in child protective assessments, better family engagement, and data-driven decision-making. It would also provide accessible performance metrics, task tracking, mobile access, cloud-based management, and new data interfaces while reducing turnover and the number of positions needed to maintain the system and ensure compliance with federal requirements. The agency indicates the project is expected to be completed by October 15, 2027, and is on track and has not experienced any delays. The following table was provided by the agency and reflects the project's major milestones:

Division of Child and Family Services UNITY Replacement Project Timeline			
Project Name	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**Status**
UNITY Needs Assessment	4/9/2024	2/14/2025	On Track
UNITY RFP Development	2/17/2025	4/11/2025	On Track
UNITY RFP Release	4/14/2025	6/13/2025	
UNITY RFP Evaluation/Vendor Selection	6/16/2025	8/1/2025	
BOE Approval	8/4/2025	9/9/2025	
UNITY Design, Development, and Implementation	10/15/2025	10/15/2027	

Project Funding

At the October 20, 2022, Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting, $18.4 million of ARPA funds were authorized to begin the project to replace the UNITY system. Of the $18.4 million, the 82nd (2023) Legislature authorized expenditures of $17.4 million over the 2023-25 Biennium to continue the project. State funds, including ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, used toward the program's replacement are eligible for a dollar-for-dollar federal Title IV-E reimbursement.

The agency reports it expended $182,399 in FY 2024 for planning costs and projects to expend $14.3 million on planning and development costs in FY 2025, for a total of $14.4 million over the 2023-25 Biennium. The agency projects the FY 2025 costs would be supported by state funding (ARPA funds) of $7.2 million and Title IV-E reimbursements of $7.2 million. However, based on the timeline provided by the agency, it is unclear at this time what expenditures would be incurred in FY 2025 to utilize $7.1 million in state funds since the agency would not have an approved contract with a vendor to implement the project until FY 2026.

When the work program authorizing the ARPA funds was approved by the IFC on October 20, 2022, the agency projected the total project cost would be $31.1 million. At this time, the total projected project cost is unknown. The agency provided updated estimated project costs of $20.0 million for FY 2026 through the first quarter of FY 2027; however, since the project is not anticipated to be completed until October 2027, the estimates do not reflect the total projected future expenditures for the project. Additionally, it is unclear whether the agency would be able to expend the entirety of the $18.4 million of authorized ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds prior to the federal deadline of December 31, 2026.

<u>Governor's Recommendation</u>
The Governor's recommendation to continue funding the UNITY replacement project, as reflected in Decision Unit E227, includes federal Title IV-E reimbursements of $21.0 million but does not include the necessary state funds (ARPA as used in the 2023-25 Biennium or other sources) to receive the federal reimbursements. In order to include state funds (ARPA or other sources) in the decision unit to be able to draw federal Title IV-E reimbursements, the funding in Decision Unit E227 should be adjusted to reflect all revenue sources that would be used to support the UNITY replacement project and the correct costs over the 2025-27 Biennium.

<u>Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information</u>: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee expressed concern regarding the number of positions currently supporting the UNITY System and how the agency's needs would change once the UNITY replacement project is complete. The agency testified that the current system relies on frequent updates from programming staff that require a significant amount of time to address. The agency indicates the new system is anticipated to be a commercial off-the-shelf program that would require little to no programming once complete, resulting in a reduced need for staff to support the system. Following the completion of the replacement project, the agency indicated it anticipates that some of the staff currently supporting UNITY would be moved to other IT functions within the division or state agencies.

During the agency's testimony, the agency was unable to provide updated cost projections for the project and stated it was working with the Governor's Finance Office to submit a budget amendment to correct the funding in the Governor's recommendation for the project. In response to follow-up questions, the agency indicated it expended ARPA funds of $8,555 on software in FY 2023, $134,739 in FY 2024 for planning costs, and projects to expend $2.1 million on a needs assessment and project management costs in FY 2025, for a total of $2.3 million from FY 2023 through FY 2025.

According to the agency, the total cost for the UNITY replacement project is estimated to be $52.2 million and would be supported by $21.5 million in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium and $7.0 million in the 2027-29 Biennium. The agency anticipates the FY 2026 projected expenditures of $21.5 million would be supported by $10.7 million of ARPA funds and $10.7 million of federal Title IV-E funds. The FY 2027 projected expenditures of $21.5 million would be supported by $5.4 million of ARPA funds, $10.7 million of federal Title IV-E funds, and General Fund appropriations of $5.4 million. However, the Governor's recommended budget does not include ARPA funds or General Fund appropriations to support the UNITY replacement project in the 2025-27 Biennium.

Subsequent to the budget hearing, the Governor's Finance Office indicated it would not be submitting a budget amendment to address funding to continue the UNITY replacement project in the 2025-27 Biennium. Since the agency's projections do not indicate it would fully expend the previously authorized ARPA funds prior to the end of the 2023-25 Biennium, it would appear appropriate to include authority for the remaining ARPA funds of $16.1 million in the agency's budget in the 2025-27 Biennium to continue funding for the project. However, since ARPA funds would only be available through the federal deadline of December 31, 2026, based on the agency's projected expenses, it appears that the agency would need additional state funding to support the project from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027.

<u>If the Subcommittee wishes to recommend approval to continue funding the UNITY replacement project in the 2025-27 Biennium, the following technical adjustments should be considered</u>:

<u>FY 2026</u>:

- Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to increase federal Title IV-E authority from $10.5 million to $10.7 million and to add the agency's remaining available ARPA funding authority of $10.7 million.

<u>FY 2027</u>:

- Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to increase federal Title IV-E authority from $10.5 million to $10.7 million and to add the agency's remaining available ARPA funding authority of $5.4 million.
- The Subcommittee would need to determine if it wishes to recommend adding General Fund appropriations of $5.4 million. If the Subcommittee does wish to recommend additional General Fund appropriations, it may wish to consider allocating the funding as a restricted allocation in the IFC Contingency Account and direct the agency to seek this funding when it is able to provide the IFC with updated projections for the project, which justify the need for the General Fund appropriation.

If the Subcommittee wishes to recommend approval to continue funding the UNITY replacement project, in order to monitor the project implementation, the Subcommittee may wish to consider recommending issuing a letter of intent to receive semi-annual updates on the project, including the following information:

- An update on the replacement of the UNITY system implementation plan and projected timelines;
- An overview of the activities of related contract positions and project vendors;
- A list of project deliverables received, deliverables anticipated for the next reporting period, and deliverables that are behind schedule;
- An overview of any identified deviations from the original project plan, scope, implementation timeline, and cost, and a discussion of factors contributing to any deviations; and
- A summary of categorical expenditures incurred to-date on project implementation and cost projections for the remainder of the project implementation.

Alternatively, if the Subcommittee does not wish to recommend approval to continue funding the UNITY replacement project, the projected remaining ARPA funding of $16.1 million could be redirected to one or more other existing projects that have been previously approved to be supported by ARPA.

<u>Decisions for the Subcommittee</u>:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to continue funding the UNITY replacement project in the 2025-27 Biennium, inclusive of the noted technical adjustments to federal Title IV-E authority and authorized ARPA funds to align with the agency's projections, resulting in authorized ARPA funds of $16.1 million and federal Title IV-E authority of $21.5 million over the 2025-27 Biennium?

AND

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of $5.4 million in FY 2027, which is <u>not</u> included in the Governor's recommendation, to fully fund the UNITY replacement project for the 2025-27 Biennium?

IF SO,

Does the Subcommittee wish to place the $5.4 million in FY 2027 in the restricted IFC Contingency Account and direct the agency to seek this funding when it is able to provide the IFC with updated projections for the project, which justify the need for the General Fund appropriation?

AND

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend issuing a letter of intent instructing the Division of Child and Family Services to report semi-annually to the IFC on the status of the replacement of the division's UNITY system?

<u>Other Closing Items</u>

			FY 2026			FY 2027		
Other Items	**Category**	**Description of Decision Unit**	**General Fund**	**Federal Fund**	**Other Funds**	**General Fund**	**Federal Fund**	**Other Funds**
1	**TRANSFERS**	Transfers in contract expenses for myAvatar from Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services to consolidate recurring IT expenses. (E905, DHS-DCFS-28)	$ 94,549	$ -	$ 51,684	$ 95,682	$ -	$ 52,462
2		Adjusts funding from transfers for myAvatar expenses. (E505, DHS-DCFS-27)	$ (21,433)	$ -	$ 21,433	$ (21,610)	$ -	$ 21,610
3	**TRAVEL**	Additional travel and registration costs for conferences held out of state. (E225, DHS-DCFS-25)	$ 6,250	$ 4,093	$ 570	$ 6,250	$ 4,093	$ 570
4		Additional in-state travel expenses to provide oversight and technical assistance to service the division's computers, networks, and cameras. (E226, DHS-DCFS-25)	$ 6,524	$ 5,239	$ 210	$ 6,524	$ 5,239	$ 210
5	**EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**	Replacement computer equipment for the division. (E710, DHS-DCFS-27)	$ 215,599	$ 169,960	$ 6,867	$ 225,885	$ 178,068	$ 7,195
6		Replacement office furniture. (E711, DHS-DCFS-28)	$ 28,956	$ 23,254	$ 930	$ -	$ -	$ -
7	**CONTRACT SERVICES**	New janitorial services to support newly leased office space in Reno. (E300, DHS-DCFS-26)	$ 44,388	$ 35,648	$ 1,426	$ 45,026	$ 36,160	$ 1,446

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 7 be closed as recommended by the Governor. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	4,941,988	6,746,774	36.52	6,947,188	2.97	7,166,149	3.15
OTHER FUND	801,798	752,056	(6.20)	776,651	3.27	776,651	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	4,034,705	5,717,678	41.71	6,703,213	17.24	6,670,456	(0.49)
REVERSIONS	(492,043)						
Total Revenues	9,286,448	13,216,508	42.32	14,427,052	9.16	14,613,256	1.29
Total FTE		98.57		97.57		97.57	

Overview

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services provides a continuum of mental health services to emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families. Psychiatric services are provided to children in early childhood mental health, outpatient, and one Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. The Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services also offers Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) services, which provides intensive targeted case management for youth with severe emotional disturbances who are in the custody of a public child welfare or juvenile justice service agency.

The current census at the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility is nine youth.

Major Closing Issue

Elimination of Two Positions and Conversion of One Full-Time Position to a Contract Position

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

Elimination of Two Positions and Conversion of One Full-Time Position to a Contract Position (E605, DHS-DCFS-108-109)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends net revenue reductions of $435,508 ($278,773 General Fund) to eliminate two positions and associated costs and convert one full-time Psychiatric Nurse position to a contract position.

Summary of Issue: The agency has faced challenges with recruitment and retention of three state positions resulting in the recommendation to eliminate the positions and replace one with a contract position; however, the agency recently indicated it has completed the recruitment process and selected candidates to fill two of the positions recommended to be eliminated.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The positions recommended for elimination include one Clinical Social Worker, one Mental Health Counselor, and one Psychiatric Nurse. The agency states these positions have remained vacant for more than two years and it has been difficult to fill the positions due to a variety of challenges, including shifts in priorities to address changing health service needs and difficulties in competing with private sector salaries. The positions recommended for elimination and the respective program areas are reflected in the following table:

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services Recommended Position Eliminations		
Eliminated Position Description	**Grade**	**Program Area**
Psychiatric Nurse	39	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility North
Clinical Social Worker	37	Outpatient Treatment Program
Mental Health Counselor	37	Outpatient Treatment Program

The agency indicates it has been difficult to attract qualified candidates for the Psychiatric Nurse position due to more competitive salaries and benefits being offered by the private sector; however, the agency notes that the cost-of-living salary adjustments approved by the 82nd (2023) Legislature improved the outlook for filling the position. The Governor's recommendation includes $227,219 over the 2025-27 Biennium for contract expenses to replace the state Psychiatric Nurse position with a contract Psychiatric Nurse position. However, the agency indicates that it recently completed the recruitment process to fill the Psychiatric Nurse position recommended to be eliminated, selected a candidate for the position, and now would like to retain and fill the existing Psychiatric Nurse position instead of eliminating the position and utilizing contract services as recommended by the Governor.

According to the agency, several vacant positions from other program areas were transferred to support the Mobile Crisis Response Team during the COVID-19 pandemic to address the need for children's mental health services. After American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to support positions to address the immediate need for services were approved, the vacant positions were transferred back to their original program areas. This shift resulted in longer delays in filling the Clinical Social Worker and Mental Health Counselor positions in the Outpatient Treatment program. Additionally, the program supervisor position in the Outpatient Treatment program, which is responsible for recruiting and filling open positions, was vacant which caused further delays in filling the positions. However, the agency states that it recently completed the recruitment process to fill the Clinical Social Worker position, selected a candidate, and now would like to retain and fill the Clinical Social Worker position instead of eliminating the position as recommended by the Governor. The agency concurs with the recommendation to eliminate the Mental Health Counselor position; however, the agency states that the position is still needed for the agency's programs. Contract costs for a Mental Health Counselor position were not included in the decision unit.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the budget hearing on February 12, 2025, the agency stated it was working with the Governor's Finance Office to determine if a budget amendment would be submitted to retain the Psychiatric Nurse and Mental Health Counselor positions recommended to be eliminated. Following the budget hearing, the agency indicated that after discussions with the Governor's Finance Office, it was determined that the Governor's recommendation in The Executive Budget would not be amended. The agency indicates that none of the positions recommended to be eliminated have been filled. The agency clarified it placed the candidate for the Psychiatric Nurse position into an identical vacant position. However, the agency indicates it did not move forward with the recruitment process for the Clinical Social Worker position as there were no other vacant identical positions the identified candidate could be placed in if the recommendation to eliminate the existing position were to be approved. During the budget hearing, Subcommittee members expressed concern regarding the impact on the Outpatient Treatment program due to the long-term vacancy of one Mental Health Counselor position. The agency indicated that the caseloads for other Mental Health Counselor positions increased to address the vacancy.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of a net reduction in funding of $435,508 ($278,773 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to eliminate three positions and fund one contract position?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 General Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 General Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	POSITION TRANSFERS	Transfers in one Psychiatric Caseworker and one Clinical Program Manager position from Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account for case management support. (E903, DHS-DCFS-109)	$ 144,485	$ 103,819	$ 145,333	$ 105,499
2		Adjusts funding for positions transferred from Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account. (E503, DHS-DCFS-108)	$ (21,162)	$ 21,162	$ (18,074)	$ 18,074
3	AGENCY SPECIFIC INFLATION	Agency-specific inflation for youth-driven medical services, medical supplies, pharmacy, and food. (M101, DHS-DCFS-106)	$ 504	$ 400	$ 1,050	$ 799
4	CONTRACT SERVICES	Janitorial services for leased office space in Reno. (E300, DHS-DCFS-107)	$ 6,222	$ 5,163	$ 6,351	$ 5,034
5		Reduces projected expenses for the UNR Psychiatric Fellows program and increases mental health training expenses. (E301, DHS-DCFS-108)	$ -	$ (9,202)	$ -	$ (7,662)
6		Eliminates contracted shredding services and increases projected equipment expenses. (E250, DHS-DCFS-107)	$ 5,504	$ 4,573	$ 5,618	$ 4,459

7. Appropriations Act Language (BUDGET OVERVIEW-37): The Governor recommends the inclusion of language in the Appropriations Act for the 2025-27 Biennium to allow transfers of General Fund appropriations between the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services and Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget accounts with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee, consistent with language in the 2023 Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 511, Section 55).

8. Elimination of Deferred Maintenance Costs (BASE, DHS-DCFS-104-105): The Governor's recommended base budget includes General Fund appropriations of $549,000 for deferred maintenance costs over the 2025-27 Biennium. On February 28, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253203281 to eliminate deferred maintenance costs that were inadvertently included in the base budget, resulting in General Fund reductions of $549,000 over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 7 be closed as recommended by the Governor and Other Closing Item 8 be closed as recommended in Budget Amendment A253203281. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DHS-DCFS - SOUTHERN NV CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-112, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3646

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	15,634,505	19,196,487	22.78	25,227,539	31.42	25,638,020	1.63
FEDERAL FUND	2,433,052	42,238	(98.26)				
OTHER FUND	3,493,236	1,798,040	(48.53)	2,512,956	39.76	2,512,956	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	17,767,275	24,104,153	35.67	19,339,495	(19.77)	19,654,247	1.63
BALANCE FORWARD	(817,920)	1,767,862	(316.14)				
REVERSIONS	(2,305,736)						
Total Revenues	36,204,412	46,908,780	29.57	47,079,990	0.36	47,805,223	1.54
Total FTE		399.65		387.14		387.14	

Overview

Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services provides a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health care services for severely emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families. Services include early childhood mental health services and outpatient children's clinical services providing individual, group, and family therapies; intensive clinical case management; and early childhood day treatment. Services are provided in Neighborhood Family Service Centers in the Las Vegas Valley, the Division of Child and Family Service's West Charleston campus, and in residential settings. Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services also offers Wraparound in Nevada services, which provide intensive targeted case management for youth with severe emotional disturbances who are in the custody of a public child welfare or juvenile justice service agency. Mobile crisis units provide immediate care and treatment of a child or adolescent with a psychiatric emergency within Clark County. Residential services are provided at the Desert Willow Treatment Center on the West Charleston campus, which provides inpatient acute psychiatric and residential treatment services.

The current census at the Desert Willow Treatment Center is 28 youth.

Major Closing Issues

1. Elimination of 23 Positions to Support Contract Staff and One New State Position
2. Position Transfers to Youth Parole Services and Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. Elimination of 23 Positions to Support Contract Staff and One New State Position (E607 & E651, DHS-DCFS-117-118)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends net reductions of $838,157 ($368,992 General Fund) to eliminate 23 positions (22.51 FTE) and associated costs and add 1 new Clinical Social Worker position (Grade 39). Savings from the eliminated positions would be partially used to support the costs of contract positions.

Summary of Issue: According to the agency, due to higher salaries for clinical roles in the private sector, it is difficult for the agency to recruit and retain employees, resulting in the recommendation to replace the positions with contracted workers.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The agency indicates that the 23 positions recommended for elimination have been vacant for over two years, and the agency has utilized $10.9 million in vacancy savings to fund temporary contract workers over the 2023-25 Biennium. If approved, the recommendation would improve transparency around the amount of funding being used to support contract staff, as historically the agency has submitted work program requests throughout the interim to use vacancy savings to support its contracted positions.

- E607: The Governor recommends reductions of $645,375 (General Fund reductions of $306,287 and federal funds reductions of $339,088) over the 2025-27 Biennium to eliminate one unclassified Senior Psychiatrist position. The Executive Budget indicates this decision unit includes funding for a contracted Senior Psychiatrist to lead a multidisciplinary team managing a wide variety of patients in both the Desert Willow Treatment Center and outpatient medical clinic. However, the decision unit reflects only the elimination of the position and does not include funding for contracted services. The agency states the funding for this recommendation is incorrect and was intended to include funding for contracted services.

- E651: The Governor recommends net reductions of $192,782 (General Fund reductions of $62,705 and federal funds reductions of $130,077) over the 2025-27 Biennium to eliminate 22 positions (21.51 FTE), as detailed in the following table:

Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services
E651 Governor's Recommended Position Eliminations

Position Description	Grade	FTE Count
Licensed Psychologist	44	-1
Psychiatric Nurse	39	-2
Mental Health Counselor	37	-3
Treatment Home Supervisor	33	-5
Treatment Home Provider	31	-10
Mental Health Technician	27	-0.51
Total FTE Eliminations		**-21.51**
Total Position Eliminations		**-22**

Included in this decision unit is $3.8 million to replace the eliminated positions with approximately 20 contract positions, along with the addition of 1 new full-time state Clinical Social Worker position (Grade 39). The agency indicates the new Clinical Social Worker position would ensure staffing levels are adequately maintained at the Desert Willow Treatment Center; however, the specific position included in the decision unit already exists in the base budget.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee sought additional information about the challenges the agency has experienced filling its clinical positions and the number of contract positions it has employed during the 2023-25 Biennium. The agency testified it primarily struggles to compete with the salaries offered in the private sector and noted that working with youth in the facilities is a challenging environment. Additionally, the agency stated it has transitioned many of its clinical positions from contract workers to full-time state equivalents; however, when staff vacancies impact the agency’s ability to provide services, the agency considers the trade-offs between providing services through contract positions versus reducing services. Following the budget hearing, the agency reported that in FY 2024, $4.9 million supported 142 temporary contract positions and through January 31, 2025, 42 temporary contract positions had been supported with $1.4 million in FY 2025.

During the budget hearing, the agency confirmed a budget amendment was needed to correct issues in both Decision Units E607 and E651. On March 19, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A253553646, which includes $643,358 ($304,924 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to support a contract position in Decision Unit E607, which the agency indicates should have been included in the decision unit. With the budget amendment, the total savings in Decision Unit E607 is $2,017 ($1,363 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium. Additionally, Budget Amendment A253553646 increases the savings in Decision Unit E651 by $236,061 ($112,165 General Fund) to remove the Clinical Social Worker position, which the agency indicates is already included in its base budget and was not intended to be added in the decision unit. With the budget amendment, the total savings in Decision Unit E651 is $428,843 ($174,870 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendations in Decision Units E607 and E651, as amended by Budget Amendment A253553646, for net reductions of $430,860 ($176,233 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium for the elimination of 23 positions (22.51 FTE) and the addition of approximately 21 contract positions?

2. Position Transfers to Youth Parole Services and Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (E902 & E903, DHS-DCFS-119-120)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends reductions of $694,548 ($416,494 General Fund) to transfer one Psychiatric Caseworker position to the Youth Parol Services budget account (BA 3263), and to transfer of one Psychiatric Caseworker position and one Clinical Program Manager position to the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account (BA 3281).

Summary of Issue: Due to increases in juvenile justice and assessment caseloads, additional assistance is recommended for case management services in the Youth Parole Services mental health team and in Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, resulting in the transfer of three positions from the Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The Governor's recommendation includes the transfer of one Psychiatric Caseworker position (Grade 33) to the Youth Parole Services budget account and the transfer of one Clinical Program Manager position (Grade 39) and one Psychiatric Caseworker position (Grade 33) to the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account. According to the agency, typical caseloads for Psychiatric Caseworkers are 10 to 15 families, depending on the intensity of the cases, and standard caseloads for Clinical Program Managers are approximately 20 cases. However, the agency indicates the caseloads for the remaining Psychiatric Caseworkers and Clinical Program Managers in the Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account would not be affected by the transfers.

E902 Transfer to the Youth Parole Services Budget Account:
The Psychiatric Caseworker recommended to be transferred would assist the Youth Parole Services' mental health team with the admission process, court appearances, facilitating Child and Family Teams meetings, and other case management services. The agency states the position would ensure safeguards are in place to help youth succeed while in the facility and would ensure the children safely integrate back into the community following a discharge.

E903 Transfers to Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services Budget Account:
The Psychiatric Caseworker recommended to be transferred would be placed in the agency's Wraparound in Nevada program to ensure continuity of care for youth returning from out-of-state care. The Psychiatric Caseworker position would assist with an increased need for screening assessments, as well as higher service intensity and acuity for both youth and families. According to the agency, there has been an increase in the intensity of services required due to an increase in youth with complex medical and psychiatric needs, youth returning from an out-of-state locked facility, and youth in families who may be at risk of losing their housing. The increase in families with complex medical, psychiatric, and juvenile needs and the additional support would allow children returning from out-of-state placements to access necessary care upon their return to the community.

The Clinical Program Manager recommended to be transferred would oversee statewide supervisors and case assignments to Psychiatric Caseworkers. The Clinical Program Manager would ensure children, youth, and families returning from out-of-state placements; discharged from juvenile justice facilities, in a psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility; and youth in child welfare receive timely comprehensive assessments. Additionally, the position would review records, ensure timely documentation, and ensure children receive appropriate discharges and resources. The agency indicates this recommendation is due to increases in the length of stay and in high-need referrals.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 12, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee questioned whether decreasing caseloads in Southern Nevada were necessitating the transfer of these positions. The agency confirmed that caseloads had decreased in the south and the agency had also previously focused resources on providing wraparound services in Southern Nevada. The recommended position transfers would address the increases in caseloads in Northern Nevada and properly align the positions' duty locations with the correct budget accounts.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of Decision Unit E902 to transfer one Psychiatric Caseworker position to the Youth Parole Services budget account and Decision Unit E903 to transfer one Psychiatric Caseworker and one Clinical Program Manager position to the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account, with a total reduction in funding in this budget account of $694,548 ($416,494 General Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium, as recommended by the Governor?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 General Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 General Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	AGENCY SPECIFIC INFLATION	Agency-specific inflation for youth-driven medical services, medical supplies, pharmacy, and food. (M101, DHS-DCFS-114-115)	$ 9,900	$ 3,414	$ 20,129	$ 6,960
2	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Replacement of office furniture. (E711, DHS-DCFS-118)	$ 95,858	$ -	$ -	$ -
3	CONTRACT SERVICES	New contract services for HVAC maintenance, electronic prescription writing services, and short-term equipment rentals. (E250, DHS-DCFS-115)	$ 27,237	$ 16,336	$ 27,205	$ 16,368
4		Transfers out contract expenses for myAvatar to the division's Information Services budget account to consolidate recurring IT expenses. (E905, DHS-DCFS-120)	$ (94,549)	$ (51,684)	$ (95,682)	$ (52,462)
5	YOUTH DRIVEN EXPENDITURES	Adjusts Youth-Driven category for contract services to align with operations and projected amounts and increases expenses for youth-driven operating supplies and food. (E253, DHS-DCFS-116-117)	$ 93,373	$ 39,762	$ 93,073	$ 39,764
6	MAINTENANCE	Building and grounds maintenance on the West Charleston campus in Las Vegas. (E251, DHS-DCFS-116)	$ 4,372	$ 2,844	$ 4,367	$ 2,849
7	TRAINING	Staff training for Children's Mental Health Services. (E252, DHS-DCFS-116)	$ -	$ 10,000	$ -	$ 10,000
8		Instructional training supplies. (E254, DHS-DCFS-117)	$ 1,568	$ 845	$ 1,566	$ 847
9	POSITION TRANSFERS	Transfers in 11 Mental Health Counselor positions and 1 Substance Abuse Coordinator position from the Juvenile Justice Services budget account, to realign supervision of the positions. (E900, DHS-DCFS-119)	$1,564,488	$ -	$1,588,494	$ -

10. Appropriations Act Language (BUDGET OVERVIEW-37): The Governor recommends the inclusion of language in the Appropriations Act for the 2025-27 Biennium to allow transfers of General Fund appropriations between the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services and Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget accounts with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee, consistent with language in the 2023 Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 511, Section 55).

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 10 be closed as recommended by the Governor. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DHS-DCFS - VICTIMS SERVICES **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-17, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 4894

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
FEDERAL FUND	13,488,739	15,735,833	16.66	14,508,946	(7.80)	13,958,521	(3.79)
Total Revenues	13,488,739	15,735,833	16.66	14,508,946	(7.80)	13,958,521	(3.79)
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Victims Services budget account was established by the 82nd (2023) Legislature. The budget account manages the Victims of Crime Act Assistance Fund and the federal Family Violence and Prevention Services Act grant, which directly fund nonprofit agencies, state and county government organizations, and tribal nations to provide direct services and supports to victims of crime. Unlike the Victims of Crime budget account, this budget account does not provide direct cash compensation payments to victims.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Federal Fund	FY 2027 Federal Fund
1	COST ALLOCATION	Cost allocation to reimburse the DCFS Children, Youth and Family Administration budget account (BA 3145) for support provided to programs that were transferred to the Victim Services budget account during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. (E800, DHS-DCFS-19)	$ 664,036	$ 665,193
2	FUNDING ALIGNMENT	Removes expenses supporting positions in the DCFS Children, Youth and Family Administration budget account (BA 3145). (E230, DHS-DCFS-18)	$ (45,040)	$ (45,118)

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DHS-DCFS - VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-21, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3181

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	5,162,592	5,337,101	3.38	5,251,023	(1.61)	5,251,023	
BALANCE FORWARD	1,765,567	1,199,525	(32.06)	585,281	(51.21)	632,856	8.13
Total Revenues	6,928,159	6,536,626	(5.65)	5,836,304	(10.71)	5,883,879	0.82
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Victims of Domestic Violence program provides grants to nonprofit agencies for statewide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Funding is primarily provided through fees collected on the sale of marriage licenses and for marriages solemnized by the Commissioner of Civil Marriages (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 122.060). Grant-funded services include shelter, crisis phone access, emergency assistance, advocacy, hospital accompaniment, and counseling. The Division of Child and Family Services has responsibility for monitoring domestic violence programs to ensure compliance with NRS 217.400 through 217.460 for granting funds from this budget account, maintaining financial records, and evaluating services provided.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

None

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DHS-DCFS - CHILDREN'S TRUST ACCOUNT **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-49, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3201

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	19,669	7,506	(61.84)	15,380	104.90	15,380	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	707,616	692,716	(2.11)	692,716		692,716	
BALANCE FORWARD	486,747	433,814	(10.87)	300,702	(30.68)	243,326	(19.08)
Total Revenues	1,214,032	1,134,036	(6.59)	1,008,798	(11.04)	951,422	(5.69)
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Children's Trust Account serves as a pass-through account to the Department of Health and Human Service's Grants Management Unit (GMU), which awards subgrants from the Children's Trust Account to organizations and agencies that provide child abuse and neglect prevention services. Funds are awarded and administered under the guidance of the Grants Management Advisory Committee. According to the agency, subgrants totaling $754,872 were awarded to 15 entities statewide in FY 2025 to provide child self-protection, crisis intervention, and parent education and training programs. Subgrantees include statewide Family Resource Centers, Boys Town, Boys and Girls Club, higher education, and other nonprofit entities. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 440.700(2), revenues for this budget account are derived from a $3 fee on each certified copy of a Nevada birth and death certificate, issued by the State Registrar, in addition to interest earnings.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

None

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DHS-DCFS - TRANSITION FROM FOSTER CARE **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-54, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3250

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	713,585	948,560	32.93	800,986	(15.56)	800,986	
BALANCE FORWARD	322,601	138,809	(56.97)	87,369	(37.06)	138,355	58.36
Total Revenues	1,036,186	1,087,369	4.94	888,355	(18.30)	939,341	5.74
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

This budget account administers funds for assisting youth transitioning out of foster care at 18 years of age. *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 247.305(3) authorizes county recorders to charge and collect an additional fee of $1 on documents, instruments, notices, and deeds processed and deposit those fees to this budget account. Pursuant to NRS 432.017, the funds may be used to provide assistance to youth with job training costs, housing assistance, and medical insurance, and can also be granted to nonprofit organizations or used to match federal funds. Funding is distributed through Clark County, Washoe County, and the Ron Wood Family Resource Center for the rural region.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

None

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DHS-DCFS - REVIEW OF DEATH OF CHILDREN **Budget Page:** DHS-DCFS-56, **Volume II**
Account: 101 - 3251

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	147,879	156,386	5.75	159,025	1.69	159,025	
BALANCE FORWARD	231,506	233,948	1.05	170,439	(27.15)	118,602	(30.41)
Total Revenues	379,385	390,334	2.89	329,464	(15.59)	277,627	(15.73)
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 440.700(3) establishes a $1 fee for a certified copy of a certificate of death to support multi-disciplinary teams that review selected cases of death of children. The teams also make recommendations for improvements to policies, practices, and laws that support the safety of children and prevent future deaths of children. Pursuant to NRS 432B.409, the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services is charged with establishing an executive committee to develop statewide protocols and distribute an annual report including statistics and recommendations on improving laws, regulations, and policy. Expenditures primarily fund subawards to nonprofit or governmental agencies to support programs to reduce childhood fatalities.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

None

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026 Gov Rec	FY 2027 Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Summary

As previously noted, Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for the following budget accounts. To assist with the closing, Fiscal staff has identified the budget accounts that are recommended to be closed as recommended by the Governor.

Fiscal staff recommends the following budget accounts be closed as recommended by the Governor, and requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments, as necessary:

- **101 – 4894: DHS – DCFS – Victims Services;**
- **101 – 3181: DHS – DCFS – Victims of Domestic Violence;**
- **101 – 3201: DHS – DCFS – Children's Trust Account;**
- **101 – 3250: DHS – DCFS – Transition from Foster Care; and**
- **101 – 3251: DHS – DCFS – Review of Death of Children.**