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**Family, Children and Adult Services Manual Transmittal Letter No. 480**

**TO:** All Family, Children, and Adult Services Manual Holders

**FROM:** Matt Damschroder, Director

**SUBJECT:** Multi System Youth Program and Funding

**Background**

Pursuant to Section 307.90 of Amended Substitute House Bill 110 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) was allocated \$25 million to be used for youth currently in the custody of a public children services agency (PCSA) or to prevent children from entering into the custody of a PCSA by custody relinquishment or another mechanism. The language also requires ODJFS to adopt a rule in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to administer the funding.

**Updates**

Ohio Administrative Code rule 5101:2-54-01, Multi System Youth, has been updated with the following changes: (B)(1) was updated with current allocations, (B)(2) has been amended to reflect each State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 and 2023 allocations, (B)(3) has been amended to remove evaluation as it was part of the previous biennium allocation, (B)(4) has been amended to reflect current allocations, (B)(5) has been amended to reflect current allocations, (B)(6) has been amended to reflect the current allocation along with the addition of the intention of use of pooled funds to prevent custody relinquishment, and (B)(7) was added to reflect new allocations for environmental scan.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The following chart shows what materials should be inserted into the Family, Children and Adult Services Manual (FCASM).

LOCATION	REMOVE AND FILE AS OBSOLETE	INSERT/ REPLACEMENT
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	5101:2-54-01	5101:2-54-01

30 East Broad Street  
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**Multi-system youth.**

- (A) Pursuant to section ~~307.110~~307.90 of Amended Substitute House Bill ~~466~~110 of the ~~133rd~~134th General Assembly, the purposes of the multi-system youth program and funding are to prevent custody relinquishment to the public children services agency (PCSA) solely for the purpose of a child obtaining needed treatment; support the care of children in the custody of a PCSA for congregate care; and to provide the services and supports necessary to ensure the child's successful transition from a congregate care facility following discharge.
- (B) To support the components of the multi-system youth program for youth at risk of custody relinquishment, the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) is to:
- (1) State level program: two million each state fiscal year (SFY) will be dedicated to the administration of the state level multi system youth program. Three hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars each fiscal year will go toward supporting the completion of the individual application process at the county level and the remaining funding will be transferred ~~transfer three and one-half million dollars in state fiscal year (SFY) 2020~~ to the Ohio department of medicaid to assist local partners in securing needed services and supports for youth with multi-system needs;
  - (2) Family children first council shared services and sustainability planning: ~~transfer one million dollars in SFY 2020~~ five hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2022 and eight hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2023 ~~to the Ohio family and children first council~~ to create, improve, and sustain effective collaborative, cross-system service delivery at the local family and children first council level;
  - (3) Training, ~~and~~ and technical assistance, ~~and~~ and evaluation: transfer five hundred thousand dollars in each SFY to the Ohio family and children first council to support training, ~~and~~ and technical assistance, ~~and~~ and evaluation needed for local infrastructure development;
  - (4) Wraparound training: ~~transfer five hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2021 to the Ohio family and children first council to build local capacity to implement the hi-fidelity care coordination model~~ at least two hundred thousand dollars in each state fiscal year is to be dedicated to build local family children first council capacity to implement the hi-fidelity care coordination model;
  - (5) Communities of support: one million five hundred thousand dollars in ~~SFY 2021~~ each SFY will be utilized to build grant support opportunities to provide level of care assessments and after care to multi system youth in residential facilities and to build community wrap around supports.

- (6) PCSA support and relinquishment prevention: allocate twenty million dollars each SFY to the PCSAs in accordance with section 5101.14 of the Revised Code to support the care of children in the custody of a PCSA for congregate care; and to provide the services and supports necessary to ensure the child's successful transition from a congregate care facility following discharge; to prevent the relinquishment of custody to a PCSA for the sole purpose of the child obtaining access to needed treatment; and to support the care of children in congregate and non-congregate care settings who would be emancipating, but remain in custody due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (a) Of these funds, the PCSAs are to designate a minimum of ~~five per cent in SFY 20 and a minimum of ten per cent in SFY 21~~ ten per cent in each state fiscal year of the formula-based allocation to work locally in accordance with section ~~337.180~~ 307.110 of Amended Substitute House Bill ~~466~~ 110 of the ~~133rd~~ 134th General Assembly.
- (b) The designated pooled funding is to support the provision of services to families and children to prevent the relinquishment of custody to a PCSA for the sole purpose of the child obtaining access to needed treatment.
- (7) Environmental scan: dedicate three hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2022 to conduct a statewide environmental scan to develop the available practice models and best practices.

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