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Family, Children and Adult Services Manual Procedure Letter No. 407

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

FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director

SUBJECT: Multi System Youth Program and Funding

Background

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is issuing this procedure letter in accordance with section 423.70 of House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

The letter outlines the purposes of the multi-system youth program and the fund allocations.

Funding Plan

The multi system youth funds are dedicated to preventing custody relinquishment to the public children services agency (PCSA) solely for the purpose of:

1. a child obtaining needed treatment;
2. support the care of children in the custody of a PCSA for congregate care; and
3. to provide the services and supports necessary to ensure the child's successful transition from a congregate care facility following discharge.

The high-level plan for the funding is below with additional details to follow:

High Level Overview:

#	Initiative	SFY 24	SFY 25
1	PCSA for relinquishment – 12% transfer to FCFC	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000
2	ODM - State Level MSY Program	\$1,683,200	\$1,683,200
3	OFCF – MSY Administration	\$316,800	\$316,800
4	OFCF - CRM Development and Support	\$200,000	\$200,000
5	OFCF - OhioRISE Agreement for Training and Technical Assistance	\$400,000	\$200,000
6	OFCF - Increasing Family and Youth Voice by providing funding opportunities to incentivize participation	\$500,000	\$500,000
7	OFCF - Support availability of training and education	\$400,000	\$400,000

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	opportunities to address needs of upstream youth		
8	OFCF - Best Practice & Sustainability Incentives	\$500,000	\$700,000
Total		\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000

Additional Detail:

To support the components of the multi-system youth program for youth at risk of custody relinquishment, the ODJFS is allocating as follows:

(1) PCSA support and relinquishment prevention:

Allocate twenty-one million dollars each state fiscal year (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.

- (a) Of these funds, the PCSAs are to designate a minimum of twelve percent in each state fiscal year of the formula-based allocation to the local family and children first council work locally.
- (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.

(2) Ohio Department of Medicaid State level program:

Transfer each SFY one million six hundred eighty-three thousand two hundred dollars to the Ohio Department of Medicaid to assist local partners in securing needed services and supports for youth with multi-system needs.

(3) Ohio Department of Family and Children First:

- (a) MSY Administration:** transfer three hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars each SFY to support the completion of the individual application process at the county level.
- (b) Customer Relations Management (CRM) Development and Support:** transfer two hundred thousand dollars in each SFY to be utilized to fund development and support activities.
- (c) Training and technical assistance:** transfer four hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2024 and two hundred thousand dollars in SFY 2025 to the Ohio family and children first council to support OhioRISE.

(d) Increasing Family and Youth Voice: transfer five hundred thousand dollars in each SFY to support funding opportunities to incentivize participation.

(e) Elementary Youth: transfer four hundred thousand dollars in each SFY to support availability of training and education opportunities to address needs of upstream youth.

(f) Best Practice: transfer five hundred thousand in each SFY for sustainability incentives.

Questions

If you have any question regarding this funding, please contact Lucy Gobble at Lucy.Gobble@jfs.ohio.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The following chart depicts what materials should be deleted from the Family, Children and Adult Services Manual (FCASM) and what materials are to be inserted in the FCASM.

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PROCEDURE LETTERS		FCASPL No. 407