



New Jersey Department of Children and Families



Proposed FY2009 Budget

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DCF has achieved much progress in several priority areas:

- Reducing child welfare caseloads
- Developing a well-trained workforce
- Recruiting more safe and loving foster and adoptive homes
- Rebuilding specialized adoption practice
- Expanding child abuse prevention and family strengthening services
- Building capacity in the child behavioral health system

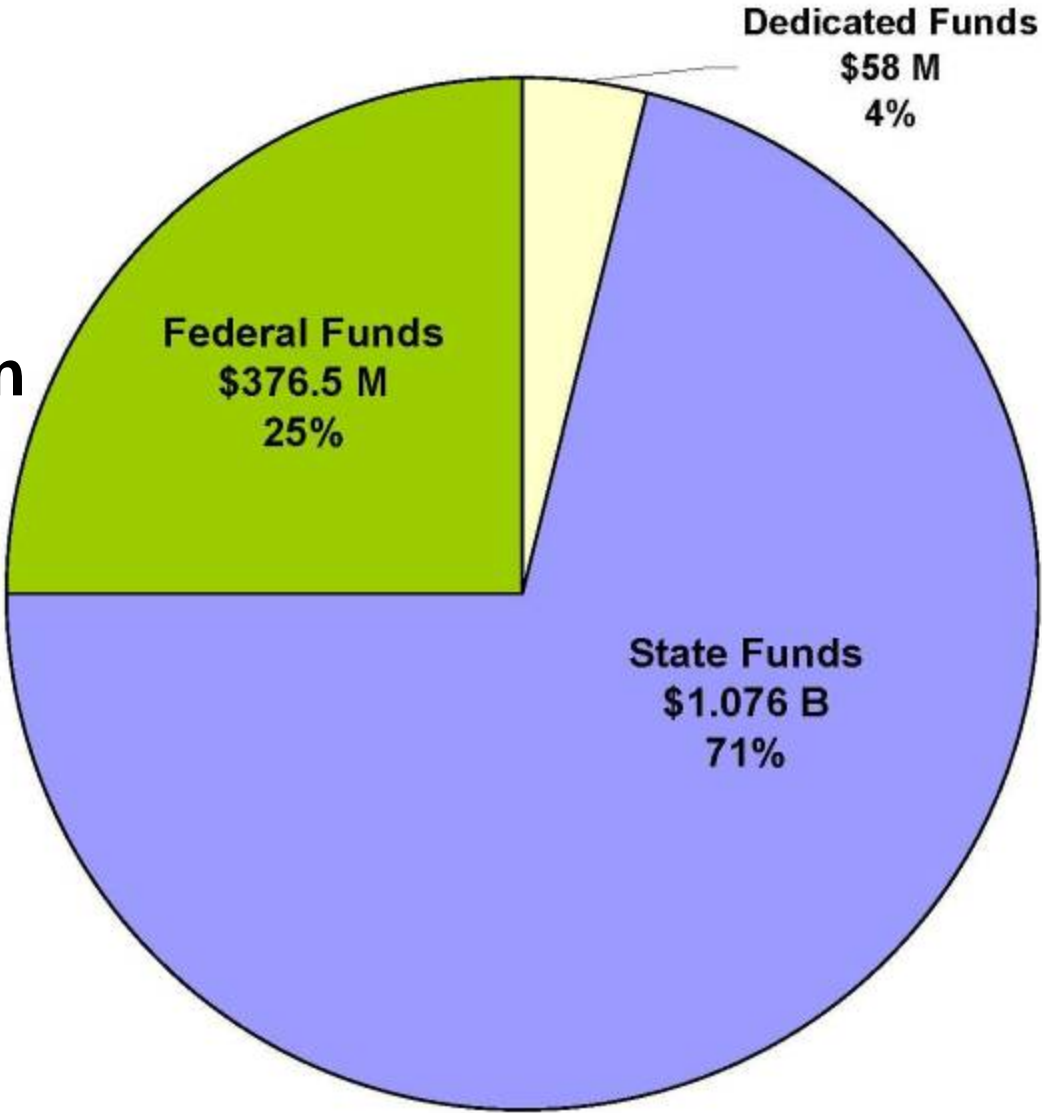
While DCF continues to work on the above priority areas, we are also working toward:

- Improving the system of health care for children in the state's care
- Implementing the DCF Case Practice Model
- Implementing the Governor's Crime Prevention Initiative

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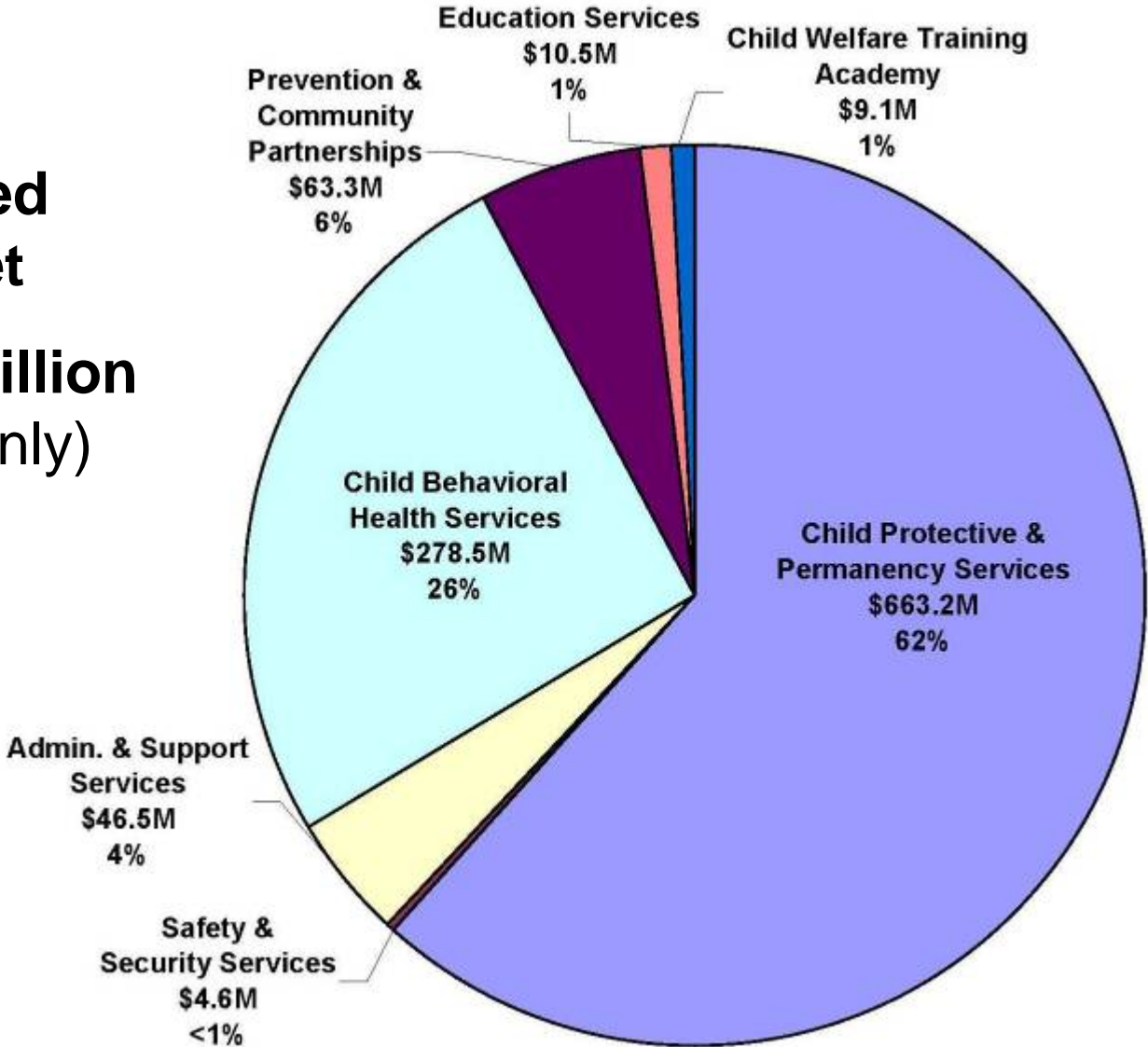
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DCF Proposed FY09 Budget

Total = \$1.076 Billion
(State Funds Only)



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Division of Youth and Family Services

Foster Care	\$104,193
Subsidized Adoption	\$ 92,490
Family Support Services	\$ 69,649
Child Health Units	\$ 19,016
Residential Placements	\$ 17,043
Group Homes	\$ 10,931
Foster Care & Permanency Initiative	\$ 8,174
Treatment Homes	\$ 3,428

DCF Proposed FY09 Budget Program Summary *State and Federal Funds (000s)*

Division of Prevention & Community Partnerships

School-Linked Youth Program	\$31,541
Family Support Services	\$16,800
Domestic Violence Prevention	\$14,598
Early Childhood Services	\$ 6,736

Division of Child Behavioral Health Services

Residential Placements*	\$246,609
Intensive In-Home Behavioral Assistance*	\$ 43,588
Care Management Organizations*	\$ 43,530
Mobile Response & Stabilization Services*	\$ 12,882
Outpatient & Partial Care	\$ 12,624
Youth Incentive Program	\$ 8,525
Family Support Organizations	\$ 7,291

*includes SCHIP funds

FY 2009 Governor's Recommended Budget

DCF State Funds (in thousands)

	Amount Increase/Decrease
<i>Treatment Homes and Emergency Behavioral Health</i>	
Right sizing of residential contracted services	(\$11,800)
<i>Additions, Improvements and Equipment</i>	
Reduction to DCF equipment account	(\$5,000)
<i>Training Academy Reduction for Non-Recurring Costs</i>	
Reductions to three contracts to adjust for changing needs of workforce	(\$1,000)
<i>Rent Saving at 50 East State St.</i>	
Reflects re-negotiated cost of lease agreement	(\$322)
<i>Reduction of administrative contractual costs</i>	
<i>Eliminates state resources for certain administrative expenses of social service provider agencies</i>	(\$164)
<i>Amanda's Easel</i>	
Eliminates line item, agency was awarded funds through RFP process to support this program	(\$125)
<i>Modified Settlement Agreement (MSA) Commitments</i>	
Provides support for MSA requirements	\$3,000
<i>Third Party Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)</i>	
Annualization of FY08 COLA for social service providers	\$10,204
Total DCF FY09 Reductions	(\$5,207)
<i>DCF FY09 Proposed Budget (State Funds) - \$1,075,703</i>	

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MAINTAINING THE COMMITMENT

- Annualization of FY08 COLA for social service providers
- Continued commitment to child abuse prevention and family strengthening services (Home Visitation Initiative, Family Success Centers, Differential Response)
- Continued expansion of in-state community-based services for children with behavioral health needs
- Expanded support for adoptive families and their adopted children between ages 18-21 (if adoption finalized after age 13).
- Continued health care coordination services for children in out-of-home placement
- Continuing training for child welfare workers through the NJ Partnership for Public Child Welfare and implementing the DCF Case Practice Model

Effecting Change: Implementing the Case Practice Model

The DCF Case Practice Model (CPM) identifies family engagement as a core strategy in our work. The CPM explains how we expect children and families to be treated and how families and their natural supports will be included in decisions affecting their safety and well-being.

How will DCF make this model the real experience for children and families?

To successfully implement the CPM throughout DCF, ownership of the reform must live at all levels of the organization.

The graphic is a 2x2 grid with a black background and teal text. The top-left cell contains the text 'Strengthening Case Practice, Engaging Families to'. The top-right cell contains the text 'see kids not just as they are...'. The bottom-left cell contains the text 'but as strong as their families can become.'. The bottom-right cell contains the word 'FOCUS'. The word 'FAMILY' is written vertically in large teal letters across the left side of the grid.

DCF CASE PRACTICE MODEL

Strengthening Case Practice, Engaging Families to

FAMILY see kids not just as they are...

but as strong as their families can become. **FOCUS**

- Investing in Strong Leadership
- An Ambitious Training Plan
- Building Models of Case Practice through Immersion
- Piloting the CPM
- Keeping Caseloads Manageable
- Service Development & Budget Transparency
- Bridging the Gap between DYFS and DCBHS

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: WWW.NJ.GOV/DCF

We strive to provide the public with up-to-date information about the Department of Children and Families and its various programs and services through our Web site: www.nj.gov/dcf.

Read updates on DCF's Divisions, including updates on the Statewide Prevention Plan

Know about upcoming DCF events, such as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Learn about the DCF Case Practice Model & Implementation Plan

The screenshot shows the DCF website homepage with a blue background. At the top left is a navigation menu with links: Home, Child Abuse / Neglect, Child Behavioral Health, Child Safety, Education Services, Foster and Adoption Services, Public Notices, Prevention, Resources in Your Community, Support for Families, and Publications. The main header features a large image of a child's face with the text "Child abuse doesn't report itself. Make The Call, Help A Child" and the "100 WAITING CHILDREN" logo. Below this is a "Spotlight" section for "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month" with a link to find out about events. To the right is a "Child Welfare Statistics and Data" section with a link to the DCF Data Homepage and a list of recent updates: "January 23, 2008 -- Updated Foster/Adoptive Family Recruitment Data", "January 14, 2008 -- Updated Adoption and Legally Free Data", and "December 4, 2007 -- Updated data on Child Behavioral Health Services". Further right is a "Hot Topics" section with links to "PRESS RELEASE - March 27, 2008 - New Director for the Division of Youth and Family Services Announced", "PRESS RELEASE (Gov) - March 12, 2008 - Governor Ramas Acting Commissioner of Department of Children and Families", and "Governor's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods and RFP Awards". Below the spotlight is a "Key Information" section with links to "Learn about the Statewide Prevention Survey", "DCF Health Care Plan - May 2007", "Join Our Email List", "Child Care Centers & Licensing", and "Important Hotlines and Numbers". To the right of key information is a "Child Welfare Reform in NJ" section with links to "Progress of NJ DCF's Period 2 Monitoring Report - October 22, 2007", "DCF's Plan to Implement the Case Practice Model - September 2007", "Modified Settlement Agreement - July 2006", and "Focusing on the Fundamentals - June 2006". At the bottom of the page is a footer: "To report suspected child abuse or neglect, please call 1-877-NJ Abuse (652-2973)".

Learn about DCF's regularly updated statistics and data

Read DCF Press Releases and Hot Topics

Get information on DCF's latest monitoring reports and the Modified Settlement Agreement