

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: Office of Child and Family Services

Date: 12/13/11

Initiative: 7489 – Head Start (FHM)

Account: 014-095901 FHM- Head Start

I. Budget Proposal Description:

Reduce Fund for Healthy Maine Head Start funding by \$700,000 in SFY '12 and eliminate Fund for Healthy Maine Head Start funding in SFY '13.

II. Program Description:

Eligible Maine children receive high quality, comprehensive early care and education services that foster children’s growth and development by supporting and nurturing their social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. The primary mission has been to promote school readiness through a comprehensive, integrated set of strategies and services.

III. Relevant Legislative History:

State General Funds were first implemented in 1983 as part of a broad education reform effort, which included pre-k (4 year olds only) in the Essential Programs and Services formula for school funding. The Legislature specifically designated funds for Head Start comprehensive services to expand those services where current federal Head Start programming existed. The services supported by these funds must align with Federal Head Start performance standards. These Head Start funds must be awarded to the agencies competitively selected and awarded at the Federal Head Start Program by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. An agreement supporting a single Head Start program for the State of Maine was signed by the Maine DHHS and the US DHHS on 5/10/2000. This agreement states that Maine has the authority to allocate State funds to existing Federal grantees only.

IV. Financial Information:

4 Years of Spending:

	SFY'08	SFY'09	SFY'10	SFY'11
General Fund				
Other Special Revenue	\$1,520,939	\$1,575,264	\$1,507,256	\$1,440,941
Federal Funds				
Total	\$1,520,939	\$1,575,264	\$1,507,256	\$1,440,941

Other sources of funding for program, i.e. FHM? Yes No

If yes, how much?

- Federal Funds (Head Start/ Early Head Start) \$31,146,173
- State General Funds \$2,448,875

V. Total Individuals Served: 4,714 (Per 2010-2011) PIR Report

VI. Program Eligibility Criteria:

Under the current contract structure, children ages six weeks to compulsory school age are eligible for services under this agreement unless the approved federal grant provides otherwise. 65 percent of families must have income at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

VII. Current Budget Proposal:

1) Appropriation Increase:

2) Appropriation Decrease:

SFY '12	SFY '13
\$700,000	\$1,354,580

3) Description of Budget Proposal:

Reduce Fund for Healthy Maine Head Start funding by \$700,000 in FY12 and eliminate Fund for Healthy Maine Head Start funding in FY13.

4) Savings/Reduction Plan:

a) Members Impacted: 134

b) Rates: Current Rate

5) Any contracts impacted? Yes No

If yes, which ones? 11 Federal Head Start grantee contracts will be impacted by the reduction of General Funds/ Fund for a Healthy Maine allocations.

Contract/Vendor	Total Contract \$	Reduction	% of Total
Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care	\$102,895		
Aroostook County Action Program	\$102,098		
Child and Family Opportunity	\$102,098		
Community Concepts Inc.	\$193,277		
KVCAP	\$102,098		
Midcoast Maine CAP	\$102,098		
Penquis CAP	\$193,277		
PROP	\$150,445		
SKCDC	\$102,098		
Waldo CAP	\$102,098		
York County CAP	\$102,098		

VIII. Legal Requirements:

There are no Federal requirements/ mandates that the State of Maine contribute state funds to Federal Head Start grantees.

IX. Maintenance of Effort Requirements? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Federal financial assistance to Head Start grantees cannot exceed 80% of the total costs of the program as indicated in the federal guidelines for Head Start SubChapter A, SubChapter B Part 1303.20 Matching requirements. There is no rule indicating how the remaining 20% of funding is to be acquired.

X. Q & A follow-up after committee session held on:

_____ Date