

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: Office of Child and Family Services

Date: 12/13/11

Program: Fund for a Healthy Maine – Purchased Social Services Child Care

Initiative #: 7489

Account: 014-10A-096101

I. Budget Proposal Description:

This initiative proposes to eliminate funds for Purchased Social Services-Child Care from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. This is 18 percent of the program’s total funding.

II. Program Description:

The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) provides assistance to Maine Families whose gross income does not exceed 85 percent of State Median Income (SMI) level. The child’s parent(s) must be employed and /or attending job training or educational programs. The parent fee or co-pay cannot exceed 10 percent of the family’s gross income. The purpose of the Maine Child Care Subsidy Program is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of Child Care Services. There is also an afterschool program for 12 to 15-year olds.

III. Relevant Legislative History:

Maine Revised Statute Title 22, Chapter 1052-A: Child Care Services 22 Title 22, §3731-3740

IV. Financial Information:

4 Years of Spending:

	SFY’08	SFY’09	SFY’10	SFY’11
General Fund	1,259,364	1,270,583	1,277,425	1,249,639
Fund for a Healthy Maine	4,203,946	4,489,375	3,780,006	4,015,056
Federal Funds	20,526,757	14,290,765	13,850,859	16,808,882
Total	25,990,067	20,050,723	18,908,290	22,073,577

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

V. Total Individuals Served:

The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) provides direct service to 925 children. The 12-15 year old Afterschool Program supports approximately 2200 youth.

VI. Program Eligibility Criteria:

The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) is open to Maine Families whose gross income does not exceed the 85 percent of the state median Income (SMI) and the child's parent(s) are employed and/or attending job training or educational programs.

The 12-15 year old afterschool program participants must be between the ages of 12-16 (less than 16) and/ or 16-19 but less than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care.

VII. Current Budget Proposal:

1) Appropriation Increase: \$

2) Appropriation Decrease: (\$3,942,236)

3) Description of Budget Proposal:

This initiative proposes to transfer funding from the Fund for a Healthy Maine – Child Care account and redistribute to the Fund for a Healthy Maine – Medical Care account.

4) Percent of the reduction vs. total funding for the program: 18%

5) Any contracts impacted? Yes No

VIII. Legal Requirements?

IX. Maintenance of Effort Requirements? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Block Grant Requirement is to spend no less than 70% of Mandatory and Matching grant on child care services. If we do not make MOE this would impact services to 1740 children.

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