

## Children and Family Services, Office of

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### Mission

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) serves New York's public by promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of our children, families and communities. OCFS achieves results by setting and enforcing policies, building partnerships, and funding and providing quality services.

### Organization and Staffing

OCFS is headed by a Commissioner who is supported by several Deputy Commissioners who oversee various departments and programs. Agency staff are located throughout the State in OCFS operated residential facilities and in regional offices, where they work with county commissioners to implement and monitor local programs.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends \$4.2 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is a \$2.4 billion decrease compared to FY 2022 levels, reflecting the one-time nature of \$2.475 billion in federal pandemic funding in FY 2022 which is reappropriated in this Budget, a \$3.8 million decrease related to the annualization of the closure of the Columbia and Red Hook Youth Facilities in FY 2022, and a \$51 million decrease related to the elimination of legislative adds. These decreases are offset by an increase of \$11.3 million for additional staff at Youth Facilities, \$11 million in State General Funds for the Adoption Delinking initiative to support the Home Visiting program, \$10.4 million to fund the Human Services Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for impacted programs, \$1.4 million for the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) Business Enterprise Program (BEP), \$2 million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) program and a net increase of \$50 million in State General Fund support for child care subsidies due to increased State funds to maintain the child care market rate and increased available federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) resources for child care. The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,886 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2022.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### Program Highlights

#### ***Child Welfare Services***

Child Welfare Services provide a variety of services to families to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and to strengthen families to successfully care for their children. Child Protective Services include: investigating reports of child abuse or maltreatment, providing solutions to protect children, and helping prevent future occurrences of abuse or maltreatment. Preventive Services are provided to families with children at risk of entering foster care. Independent Living Services teach youth aging out of foster care the necessary skills to be independent adults.

#### ***Foster Care***

Foster Care provides out-of-home placements for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse/neglect by their parent, or a court determination that a child is a "person in need of supervision" or a juvenile delinquent. Foster boarding homes provide care in a home setting by foster parents, and residential programs serve youth with more significant health or emotional needs. The foster care caseload has dropped from 37,000 in CY 2003 to 15,016 in CY 2020 after the State reformed child welfare financing to incentivize preventive and Child Protective Services that help keep families together.

#### ***Child Care***

The Child Care Block Grant (CCBG) provides child care subsidies to families on public assistance, families transitioning off of public assistance, and low-income families.

#### ***Adoption Services***

Adoption Services provide funding for expenses related to the adoption of children from the Foster Care system. Subsidies are provided to families to help meet the needs of caring for handicapped and hard-to-place children.

#### ***Adult Protective Services***

Adult Protective Services assist individuals 18 and over that present the following: physical and/or mental

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disabilities resulting in a reduced capacity for self-care; evidence of harm or risk of being harmed by others; and lack of assistance from others.

In 2020, the agency received 35,892 adult protective referrals, a 33 percent decrease from 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ***Domestic Violence Services***

Domestic Violence Services assist individuals 16 and over that have been victims of domestic violence (DV). Services are designed to provide safety and support to victims and their children through approved residential and non-residential programs. In 2020, 11,051 adults and children received DV residential services and 36,692 adults and children received DV non-residential services.

### ***Runaway and Homeless Youth Services***

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program provides funding to counties for contracts with not-for-profit runaway programs that provide services to youth. Services include short-term shelter and long-term transitional and independent living services for youth. All youth receive case management services and basic needs, either directly by the service provider or through referral to other programs.

### ***Youth Facilities and Youth Program Services***

The Youth Facilities Program supports the Division for Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY), which provides a range of core mandated and enhanced services to court adjudicated youth and their families, delivered in state-operated residential facilities and at community sites. The Program also provides support for local detention facilities that house youth while the cases are pending in family court. In addition, the Youth Development Program provides funding to localities to support delinquency prevention programs.

### ***Commission for the Blind***

The Commission for the Blind supports services to legally blind children and older adults including Vocational Rehab Basic Support, Independent Living for Adults and Preschool Children, Independent Living for Older Blind, Supported Employment programming and In-Service Training. The Commission also provides support for assessments, mobility training, academic instruction, case management, and job-oriented vocational instruction.

### ***Statewide Central Register***

The Statewide Central Register (SCR) is responsible for screening all calls of suspected child abuse and maltreatment. In 2019 the SCR handled 310,156 calls and received 342,456 requests for database check clearances.

### ***Human Services Call Center***

The Human Services Call Center (HSCC) handles more than one million calls annually for ten state agencies from 46 different lines, providing callers with information through high-quality customer service.

## **ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	539,096,939	547,233,000	8,136,061	770,963,666
Aid To Localities	6,003,177,180	3,586,945,450	(2,416,231,730)	8,188,685,239
Capital Projects	43,453,000	43,590,000	137,000	450,321,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,585,727,119</b>	<b>4,177,768,450</b>	<b>(2,407,958,669)</b>	<b>9,409,969,905</b>

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**ALL FUND TYPES**  
**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM**  
**FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Central Administration			
General Fund	313	313	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8	8	0
Internal Service Funds	99	99	0
Child Care			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	232	232	0
New York State Commission for the Blind			
General Fund	35	35	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	106	106	0
Family and Children Services			
General Fund	531	531	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	45	45	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2	2	0
Maintenance & Improvement of Youth Facilities			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	69	69	0
Systems Support			
General Fund	4	4	0
Training and Development			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	42	42	0
Youth Facilities			
General Fund	1,400	1,400	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Enterprise Funds	515,000	515,000	0
General Fund	273,586,764	280,379,000	6,792,236
Internal Service Funds	22,625,676	22,627,000	1,324
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	195,827,681	196,065,000	237,319
Special Revenue Funds - Other	46,541,818	47,647,000	1,105,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>539,096,939</b>	<b>547,233,000</b>	<b>8,136,061</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(16,425,939)		
<b>Appropriated FY 2022</b>	<b>522,671,000</b>		

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Center for Community Health			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,002	0	(20,002)
Central Administration			
General Fund	32,119,650	32,107,000	(12,650)
Internal Service Funds	22,525,676	22,527,000	1,324
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	528,000	528,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,534,000	3,534,000	0
Child Care			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	66,459,981	66,461,000	1,019
Family and Children Services			
General Fund	45,390,602	45,391,000	398
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	61,021,559	61,027,000	5,441
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,371,412	1,373,000	1,588
New York State Commission for the Blind			
General Fund	8,381,295	8,382,000	705
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	37,205,139	37,456,000	250,861
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,920,000	3,020,000	1,100,000
Raise the Age			
General Fund	697,378	0	(697,378)
Systems Support			
General Fund	12,509,509	12,510,000	491
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	30,593,000	30,593,000	0
Training and Development			
Enterprise Funds	200,000	200,000	0
General Fund	19,379,297	19,380,000	703
Special Revenue Funds - Other	39,716,406	39,720,000	3,594
Youth Facilities			
Enterprise Funds	315,000	315,000	0
General Fund	155,109,033	162,609,000	7,499,967
Internal Service Funds	100,000	100,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>539,096,939</b>	<b>547,233,000</b>	<b>8,136,061</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2023 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	24,499,000	(12,650)	24,118,000	(12,650)
Family and Children Services	38,416,000	398	35,968,000	398
New York State Commission for the Blind	2,367,000	705	2,355,000	705
Raise the Age	0	(697,378)	0	(697,378)
Systems Support	202,000	491	202,000	491
Training and Development	859,000	703	851,000	703
Youth Facilities	125,365,000	8,049,967	112,383,000	7,332,967
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,708,000</b>	<b>7,342,236</b>	<b>175,877,000</b>	<b>6,625,236</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	308,000	0	73,000	0
Family and Children Services	0	0	2,448,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	0	0	12,000	0
Training and Development	0	0	8,000	0
Youth Facilities	3,325,000	158,000	9,657,000	559,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,633,000</b>	<b>158,000</b>	<b>12,198,000</b>	<b>559,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2023 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	7,608,000	0	462,000	0
Family and Children Services	6,975,000	0	635,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	6,015,000	0	8,000	0
Systems Support	12,308,000	0	154,000	0
Training and Development	18,521,000	0	47,000	0
Youth Facilities	37,244,000	(550,000)	13,081,000	(262,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,671,000</b>	<b>(550,000)</b>	<b>14,387,000</b>	<b>(262,000)</b>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	181,000	0	4,455,000	0
Family and Children Services	215,000	0	6,065,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	5,000	0	6,002,000	0
Systems Support	177,000	0	11,106,000	0
Training and Development	274,000	0	17,831,000	0
Youth Facilities	627,000	(6,000)	22,801,000	(261,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,479,000</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>	<b>68,260,000</b>	<b>(261,000)</b>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	2,510,000	0
Family and Children Services	60,000	0
Systems Support	871,000	0
Training and Development	369,000	0
Youth Facilities	735,000	(21,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,545,000</b>	<b>(21,000)</b>

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Center for Community Health	0	(20,002)	0	(11,868)
Central Administration	26,589,000	1,324	11,486,000	867
Child Care	66,461,000	1,019	31,121,000	4,400,320
Family and Children Services	62,400,000	7,029	11,744,000	2,201
New York State Commission for the Blind	40,476,000	1,350,861	9,366,000	861
Systems Support	30,593,000	0	500,000	0
Training and Development	39,920,000	3,594	5,848,000	1,801
Youth Facilities	415,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,854,000</b>	<b>1,343,825</b>	<b>70,065,000</b>	<b>4,394,182</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Center for Community Health	0	(8,134)
Central Administration	15,103,000	457
Child Care	35,340,000	(4,399,301)
Family and Children Services	50,656,000	4,828
New York State Commission for the Blind	31,110,000	1,350,000
Systems Support	30,093,000	0
Training and Development	34,072,000	1,793
Youth Facilities	415,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,789,000</b>	<b>(3,050,357)</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	1,852,488,180	1,911,256,450	58,768,270
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,126,887,000	1,651,887,000	(2,475,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,802,000	23,802,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,003,177,180</b>	<b>3,586,945,450</b>	<b>(2,416,231,730)</b>

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**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
<b>Child Care</b>			
General Fund	256,991,200	305,587,200	48,596,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,032,637,000	632,637,000	(2,400,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,000	343,000	0
<b>Family and Children Services</b>			
General Fund	1,590,566,180	1,600,853,450	10,287,270
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,093,900,000	1,018,900,000	(75,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,459,000	23,459,000	0
<b>New York State Commission for the Blind</b>			
General Fund	115,000	0	(115,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	350,000	350,000	0
<b>Training and Development</b>			
General Fund	4,815,800	4,815,800	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,003,177,180</b>	<b>3,586,945,450</b>	<b>(2,416,231,730)</b>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
<b>Design and Construction Supervision</b>				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	42,255,000
<b>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	5,754,000	5,871,000	117,000	4,808,000
<b>Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	2,699,000	2,719,000	20,000	15,210,000
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	18,000,000	18,000,000	0	284,427,000
<b>Program Improvement or Program Change</b>				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	103,621,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,453,000</b>	<b>43,590,000</b>	<b>137,000</b>	<b>450,321,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020