

Department of Children and Families
Response to
Assembly Budget Committee Follow-up Questions
May 2018

During the May 14, 2018 hearing before the Assembly Budget Committee on the Department of Children and Families, Acting Commissioner Beyer indicated that a written response would be forthcoming to the following questions raised by members of the committee:

Assemblyman McKeon:

Pursuant to section 3 of P.L. L.2004, c.130 (C.30:4C-2.3), the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is required to provide services, including resource family care services, to persons who are between 18 and 21 years of age. In order to be eligible for the services, the person must meet certain conditions, including: the person was receiving services from DCF, on or after the person's 16th birthday; the person, on or after the person's 18th birthday, has not refused or requested that these services be terminated; and the commissioner determines that a continuation of services would be in the person's best interest and would assist that person to become an independent and productive adult. DCF is required to develop and implement policies to provide continued supportive services to youth, between the ages of 18 and 21, transitioning from the care of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, including those who are homeless. These services include: permanency planning, life skills training, aftercare services, transitional housing services, training and employment, and general transition support. **Please provide the number of young adults between 18 and 21 who are in foster care.**

DCF Response:

Out of Home Placement for Youth 18-21	
Family Based	211
Congregate Care	60
Independent Living	81
Total	352

Assemblyman Wimberly:

DCF funds a number of supervised and supportive transitional housing programs targeted to address the needs of homeless youth and young adults, between the ages of 16 and 21, transitioning out of resource family care. The programs provide youth and young adults with safe and stable housing, life skills training, case management, and employment and educational services. DCF also provides Section 8 housing vouchers to young people transitioning out of resource family care that are at risk of homelessness. The voucher program supports services promoting permanency, social connections, education and employment success, and self-sufficiency by implementing long term, stable, and supportive housing opportunities for youth until the age of 26. **Please provide the number of transitional housing units that are available for young adults up to the age of 26 in Paterson, New Jersey.**

DCF Response:

DCF offers a broad range of supervised, transitional and/or supportive youth housing programs across the state, targeted to address the needs of homeless youth, youth at-risk of homelessness and young adults between the ages of 16 and 21. The programs provide youth and young adults with safe and stable housing, life skills training, case management, employment and educational services. There are youth supportive housing program models including congregate care like settings, scattered site apartments and apartments that utilize housing vouchers.

All of the DCF youth supportive programs are available to youth statewide. Housing programs that utilize housing vouchers offer services that are available after a youth turns 21, including up to age 26, but participants are typically required to enter those programs before their 21st birthday.

Two programs in Passaic County are:

- New Jersey Community Development Corp – Supervised Transitional Living Program, Independence House (10 units)
- New Jersey Community Development Corp – Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Elm Street, Paterson (9 units)

Assemblywoman Pintor Marin:

The Senator Wynona Lipman Child Advocacy Center (known as Wynona's House), located in Newark, is collaboration of more than 70 multi-disciplinary advocates that leverage both public and private resources to improve the outcomes of children who are survivors of child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment within the 22 municipalities of Essex County. I have heard that Essex County providers of women's and childrens services, including Wynona's House, may be facing funding decreases in FY 2019. **Please provide a list of Essex County organizations that are funded by the department, indicate the funding levels in FY 2018 and FY 2019 for each, and explain the cause of any decrease.**

DCF Response:

Please see charts on the next two pages.

As the department transitions visitation services to a fee-for-service model, there will be fewer visitation services supported by cost reimbursement contracts in State Fiscal Year 2019. Funds remain available to support fee-for-service (FFS) supportive visitation programs in Essex County. The DCF anticipates that the services provided through FFS will meet or exceed Fiscal Year 2018 levels of service in the community.

In addition to the contracts in the chart below, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency supports children and families with more than 300 contracted services purchased on a fee-for-service basis such as; counseling, evaluations and assessments, substance use testing, respite services and sheltering.

Department of Children and Families
Contracts Serving Essex County
Fiscal Year 2018-2019

DCF Children's System of Care (CSOC)

Agency	Program Name/Service Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY18/FY19 Difference	Comments
ARC of Essex County	Family Support Services	\$ 345,157	\$ 345,157	\$ -	
Catholic Charities Diocese of Newark	Outpatient Substance Abuse & Mental Health Treatment Svcs	\$ 147,801	\$ 147,801	\$ -	
Community Health Law Project, Inc.	Family Support Services	\$ 111,873	\$ 111,873	\$ -	
Cope Center, Inc.	Adolescent Outpatient	\$ 108,476	\$ 108,476	\$ -	
Family Intervention Services	Children's Outpatient Specialist Services	\$ 62,823	\$ 62,823	\$ -	
Family Support Organization of Essex County	Family Support Services (FSO)	\$ 1,033,038	\$ 1,033,038	\$ -	
Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System	Intensive In-Home Family Counseling Program	\$ 186,233	\$ 186,233	\$ -	
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Behavioral Health Service	Children's Outpatient Program	\$ 188,260	\$ 188,260	\$ -	
Partnership for Children of Essex	Care Management (CMO)	\$ 834,703	\$ 834,703	\$ -	
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care	Outpatient - APN	\$ 100,570	\$ 100,570	\$ -	
Rutgers, The State University of NJ/Uni.Behavioral Health Ca	Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS)	\$ 269,865	\$ 269,865	\$ -	
Total CSOC Funding Amount:		\$ 3,388,799	\$ 3,388,799	\$ -	

DCF Division on Women (DOW)

Agency	Program Name/Service Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY18/FY19 Difference	Comments
Clara Maass	Domestic Violence Shelter/DV Liaison	\$ 928,756	\$ 928,756	\$ -	
Family Service League, Inc.	Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault/Prevention Program	\$ 145,453	\$ 145,453	\$ -	
National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County	Displaced Homemaker Centers	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	
Family Connections, Inc.	Domestic Violence - PALS	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ -	
Total DOW Funding Amount:		\$ 1,674,209	\$ 1,674,209	\$ -	

DCF Family and Community Partnerships (FCP)

Agency	Program Name/Service Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY18/FY19 Difference	Comments
ASPIRA, Inc.	Family Friendly Centers - Newark	\$ 45,463	\$ 45,463	\$ -	
Babyland Family Services Inc.	Family Friendly Centers	\$ 136,388	\$ 136,388	\$ -	
Boys & Girls Club Newark	At-Risk Youth	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
Child Hosp - NJ - Newark Beth Israel Med Ctr	School Based Youth Services Programs	\$ 355,116	\$ 355,116	\$ -	
Family Connections, Inc.	School Based Youth Services Programs	\$ 642,061	\$ 472,000	\$ (170,061)	Federal Grant ends 08/31/2018 (Project Launch)
Focus, Inc.	Family Success Center	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	
Independence: A Family of Services, Inc.	Family Success Center	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	
Ironbound Community Corporation	Family Success Centers, Family Friendly Centers	\$ 525,463	\$ 525,463	\$ -	
Jewish Renaissance Foundation	Newark School Based Health Care	\$ 624,100	\$ 624,100	\$ -	
La Casa De Don Pedro, Inc.	Family Success Centers/Early Childhood	\$ 542,963	\$ 525,463	\$ (17,500)	Federal Grant ends 08/31/2018 (Project Launch)
Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges	Family Friendly Center	\$ 45,463	\$ 45,463	\$ -	
Montclair State University	Training/Assistance to Early Childhood Programs State-wide	\$ 1,463,694	\$ 691,945	\$ (771,749)	Federal Grants: Pregnant and Parenting Teens (PPT) ends 06/30/2018; Project Launch ends 08/31/2018
New Community Corporation	Family Friendly Center	\$ 45,463	\$ 45,463	\$ -	
Newark Emergency Services	Family Success Center	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	
North Ward Center	Family Success Center	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	
Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern NJ, Inc.	Early Childhood	\$ 902,673	\$ 781,563	\$ (121,110)	Federal Grant ends 08/31/2018 (Project Launch)
Program for Parents, Inc.	Early Childhood	\$ 58,750	\$ -	\$ (58,750)	Federal Grant ends 08/31/2018 (Project Launch)
Salvation Army	Kinship Navigator	\$ 1,064,790	\$ 1,064,790	\$ -	
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)	Advocacy (State-wide)	\$ 74,250	\$ 18,000	\$ (56,250)	Federal Grant ends 08/31/2018 (Project Launch)
The Bridge, Inc.	School Based Programs	\$ 532,940	\$ 532,940	\$ -	
Unified Vailsburg Services Organization	School Based Programs	\$ 190,926	\$ 190,926	\$ -	
Visiting Nurse Assoc.of Central Jersey	Early Childhood	\$ 463,902	\$ 463,902	\$ -	
Youth Consultation Service	Early Childhood	\$ 784,591	\$ 784,591	\$ -	
Total FCP Funding Amount:		\$ 9,558,996	\$ 8,363,576	\$ (1,195,420)	

**Department of Children and Families
Contracts Serving Essex County
Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

DCF Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)

Agency	Program Name/Service Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY18/FY19 Difference	Comments
Apostle's House	Parent Aide Program	\$ 162,043	\$ 162,043	\$ -	
Babyland Family Services Inc.	Visitation/Parenting Classes	\$ 399,134	\$ -	\$ (399,134)	Contract ends 09/30/2018; visitation services continue in Essex County through a fee-for-service (FFS) model
Child Hosp - NJ - Newark Beth Israel Med Ctr	Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center	\$ 1,195,382	\$ 1,195,382	\$ -	
Children's Aid and Family Services, Inc.	Adoption Support Services (State-wide)	\$ 1,064,651	\$ 1,064,651	\$ -	
Court Appointed Special Advocate	Adolescent Services	\$ 95,181	\$ 95,181	\$ -	
Covenant House N.J., Inc.	Homeless Youth Shelter/Transitional Youth Living Programs	\$ 660,530	\$ 660,530	\$ -	
East Orange Substance Abuse Treatment Prog.	Substance Use Services	\$ 258,200	\$ 258,200	\$ -	
Essex County College	Parenting Skills	\$ 91,971	\$ 91,971	\$ -	
Family Connections, Inc.	Visitation Services for At-Risk Adolescents, Subst.Use Svs	\$ 4,542,207	\$ 2,114,321	\$ (2,427,886)	Two visitation components of this contract continue as a FFS model effective 7/1/18; This \$2.4 million will be available in Essex for supportive visitation services through FFS
Family Service Bureau of Newark	Adoption/Kinship Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
Independence: A Family of Services	Adolescent Services	\$ 1,264,593	\$ 716,436	\$ (548,157)	Provider requested to discontinue services
Integrity, Inc.	Intensive Outpatient Mothers & Children, Subst. Use Svs	\$ 361,260	\$ 361,260	\$ -	
Isaiah House	Community Creche - Adolescent Transitional Living	\$ 292,781	\$ 292,781	\$ -	
New Community Corporation	Newark New Start Program	\$ 134,919	\$ 134,919	\$ -	
Newark Day Center, Inc.	Parent Aide Program	\$ 354,113	\$ 354,113	\$ -	
Newark Renaissance House, Inc.	Residential Long Term Mothers & Children, Subst.Use Svs	\$ 1,560,573	\$ 1,560,573	\$ -	
North Ward Center, Inc.	Adolescent Services	\$ 992,740	\$ 992,740	\$ -	
Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network, Inc.	Therapy	\$ 76,154	\$ 76,154	\$ -	
Prime Healthcare Services - St. Michael's, LLC.	Intensive Outpatient Trmnt, Mothers w/Children, Subst.Use Svs	\$ 264,924	\$ 264,924	\$ -	
Project Use	Skills Building, Camp	\$ 76,326	\$ 76,326	\$ -	
The Bridge, Inc.	Substance Use Services (Adults), Lifeskills	\$ 389,232	\$ 389,232	\$ -	
Tri-City People's Corporation	Visitation, At-Risk Youth	\$ 1,208,380	\$ 167,693	\$ (1,040,687)	Two programs end 12/31/2018; these funds are available in Essex for supportive visitation services through a fee-for-service model
University Hospital	Outreach Risk Reduction Program	\$ 84,215	\$ 84,215	\$ -	
Urban League of Essex County	Life Skills	\$ 59,923	\$ 59,923	\$ -	
Wynona's House Child Advocacy Center	Wynona's House Child Advocacy Center	\$ 728,210	\$ 728,210	\$ -	
YMWCA of Newark & Vicinity	Contracted Youth Shelter Care	\$ 172,367	\$ 172,367	\$ -	
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.	Youth Mentoring	\$ 791,647	\$ 791,647	\$ -	
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.	Foster Home Support/In Home Behavioral Supp Foster Care	\$ 551,261	\$ 551,261	\$ -	
Youth Consultation Service	Adoption/Kinship Support Service	\$ 57,758	\$ 57,758	\$ -	
Total DCP&P Funding Amount:		\$17,940,675	\$ 13,524,811	\$ (4,415,864)	

Note: Cost reimbursement contracts for visitation services will be lower in State Fiscal Year 2019, but funds remain available for services in Essex County and will be used to support the fee-for-service (FFS) supportive visitation programs. It is anticipated that the services provided through FFS will meet or exceed Fiscal Year 2018 levels of service.

The Statewide Child Collaborative Behavioral Health Care Program consists of nine regional telehealth hubs operated by grantee health systems, each with a psychiatrist on call for pediatricians to provide quick access to psychiatric consultation and facilitate referrals for child behavioral health services. The department responded to FY 2019 OLS Discussion Point questions that the program has been effective in meeting its objectives. The department anticipates an estimated 1200 pediatricians will participate in the program in FY 2019, screening 50,000 children and youth for mental health and substance use disorders, and referring 7,500 to 8,000 children to the telehealth hubs for consultation and additional services. **Is there a possibility that the department could partner with the Department of Education to expand the program to allow schools to access the services of the regional telehealth hubs?**

DCF Response:

DCF connected with leadership at the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) and shared information about the Child Behavioral Health Collaborative. The departments appreciated the opportunity to discuss this program. Staff believes it is not feasible to integrate universal screening for behavioral health conditions into a school setting; doing so would raise legal challenges around privacy and consent. Schools have policies and procedures in place to address any concerns or crises that arise in a school setting and to assist parents as needed and with their permission to access services. DOE indicated that schools are aware of the DCF Children's System of Care and refer parents when they identify a student's need for behavioral health services.