

**Department of Children & Families**  
**FY 2020 Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee**  
**Follow-up Questions**

**Senator Sarlo and Senator Singleton:**

Evaluation Data on page D-37 of the Governor’s FY 2020 Budget show that the number of domestic violence prevention programs funded through the Division on Women is expected to increase from 41 programs in FY 2019 to 44 programs in FY 2020, while total program costs remain unchanged at \$16.0 million. For each of FY 2019 and FY 2020, please provide the detailed allocation of Division on Women grant funding to domestic violence prevention programs.

**DCF Response:** A review of the evaluation data on page D-37 of the Governor’s FY 2020 Budget revealed an error in the FY 2019 column. The number of programs for FY 2019 is 44, the same as the number of programs planned for FY 2020. The program number changed from 41 in FY 2018 to 44 in FY 2019 when three (3) new Batterer’s Intervention Programs began.

Below is the list of domestic violence prevention programs funded by the Division on Women for FY 2019 and proposed for funding in FY 2020.

**NJDCF Domestic Violence Prevention Programs FY 2019-2020**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b># of Programs</b>	<b>FY19 Total</b>	<b>FY20 Total</b>
Batterer's Intervention Programs (BIP)	6	\$809,405	\$809,405
Culturally Specific Program	1	\$156,888	\$156,888
Domestic Violence Coalition/Training TA	1	\$337,754	\$337,754
Hotlines	2	\$70,295	\$70,295
Legal Services	2	\$146,539	\$146,539
Peace, A Learned Solution (PALS)	10	\$4,611,743	\$4,611,743
Shelters/Services	22	\$10,591,243	\$10,591,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$16,723,867</b>	<b>\$16,723,867</b>

**Senator Cunningham:**

Please specify the number of contracted agencies that provide Mobile Response and Stabilization services for the Children’s System of Care as well as the number of employees of such agencies who are out in the field providing Mobile Response and Stabilization services.

**DCF Response:** The DCF Children’s System of Care and Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) catchment areas correspond to the 15 Superior Court Vicinages and provide coverage throughout the state. Below is a chart indicating the agencies and number of employees supported in each contract.

**New Jersey Department of Children & Families  
Children’s System of Care  
Mobile Response & Stabilization Services**

<b>County</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Number of Workers</b>	<b>Number of Supervisors</b>
Bergen	Care Plus NJ	29.4	4.9
Burlington	Legacy Treatment Services	23.9	4
Camden	Oaks Integrated Care	41.2	6.9
Cape/Atlantic	AtlantiCare Behavioral Health	26.2	4.4
Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem	Robin’s Nest, Inc.	43.3	7.2
Essex	Rutgers-UBHC - Newark	43.1	7.2
Hudson	Catholic Charities, Archdioces of Newark	20.3	3.4
Mercer	Catholic Charities, Archdioces of Trenton	14.9	2.5
Middlesex	Rutgers-UBHC - New Brunswick	32.9	5.5
Monmouth	CPC Behavioral Healthcare	29.5	4.9
Morris/Sussex	Family Intervention Services	18	3
Ocean	Preferred Behavioral Health	33.8	5.6
Passaic	Family Intervention Services	35.1	5.9
Hunterdon/Somerset/Warren	Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen	23	3.3
Union	Trinitas Hospital/New Point Campus	23.3	3.8
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>437.9</b>	<b>72.5</b>

**Senator Thompson:**

In response to FY 2020 OLS Discussion Point #13, the department provided data on the Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) program administered by the Children's System of Care. The data show a 47 percent decrease in the number of children served by the program from 10,332 children in FY 2018 to 5,461 children in FY 2019. At the same time, total claims are projected to decrease by only 10 percent from \$70.8 million in FY 2018 to \$63.4 million in FY 2019. What factors account for the anticipated reduction of 47 percent in the number of children served under the SED program in FY 2019? Why are total SED program claims projected to only decline by 10 percent if the number of children is projected to fall by a far greater 47 percent?

**DCF Response:**

To clarify, for Fiscal Year 2019, the SED program served 5,461 children as of April 2019 when the information was provided in the response to the OLS Discussion Point. This information was a point in time measurement.

In Fiscal Year 2019, 6,527 SED youth were eligible for services under this program. Data suggests that more children are being served through Mobile Response and Stabilization Services program that is relatively inexpensive compared to other services for this population, so while we do see a decrease in the number of children served under the waiver, there is less impact on the overall expenditures.

**Senator Greenstein:**

In response to FY 2019 OLS Discussion Point #15 the department reported that from April 23, 2017 to April 23, 2018, there were 88 reported worker safety incidents. Please provide the number of worker safety incidents that have occurred since April 23, 2018 and explain any change from the total for the prior 12-month period.

**DCF Response:** From April 23, 2018 to April 23, 2019, 55 worker safety incidents reported included harassment, verbal altercation, physical altercation and threats to staff.

In calendar year 2019, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency centralized its data collection and developed a more in-depth analysis of incident reporting which seems to have resulted in a reduced number of incidents identified as worker safety concerns. The Division is working to formalize this process within its data collection methodologies as well as its operational definitions of the categories to ensure accurate representation of any safety or other type of concern.

In addition, please respond to the following questions.

**Senator Ruiz:**

**Question:** What is the department's vision for sustaining and expanding evidence-based home visiting through the New Jersey Home Visiting Initiative?

**DCF Response:** The sustainability of the New Jersey Home Visiting (NJ-HV) Initiative depends on the collective support of its federal, state, and local partners. The current statewide network of NJ-HV services has benefited from blended funding from federal and state sources. The NJ-HV Program has met with the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the development of a Medicaid 1115 Waiver that would permit third-party reimbursement for certified home visiting services thru a three-year Medicaid Home Visiting Demonstration Project.

**Question:** What is the department doing to promote the New Jersey Home Visiting Initiative to pregnant women, and women with babies and young children?

**DCF Response:** The NJ-HV Initiative promotes its services through statewide partnerships at the state, regional, county, and local community level. A statewide network of 29 local implementing agencies has been developed over the past 24 years to provide 4 evidence-based home visiting models [Healthy Families, Parents As Teachers, Nurse Family Partnership in all 21 counties and HIPPI (Bergen County only)]. Referrals to the home visiting programs are promoted by prenatal care providers using a standardized two-page needs assessment tool called the Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA). Community-based referrals to the home visiting programs from local service providers are promoted using a similar Community Health Screen (CHS). The Central Intake system triages the referrals to facilitate the enrollment of families in home visiting and other needed support services and programs.

**Questions:** What is the State's investment in the New Jersey Home Visiting Initiative for FY 2020, as well as the past three fiscal years? What is that investment by evidence-based home visiting model available through the New Jersey Home Visiting Initiative? To be clear, this is specific to the State's investment not including funding through the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

**DCF Response:** See chart below for requested information

**New Jersey Department of Children and Families**

**Home Visitation Program Contracts**

**State Funds Only**

<b>PROGRAM CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROVIDER</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY17</b>
HIPPY	BERGEN FAMILY CENTER	\$50,016	\$50,016	\$25,008	\$0
Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers (PAT)	YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE	\$467,656	\$467,656	\$467,656	\$467,656
Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Healthy Families	ROBIN'S NEST	\$574,294	\$574,294	\$574,294	\$574,294
Nurse Family Partnership and Healthy Families- TIP and Parents as Teachers	SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY	\$397,617	\$397,617	\$422,622	\$447,633
Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers	PROJECT SELF SUFFICIENCY OF SUSSEX	\$176,187	\$176,187	\$176,187	\$176,187
Home Visitation Program, Nurse Family Partnership, Parents as Teacher	VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION	\$384,277	\$384,277	\$384,277	\$384,277
Parents as Teachers	FAMCARE, INC	\$206,108	\$206,108	\$206,108	\$206,104
Home Visitation Program	UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL JERSEY	\$400,368	\$400,368	\$400,368	\$400,362
Home Visitation Program	CHILDREN'S FUTURE INC.	\$180,342	\$180,342	\$180,342	\$180,342
Healthy Families- TIP	HOLY REDEEMER HEALTH SYSTEM	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Healthy Families- TIP	VISITING NURSE ASSOC. OF CENTRAL JERSEY	\$213,346	\$213,346	\$213,346	\$213,346
Healthy Families- TIP	VISITING NURSE ASSOC. OF CENTRAL JERSEY	\$160,524	\$160,524	\$160,524	\$160,524
Healthy Families- TIP	NORTHWEST NJ COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM	\$167,956	\$167,956	\$167,956	\$167,956
Healthy Families- TIP and Parents as Teacher	THE PARTNERSHIP FOR MATERNAL	\$611,404	\$611,404	\$611,404	\$611,390
	<b>Total State Funds</b>	<b>\$4,040,095</b>	<b>\$4,040,095</b>	<b>\$4,040,092</b>	<b>\$4,040,071</b>