Improve Iowans’ Employment and Economic Security

Family Investment Program/PROMISE JOBS
Child Care Assistance
Child Support Recovery
Family Investment Program

OVERVIEW
Iowa’s Family Investment Program (FIP) is a cash assistance program to support low-income families with children and to provide services to assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

BUDGET DRIVERS:
- Caseload and cost per case trends
- Implementation of the Kinship Caregiver Payment Program causing the FIP Caretaker caseload to decrease as eligible households transition to this new payment program
- Reinstatement of PROMISE JOBS work requirements and related penalties that had been suspended due to the pandemic is expected to result in more cases being canceled

STATISTICS:
- An average of 6,771 families per month received FIP in SFY21
- An average of 3,153 families per month received PROMISE JOBS in SFY21
- Average length of time families receive FIP benefits:
  - Single parent family: 23 months
  - Two-parent family: 10 months
  - Caretaker family: 33 months
- The SFY21 average annual FIP benefit per recipient was $1,629
- The average SFY21 PROMISE JOBS cost of service per person was $2,332

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SFY22 Total Funding $108,076,983

- State General Fund (38%)
- Federal (57%)
- Other Funding (5%)
Child Care Assistance

OVERVIEW
The Child Care Assistance (CCA) Program supports low-income families with working parents, parents gaining work skills, and parents going to school. In addition to paying for child care, this appropriation supports the regulation of child care providers and quality improvement activities.

BUDGET DRIVERS:
- Provider reimbursement rate increases
- CCA caseload and cost per case trends and transition back to pre-COVID levels
- New CCA Exit program to begin SFY23
- Providers participating in the Quality Rating System (QRS)
- Amount of federal funds available

STATISTICS:
- SFY21 average monthly # of children served:
  - Regular CCA: 16,233
  - CCA Plus: 1,651
  - Protective: 1,047
  - PROMISE JOBS: 588
- # of QRS rated providers as of June 2021: 1,525
- Average monthly cost per child: $486.32

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SFY22 Total Funding $167,120,221

- State (24%)
- Federal (76%)
Child Support Recovery Unit

OVERVIEW
The Child Support Recovery Unit helps parents establish paternity and support orders and enforces orders for support. Child support collections help families become self-sufficient. Operating the state child support enforcement program is required as part of the TANF state plan.

BUDGET DRIVERS:
- The average annual cost of services is $396 per case
- In SFY22, 63 percent of the CSRU operating budget is staffing costs and 36 percent is support costs

STATISTICS:
- In SFY21, CSRU served 528,715 parents and children on 150,203 cases
- CSRU filed 9,000 affidavits establishing paternity, 4,560 orders establishing paternity and support, and 2,963 modifications of child support orders
- CSRU collected over 72 percent of current support in the month due
- Over 2.5 million child support payments were processed in SFY21, totaling $321.4 million
- Over $18.4 million in collections went to state and federal governments to offset the cost of public assistance

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Fully funding CSRU promotes collections for families and support collections to offset public assistance provided through the FIP program

SFY22 Total Funding $58,353,796