



FY2026 Budget

Joint Finance Committee Hearing

Steven Yeatman
Cabinet Secretary

February 2025

FY26 Operating Budget		
	Funding	
	GF	ASF
FY25 Final Operating Budget	\$218,944.9	\$9,437.8
Door Openers		
Adoption Inflation	\$1,275.0	
Treatment Services	\$2,729.6	
HOPE Center	\$360.0	
Structural		
Personnel Contingency	\$11,170.4	
SEUS	\$750.1	\$26.5
Special Projects		\$40.0
FY26 Requested Operating Budget	\$235,230.0	\$9,504.3



Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families



ABOUT US

The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF)

- Established in 1983 by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware
- Child Welfare, Prevention and Behavioral Health, Juvenile Justice, Management and Support Services
- 1,400 staff at 31 locations and serves an estimated 8,000 children



Division of Family Services (DFS)

The mission of the Division of Family Services is to promote the safety and well-being of children and their families through prevention, protection, and permanency.

DFS investigates child abuse, neglect and dependency, offers treatment services, foster care, adoption, and independent living services. Staff members are dedicated to protecting children and helping them gain a sense of well-being and to achieve permanency.



Trenee Parker
Director
Family Services



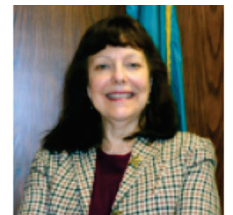
Susan Murray
Deputy Director
Family Services



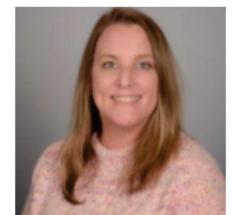
Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS)

The mission of the Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services is to develop and support a family-driven, youth guided, trauma informed prevention and behavioral health system of care.

DPBHS provides prevention, early intervention and behavioral health treatment services statewide. Staff members promote safe and healthy children, nurture families and communities, support social and academic success, and improve early identification of needs. DPBHS also serves families of children and youth who receive Medicaid benefits or who are uninsured (through age 17) with behavioral treatment needs.



Dr. Aileen Fink
Director
Prevention and
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Services



Dr. Stephanie Traynor
Deputy Director
Prevention and
Behavioral Health
Services



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Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS)

The Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services is the lead juvenile justice agency serving youth ordered to our care through the judicial system. The goal of all our programs is to reduce recidivism and promote positive outcomes.

DYRS is responsible for assessing the needs of youth and collaborating with their families, school, and support systems to coordinate services aimed at addressing the factors that contributed to delinquency. DYRS offers supervision and services through Civil Citation, Community Services, Detention Services, Residential Alternatives to Detention, and Secure Care Treatment.



Renee Ciconte
Director

Youth Rehabilitative
Services



Rebecca Richmond
Deputy Director

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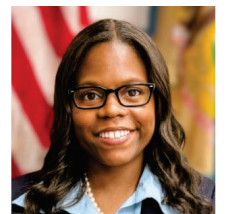


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Division of Management Support Services (DMSS)

The mission of the Division of Management Support Services is “Helping Those Who Help Children and Families.”

DMSS provides critical support functions for the three direct service divisions to ensure services to employees and clients are delivered efficiently and effectively. DMSS also provides education to youth who are served in the YRS and PBH residential programs.



Donna Thompson, Esq.
Director

Management
Support Services



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Project Name	FY 26 GF Request
Adoption Contract Inflation	\$1,275,000



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Project Name	FY 26 GF Request
Treatment Services Increase	\$2,729,600



Project Name	FY 26 Request
DFS HOPE Center Collaboration	\$360,000



Performance Measures

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026
Performance Measure	Actual	Budget	Governor's Recommended
% of initial investigation contacts on time	82	95	95
% of timely initial treatment contacts	73	95	95
% of exits to adoption in less than 24 months	52	37	37



Performance Measures

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026
Performance Measure	Actual	Budget	Governor's Recommended
% of children in DSCYF out-of-home care	10.5	12	12
% of 30-day hospital readmissions	15	12	15
% of youth on probation/aftercare with increased protective factors	48	60	60



Vacant Position Update Per Section 31 of Senate Bill 325

- 1,311 Positions in the Department
- 8.5 positions met the requirements for review under Section 31 in September 2024

Meyer Administration Values

INTEGRITY

Actions speak louder than words - actions build trust. We will lead with transparency and accountability to ensure every decision serves the public good.

EFFICIENCY

Government should work smarter, not harder. We will eliminate waste, streamline services, and prioritize execution over excuses.

COLLABORATION

Lasting change requires teamwork. We will break down silos, build strong partnerships, and deliver solutions that work.