

<b>Children Remain with Caretaker Relatives</b>	<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-02-G4
	<b>Division:</b> Human and Community
	<b>Program:</b> TANF
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**Program or Project Description:**

Provide support in the form of TANF funded child care for working relative caretakers of children who might otherwise be in foster care.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 30, 2010
	2010		2011		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds	466,704	413,304	485,072		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$466,704</b>	<b>\$413,304</b>	<b>\$485,072</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Goal(s):**

No goals were provided. LFD provides the following from the Governor's appropriation request as noted on page B-38 in the LFD Fiscal Report. 1) To stabilize the lives of children who are unable to be cared for by their parents, and to prevent these children from entering the child welfare system; and 2) To provide TANF-funded child care to approximately 56-60 working caretaker relative situations monthly to allow them to continue employment while caring for these children.

**Performance Measures :**

Provided by LFD staff from page B-38 in the LFD Fiscal Report.

Outcomes measured would be the number of employed caretaker relative families that continue to use the childcare services, and the number of children benefiting from the experience of quality childcare services. Between July 2007 and fiscal year end 2008, an unduplicated 81 working caretaker relative families benefited from this program.

2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 No milestones were provided by the division. The following were provided in the Governor's budget request. (pg. B-41 in the LFD Fiscal Report)		
2 Accept child care benefit applications from caretaker relatives	On-going	
3 Monitor number of working relative caretakers with childcare benefits and number of children receiving childcare	Monthly	
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**Performance Report:**

As of March 1, 2010, there were 113 unduplicated families with 184 children served with no waiting list. These are children who might otherwise be in foster care. As of October 1, 2009 eligibility is limited to 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

LFD note: 250 percent of poverty equals \$55,125 for a family of four.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT: No further report needed

DATA RELEVANCE: yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: On Track

LFD comments:

This program is basically on track with regard to the goals and performance criteria submitted with the budget request. However, this is a continuation of a previously funded program. As noted on page B-25 of the LFD Fiscal Report, the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee talked about tracking the number of families or children served, expenditures, and the children remaining in relative care versus those that ended up in foster care.

The workgroup may wish to recommend: 1) that the department develop a reporting process to track the children remaining in relative care versus those that ended up in foster care that were served by relative care in prior years, as well as the number of children whose relatives were in this program that received permanency with a relative, and the number returned to the birth parent; and 2) that a report on this process and its ultimate implementation is made to the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee during the 2013 session.

Options

Change the LFD assessment

Request that the division develop a reporting process to track children returning to foster care and report to the subcommittee during the 2013 session.

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Change Description
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