

DCYF 2022 Supplemental Session Legislative Update

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Agenda



- 2022 Legislative Session Preview
- DCYF's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Budget Overview
- Governor's Proposed Budget Overview



2022 Legislative Session Preview

Shorter supplemental legislative session

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Hybrid/Remote session

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Significant 2021 Investments in DCYF

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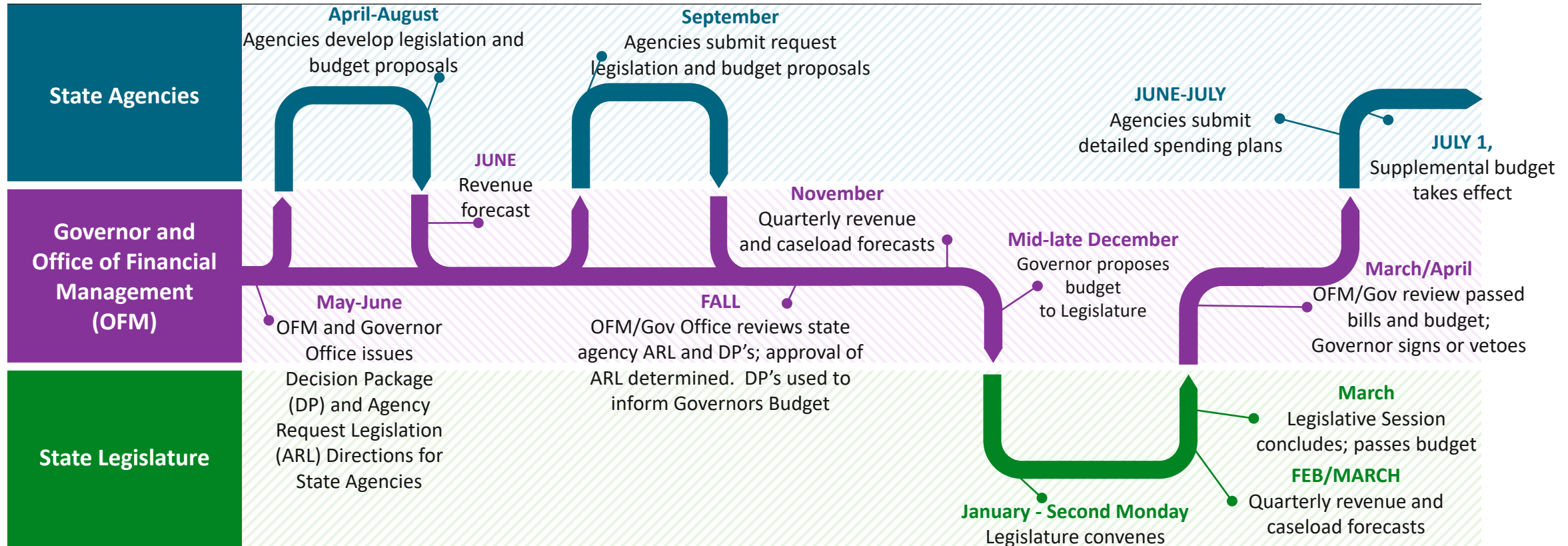
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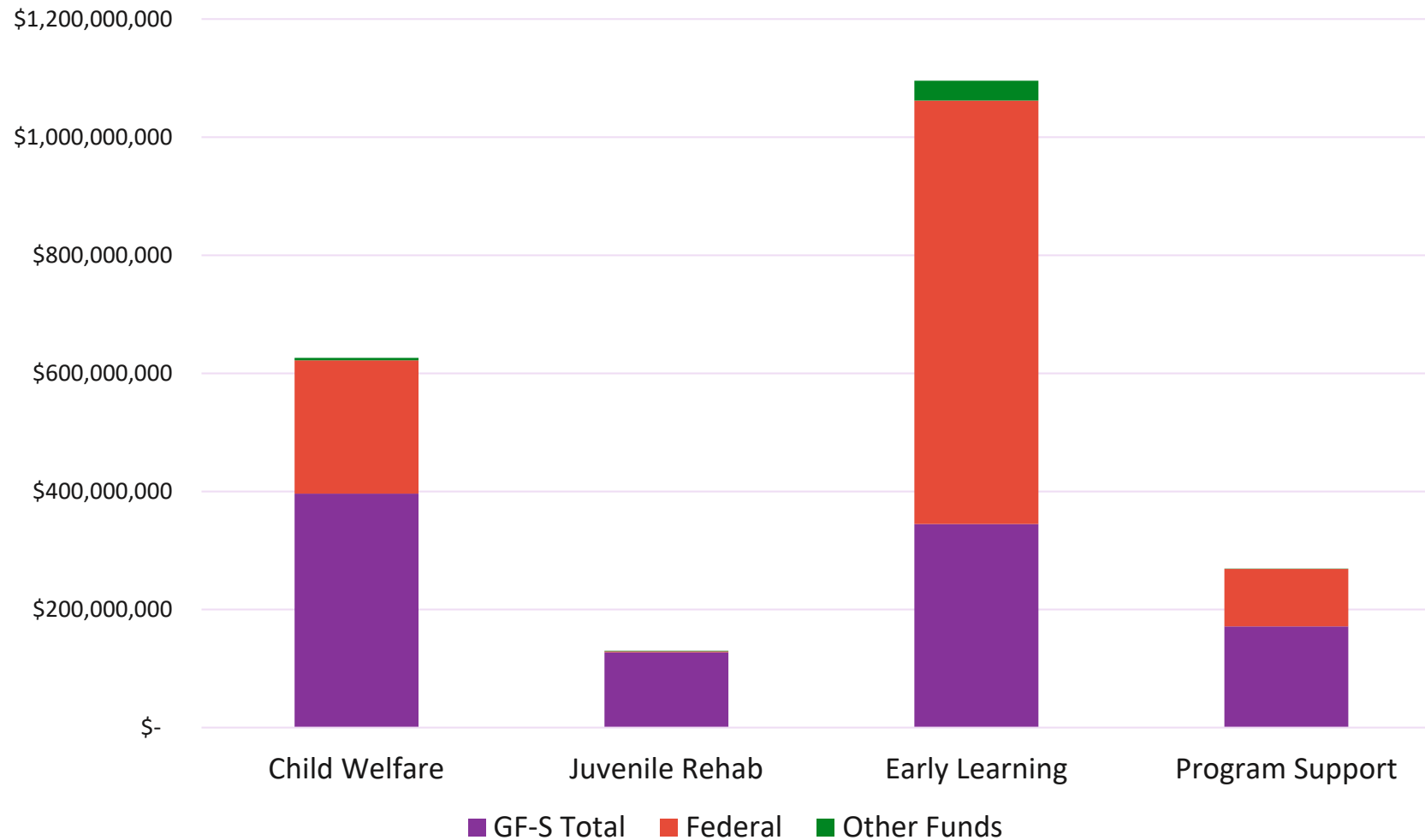
Preparing for Session – Supplemental Year Timeline



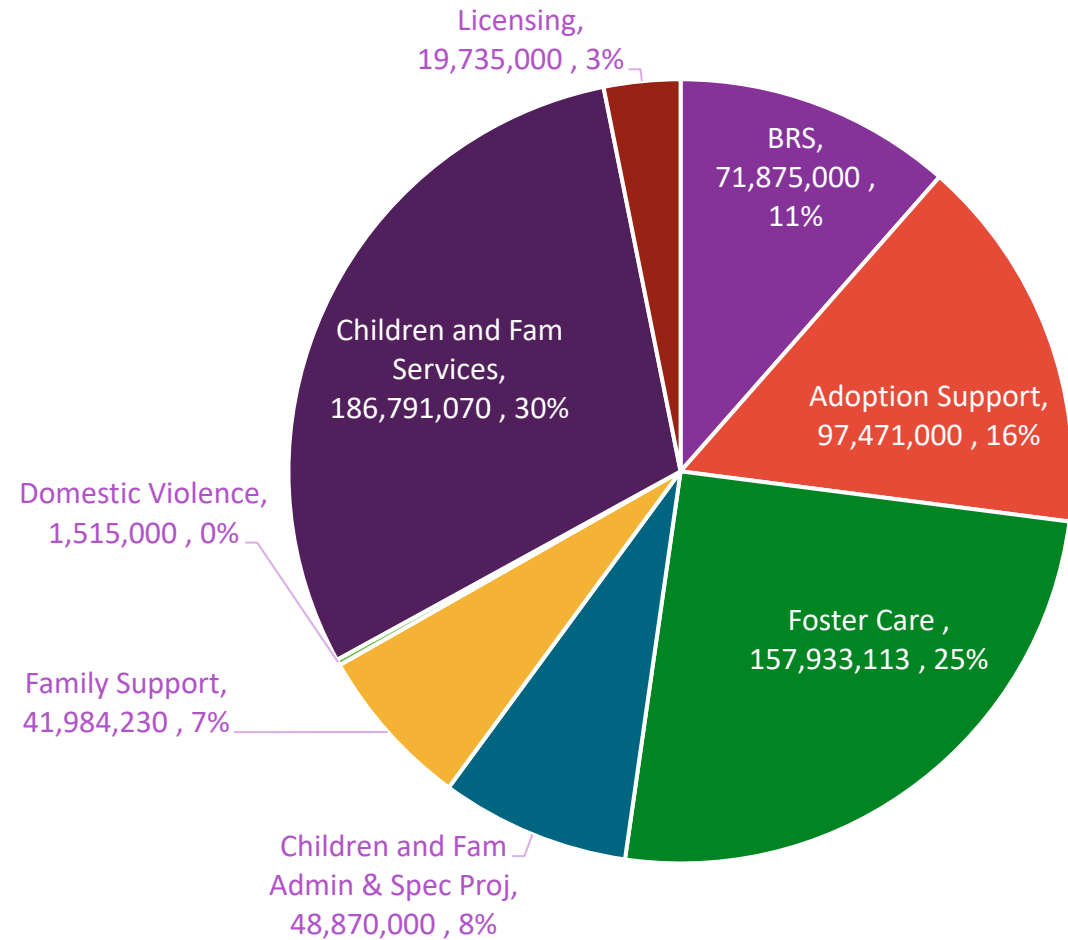
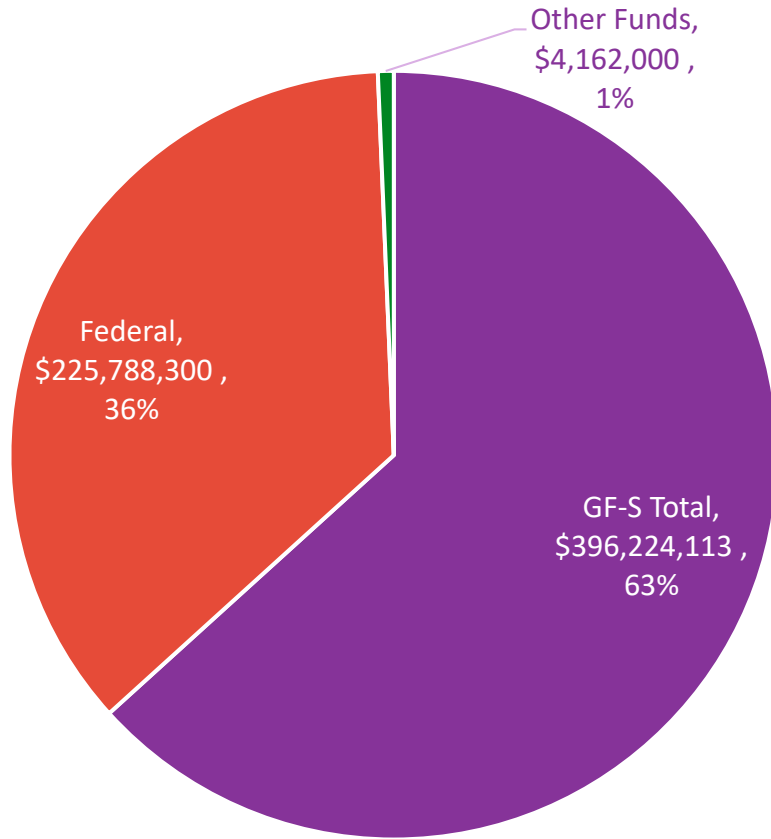
DCYF Budget Overview



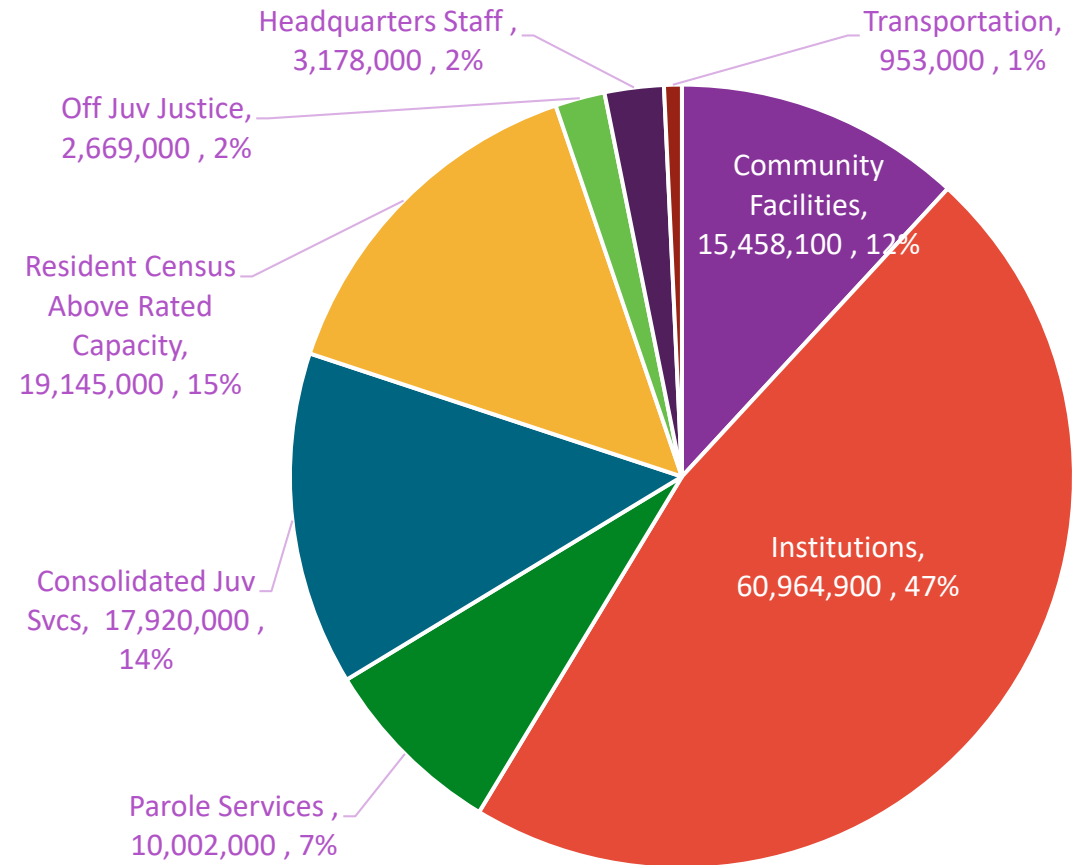
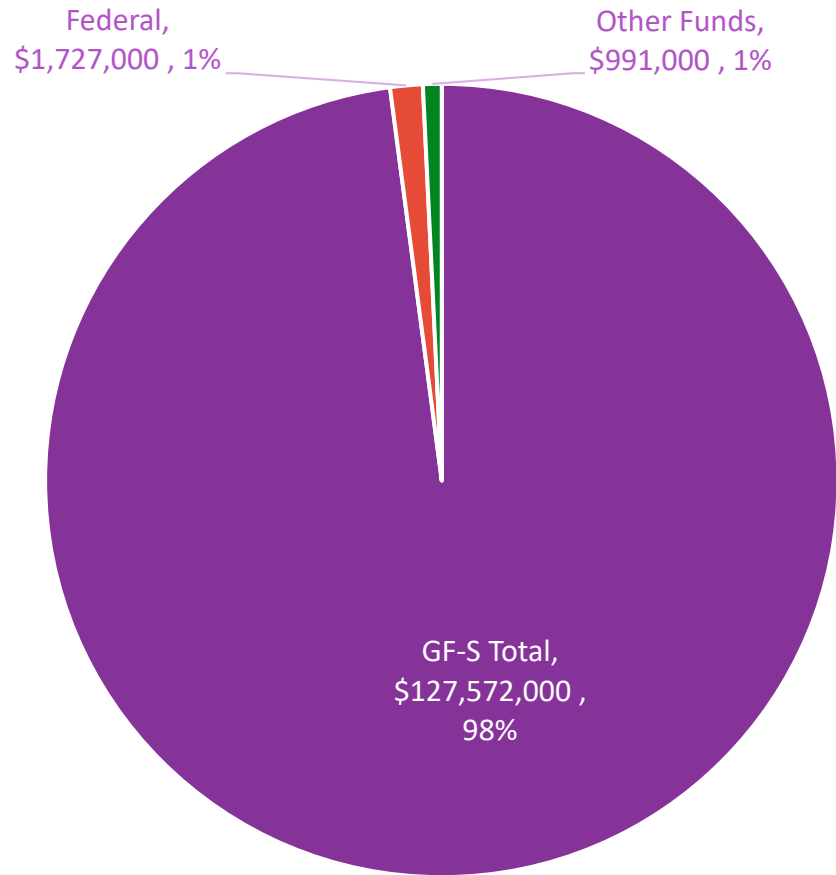
DCYF's SFY 2022 Budget



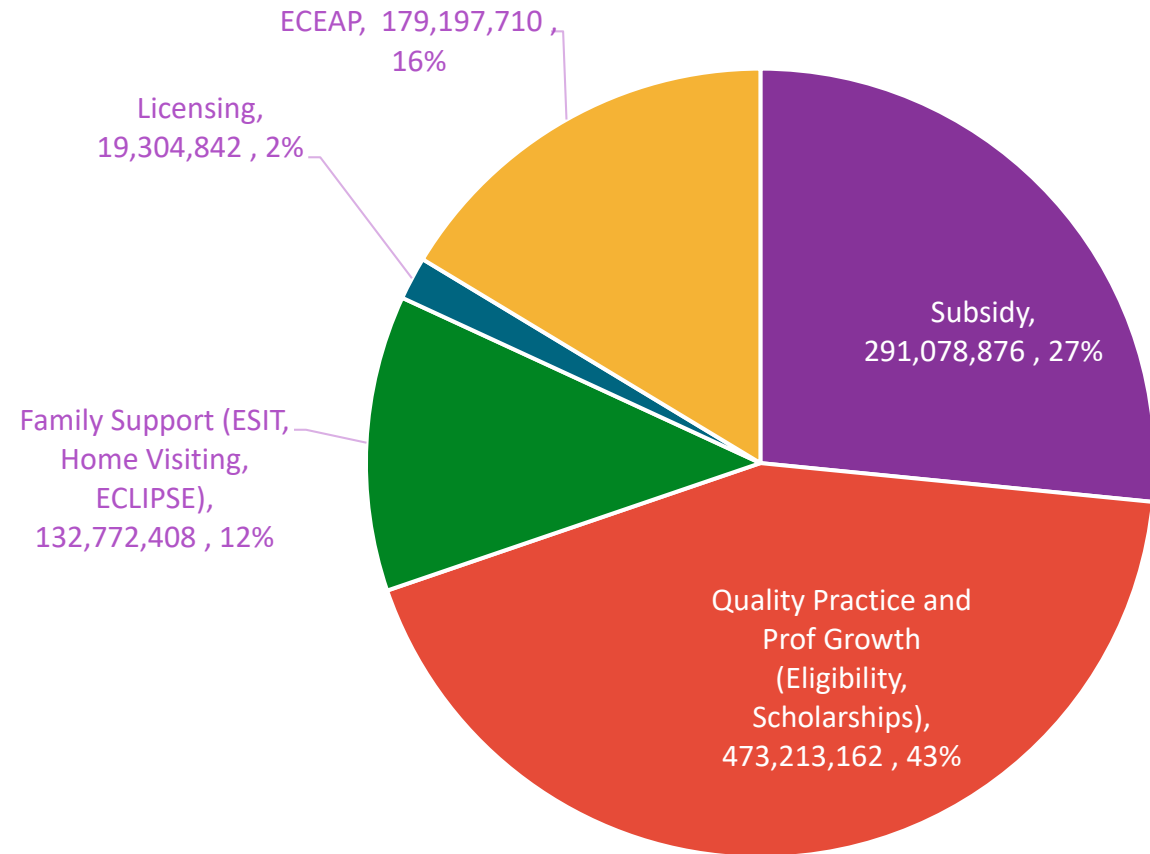
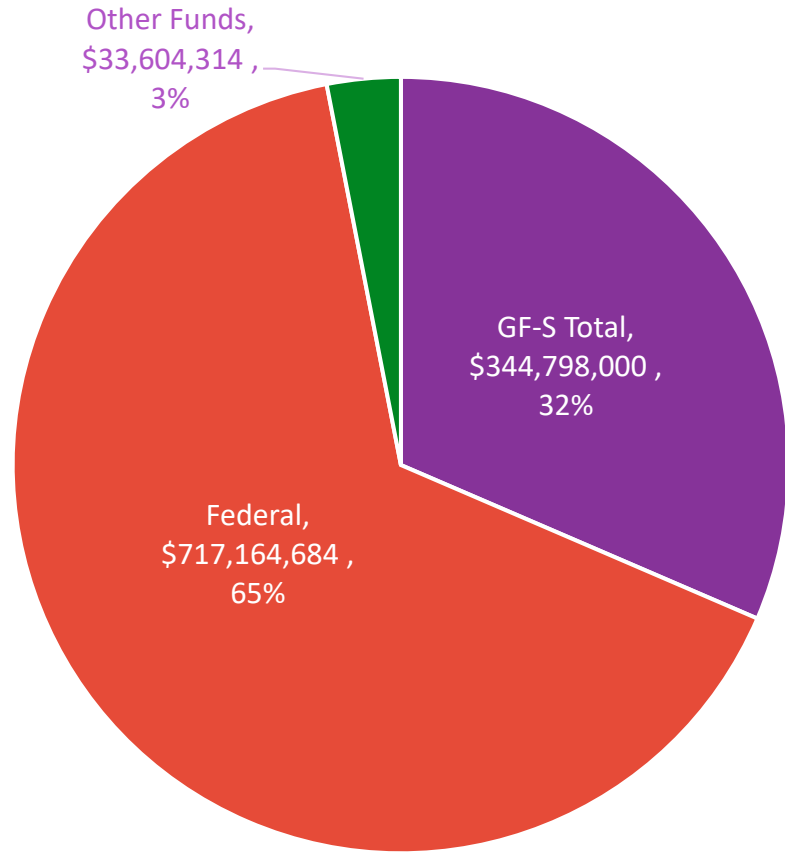
SFY 2022 Child Welfare Budget



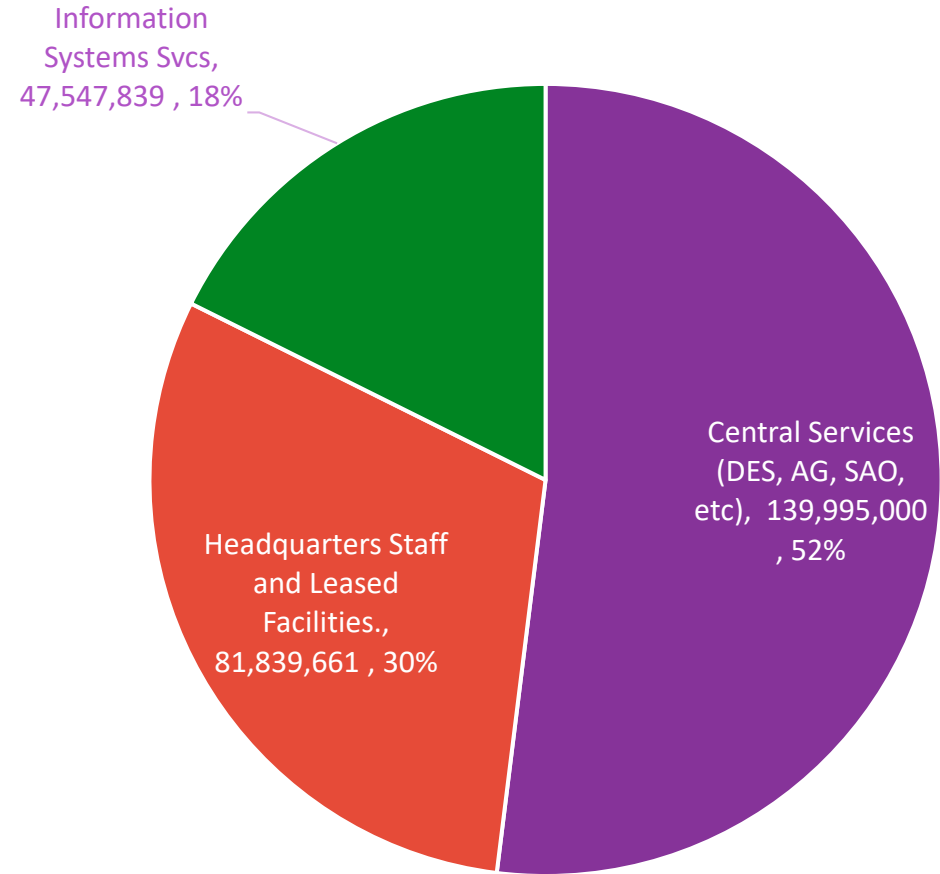
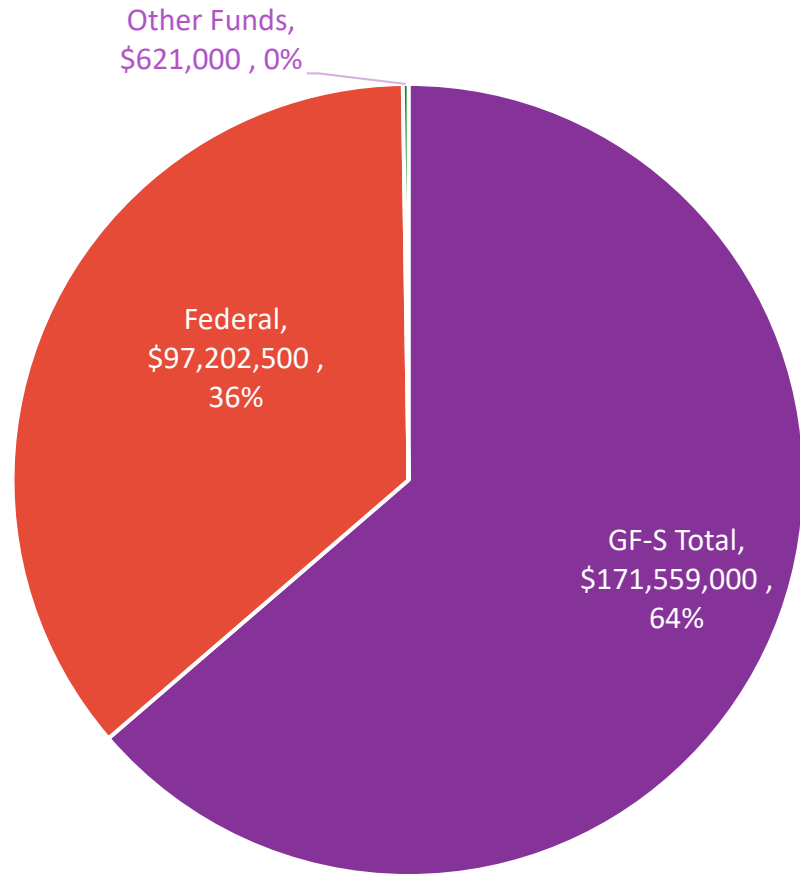
SFY 2022 Juvenile Rehabilitation



SFY 2022 Early Learning



SFY 2022 Program Support Budget



2022 Supplemental Session Governor's Budget Proposal Highlights



DCYF Legislative Priority Development




- Short session, supplemental – informed authorizing environment
- Ensure passage and funding of all DCYF Agency Request Legislation and Decision Packages
- Support proposals that advance racial equity and reduce racial disproportionality
- Support proposals that align with DCYF's strategic priorities



DCYF ARL & DP Proposals and Funded Amounts

Decision Packages	Request Summary
Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance	<p>Funding is provided for the department to comply with the updated standards set forth by the court decisions, including 75 FTE staff, training revisions, and IT system changes.</p> <p>\$12.1 million ✓ Fully Funded</p>
Combined In-home Services (CIHS)	<p>DCYF has seen a reduction in the number of CIHS contractors and in the service capacity of active contractors. This delays the provision of services to parents and limits the projected service capacity needed for the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act. Funding is provided for a rate increase for combined in-home services, which will increase the availability of high-quality CIHS statewide in support of this act.</p> <p>\$8.4 million ✓ Fully Funded</p>
Family Time Rates	<p>Funding is provided to increase the hourly reimbursement rate, allow for visit-supporting functions to be paid as separate items, reimburse all mileage, and create a quality oversight and ICWA compliance contracting structure. This funding will stabilize family time services, which serve as a critical infrastructure in supporting timely permanency.</p> <p>\$28.7 million ✓ Fully Funded</p>

DCYF ARL & DP Proposals and Funded Amounts

Decision Packages	Request Summary
Exceptional Placement	Funding is provided to increase rates for BRS treatment facilities, foster homes, and case aides; add 10 FTE staff to conduct shared planning and family team decision-making, which are required per court order; pay Attorney General's Office litigation expenses; and establish a housing pilot. \$23.7 million  Fully Funded
Kinship Caregiver Engagement Unit	Funding is provided for statewide implementation of the kinship caregiver engagement unit, which includes 15 FTE staff beginning in fiscal year 2023. \$1.9 million  Fully Funded
ECEAP Slot Conversion and Quality	Funding is provided to convert 2,077 part-day slots to school day (1,765) and working day (312). The vast majority of ECEAP slots are part-day, which do not fully meet the needs of working families. This will provide ECEAP slots that better meet the needs of working families and help the department prepare to provide preschool for all children by 2027. Additionally, funding is provided solely for a quality support rate for the early childhood education and assistance program. \$10.595mil
Agency Request Legislation	
Parent Pay Repeal	General Fund-State funding is provided to backfill the revenue loss to DCYF caused by repealing the statutes requiring these payments, as proposed in DCYF agency request legislation. \$1.7 million GF-State  Fully Funded

DCYF Staffing Highlights

Category	Summary
Targeted Base Range Increases	A number of specific job classifications will receive salary range increases, resulting in wage increases between 5-13%, contingent upon funding in the enacted budget and bargained by State HR with the relevant unions.
Cost of Living Salary Increase	General wage increase of 3.25%, effective July 1, 2022 is provided for represented and non-represented state employees.
Lump Sum Payment	A graduated lump sum payment for represented employees making \$99,000 or less and who were employed continuously starting on or before July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
SEIU 1199 General Government	The collective bargaining agreement includes a retention bonus payable in two equal installments. Part time nurses will receive a retention incentive that is proportionate to the number of hours worked.

Annual Full-time Salary Equivalent		Maximum Lump Sum Payment Amount
Greater than or Equal to	Less than	
\$28,584	\$47,331	\$3,400.00
\$47,331	\$64,554	\$2,550.00
\$64,554	\$81,777	\$1,700.00
\$81,777	\$99,000	\$850.00



DCYF Staffing Highlights Continued – Base Range Increases

Targeted Base Range increases for certain job classifications

- Juvenile Rehabilitation Community Counselor – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Juvenile Rehabilitation Counselor Assistant – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Juvenile Rehabilitation Resident Counselor – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Juvenile Rehabilitation Supervisor – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Social Service Specialist 2 & 3 – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Social Service Training Specialist – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Food Service Manager 2 – 5 ranges, approximately 12.5 percent
- Maintenance Mechanic 1-4 – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Maintenance Specialist 4 – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Office Assistant 2 & 3 and Secretary Senior – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Office Manager 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Office Support Supervisor, 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Secretary Lead – 3 ranges, approximately 7.5 percent
- Secretary Supervisor – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Procurement and Supply Specialist 1-3 – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Warehouse Operator 2 – 2 salary ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Fiscal Analyst 1-4 – 4 ranges, approximately 10 percent
- Fiscal Technician 2 – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent
- Fiscal Analyst 5 – 2 ranges, approximately 5 percent



2022 Early Learning Highlights

Category	Summary
Family Child Care Provider Cost of Care Enhancement	\$48,508,000 (\$27,508,000 GF-State) is provided for one time cost of care enhancement for family child care providers in response to the negotiated collective bargaining agreement reopener for fiscal year 2023.
Tribal Mental Health Consultants	\$260,000 GF-State is provided for the department to contract for two tribal mental health consultants, one located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, who will provide culturally relevant infant and early childhood mental health supports for tribal child care and early learning programs. The department must consult with federally recognized tribes through the Indian policy early learning committee during the contracting process for the tribal mental health consultants.
Background Check Fee Assistance	\$1,267,000 GF-State is provided for the department to pay the background check application fee and the fingerprint processing fee to reduce the time involved in completing the background check. This is estimated to reduce the timeline for newly hired child care workers to be cleared to begin working by about 3-5 days.
Summer ECEAP	\$5,970,000 GF-State is provided solely for the department to provide early childhood education and assistance program services during summer 2022.



2022 Child Welfare Highlights

Category	Summary
Child Support Foster Care	<p>\$2,188,000 (\$1,798,000 GF-State) is provided for DCYF to change practice in how referrals for child support collection are made when children are placed in out of home care. The Governor's budget assumes this practice change will result in far less families being referred to child-support collections. This includes one-time funding in fiscal year 2022 for IT system changes to turn off the automatic case referral to DSHS' Division of Child Support, as well as funding for 2 FTE to conduct case evaluations. Funding for FY 2023 adds funds to backfill the lost child support collections to offset the cost of care. (General Fund - Federal, General Fund - State, General Fund - Family Support/Child Welfare)</p>
Child Welfare Workload Study	<p>\$1,000,000 (800,000 GF-State) is provided solely for the department to contract for a Child Welfare workload study, which must include an evaluation of workload impacts required by state and federal law, including those authorized in legislation as forthcoming.</p>

2022 Child Welfare Highlights - Continued

Category	Summary
Monthly stipend for young adults aging out of Extended Foster Care	<p>\$10,626,000 is provided for the department to contract with a community organization to administer monthly stipends to young adults who were impacted by the federal moratorium that prohibited states from discharging them from extended foster care due to age through September 30, 2021, and young adults who age out of extended foster care between October 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023.</p>
Systems Assessment of Extended Foster Care	<p>\$200,000 GF-State is provided solely for the department to contract for a systems assessment of state and federally funded services and benefits for young adults enrolled in or exiting extended foster care and make recommendations to improve the continuum of supports for the extended foster care population to support successful transitions to independent adulthood.</p>
BRS facility in Vancouver	<p>\$1,513,000 GF-State is provided for start-up costs, administrative costs, and equipment for a 30-bed facility that will open in fiscal year 2023. The facility was funded in the 2019-21 capital budget.</p>

Questions?



Thank you!

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