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DCF Overview

Department for Children and Families

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Chairman Weber and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon,

I am Phyllis Gilmore, Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) was established on July 1, 2012 by Governor Sam Brownback's Executive Reorganization Order.

The Department, with approximately 2,500 employees, manages and administers the delivery of human services to the people of Kansas.

Our work:

DCF is the agency that steps in when children and their parents and guardians do not have other family members to support them, or when their needs are so great that family members cannot manage alone. In other cases, DCF provides temporary support to help people get back on their feet after an unexpected life event occurs.

The work that DCF performs represents the family values of the people of Kansas. DCF staff and our partners are intensely proud of these values and strive to live them each day in their daily work.

The goals of DCF are to strengthen families, safely reduce the number of children in care, to promote employment, provide responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and to build public/private partnerships.

DCF provides services to Kansans guided by the following mission statement:
To protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility.

Our slogan is:

Strong families make a strong Kansas.

DCF touches the lives of a half-million Kansans each year. The services we provide range from child care assistance to food assistance to help with securing child support payments. These services might be programs and supports that assist a person with disabilities to find employment. Or these services might be brought to bear in response to concerns about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult.

Organizational structure:

DCF manages services through its main program divisions: *Prevention and Protection Services, Child Support Services, Economic and Employment Services, and Rehabilitation Services*. The *Operations* division oversees the Department's operational functions to achieve greater coordination, consistency and cost savings for DCF. The Office of the Secretary includes the Department of Communications and Legislative Policy staff, as well as Human Resources.

DCF provides many services directly to its clients; others are delivered through contracted partnerships in communities across the state.

Our partners include child care providers, child welfare contractors, and many others. Partners range from community-based groups to national organizations.

The programs we administer include:

Prevention and Protection Services -- The Kansas Protection Report Center, Alternative Response, Family Services, Intake and Assessment, Family Preservation, Customer Service, Foster Care, Adoption/Adoption Support, Adoption Records, the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children, Independent Living, Community Services, Adult Protective Services, Tribal child welfare, program improvement and quality assurance.

Economic and Employment Services – Food assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), employment programs, childcare assistance, Kansas Early Head Start, TANF Grandparents as Caregivers program, Solutions Recovery Care coordination, domestic violence/sexual assault services grants, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), refugee services, commodities programs, including the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP), Soup Kitchen Food Bank (SKFB), Charitable Institutions Commodity Program

(CICP) and Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NISIP); Head Start State Collaboration Office Services, medical coverage eligibility determination and Repatriation Program.

Rehabilitation Services – Vocational Rehabilitation services, services for people who are blind or visually impaired, Centers for Independent Living, Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Disability Determination Services.

Child Support Services – Paternity establishment and genetic testing, child support order enforcement, and operation of the Kansas Payment Center.

I will want to thank you for this opportunity to discuss the department's current budget for FY 2013, and the Governor's proposed FY 2014 budget. Our department continues to work to improve the lives and children of families across the State of Kansas, and to find efficiencies as we do so. I value your input and any recommendations that you may have on how we can deliver more efficiently and be good stewards of the public funds we administer. We believe strong families make a strong Kansas.

The Governor's **FY 2013 Budget** for Department for Children and Families (DCF) is \$651.6 million All Funds and \$234.3 million SGF.

FY 14 REQUEST

The Governor's Budget requests \$608 million All Funds (\$223.49 million SGF) for DCF in FY14.

I am pleased to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Gilmore
Secretary