

CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES

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MISSION

The mission of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is to ensure that the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs of children and youth are met so that children live and grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

DCYF administers comprehensive programs and services through the following divisions:

The **Division of Children's Mental Health Services** houses both the Crisis Intake Unit and the Case Management Unit. Children's Mental Health works to stabilize children in crisis and avert disruptive out-of-home placements and hospitalizations by providing a range of services and linking children and families to community based resources. The Crisis Intake Unit conducts risk assessments and makes referrals for children and adolescents who exhibit signs of emotional disturbance and are deemed a risk to themselves or others. The Mental Health Case Management Unit serves families with children who have serious emotional disturbances and are at risk for out of home placement. The Unit provides intensive and supportive case management, including crisis management and linkages to community resources, as well as advocacy and support to help maintain children in their homes and communities.

The **Youth Bureau** plans, develops, and funds a variety of programs and initiatives for youth under the age of 21. Programs include youth development, recreation and leisure, delinquency prevention, services to runaway and homeless youth, and substance abuse prevention.

The **Division of Children with Special Needs** provides comprehensive evaluation services, and administers the Early Intervention Program, the Preschool Special Education Program, and the Physically Handicapped Children's Program to evaluate and serve children who have chronic illnesses, developmental delays or disabilities. The Division includes the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program, a comprehensive prevention program that supports families and builds on their inherent strengths with the goal of creating safe homes for children.

The **Children and Family Services Division** protects the health and safety of children through intervention, prevention and child protective services. The Division strives to ensure that all children live in safe and nurturing environments by providing state-mandated Child Protective Services, adolescent services, foster care, and adoption. The Division also includes the Community Based Preventive Services Unit, which provides rehabilitative and supportive services to families with children at risk of foster care placement to avoid placements and to shorten placements for those in foster care.

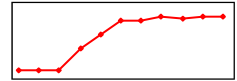
The **Legal Services Division** provides representation in Family Court and other judicial proceedings that require the involvement of DCYF. The staff of attorneys and other professionals also provides legal advice and consultation to caseworkers and staff on a case-by-case basis and provides staff training on legal issues and regulatory changes.

The **Division of Staff Development and Community Programs** is responsible for training and education programs for departmental staff to build and maintain the skills needed to successfully deliver high quality programs and services. The Division establishes linkages with community providers and resources to facilitate staff networking and informational exchanges.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES 2009

DCYF will improve Quality Assurance activities department-wide under a new Quality Assurance Coordinator. By developing standards and measuring performance, DCYF will be better able to assure that children and families are receiving high quality services that meet state, local, and federal requirements. The Quality Assurance Coordinator will

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$0
1999:	\$0
2000:	\$0
2001:	\$30,943,711
2002:	\$49,821,955
2003:	\$69,018,561
2004:	\$70,541,941
2005:	\$73,879,044
2006:	\$73,155,084
2007:	\$75,200,870
2008:	\$75,851,258

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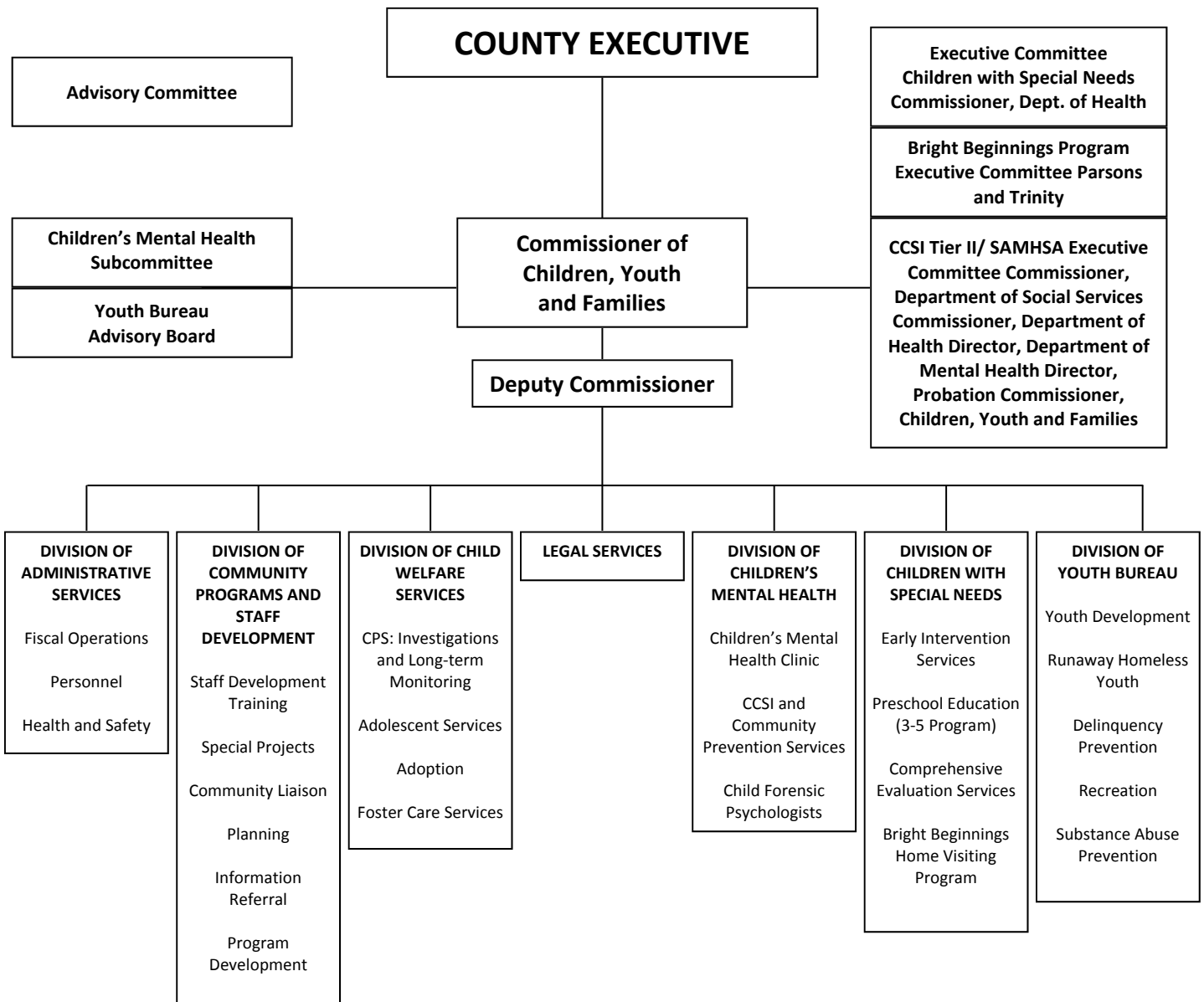
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oversee the performance of providers and support improvement activities as needed.

Over the past year, a new process for identifying providers of foster care and prevention services has been developed. In the coming year, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued that outlines performance standards, expected outcomes, and department requirements for children’s services agencies seeking to contract with Albany County. Providers will be required to indicate in their response to the RFP how they will meet DCYF expectations and provide high quality services.



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Account	Description	2007 Expended	2008 Adjusted	2009 Proposed	2008-09 Change	2008-09 Percent Change
Appropriations						
Care for Phys.Handicapped Chil-(4046)						
Equipment		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses		\$ 20,909	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Care for Phys.Handicapped Chil-(4046)		\$ 20,909	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Care Handicapped Children-(4059)						
Personnel Services		\$ 1,405,696	\$ 1,522,177	\$ 1,487,360	\$(34,817)	(2.3%)
Equipment		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses		\$ 2,903,765	\$ 3,523,809	\$ 3,219,798	\$(304,011)	(8.6%)
Fringe Benefits		\$ 414,568	\$ 474,818	\$ 520,569	\$ 45,751	9.6%
Care Handicapped Children-(4059)		\$ 4,724,029	\$ 5,520,804	\$ 5,227,727	\$(293,077)	(5.3%)
Children, Youth and Families-(6119)						
Personnel Services		\$ 8,325,761	\$ 9,270,378	\$ 8,939,675	\$(330,703)	(3.6%)
Equipment		\$ 8,955	\$ 42,456	\$ 3,040	\$(39,416)	(92.8%)
Contractual Expenses		\$ 21,457,980	\$ 19,189,220	\$ 21,652,330	\$ 2,463,110	12.8%
Fringe Benefits		\$ 2,696,176	\$ 2,890,285	\$ 3,015,269	\$ 124,984	4.3%
Children, Youth and Families-(6119)		\$ 32,488,873	\$ 31,392,340	\$ 33,610,314	\$ 2,217,974	7.1%
FAMILY ASSISTANCE-(6110)						
Contractual Expenses		\$ 13,065,921	\$ 16,725,000	\$ 13,400,000	\$(3,325,000)	(19.9%)
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Preventative Assistance Prog.-(6071)						
Contractual Expenses		\$ 5,248,652	\$ 6,087,092	\$ 5,736,000	\$(351,092)	(5.8%)
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Service Physically Handicapped-(6120)						
Contractual Expenses		\$ 1,000,562	\$ 1,535,111	\$ 1,214,625	\$(320,486)	(20.9%)
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Srv.Physically Handicapped Chi-(2960)						
Equipment		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses		\$ 13,027,456	\$ 12,665,479	\$ 13,129,607	\$ 464,128	3.7%
Srv.Physically Handicapped Chi-(2960)		\$ 13,027,456	\$ 12,665,479	\$ 13,129,607	\$ 464,128	3.7%
State Training School Payments-(6129)						
Contractual Expenses		\$ 1,039,939	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 110,000	10.6%
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Youth Bureau-(7310)						
Personnel Services		\$ 236,699	\$ 287,388	\$ 257,045	\$(30,343)	(10.6%)
Equipment		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses		\$ 693,719	\$ 490,030	\$ 421,138	\$(68,892)	(14.1%)
Fringe Benefits		\$ 74,893	\$ 88,014	\$ 89,352	\$ 1,338	1.5%

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Youth Bureau-(7310)		\$ 1,005,310	\$ 865,432	\$ 767,535	\$(97,897)	(11.3%)
Total Appropriations		\$ 71,621,652	\$ 75,851,258	\$ 74,255,808	\$(1,595,450)	(2.1%)
Revenue						
Care for Phys.Handicapped Chil-(4046)		\$(7,528)	\$(11,500)	\$(11,500)	\$ 0	0.0%
Care Handicapped Children-(4059)		\$(3,758,517)	\$(4,378,091)	\$(4,024,319)	\$ 353,772	(8.1%)
Children, Youth and Families-(6119)		\$(31,024,878)	\$(26,834,781)	\$(28,464,644)	\$(1,629,863)	6.1%
FAMILY ASSISTANCE-(6110)		\$(11,669,233)	\$(11,851,663)	\$(11,257,281)	\$ 594,382	(5.0%)
Preventative Assistance Prog.-(6071)		\$(4,758,843)	\$(4,574,338)	\$(4,549,661)	\$ 24,677	(0.5%)
Service Physically Handicapped-(6120)		\$(73,627)	\$(921,067)	\$(703,058)	\$ 218,009	(23.7%)
Srv.Physically Handicapped Chi-(2960)		\$(7,090,649)	\$(7,927,161)	\$(8,367,661)	\$(440,500)	5.6%
State Training School Payments-(6129)		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Youth Bureau-(7310)		\$(570,931)	\$(614,300)	\$(497,107)	\$ 117,193	(19.1%)
Total Revenue		\$(58,954,206)	\$(57,112,901)	\$(57,875,231)	\$(762,330)	1.3%
County Share		\$ 12,667,446	\$ 18,738,357	\$ 16,380,577	\$(2,357,780)	(12.6%)

	2008 Adjusted	2009 Requested	2009 Proposed	2008-09 Changes	2008-09 Percent Change
CARE HANDICAP CHILDREN	35	33	33	(2)	-5.7%
CHILD,YOUTH FAMILY SERV	195	204	196	1	0.5%
YOUTH BUREAU	5	5	5	0	0.0%
	235	242	234	(1)	-0.4%