

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR)

### 10.551 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM and in Maryland, called the “Food Supplement Program”)

**Program Description:** Provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 100% of benefit costs to individuals and households.

FY10 (exp)	FY11 (approp)	FY12 (est)
\$ 836,861,052	\$ 1,183,742,858	\$ 1,183,742,858

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Food Stamp Program Benefits 252,489 Recipient Households, FY 2010 monthly average; Food Stamp Program Applications 25,929 Applicant Households, FY 2010 monthly average

Governor’s Goal #12 [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#) and #14 [Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by End 2012](#)

### 10.561 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)/FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP) - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS\*

**Program Description:** Local departments of social services deliver the Food Supplement Program’s direct services. The program is administered and monitored by DHR’s Family Investment Administration. The Food Supplement Program provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also included in administrative costs are expenses for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) program. These services are provided through an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Maryland/Maryland Cooperative Extension.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 50% of the administrative costs incurred by state and local agencies.

FY10 (exp)	FY11 (approp)	FY12 (est)
\$ 51,376,764	\$ 46,388,217	\$ 51,686,618

#### *ARRA Funds*

FY10 (exp)	FY11 (approp)	FY12 (est)
\$ 2,133,000	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Food Stamp Program Applications: 25,929 Recipient Households; FY 2010 Monthly Average Food Stamp Program Benefits: 252,489 Applicant Households; FY 2010 Monthly Average FSNE Program: 35,884 Total Participants FFY 2010.

Governor’s Goal #12 [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#)

## 10.568 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS)

**Program Description:** Makes funds available to state and local agencies to process, store, and distribute USDA and private-donated commodities to needy persons and to organizations for use in preparing meals at congregate meal sites. Funds are provided to state agencies to cover administrative costs incurred at the state and local level in the operation of the program.

**Formula Description:** Cash assistance, in the form of formula grants, is allocated among the states on the basis of each state's population of low-income and unemployed persons, as compared to national statistics. Each state's share of funds is based 60% on the number of persons in households within the state having incomes below the poverty level and 40% on the number of unemployed persons within the state. At a minimum, states must make 40% of the administrative grant available to local agencies or expend such funds on their behalf. States must match the federal funds used for state administration of the program.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 8,686,969</b>	<b>\$ 346,110</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**ARRA:**

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 346,111</b>	<b>\$ 619,488</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program serves, over the course of the year, 350,000 Households statewide

**Governor's Goal #12 [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#)**

## 10.569 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FOOD COMMODITIES)

**Program Description:** Makes food commodities available to provide food assistance to needy persons.

**Formula Description:** Commodity assistance, the amount of commodities to be provided to each state is based on each state's population of low-income and unemployed persons, as compared to national statistics. Each state's share of commodities is based 60% on the number of persons in households within the state having incomes below the poverty level and 40% on the number of unemployed persons within the state. Bonus commodities acquired through commodity support programs are also made available. The amount of the non-cash grant is based on the value of the commodities received by Maryland.

<b>FY10 (actual)</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 5,153,565</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program serves, over the course of the year, 350,000 households statewide

**ARRA:**

**FY 09 (actual)**  
**1,240,000**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY12 (est)\$**  
**\$ 0**

**Governor's Goal #12 End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015**

**16.575 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE -- THIS PROGRAM WAS TRANSFERRED  
October 1, 2010.**

**Program Description:** The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984 established a special fund in the U.S. Treasury to receive deposits of fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. The Crime Victims Fund provides the source of funding for carrying out all of the activities authorized by VOCA. The Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice makes annual VOCA crime victim assistance grants to states to support the provision of direct services to victims of crime.

**Formula Description:** Awards are made on the basis of population with a base amount of \$500,000 for each state.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 8,945,587**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 225,157**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 0**

**ARRA:**

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 0**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Crime Victim Services Program: 42,485 New Victims and Their Families in FY 2008 statewide

**Governor's Goal #4 Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by End 2012 and #5 Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012**

**84.397 FISCAL STABILIZATION - (ARRA) RECOVERY ACT**

**Program Description:** The State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) program is authorized under Title XIV of Division A of the ARRA (Pub. L. 111-5), which was signed into law on February 17, 2009. SFSF funds are intended to help stabilize State and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential public services in exchange for a State's commitment to advance essential education reform in four areas:

1. Making improvements in teacher effectiveness and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers for all students, particularly students who are most in need;
2. Establishing pre-K-to-college-and-career data systems that track progress and foster continuous improvement;
3. Making progress toward rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including limited English proficient students and students with disabilities; and

4. Providing targeted, intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools.

**Formula Description:** Congress appropriated a total of \$48.6 billion for the SFSF program. Of the amount appropriated, 81.8% was for the Education Stabilization Fund (CFDA #84.394) and 18.2 % was for the Government Services Fund (CFDA #84.397). DHR received funds from the Government Services Funds for its Temporary Disability Assistance Program.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) provides cash assistance to disabled adults with no dependents. This project provides \$180.89 monthly cash benefits to 1,382 recipients. The TDAP also assists recipients in applying for federal Social Security Insurance benefits and medical benefits.

*FY10 (exp)*  
\$ 1,500,000

*FY11 (approp)*  
\$ 1,500,000

*FY12 (est)*  
\$ 0

### 93.086 RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS

**Program Description:** Two projects received funding. Strong Fathers/Strong Families Project is administered by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to serve unmarried and married fathers (custodial and non-custodial) and their families in Baltimore City. This project prepares fathers for successful healthy relationships, stresses the importance of marriage and the rearing of children in two-parent families, educates and addresses such issues as domestic violence that impact the relationship, and helps the fathers to secure employment and higher-paying employment. Project participation is voluntary.

The Winning Fathers Project serves fathers who are incarcerated or ex-offenders and their spouses/partners. The local Departments of Social Services in Montgomery County and the local Health Department in Prince George’s County promote responsible fatherhood by implementing healthy marriage and responsible parenting activities and fostering economic stability through the expansion of the Winning Fathers project. Services are provided to enable participants to develop healthy marital relationships in their home and community; develop the couple’s ability to resolve conflicts; advance the overall wellbeing of children in the household, and improve the families’ economic stability. Project participation is voluntary.

**Formula Description:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families awarded Maryland two discretionary grants, each renewable annually for a total of five years. The projects are funded through federal funds (90%), and State matching funds (10%).

**FY10 (exp)**  
\$ 1,169,217

**FY11 (approp)**  
\$ 0

**FY12 (est.)**  
\$ 0

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Strong Fathers/Strong Families serves 360 fathers and their families annually. Winning Fathers serves 100 fathers and their spouses/partners annually.

**Governor’s Goal #3 [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012](#)**

**93.556 PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM (PSSF) (Formerly entitled “Family Preservation”)**

**Program Description:** (Title IV-B, Subpart II) Provides family support, family preservation, time-limited family reunification services, and services promoting and supporting adoption. Services are aimed at: (1) preventing the risk of abuse by promoting nurturing families; (2) assisting families at risk of having a child removed from their home; and (3) promoting the timely return of a child to his/her home. If returning the child home is not an option, the child is placed in a permanent setting and support services are provided to the family.

**Formula Description:** State allotments are based on the number of children receiving food stamps. Federal financial participation is 75% of expenditures for services. Grantees provide a 25% match.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 2,663,960</b>	<b>\$ 6,737,754</b>	<b>\$ 6,918,253</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The family preservation and family support funds are allocated to the local departments of social services. In FFY 2008, 861 families, 89 fathers, 90 participants, and 81 teen parents were served. Time-Limited and Adoption Promotion and Support Services are provided through the twenty-four local departments of social services. Time-Limited Reunification services are provided to children and families in which the child has been removed from the home and placed in a family foster home or childcare institution. This program assists in the facilitation of the reunification of the child, safely and appropriately within a timely fashion, but only during the 15 months that begins on the date that the child is considered to have entered care. The six services that are offered to a child and his/her parents eligible to receive services under time-limited reunification services are: individual/family counseling, substance abuse treatment, temporary daycare, transportation, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

The Adoption Promotion and Support Services are designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoption promotes the best interest of the child(ren). Included are activities such as pre- and post-adoptive services designed to expedite the adoption process and support adoptive families. Many of the local departments have utilized the Adoption Promotion funds to assist adoptive parents with the cost of counseling services, and trainings for children with special needs and mental health issues.

For time-limited reunification services, it is estimated that 1,400 families and 1,600 children will be served in FY 2010. For adoption promotion and support services, it is estimated that 2,500 families and children will be served.

**Governor’s Goal #5 [Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012](#)**

**93.558 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

**Program Description:** Provides funding for direct benefits and services to assist needy families with children, promoting job preparation, work, independence and responsibility. Encourages the exploration of available family and community resources.

**Formula Description:** 100% Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds with a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement based on historic state spending under the predecessor program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 238,957,859</b>	<b>\$ 277,330,712</b>	<b>\$ 260,504,365</b>

**ARRA:**

*See 93.714 TANF Emergency Contingency Fund, Recovery Act*

**Program Supported / Population Served:**

1. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): 67,422 recipients, FY 2010 monthly average
2. Work Opportunities Program: 18,727 individual participants FY 2010
3. Welfare Avoidance Grants (WAGS): 325 WAGS FY 2010
4. Emergency Assistance for Families: 1,505 cases paid, FY 2010 monthly average.

**Governor's Goal #1 Create, Save or Place Residents into 250,000 Jobs Maryland by End 2012, #3 Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012, and #14 Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by End 2012**

**93.563 CHILD SUPPORT TITLE IV-D**

**Project Description:** Establishes paternity, establishes and enforces child support and medical support obligations, reviews and adjusts support obligations, and collects and disburses support payments. Full services are mandated for Temporary Cash Assistance and non-Public Assistance Medical Assistance recipients. Full services are available to Non-Temporary Cash Assistance customers who apply and pay an application fee. In addition, collection and disbursement services are provided to persons with child support obligations payable through earnings withholding orders. In interstate cases, services are provided in accord with the uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

**Formula Description:** Federal financial participation in the Tile IV-D program is 66% and 90% for laboratory costs incurred in determining paternity.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 90,133,165</b>	<b>\$ 76,015,586</b>	<b>\$ 77, 413,832</b>

**ARRA:**

<i>FY10 (exp)</i>	<i>FY11 (approp)</i>	<i>FY12 (est)</i>
<i>\$ 12,186,251</i>	<i>\$ 2,841,446</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Child support enforcement TCA, NPA-MA, Non-TCA, & Non-IV-D

## 93.564 TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT: SPECIAL PROJECTS

Five projects received funding under Section 1115 Demonstration Grants from the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. MD Department of Human Resources submitted competitive proposals and was awarded funds for the following demonstration projects. All programs are funded through a combination of fund sources including private or state funds, Section 1115 Waiver funds, and Title IV-D funds.

**Formula Description:** Baltimore Healthy Marriage Initiative will be funded through CFUF funds (5%), the 1115 Waiver (29%), and Title IV-D (66%). Project Fresh Start will be funded through State funds (5%), the 1115 Waiver (29%), and Title IV-D (66%). Erasing Borders will be funded through State funds (5%), 1115 waiver (29%), and Title IV-D (66%).

	FY10 (exp)	FY11 (approp)	FY12 (est)
Baltimore Healthy	\$ 141,000	\$	\$
Project Fresh Start	\$ 78,854	\$	\$
Erasing Borders	\$ 131,367	\$	\$
Survive and Thrive	\$ 0	\$ 267,063	\$
Excellence through Evaluation	\$ 0	\$ 99,962	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 256,624.</b>	<b>\$ 367,025.</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Governor's Goal #3 [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012](#)**

### BALTIMORE HEALTHY MARRIAGE INITIATIVE

**NOTE: This program ended in January 2009.**

**Program Description:** The MD Department of Human Resources, Office of Grants Management and the Child Support Enforcement Administration have partnered with the Center for Urban Families, (formerly the Center for Fathers, Families Workforce Development) to develop the Baltimore Healthy Marriage Initiative designed to strengthen the relationships of low-income couples with children. The goal of the program is to provide unmarried parents with relationship-sustaining skills and supportive services they need to remain together and, consequently, to establish increased positive outcomes for their children.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Baltimore Healthy Marriage Initiative: There are 120 participants in the program each year. This program serves low-income couples with children; a significant number of participants also participate in programs administered by the Department such as Public Assistance, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, or Child Support.

### PROJECT FRESH START

**Program Description:** Established by the MD Department of Human Resources Child Support Enforcement Administration and the Prince George's County Office of Child Support

Enforcement, *Project Fresh Start* was developed in response to an increasing awareness of the challenges the incarcerated Non Custodial Parent (NCP) population presents to DHR's goal of providing regular and reliable child support for children and improving children's relationships with both parents. Child support arrears accumulated while NCPs are incarcerated remain uncollectible, which is in opposition to program goals. When released from prison NCPs face significant barriers to employment, in addition to their large child support arrears balances. Project Fresh Start is designed to assist NCPs in their efforts to obtain gainful employment and to honor their parental responsibilities.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** *Project Fresh Start:* There are 350 non-custodial parents served by this program. Many of the custodial parents and children participate in other programs administered by the DHR such as Public Assistance, Food Stamps, and Medical Assistance.

- 99 cases proactively modified to terminate current support while incarcerated
- To date \$377,156.85 in uncollectible arrears have been avoided
- An expedited process for modification of orders through the local Circuit Court has been implemented.
- Case Clean Up – Data in CSES have been scrubbed and now more adequately reflect the incarcerated population.
- Local and State correctional institutions have developed a stronger working relationship through information sharing, case review and timely reporting.
- Improved outreach activities for working closely with our community and faith-based organizations have resulted.
- 13 participants have completed the Adam's House counseling program
- Currently 64 NCPs are actively participating in the Adam's House counseling program.

## **ERASING BORDERS**

**Program Description:** Established by the MD Department of Human Resources Child Support Enforcement Administration, the Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement in conjunction with the District of Columbia Child Support Services Division the *Erasing Borders* project will expedite the registration and enforcement functions necessary for the successful management of inter-jurisdictional child support cases shared by Prince Georges County, MD and the District of Columbia. This will be done by automating systems to facilitate the sharing of inter-jurisdictional information as well as co-locating staff in both jurisdictions.

***Erasing Borders:*** Children living in Prince George's County and the District of Columbia will benefit from Erasing Borders by receiving the financial support ordered through the courts as well as medical benefits.

- The vendor for the increased level of automation has been identified.
- Four of the eight staff on the project have been hired and trained.
- Case Reconciliation and Clean Up – over 2100 cases have been reviewed and documents moved into FileTrail, the web-based IT solution for this project.
- An improved working relationship with the District of Columbia Child Support Services Division has been developed.

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Borders Project will expedite the registration and enforcement function necessary for the successful management of inter-jurisdictional Child Support cases between Prince Georges County, MD and the District of Columbia. This will be done by automating systems to facilitate the sharing of inter-jurisdictional information as well as co-locating staff in both jurisdictions.

## **SURVIVE AND THRIVE**

**Program Description:** Established by the MD Department of Human Resources Child Support Enforcement Administration and the Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Survive and Thrive* was developed to address the sudden and prolonged effects of the economic downturn on non-custodial parent's ability to pay support. *Survive and Thrive* targets non-custodial parents who are receiving unemployment insurance, are ready and able to work, but are unable to make full payments on their child support obligations. The number of such non-custodial parents increased from 16,362 in 2007 to 30,602 in 2009.

**Outcomes:** Non-custodial parents will receive services to assist them in having their support order modified to reflect the reduction in their income. Services will also be provided to assist the non-custodial parents in obtaining employment.

- An orientation meeting was conducted on November 12, 2009 for grant partners, including the Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement, Prince George's County Circuit Court, Prince George's County Office of Community Relations, and the State of Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation.
- Criteria were defined for a monthly report to be used to identify and select unemployed insurance benefit recipients for participation in *Survive and Thrive*.
- The University of Maryland School of Social Work has begun providing the report.

## **EXCELLENCE THROUGH EVALUATION**

**Program Description:** MD DHR Child Support Enforcement Administration, in conjunction with its community partner, the Center for Urban Families (CFUF) and, its university partner, the Center for Research on Fathers, Children, and Family Well-Being (CRFCFW) Columbia University, School of Social Work New York, NY, proposes to enhance a navigation service that is both community-based and local government administered. The grant entitled Excellence through Evaluation: Assessing Address and Achieving – An Enhanced Partnership to Strengthen Maryland's Families. Other internal DHR partners include: the Family Investment Administration (FIA) which is the state TANF agency; the Office of Grants Management which administers fatherhood programs; and Baltimore City Child Support Enforcement that is managed by PSI, the current vendor.

The 17-month demonstration in Baltimore City is to show the utility of a CSEA/TANF/locally designed community-based navigation service helping low-income, non-custodial fathers operate within the City's child support enforcement system. The goal of the demonstration partnership is to increase fathers' involvement with their children while also increasing the City's number of paternity establishments, the number of honored child support orders, the level of child support compliance and participation in the City's arrearage reduction efforts.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** The target population for the demonstration is 600 non-custodial fathers referral by the Baltimore City courts to the local Child Support Office for supportive services.

## 93.566 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

**Program Description:** The Refugee Resettlement Program contracts for adjustment services (i.e., English language instruction, employment services, and health screenings) for refugees and individuals who are granted political asylum.

**Formula Description:** Allocations are calculated based on the number of refugee arrivals to Maryland.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 9,902,348</b>	<b>\$ 3,539,489</b>	<b>\$ 3,307,048</b>

### **Program Supported/Population Served:**

\*Refugee Cash Assistance: 983 New RCA Recipients FFY 10 Statewide

\*Refugee Health Screening Services: 1432 Refugees & Asylees received health screenings FFY 10 Statewide

\*Refugee Employment Services: 451 Refugees & Asylees placed in jobs in Baltimore Metro, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties

\*English as a Second Language: 1436 Refugees & Asylees enrolled in Baltimore Metro; Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties

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## 93.568 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

**Program Description:** Assists eligible households in meeting the costs of home heating and/or cooling. DHR is authorized to receive funds under this Act. The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP), an operating unit within the Family Investment Administration, administers a program to assist homeowners, renters, and roomers/boarders with home energy costs.

**Formula Description:** Maryland receives an allocation from the appropriation amount of the regular block grant. The tier 1 base funding for the LIHEAP block grant is derived from a complicated formula that allocates funding based on census data, weather zones, heating and cooling degree days, total heating degree days for a calendar year, average 30-year heating degree days, residential coal consumption, percent of fuel used for heating/cooling by region, weather zone for fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas as well as an extensive fuel criteria information. Maryland's percentage of the allocation from the tier 1 allocation is 1.61 percent. Once the national appropriation reaches \$1.975 billion, the allocation formula changes to a tier 2 formula. Maryland's allocation of the tier 2 formula is 2.26 percent. Maryland also receives emergency grants throughout the federal program year if there are contingency grants released from the emergency appropriation funds. These funds are distributed on an as needed basis and are not guaranteed.

Federal discretionary funds are also available through a set-aside of \$23.2 million in FY 2009 that are allocated to states that apply for these leveraging dollars each year. Maryland submits an

application annually listing funding sources and total dollar benefits. Annual leveraging funds are limited by the number of states applying.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 81,595,016**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 62,764,760**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 88,177,269**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Maryland Energy Assistance Program served 122,254 Households in FY10 Statewide

### **93.575 CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUND (CCDF)**

**Program Description:** Provides child care assistance for low-income working families to: (1) allow states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents; (2) promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs; (3) encourage state to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care; (4) assist states to provide child care to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and (5) assist states in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in state law and regulations. MSDE is the lead agency; DHR receives an appropriate to administer eligibility activities.

**Formula Description:** Federal discretionary funds are allocated to the state using a proportional formula based on three factors:

- The Young Child Factor: the ratio of the number of children under age 5 in the state to the number of same-aged children nationally;
- The School Lunch Factor: the ratio of the number of children receiving free or reduced lunch in a state to the number of such children nationally; and
- The Allotment Proportion Factor: the per capita income of all individuals in the state (averaged over a three-year period) divided by the per capita income of all individuals nationally (averaged over a three-year period).

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 11,203,485**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 624,274**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** A substantial portion of the funds will be used to provide assistance to low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under TANF, attempting through work activities to transition from temporary assistance programs. A certain amount of funds must be used for specific purposes: quality expansion, infant and toddler quality improvement, child care resource and referrals, and school age child care activities.

### **93.576 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE: SERVICES TO OLDER REFUGEES**

**Program Description:** Services to Elderly Refugees is a client-centered approach to improve service access to refugees ages 60 and over, enhancing their ability to live independently and linking them to naturalization assistance services, especially for those who have lost or are at risk of losing Supplemental Security Income and other federal benefits.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 109,186**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 275,000**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 0**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Services to Elderly Refugees residing in the Baltimore Metro and Montgomery County were provided to seventy-five refugees and asylees during FY 2009.

**Governor's Goal # 1 [Create, Save or Place Residents into 250,000 Jobs Maryland by End 2012](#), and #3 [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012](#)**

#### **93.584 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**Program Description:** These services are for refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations, there exists and can be demonstrated a specific need for supplemental resources to this population. The qualifying areas are Baltimore Metropolitan area and Montgomery/Prince George's counties. Services include employment services and English language instruction. Targeted assistance funds must be used primarily for employability services designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs with less than one year's participation in the targeted assistance program in order to achieve economic self-sufficiency as soon as possible.

**Formula Description:** Qualifications of counties are based on the arrivals of refugees during the five-year period from FY 2000 through FY 2004, and on the concentration of the arrivals' population as a percentage of each county's overall population.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 923,134**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 6,704,577**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 6,985,545**

#### **Program Supported / Population Served:**

\*Refugee Employment Services: 254 Refugees & Asylees were Placed in Jobs FFY 10 throughout Baltimore Metro, Montgomery, & Prince George's Counties.

\*Vocational English as a Second Language: 403 Refugees & Asylees Enrolled FFY 10 in Baltimore Metro, Montgomery, & Prince George's Counties.

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#### **93.597 ACCESS & VISITATION PROGRAMS**

**Program Description:** Creates programs supporting and facilitating access and visitation by non-custodial parents with their children. Activities may include mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement, and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

**Formula Description:** The allotment to states for a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount for grants for the fiscal year as the number of children in the state living with only one biological parent bears to the total number of such children in all states. Federal funds awarded may be used to pay for 90% of the total costs of the program. The remaining 10% must be from non-federal sources, either state or local, cash or in-kind.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 170,230</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 159,000</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$ 159,000</b>
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**Program Supported / Population Served:** State Access and Visitation Program: 816 Custodial/ Non-custodial parents & 786 Children were served in FY10 in Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Somerset, St. Mary's, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

**Governor's Goal #2 [Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015](#) and #4 [Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by End 2012](#)**

### **93.599 CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Provides vouchers for postsecondary education and training to youth eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Vouchers also are provided to youth who are adopted from foster care after age 16 and to youth up to the age of 23, providing they participate in the program at age 21 and make satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training. Vouchers provided to individuals are available for the cost of attending an institution of higher education.

**Formula Description:** States are allotted funds based on the ratio of the state's number of foster care children compared to the total number of children in foster care nationally, in the most recent fiscal year for which information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds (less any penalties) up to the amount of funds allotted to the state for the Educational and Training Vouchers Program. The state provides matching contributions to cover 20% of the costs.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 1,155,383</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 0</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$ 0</b>
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**Program Supported / Population Served:** In FY 2008, 365 vouchers were funded and 369 in FY 2009.

**Governor's Goal #2 [Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015](#)**

### **93.603 ADOPTION INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** The Adoption Incentives program was created as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The original program authorized incentive funds to states that

increased the number of children adopted from foster care. Under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351), the adoption incentives were revamped to provide stronger incentives to states to redouble their efforts to find children – particularly older children and children with special needs- loving adoptive homes.

**Formula Description:** The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives states \$4,000 for every foster child adopted above their 2007 baseline, plus a payment of \$8,000 for every foster child age nine and older and \$4,000 for every other special needs child adopted above the respective baselines. In addition, states receive \$1,000 for every foster child adopted over and above the level of the state’s highest foster child adoption rate for previous years.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 196,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/ Population Served:** Foster Care and Adoptive children served by public agencies (local departments of social services): Approximately 984 children with a plan of adoptions will benefit from this program.

### **93.605 FAMILY CONNECTION: MAKING PLACE MATTER THROUGH FAMILY KIN CONNECTIONS**

**Program Description:** Family Connections (Kinship Connections Matter) is an intervention program funded by the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau. This program aims to promote permanence and child and family well-being by strengthening the services offered to kin who are caring for children at risk of entering or in foster care. The overarching goals of Family Kin Connections are to: (1) improve safety, permanency, well-being and family functioning; (2) provide information and supportive services to kinship caregivers; (3) involve family members in the decision-making process; and (4) connect/reconnect children with relatives.

**Formula Description:** The Administration. For Children, Youth and Families awarded Maryland funding totaling \$900,000 per year, to implement a three year project.

**Program Supported/ Population Served:** Kinship Care and Foster Care children

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 412,561</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### **93.645 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

**Program Description:** (Title IV-B, Subpart I) Improves child welfare services with the goal of keeping families together. State services include: (1) preventive intervention to keep children in their home if possible; (2) development of alternative placements such as foster care or adoption, if children cannot remain at home; and (3) reunification so children can return home if possible.

**Formula Description:** The State receives federal funding based on an allocation formula, which distributes funds to all states. The federal child welfare services appropriation is based on a variable formula, taking into account the population of children under 21 and the complement of

the state per capita income, compared to the U.S per capita income. Statistical factors used in fund allocations are: (1) the population of children under 21 years of age by state; and (2) the three-year average per capita income by state. Income factors for eligibility do not apply to this program.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 4,395,815**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 4,536,256**

**FY12 (approp)**  
**\$ 4,757,987**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Services supported through Title IV-B Subpart I are those child welfare programs designed to evaluate a child's safety and risk and work with the child's family to maintain the child in his/her home. Services include prevention, intervention, family preservation and family support. Between FY 03 and FY 04, approximately 32,000 investigations of reported abuse and neglect were conducted by local departments of social services. During that same time period, approximately 5,000 families received in-home family services to promote child safety.

### **93.652 ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES: DILIGENT RECRUITMENT OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM**

**Program Description:** Discretionary grant project, entitled Maryland KEEP (KEEPing foster and kinship parents trained and supported) designed and implemented in collaboration with the Maryland Foster Parent Association (MFPA) as an intervention to strengthen the network of foster care families, decrease placement disruptions and increase permanency for youth served in Maryland's foster care system.

**Formula Description:** U.S. Department of Health and Human services awarded Maryland a cooperative agreement which is between the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Children's Bureau and the Department of Human Resources.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The grant provides for training and support to foster parents on how to effectively address and cope with the externalized behavior of youth with mental health needs increases the rate of disruptions in care and negatively impacts permanency outcomes. KEEP is a foster parent training and support intervention for youth ages 5 to 12, designed by Dr. Patricia Chamberlain and the Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC), modeled after the evidence-based practice of Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care. Grant funds will support initial implementation in two jurisdictions with the goal of statewide replication.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 566,556**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 0**

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### **93.658 TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE**

**Program Description:** Prevents out-of-home placement of children and, when unavoidable, ensures that the placement is in the "best interest" of the child. Federal Financial Participation

(FFP) provides state reimbursement at a 50% rate for maintenance payments (room & board) for eligible children and for administrative and training costs of program operation. Eligibility requirements for children: (a) the child must have been removed from home by a court order stating "continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's welfare" and "reasonable efforts have been made to prevent the child's removal;" (b) the child must have entered agency care and responsibility as the result of a voluntary placement agreement (VPA); (c) the agency obtains a court order stating that placement is in the best interest of the child, or that returning home is contrary to the welfare of the child, within 180 days of the VPA; (d) the child's removal home must be income-eligible (have received Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): family income used to determine TCA benefit can be tested against the former Aid to Families with Dependant Children (AFDC) standard in the removal month; and (e) the child must be placed with a licensed foster care provider. The "income eligibility (for Title IV-E) is based on the home from which the child was removed and uses the AFDC income standard that was in effect in 1996, (the lookback provision).

**Formula Description:** For each IV-E eligible and reimbursable child, the federal government reimburses the state for 50% of the child's cost of out-of-home placement. The total number of IV-E eligible children establishes the state's "penetration rate." The federal government contributes 50% of the state's administrative costs of operating the out-of-home placement program, as adjusted by the penetration rate. Training costs for staff involved in out-of-home placement are reimbursed at 75%.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 93,054,393</b>	<b>\$ 146,976,411</b>	<b>\$ 144,902,833</b>

**ARRA:**

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 7,121,998</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** As of July 2006, Maryland had 6,330 children in subsidized adoptive placements with 436 additional children legally-free with a plan of adoption.

**Governor's Goal #5 [Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012](#)**

**93.659 ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** Provided assistance for three activities: 1) assistance payments for qualified children who are adopted; 2) administrative payments for expenses associated with placing children in adoption; and 3) training of professional staff and parents involved in adoptions. Supported the adoption of children with special needs. A special needs child is defined in federal law as a child with a specific condition or situation, such as age, membership in a minority or sibling group, or a mental, emotional, or physical disability, which prevents placement without special assistance.

**Formula Description:** The federal government reimburses the state for 50 percent of its adoption assistance payments. The federal share is 50 percent for administrative costs and non-recurring adoption expenses and 75 percent for training costs.



**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 1,213,557**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 0**

**Governor's Goal #5 Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012**

**93.667 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)**

**Program Description:** Supports social services programs for adults and children. The block grant statute gives states greater flexibility in the use of funds. Within limitations specified by law, states determine which services are provided, eligible categories, populations of adults and children, geographic areas of the state in which each service will be provided, and whether services are provided by state or local agency staff, or through contracts with private organizations.

**Formula Description:** SSBG grants are determined by a statutory formula based on the state population and total U.S. population. There is no matching requirement. Funding includes TANF funds (\$22.9 million) transferred to SSBG.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 47,355,518**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 32,135,466**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 33,022,329**

**Program Supported / Population Served:**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011 (estimate)</b>
Adoption Services	9,703	5,808	10,400
Case Management	18,231	15,934	16,000
Adult Foster Care	1,154	1,104	1,100
Child Foster Care	12,493	11,878	12,200
Home Based Services	3,171	2,693	3,200
Prevention/Intervention	14,352	10,056	14,600
Adult Protective Services	6,566	6,792	6,200
Child Protective Services	53,035	52,320	55,000
Total Served:	118,704	109,585	118,700

**Governor's Goal #5 Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012**

**93.669 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA)**

**Program Description:** Provides funds for child abuse prevention activities, including training of child protective service workers, investigation of child abuse, and a variety of state-initiated innovative programs, which are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect or to provide services to victims and their families. These programs support research, evaluation, technical assistance, and data collection activities to prevent child maltreatment. CAPTA also sets forth a minimum definition of child abuse and neglect.

**Formula Description:** There are no matching requirements. The statistical factor for fund distribution is the population of children under 18 in the state.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 431,129</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 476,155</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$ 476,058</b>
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**Program Supported / Population Served:** During FY 06, several initiatives were funded using CAPTA monies including the following:

- \*The Family Tree, which provides a child abuse hotline;
- \*The University of Maryland Center for Families, which serves grandparents raising their grandchildren;
- \*Mental Injury Assessment and Multi-Disciplinary Teams for all local departments of social services in Maryland;
- \*and The Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.

**Governor's Goal #5 [Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012](#)**

### **93.671 FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & SERVICES – FEDERAL PORTION OF FUNDING EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

**Program Description:** Federal funds used by states for grants to local public agencies and nonprofit private organizations to prevent incidents of family violence (domestic violence) and provide immediate shelter and related assistance to victims of family violence. States must give special emphasis to the support of community-based projects of demonstrated effectiveness, particularly those projects where the primary purpose is to operate shelters for victims of family violence, and those that provide counseling, advocacy, and support services to victims and their children.

**Formula Description:** States are each allotted a basic grant amount of \$600,000. Remaining funds are allotted to states based on population.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 1,644,689</b>	<b>FY11 (est)</b> <b>\$ 1,629,605</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$ 1,629,605</b>
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**Programs Supported / Population Served:** Domestic Violence Program served 13,573 New Individuals Statewide FY 09

**Governor's Goal #5 [Reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by End 2012](#)**

### **93.674 CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (CFCIP) (FORMERLY INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT)**

**Program Description:** Provides services assisting youth in out-of-home placement to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and independence. Services are provided to youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who require assistance, training, and education with life skills in

preparation for the transition. Services include educational assistance, housing assistance, leadership training, health and safety issues, budgeting and financial management, and assistance with job preparation, placement and retention.

**Formula Description:** Funds are allocated to the state based on a federal formula of the number of children living in out-of-home placement compared to other states, in the most recent fiscal year for which such information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds expended by the states (less any penalties). The state provides matching contributions to cover the additional 20% of the costs.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 4,227,831</b>	<b>\$ 3,938,662</b>	<b>\$ 3,466,237</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Foster Care & Kinship Care Teens: 4512 Served in FY 2008

**Governor's Goal #2 Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015**

### **93.714 TANF EMERGENCY FUND – (ARRA) RECOVERY ACT**

**Program Description:** Provides economic stimulus to the nation while furthering the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) mission to promote the economic and social well being of children, youth, families, and communities. The objective of the program is to provide additional funds to jurisdictions (States, Territories, and Tribes) in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and FY 2010 that have undergone increases in assistance caseloads and other types of specified expenditures. This Emergency Fund is in addition to the TANF Contingency Fund that currently gives money to qualifying States (but not Territories or Tribes) during an economic downturn.

**Formula Description:** Emergency Fund grants are Federal TANF funds that are available until expended.

<b>ARRA:</b>		
<i>FY10 (exp)</i>	<i>FY11 (approp)</i>	<i>FY12 (est)</i>
<b>\$16,113,604</b>	<b>\$22,167,830</b>	<b>\$9,550,267</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:**

1. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): 67,422 recipients, FY 2010 monthly average
2. Welfare Avoidance Grants (WAGS): 325 WAGS FY 2010
3. Emergency Assistance for Families: 1,505 cases paid, FY 2010 monthly average.

**Governor's Goal #1 Create, Save or Place Residents into 250,000 Jobs Maryland by End 2012, #3 Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012 and #14 Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by End 2012**

### **93.778 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Provides assistance to indigent and medically indigent individuals. The state's local departments of social services, and in some cases local health departments, determine Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) eligibility. DHR's federal fund portion reflects the administrative costs incurred for Medical Assistance eligibility determinations, and administrative and service costs incurred for certain health-related services provided to children in the custody and care of the State.

**Formula Description:**

- 1) Medicaid: 50% State General Funds; 50% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX
- 2) MCHIP: 35% State General Funds; 65% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 54,855,608**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 70,510,726**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 79,475,238**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Medicaid; Children's Health Insurance Program: 674,079 Recipients FY 2009 monthly average

**Governor's Goal #13 Establish Best in the Nation Statewide Health Information Exchange and Electronic Health Records Adoption by End 2012 and #14 Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by End 2012**

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