

DHS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2016-2017
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

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APPROPRIATION:
County Child Welfare

I. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 Budgeted
State Funds	\$1,081,521	\$949,726	\$1,149,523
Federal Funds Total	\$424,377	\$424,758	\$427,710
Federal Sources Itemized			
<i>Child Welfare Services</i>	\$13,759	\$13,640	\$13,640
<i>Child Welfare - Title IV-E</i>	\$318,241	\$318,741	\$321,693
<i>Medical Assistance - Child Welfare</i>	\$1,411	\$1,411	\$1,411
<i>TANFBG - Child Welfare</i>	\$58,508	\$58,508	\$58,508
<i>SSBG - Child Welfare</i>	\$12,021	\$12,021	\$12,021
<i>Child Welfare Training and Certification</i>	\$15,688	\$15,688	\$15,688
<i>Community Based Family Resource and Support</i>	\$134	\$134	\$134
<i>Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment</i>	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
<i>Title IV-B - Caseworker Visits</i>	\$1,365	\$1,365	\$1,365
<i>Children Justice Act</i>	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150
Other Funds Total	\$305	\$1,003	\$1,003
<i>Casey Family Project</i>	\$25	\$50	\$50
<i>Birth Certificate - Mandated Reporter Training</i>	\$280	\$953	\$953
Total	\$1,506,203	\$1,375,487	\$1,578,236

IA. REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTALS (Included above)

State Funds	\$0
Federal Funds Total	\$0
Total	\$0

II. DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	APPROPRIATION: County Child Welfare				
	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 Budgeted	Change Budgeted vs. Available	Percent Change
PERSONNEL					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
OPERATING					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$6,499	\$6,499	\$6,499	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$5,079	\$5,079	\$5,079	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Operating	\$11,578	\$11,578	\$11,578	\$0	0.00%
FIXED ASSETS					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
GRANT & SUBSIDY					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$1,075,022	\$943,227	\$1,143,024	\$199,797	21.18%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$419,298	\$419,358	\$422,310	\$2,952	0.70%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$305	\$1,003	\$1,003	\$0	0.00%
Total Grant & Subsidy	\$1,494,625	\$1,363,588	\$1,566,337	\$202,749	14.87%
NONEXPENSE					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$266	\$266	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Nonexpense	\$0	\$266	\$266	\$0	0.00%
BUDGETARY RESERVE					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$55	\$55	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Budgetary Reserve	\$0	\$55	\$55	\$0	0.00%
UNCOMMITTED					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Uncommitted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
OTHER					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL FUNDS					
<i>State Funds</i>	\$1,081,521	\$949,726	\$1,149,523	\$199,797	21.04%
<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$424,377	\$424,758	\$427,710	\$2,952	0.69%
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$305	\$1,003	\$1,003	\$0	0.00%
Total Funds	\$1,506,203	\$1,375,487	\$1,578,236	\$202,749	14.74%

APPROPRIATION:
County Child Welfare

III. HISTORY OF LAPSES (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016 Estimated
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

IV. COMPLEMENT INFORMATION	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	2016-2017 Budgeted
State/Federally Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federally Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benefit Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

V. DERIVATION OF REQUEST / LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS / DISBURSEMENT CRITERIA

Derivation of Request:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget provides the following State funds:

	Fiscal Year 2015-2016	Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Increase/ (Decrease)
Needs-Based Allocations	\$991,425	\$1,008,571	\$17,146
Less: Adjustments YDC/YFC Billings	(\$21,238)	(\$21,307)	(\$69)
Roll Forward 2016-2017	(\$172,739)	\$172,739	\$345,478
Roll Forward 2017-2018	\$0	(\$179,126)	(\$179,126)
Plus: Special Grants	\$152,278	\$168,646	\$16,368
Total State Funds	\$949,726	\$1,149,523	\$199,797

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget provides a \$199.797 million increase in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 level of \$949.726 million. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget provides \$321.693 million in Federal funding for Child Welfare - Title IV-E; an increase of \$2.952 million over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget maintains Federal funding at the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 level for the following appropriations: Child Welfare Services - Title IV-B, Medical Assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Family Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant (Title XX), Community Based Family Resources and Support, Child Welfare Training and Certification, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Title IV-B Caseworker Visits and Children's Justice Act Award.

Detail on the appropriation is outlined in Section VI entitled "Explanation of Changes" on the next page.

Legislative Citations:

62 P.S. § 704.1 et seq. ; 62 P.S. §1401-B et seq., 62 P.S. § 704.1

Disbursement Criteria:

Program allocations are developed based on Act 30 of 1991. Child Welfare needs-based budgets are submitted by counties and reviewed and approved by the Department. Funds are also disbursed to counties for special grants and for other child welfare-related costs.

VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	APPROPRIATION: County Child Welfare			
	State \$	Federal \$	Other \$	Total
OPERATING				
1. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget maintains \$6.499 million in State funds and \$5.079 million in Federal funds for operating expenditures at the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 level:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Operating	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GRANT & SUBSIDY				
1. Provides a net increase in State funds relating to the needs-based budget requirements mandated by Act 30 of 1991 including additional State needs-based budget requirements. Provides an increase of \$17.146 million over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$991.425 million. Maintains the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$8.802 million for Federal Title IV-B Needs-Based Budget. Maintains the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$270.401 million for Federal Title IV-E Needs-Based Budget:	\$17,146	\$0	\$0	\$17,146
2. Impact of change in the county share of Youth Development Center/Youth Forestry Camp billings:	(\$69)	\$0	\$0	(\$69)
3. Provides an increase of \$2.936 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$36.880 million for the Adoption Initiative Agreement. Provides an increase of \$2.170 million in Federal funding over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$25.994 million for Child Welfare Title IV-E Statewide Adoptions and Permanency Network Grant (SWAN):	\$2,936	\$2,170	\$0	\$5,106
4. Maintains \$0.850 million in State funds for the Administrative Offices - PA Courts, \$1.400 million in State funds for Evidence-Based Evaluations, \$0.135 million in State funds for Child Abuse Prevention Education and \$6.146 million in State funds for the County - Wide Training (CWT) agreements, Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL) and Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureate (CWEB) programs:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Provides an increase of \$2.426 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$21.607 million for Independent Living grants for individuals ages 18 to 21 years. The increased funding provides services to discharged youths. Provides an increase of \$0.630 million in Federal funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$1.780 million for Child Welfare Title IV-E Independent Living Educational Vouchers:	\$2,426	\$630	\$0	\$3,056

VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	APPROPRIATION: County Child Welfare			
	State \$	Federal \$	Other \$	Total
GRANT & SUBSIDY (Continued)				
6. Provides an increase of \$2.836 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$23.738 million for Information Technology grants to the counties. Provides an increase of \$0.152 million in Federal funding over the Fiscal Year 2016-2016 level of \$4.317 million for Child Welfare Title IV-E Information Technology Grants:	\$2,836	\$152	\$0	\$2,988
7. Provides an increase of \$4.948 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$13.167 million for Evidence-Based Practices grants:	\$4,948	\$0	\$0	\$4,948
8. Provides an increase of \$1.146 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$2.880 million for Pennsylvania Promising Practices grants:	\$1,146	\$0	\$0	\$1,146
9. Provides an increase of \$0.011 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$3.982 million for Housing Initiative grants:	\$11	\$0	\$0	\$11
10. Provides an increase of \$0.599 million in State funds over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$2.892 million for Truancy grants:	\$599	\$0	\$0	\$599
11. Impact of payment shift to fund County Child Welfare on a cash basis:	\$166,352	\$0	\$0	\$166,352
Subtotal Grant & Subsidy	\$198,331	\$2,952	\$0	\$201,283
NONEXPENSE				
1. Maintains \$0.266 million sub-grant to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BUDGETARY RESERVE				
1. Maintains \$0.055 million in Federal Budgetary Reserve:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Budgetary Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 INITIATIVES				
GRANT & SUBSIDY				
1. Human Services Funding Restoration				
A. Provides funding to restore one-third of the cuts to seven human services appropriations to offset Fiscal Year 2012-2013 funding cuts:	\$1,466	\$0	\$0	\$1,466
Subtotal Initiatives	\$1,466	\$0	\$0	\$1,466
TOTAL	\$199,797	\$2,952	\$0	\$202,749

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 FY 2016-2017 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET
 County Child Welfare Model (State Funds)
 (\$ Amounts in Thousands)

State Funds - Appropriation 102660000	FY 2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 December Update	2016-2017 PRRS/ Initiatives	2016-2017 Budgeted	Change from FY 2016-2017 Budgeted vs. FY 2015-2016 Available
Tentative Needs-Based Allocations					
Carry forward Needs-Based Requirement	\$991,425	\$1,008,571	\$0	\$1,008,571	\$17,146
Roll Forward FY 2016-2017	(\$172,739)	\$172,739	\$0	\$172,739	\$345,478
Roll Forward FY 2017-2018	\$0	(\$179,126)	\$0	(\$179,126)	(\$179,126)
Subtotal	\$818,686	\$1,002,184	\$0	\$1,002,184	\$183,498
Less: Interim YDC/YFC Billings (County Share)	(\$21,238)	(\$21,307)	\$0	(\$21,307)	(\$69)
Plus: Special Grants (See Below)	\$152,278	\$167,180	\$1,466	\$168,646	\$16,368
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$949,726	\$1,148,057	\$1,466	\$1,149,523	\$199,797

Special Grants	FY 2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 December Update	2016-2017 PRRS/ Initiatives	2016-2017 Budgeted	Change from FY 2016-2017 Budgeted vs. FY 2015-2016 Available
Operating:					
Adoptions Public Relations Campaign	\$542	\$542	\$0	\$542	\$0
Data Analysis CFSR	\$460	\$460	\$0	\$460	\$0
Title IV-E Compliance	\$4,149	\$4,149	\$0	\$4,149	\$0
Mandated Reporter Training (CAPTA) *	\$283	\$283	\$0	\$283	\$0
Civil Service Billings	\$1,065	\$1,065	\$0	\$1,065	\$0
Total Operating	\$6,499	\$6,499	\$0	\$6,499	\$0
Grants:					
Adoption Initiative Agreement	\$36,880	\$39,816	\$0	\$39,816	\$2,936
Administrative Offices - PA Courts	\$850	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$0
Evidence Based Evaluations	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$0
Independent Living Grants	\$21,607	\$24,033	\$0	\$24,033	\$2,426
Information Tech. Grants to Counties	\$23,738	\$26,574	\$0	\$26,574	\$2,836
Child Abuse Prevention Education	\$135	\$135	\$0	\$135	\$0
Training (CWT, CWEL, & CWEB)	\$6,146	\$6,146	\$0	\$6,146	\$0
Evidence Based Practices	\$13,167	\$18,115	\$0	\$18,115	\$4,948
Pennsylvania Promising Practices	\$2,880	\$4,026	\$0	\$4,026	\$1,146
Housing Initiatives	\$3,982	\$3,993	\$0	\$3,993	\$11
Truancy	\$2,892	\$3,491	\$0	\$3,491	\$599
Subtotal Grants	\$113,677	\$128,579	\$0	\$128,579	\$14,902
HSBG Block Grant Initiative Pilot:					
Thirty counties in the HSBG Pilot	\$32,102	\$32,102	\$1,466	\$33,568	\$1,466
Total Human Services Block Grant	\$32,102	\$32,102	\$1,466	\$33,568	\$1,466
Total Grants & HSBG	\$145,779	\$160,681	\$1,466	\$162,147	\$16,368
Total Special Grants	\$152,278	\$167,180	\$1,466	\$168,646	\$16,368

**COUNTY CHILD WELFARE
FY 2016-2017 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET
FEDERAL FUNDS MODEL
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)**

<u>Detail listing of Federal Funds:</u>	FY 2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 December Update	2016-2017 PRRS/ Initiatives	2016-2017 Budgeted	Change fro FY 2016-2017 Budgeted vs. FY 2015-2016 Available
Child Welfare Services - Title IV-B					
Needs-Based requirements Part 1	\$8,802	\$8,802	\$0	\$8,802	\$0
SWAN Part 2	\$2,505	\$2,505	\$0	\$2,505	\$0
Special Grants Part 2	\$2,299	\$2,299	\$0	\$2,299	\$0
Grant Total	\$13,606	\$13,606	\$0	\$13,606	\$0
Operating: Safe Haven Advertisements	\$34	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$0
Total - Operating & Grants	\$13,640	\$13,640	\$0	\$13,640	\$0
Title IV-E					
Needs-Based	\$270,401	\$270,401	\$0	\$270,401	\$0
Independent Living Grant	\$5,129	\$5,129	\$0	\$5,129	\$0
IL Educational Vouchers	\$1,780	\$2,410	\$0	\$2,410	\$630
Information Technology Grants	\$4,317	\$4,469	\$0	\$4,469	\$152
SWAN	\$25,994	\$28,164	\$0	\$28,164	\$2,170
Child Family Service Review/Data Analysis	\$275	\$275	\$0	\$275	\$0
Juvenile Probation Administrative Claiming	\$4,398	\$4,398	\$0	\$4,398	\$0
Child Welfare Training and Technical Assist.	\$52	\$52	\$0	\$52	\$0
Federal Match of Title IV-E compliance(PCG)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Grant Total	\$314,346	\$317,298	\$0	\$317,298	\$2,952
Operating:					
IV-E Compliance Review	\$1,606	\$1,606	\$0	\$1,606	\$0
Adoption Public Relations Campaign	\$289	\$289	\$0	\$289	\$0
Adoption Incentive Bonus	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
Operating Total	\$4,395	\$4,395	\$0	\$4,395	\$0
Total - Operating & Grants	\$318,741	\$321,693	\$0	\$321,693	\$2,952
Medical Assistance Needs-Based	\$1,356	\$1,356	\$0	\$1,356	\$0
TANF Needs-Based	\$58,508	\$58,508	\$0	\$58,508	\$0
SSBG (Title XX) Needs-Based	\$12,021	\$12,021	\$0	\$12,021	\$0
CBFRS Parent Anonymous	\$134	\$134	\$0	\$134	\$0
CW Training & Certification					
CWT, CWEL & CWEB	\$15,688	\$15,688	\$0	\$15,688	\$0
Child Abuse Prevention and Training Act					
Operating: Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act	\$650	\$650	\$0	\$650	\$0
Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,050	\$0
Recruitment of Foster and Adoptive Families	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
Grants Sub Total	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$0	\$1,450	\$0
Total - Operating & Grants	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	\$0
Title IV-B - Caseworker Visits	\$1,365	\$1,365	\$0	\$1,365	\$0
Children's Justice Act	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$0	\$1,150	\$0
Total Operating	\$5,079	\$5,079	\$0	\$5,079	\$0
Budgetary Reserve	\$55	\$55	\$0	\$55	\$0
Total Grants	\$419,624	\$422,576	\$0	\$422,576	\$2,952
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$424,758	\$427,710	\$0	\$427,710	\$2,952

COUNTY CHILD WELFARE

PROGRAM STATEMENT

The child welfare appropriation provides State and Federal funds to support the county-administered social services program for children and youth in each of the Commonwealth's 67 counties, as required in the County Code and the Human Services Code. Services are provided to dependent and delinquent children, as well as those needing prevention and/or intervention services, and their families. Eligibility for service is based on each child's need for service as determined by the county Children and Youth Agency and the Juvenile Probation Office. While services are provided without regard to income, the county children and youth agencies may establish fee scales based on a family's ability to pay to offset program costs. Services are provided to children in their own homes and, if necessary, in out-of-home placements.

Federal funds for child welfare services are available through Title IV-E, Title XX, Title XIX and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. In addition, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are used to support these services.

- Title IV-E provides funding for children in placement, for independent living services, for adoption of eligible children, for permanent legal custodianship and certain administrative and training costs. Pennsylvania has been accepted by the Administration for Children and Families to be part of a Demonstration Project or IV-E waiver. Six Pennsylvania counties have chosen to be part of the Demonstration Project to produce better outcomes for those children served by the child welfare system.
- Title XX funds are used for preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of children.
- Title XIX funds are earned for administrative activities related to Medical Assistance eligibility.
- Title IV-B provides funds to states to establish and strengthen in-home services.
- TANF funds are used for preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of children.

Services provided by county children and youth programs under these appropriations include, but are not limited to: family reunification; adoption assistance; subsidized permanent legal custodianship; emergency and planned temporary placement; child protective services; and other services ordered by the court. Costs of these services are paid with blended Federal, State and county funds.

The Department provides reimbursement for expenditures that the county incurs in serving children and youth. Based on the type of services delivered, varying levels of State reimbursement are provided. Adoption services are reimbursed at 100 percent; Emergency Shelter services are reimbursed at 90 percent; foster family care, adoption subsidies, permanent legal custodianship subsidies, community-based placement and in-home services are reimbursed at 80 percent; institutional placement services, other than detention services, are reimbursed at 60 percent; administrative activities of county children and youth agencies are reimbursed at 60 percent; and detention costs are reimbursed at 50 percent. Act 30 of 1991 requires that the Department submit to the Governor its determination of the statewide child welfare funding needs based on a review of the needs-based plans and budgets submitted by counties.

In Fiscal Year 2012-2013, a 20 Human Services Block Grant pilot program was implemented to provide local governments with increased flexibility to address local needs. Under the pilot program, funding for the following seven programs was combined at the local level into a flexible Human Services Block Grant: Human Services Development Fund, Community Mental Health Services, Behavioral Health Services, Intellectual Disability Community Base Services, County Child Welfare Special Grants,

Homeless Assistance Programs, and Act 152 Drug and Alcohol Services. The 20 county pilot was expanded in Fiscal Year 2013-2014, allowing additional counties to participate on a voluntary basis. Ten counties were added in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 bringing the total number of Block Grant Counties to 30.

No additional expansion is currently anticipated and funding will continue to be provided from the individual appropriations.

The Promoting Safe and Stable Families program provides funds for family preservation, family support, time-limited family reunification, adoption promotion and support services. The Commonwealth's five-year plan was submitted to and approved by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. This plan identifies the long and short term goals of the Child Welfare System with tasks and benchmarks for achieving the goals of safety, permanency and well-being. Funding is being used to promote community-wide collaborative efforts to address locally identified child and family needs including the Family Center Initiative, Integration of Children and Family Services, Time-Limited Family Reunification Services and the Child Welfare Training Program. To improve the Department's success in achieving permanence for children in placement who cannot be reunited with their birth families, and to assure the well-being of children in foster care, the Department is continuing the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) and the Youth Independent Living Program.

Many children awaiting adoption have special needs that make it difficult to find adoptive homes. In Fiscal Year 1992-1993, the SWAN Program was established to place children with special needs in permanent homes. SWAN serves children in the custody of a county children and youth agency that may or may not have a goal of adoption in order to help them achieve permanency, whether that permanency is reunification, adoption, permanent legal custodianship or placement with a fit and willing relative. Funds are provided in the Governor's Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to provide family recruitment services, adoptive placement services, post-adoption services, legal services and adoption training. As of September 30, 2015, Pennsylvania has 2,187 children in foster care with a court-ordered goal of adoption.

Pennsylvania's Independent Living Services Program is a State-supervised, county-administered grant program funded with Federal Title IV-E Chafee Foster Care Independence Program monies. Sixty-six counties are expected to request and receive grant funding to support a wide range of services including life skills training, counseling, education, vocational training, job placement and others to reduce teen pregnancies, drug use and violence. This program provides these services, as well as post-secondary education/supports and aftercare services, to youth under 21 years of age who have been discharged from placement. A portion of the funding may be made available to provide room and board for youth discharged from placement after age 18. As a result of the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, states were provided with flexible funding that would enable them to design and conduct education and training voucher programs for youth who transition from foster care, and to assist youth in developing skills necessary to lead independent and productive lives. Pennsylvania has implemented a grant program for youth who have transitioned from foster care. This program offers vouchers for education and training, including postsecondary training and education.

The Department provides incentives through higher State reimbursement for the following special grants:

- Evidence-Based Practices have provided proven outcomes for the improvement of safety, permanency and well-being of children. These practices have and continue to play a crucial role in keeping children safely in their own homes.
- Pennsylvania Promising Practices, while not supported by evidence yet, also provide meaningful outcomes.
- Housing Grants provide funding to assist with securing housing and averting evictions/utility shut-offs, which are a useful means in maintaining family unity while the family may be in crisis. Children should not be removed from their family based solely on lack of adequate housing and

the availability of these funds to assist and supplement other housing funds that have been used to that end. Maintaining family stability through these grants is cost effective when compared with the costs of out-of-home placements.

- Truancy Grants provide funding to tackle the problem of truancy by supporting interventions with the family to identify the root cause of the problem.

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 INITIATIVE – HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING RESTORATION

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Human Services Funding Restoration initiative will restore funding to seven human services appropriations. Additional funds will be added over three years to offset the 2012-2013 funding cuts when the human services block grant pilot program was implemented. Specifically, the Governor's Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 includes a total of \$1.466 million in State funds in the County Child Welfare for this purpose. The balance of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funding proposed under this initiative is reflected under the other affected programs as identified above.