

Office of Early Childhood OEC64800

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	118	118	118	118	119	119	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	8,275,873	8,782,291	9,426,912	9,926,912	9,926,912	9,926,912	-
Other Expenses	5,134,202	3,798,345	1,694,731	8,294,731	7,919,731	7,919,731	-
Other Current Expenses							
Birth to Three	34,351,477	34,189,012	36,582,762	36,093,626	38,493,626	38,493,626	-
Evenstart	545,454	545,454	545,456	545,456	545,456	545,456	-
2Gen - TANF	540,473	574,856	415,685	575,685	672,390	672,390	-
Nurturing Families Network	12,484,084	12,694,517	13,167,665	14,469,995	-	-	-
OEC Parent Cabinet	143,500	147,233	152,264	152,264	152,264	152,264	-
Capitol Child Development Center	-	-	263,000	263,000	263,000	263,000	-
CT Home Visiting System	-	-	-	-	14,469,995	14,469,995	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Head Start Services	4,993,641	4,969,685	5,833,238	5,833,238	5,833,238	5,833,238	-
Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	81,513,372	112,827,095	147,957,756	151,227,096	151,227,096	151,227,096	-
Child Care Quality Enhancements	5,891,953	5,954,430	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	-
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	1,374,236	1,498,750	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Early Care and Education	154,926,475	191,576,140	198,028,085	201,845,725	201,845,725	201,845,725	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	300,000	850,000	550,000
Smart Start	3,250,000	3,249,539	3,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	313,424,740	380,807,347	424,847,084	443,007,258	445,428,963	445,978,963	550,000

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Birth to Three Rate Increases

Birth to Three	2,400,000	2,400,000	-
Total - General Fund	2,400,000	2,400,000	-

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through a fee-for-service (FFS) payment structure which is a model where providers are paid based on the individual services they provide to patients. The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include FFS and a new tiered rate system based on providers' experience and credentialing levels.

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Governor

Provide funding of \$2.4 million in FY 27 to reflect increased rates for Birth to Three related to implementing a new tiered rate system. Related funding of \$1.6 million is recommended in the Department of Social Services to support a coinciding adjustment to Medicaid rates.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2.4 million for a general rate increase in Birth to Three without implementing the tiered rate system. Related funding of \$1.6 million is provided in the Department of Social Services to support a coinciding adjustment to Medicaid rates.

Provide Funding for Cora's Kids' Early Childhood Care and Education Initiative

Various Grants	-	475,000	475,000
Total - General Fund	-	475,000	475,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$475,000 to support Cora's Kids' Early Childhood Care and Education Initiative.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Eliminate OHS and Transfer Functions to Various Agencies

2Gen - TANF	96,705	96,705	-
Total - General Fund	96,705	96,705	-
Positions - General Fund	1	1	-

Background

PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, transfers \$16.2 million and 42 positions from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to six agencies in FY 27, which will assume responsibilities related to the agency's various programs including overseeing the Certificate of Need process and managing the Health Information Exchange.

Governor

Transfer \$96,705 and one position from OHS to OEC in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Legislative Grants

Various Grants	(75,000)	-	75,000
Total - General Fund	(75,000)	-	75,000

Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$75,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(375,000)	(375,000)	-
Various Grants	375,000	375,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$375,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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Current Services

Adjust Account Name from Nurturing Families Network to CT Home Visiting System

Nurturing Families Network	(14,469,995)	(14,469,995)	-
CT Home Visiting System	14,469,995	14,469,995	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Background

Pursuant to CGS Sec. 10-509, the Nurturing Families Network has been renamed the CT Home Visiting System.

Governor

Reallocate funding of \$14,469,995 to the CT Home Visiting System line item to support the program's name change.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Carry Forward Unexpended Early Care and Education Funds for the Child Care Provider Agreement

Legislative

Carry forward unexpended funds from the Care4Kids TANF/CCDF account to be used for the family child care provider agreement.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	443,007,258	443,007,258	-
Policy Revisions	2,421,705	2,971,705	550,000
Current Services	-	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	445,428,963	445,978,963	550,000

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	118	118	-
Policy Revisions	1	1	-
Total Recommended - GF	119	119	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Various Grants				
United Way of Coastal and Western CT	Cora's Kids	-	475,000	475,000