

Human Services

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	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
						FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund									
Department of Social Services	166	LD, ES	4,941,696,324	4,646,126,083	4,599,147,121	4,957,764,552	5,432,429,652	5,015,773,361	5,458,567,461
Department of Aging and Disability Services	178	JP	27,687,016	29,807,961	34,098,363	34,069,820	34,069,820	34,879,820	34,879,820
Department of Children and Families	183	JSS	762,870,128	775,493,821	810,981,921	802,566,971	804,712,201	818,269,775	826,015,005
Total - General Fund			5,732,253,468	5,451,427,865	5,444,227,405	5,794,401,343	6,271,211,673	5,868,922,956	6,319,462,286
Insurance Fund									
Department of Aging and Disability Services	178	JP	119,898	50,075	382,660	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660
Workers' Compensation Fund									
Department of Aging and Disability Services	178	JP	1,307,588	1,346,384	2,260,720	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841
Total - Appropriated Funds			5,733,680,954	5,452,824,324	5,446,870,785	5,796,338,876	6,273,149,206	5,871,052,457	6,321,591,787

Department of Social Services

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	1,910	1,813	1,826	1,761	1,771	1,827	1,829

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	150,180,725	150,872,462	154,061,290	150,719,055	151,620,855	158,658,860	158,658,860
Other Expenses	170,667,008	170,223,974	155,393,116	131,921,000	133,739,200	165,000,000	168,700,000
Other Current Expenses							
Genetic Tests in Paternity Actions	34,621	36,289	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906
HUSKY B Program	18,323,313	14,948,460	38,230,000	30,250,000	31,460,000	31,550,000	32,760,000
Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	-	-	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000	18,370,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Medicaid	2,926,434,678	3,380,727,893	3,287,715,431	3,673,630,000	3,882,280,000	3,680,980,000	3,891,530,000
Old Age Assistance	43,344,825	47,557,572	51,346,541	53,530,000	54,310,000	54,450,000	56,900,000
Aid To The Blind	549,620	566,099	619,721	612,200	627,300	623,700	657,800
Aid To The Disabled	51,743,720	52,986,819	50,543,338	52,980,000	53,820,000	53,820,000	56,020,000
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	49,460,669	56,376,381	69,641,000	69,400,000	75,400,000	69,400,000	75,400,000
Emergency Assistance	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Food Stamp Training Expenses	7,642	-	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341
DMHAS-Disproportionate Share	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000
Connecticut Home Care Program	38,164,539	41,363,835	46,720,000	48,050,000	50,680,000	48,050,000	50,680,000
Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	888,619	1,225,409	1,043,704	1,070,348	1,070,348	1,070,348	1,070,348
Community Residential Services	769,040,043	-	-	-	-	-	-
Safety Net Services	1,458,012	1,495,191	1,462,802	1,500,145	1,500,145	1,500,145	1,500,145
Refunds Of Collections	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965
Services for Persons With Disabilities	281,617	283,698	301,953	309,661	309,661	309,661	309,661
Nutrition Assistance	821,208	1,020,941	1,000,000	1,020,994	1,920,994	3,520,994	6,020,994
State Administered General Assistance	14,012,163	16,736,210	14,710,000	16,960,000	17,880,000	17,480,000	19,000,000
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737
Community Services	4,837,671	7,921,763	6,335,965	4,038,162	4,038,162	7,017,162	7,017,162
Human Services Infrastructure							
Community Action Program	3,969,426	4,289,765	4,177,301	4,204,736	4,204,736	4,274,240	4,274,240
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	1,454,281	1,281,171	1,361,787	1,394,639	1,394,639	1,394,639	1,394,639
Domestic Violence Shelters	7,459,941	7,650,170	7,459,941	9,150,381	9,150,381	8,650,381	8,650,381
Hospital Supplemental Payments	568,300,000	568,299,998	568,300,000	568,300,000	818,300,000	568,300,000	778,300,000
Regional Hospice of Western CT	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Municipality	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Agency Total - General Fund	4,941,696,324	4,646,126,083	4,599,147,121	4,957,764,552	5,432,429,652	5,015,773,361	5,458,567,461

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Increase Hospital Supplemental Payments Related to Updated Provider Tax

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	140,000,000	-	140,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	140,000,000	-	140,000,000	-	-

Background

The Governor's proposed budget increases Health Provider Tax revenue \$140 million by updating the base year for the user fee and reducing the tax rate on outpatient services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$140 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This results in a General Fund revenue gain of \$93.8 million to reflect federal reimbursement for such payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Hospital Supplemental Payments and Medicaid Rates

Hospital Supplemental Payments	-	110,000,000	-	70,000,000	-	(40,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	110,000,000	-	70,000,000	-	(40,000,000)

Governor

Provide funding of \$110 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This change is made in conjunction with a reduction in healthcare costs under the Office of the Comptroller due to lower hospital rates paid by the state employee and non-Medicare retiree health plans. The increased DSS payments result in additional General Fund revenue of \$73.7 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments.

Committee

Provide \$70 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. The increase in Hospital Supplemental Payments results in additional General Fund revenue of \$46.9 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments.

Provide Funding for Day Kimball Hospital

Medicaid	-	-	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Medicaid rate increases for Day Kimball Hospital.

Increase Rates for Chronic Disease Hospitals

Medicaid	-	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$400,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect a Medicaid rate increase for chronic disease hospitals, which include the Hospital for Special Care and Gaylord Hospital.

Limit Coverage of Weight Loss Medications for Obesity Only

Medicaid	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	(28,790,000)	(16,850,000)	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

PA 23-94 requires DSS to provide medical assistance for (1) bariatric surgery and related medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with severe obesity, and (2) medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with a body mass index greater than thirty-five, provided such beneficiaries otherwise meet certain conditions. Currently, Medicaid covers weight loss drugs for Medicaid members with type 2 diabetes as well as Wegovy when prescribed to reduce the risk of a major adverse cardiac event.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$28,790,000 in FY 26 and \$16,850,000 in FY 27 to reflect limiting Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs used solely for the purpose of weight loss. This eliminates funding added in the current services update for weight loss only coverage.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reflect Enhanced Pharmacy Savings

Other Expenses	-	-	100,000	200,000	100,000	200,000
Medicaid	-	-	-	(17,000,000)	-	(17,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	100,000	(16,800,000)	100,000	(16,800,000)

Committee

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 26 and \$200,000 in FY 27 and reduce funding by \$17 million in FY 27 to reflect increased pharmacy savings. This assumes rebates will increase to 65% of pharmacy costs from approximately 63%. FY 26 and FY 27 funding supports transitional consultants to assist the agency with pursuing pharmacy savings consortiums beyond TOP\$. DSS is directed to provide the Appropriations and Human Services Committees with an annual report including information on pharmacy costs under Medicaid, associated rebates, and related actions the agency may take to achieve further savings.

Increase Medicaid Provider Rates

Medicaid	10,400,000	25,000,000	15,400,000	30,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total - General Fund	10,400,000	25,000,000	15,400,000	30,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$10.4 million in FY 26 and \$25 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for Medicaid providers.

Committee

Provide funding of \$15.4 million in FY 26 and \$30 million in FY 27 to reflect rate increases for Medicaid providers. FY 26 increases include support for behavioral health services (focusing on parity among pediatric and adult rates for similar services), physician outpatient and surgery services, and independent audiology and speech and language pathology services. Rate increases are intended to be phased-in to align with the Medicare or five-state benchmarks detailed in phases one and two of the Medicaid rate study.

Adjust Funding for Ambulance Rates

Medicaid	(4,200,000)	(4,500,000)	-	-	4,200,000	4,500,000
Total - General Fund	(4,200,000)	(4,500,000)	-	-	4,200,000	4,500,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect a 20% reduction in Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect current Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Increase Birth to Three Rates

Medicaid	-	4,500,000	-	300,000	-	(4,200,000)
Total - General Fund	-	4,500,000	-	300,000	-	(4,200,000)

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through DSS Medicaid payments as well as through contracts under the Office of Early Childhood. The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include increased rates and a new tiered rate system based on provider experience and credentialing levels.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect increased Medicaid rates for birth to three providers.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Provide funding of \$300,000 in FY 27 to increase Medicaid rates for birth to three providers.

Expand Emergency Medicaid Services

Other Expenses	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 27 to support system adjustments to enable individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments.

Adjust Funding for Statutory Inflation

Medicaid	(14,000,000)	(37,500,000)	(14,000,000)	(16,500,000)	-	21,000,000
Old Age Assistance	(920,000)	(2,590,000)	-	-	920,000	2,590,000
Aid To The Blind	(11,500)	(30,500)	-	-	11,500	30,500
Aid To The Disabled	(840,000)	(2,200,000)	-	-	840,000	2,200,000
Total - General Fund	(15,771,500)	(42,320,500)	(14,000,000)	(16,500,000)	1,771,500	25,820,500

Governor

Reduce funding by \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 27), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,711,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27).

Committee

Reduce funding by \$14 million in FY 26 and \$16.5 million in FY 27 to reflect delaying the inflationary adjustment for nursing homes to FY 27. Funding is maintained for residential care homes (RCHs), rated housing facilities, and ICFs.

Adjust Funding for Statutory COLAs

Old Age Assistance	(700,000)	(1,320,000)	(700,000)	(1,320,000)	-	-
Aid To The Blind	(2,700)	(5,400)	(2,700)	(5,400)	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	(430,000)	(890,000)	(430,000)	(890,000)	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	(520,000)	(1,120,000)	-	-	520,000	1,120,000
Total - General Fund	(1,652,700)	(3,335,400)	(1,132,700)	(2,215,400)	520,000	1,120,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,652,700 in FY 26 and \$3,335,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, and State Administered General Assistance.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$1,132,700 in FY 26 and \$2,215,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. Maintain funding for State Administered General Assistance.

Reduce Long-Term Care Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Costs

Medicaid	(290,000)	(300,000)	(290,000)	(300,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(290,000)	(300,000)	(290,000)	(300,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$290,000 in FY 26 and \$300,000 in FY 27 to reflect requiring long-term care pharmacies to dispense 30-day supply for routine prescriptions. Savings are incurred by reducing the frequency of dispensing fee (\$10.75) payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Adjust Funding for MED-Connect

Medicaid	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	1,000,000

Background

PA 24-81 expands income and asset eligibility for the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities Program (MED-Connect). Effective April 1, 2025, the income limit increases from \$75,000 per year to \$85,000 and assets increase from \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples to \$20,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Eligibility expansions continue annually from 7/1/26 until 7/1/29 when all limits are lifted. Income limits are increased by \$10,000 annually and assets are increased by \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect maintaining MED-Connect eligibility at April 2025 levels (income limit of \$85,000 and asset limit of \$20,000 for individuals and \$30,000 for couples).

Committee

Maintain funding \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect the continued eligibility expansion of MED-Connect.

Reduce Funding for PCMH+

Medicaid	-	-	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)

Committee

Reduce funding by \$6 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of shared savings funding under the PCMH+ program.

Provide Funding for Katie Beckett Wait List

Medicaid	-	-	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000	3,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000	3,000,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	3	1	3

Background

The Katie Beckett Waiver Program serves individuals 21 years of age and younger who have a physical disability and may have a co-occurring developmental disability, who would normally not qualify financially for Medicaid due to family income. The waiver supports home and community-based services (in lieu of institutional care) through case management as well as standard Medicaid covered services (physician, therapy, home health, hospital inpatient and outpatient services). The current wait list is approximately 331 individuals. The average state cost per person is approximately \$25,500 per year.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and \$3 million in FY 27 to reflect transitioning approximately 50 individuals off the wait list each year to receive services under the Katie Beckett waiver.

Provide Medicaid Coverage for Fertility and Related Services

Medicaid	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$300,000 in FY 27 to reflect Medicaid coverage for fertility related services including assessment, treatment (including in-vitro fertilization), and preservation, effective 1/1/27.

Provide Funding for Behavioral Health Services for Children

Other Expenses	-	-	1,700,000	1,200,000	1,700,000	1,200,000
HUSKY B Program	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000	2,500,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to support (1) applied behavior analysis services under HUSKY B, (2) a contract with the Yale Child Study Center to review IICAPS and other evidence-based alternatives that focus on delivering positive outcomes for children with behavioral health issues, and (3) intensive behavioral health supports to children in a school setting.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Support to Reflect Increases in Minimum Wage

Medicaid	3,600,000	8,600,000	3,600,000	8,600,000	-	-
Connecticut Home Care Program	600,000	1,400,000	600,000	1,400,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	4,200,000	10,000,000	4,200,000	10,000,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$10 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for home health aides and low-wage workers under the Connecticut Home Care Program (state-funded) and Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. This assumes five months of payment in FY 26 and reflects a 4.9% increase.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding to Reflect Increased Cost Sharing for State-Funded Home Care Clients

Connecticut Home Care Program	(400,000)	(500,000)	(400,000)	(500,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(400,000)	(500,000)	(400,000)	(500,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$400,000 in FY 26 and \$500,000 in FY 27 to reflect increased cost sharing for participants under the state-funded home care program. Savings reflect increasing the cost share from 3% of the cost of care to 5% with a monthly cap of \$175.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Support Medicaid Landscape Analysis Recommendations

Medicaid	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2 million in FY 27 to support care coordination services for individuals with acute/chronic disease and behavioral health conditions, particularly for individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare (dually eligible).

Committee

Funding is not provided to implement certain recommendations resulting from the Medicaid Landscape Analysis.

Adjust Funding to Support Development of 1115 Demonstration Waiver

Other Expenses	1,000,000	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	-

Background

1115 demonstration waivers (allowed under section 1115 of the Social Security Act) allow states additional flexibility to design and improve their Medicaid program through state-specific policies. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reviews proposals to ensure stated objectives align with those of Medicaid and federal policies. Demonstrations are generally approved for an initial five-year period with possible extensions. In Connecticut, Covered Connecticut and the Substance Use Disorder Demonstration were approved under 1115 waivers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 to reflect contractual support for additional ways to leverage federal funding, particularly through the development of an 1115 demonstration waiver.

Committee

Funding is not provided for additional contractual support.

Adjust Funding for New Non-Entitlement Grants

Community Services	(920,000)	(920,000)	300,000	300,000	1,220,000	1,220,000
Human Services Infrastructure						
Community Action Program	(69,504)	(69,504)	-	-	69,504	69,504
Regional Hospice of Western CT	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	(989,504)	(989,504)	1,300,000	1,300,000	2,289,504	2,289,504

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Reduce funding by \$989,504 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of funding for various entities included in the FY 24 - FY 25 biennial budget. This includes funding for: Person to Person (\$500,000), Catholic Charities of New Haven (\$270,000), Spanish Community of Wallingford (\$150,000), and the Fatherhood Initiative (\$69,504).

Committee

Maintain funding of \$989,504 and provide additional funding of \$1.3 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to support various programs. Additional funding supports the Regional Hospice of Western CT including the expansion of the pediatric hospice program (\$1 million), Mosaic Coalition Inc Norwich (\$250,000), and Southwest Community Health Center (\$50,000).

Adjust Funding for Various Programs

Community Services	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	259,000	259,000	1,759,000	1,759,000
Total - General Fund	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	259,000	259,000	1,759,000	1,759,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect decreased funding for migrant support (\$1 million) and Roca (\$500,000).

Committee

Maintain funding of \$1.5 million and provide additional funding of \$259,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Funding of \$500,000 supports Roca, \$1 million reflects operating support for the state's three resettlement agencies, \$159,000 extends refugee support services through Jewish Family Services of Norwich, and \$100,000 supports Building One Community in Stamford.

Increase Funding for Connecticut Foodshare

Nutrition Assistance	-	900,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	4,100,000
Total - General Fund	-	900,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	4,100,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$900,000 in FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare. Funding supports the purchase of food for distribution at pantries across the state, with 15% of funds being used for purchases at Connecticut farms.

Committee

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare.

Adjust Funding for Domestic Violence Assistance

State Administered General Assistance	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	-	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(500,000)	(500,000)
Total - General Fund	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA, while \$1.5 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to enhance direct support services.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$3 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA. Funding of \$1 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support the hotline.

Adjust Funding for Opportunity Center Pilot

Personal Services	-	901,800	-	-	-	(901,800)
Other Expenses	-	218,200	-	-	-	(218,200)
Total - General Fund	-	1,120,000	-	-	-	(1,120,000)
Positions - General Fund	-	10	-	-	-	(10)

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,120,000 and ten positions in FY 27 to expand the current Opportunity Center site in Hartford and expand to an additional site. Funding includes support for a Durational Operations Manager, two Durational Site Program Managers, six OC Benefit Navigators, and an IT Analyst as well as training and operational expenses.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Maintain current Opportunity Center structure.

Maintain Information Technology Functions Under DAS

Personal Services	(7,939,805)	(7,939,805)	-	-	7,939,805	7,939,805
Other Expenses	(32,279,000)	(32,279,000)	-	-	32,279,000	32,279,000
Total - General Fund	(40,218,805)	(40,218,805)	-	-	40,218,805	40,218,805
Positions - General Fund	(65)	(65)	-	-	65	65

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 65 positions and \$40,218,805 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Maintain IT positions and funding in DSS.

Current Services

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	26,644	26,644	26,644	26,644	-	-
Safety Net Services	37,343	37,343	37,343	37,343	-	-
Services for Persons With Disabilities	7,708	7,708	7,708	7,708	-	-
Nutrition Assistance	20,994	20,994	20,994	20,994	-	-
Community Services	122,197	122,197	122,197	122,197	-	-
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	96,939	96,939	96,939	96,939	-	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	32,852	32,852	32,852	32,852	-	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	190,440	190,440	190,440	190,440	-	-
Total - General Fund	535,117	535,117	535,117	535,117	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$535,117 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	-	-
Total - General Fund	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	6,597,570	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,597,570 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Personal Services

Personal Services	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect staffing level requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Other Expenses

Other Expenses	7,806,884	10,406,884	7,806,884	10,406,884	-	-
Total - General Fund	7,806,884	10,406,884	7,806,884	10,406,884	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$7,806,884 in FY 26 and \$10,406,884 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Other Expenses. Increases primarily support contract and system maintenance costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - HUSKY B

HUSKY B Program	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	(7,980,000)	(6,770,000)	-	-

Background

The HUSKY B Program provides health coverage for children of families with incomes in excess of 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 323% FPL. HUSKY program expenditures typically receive 65% federal reimbursement. HUSKY B also supports prenatal services for pregnant women under the unborn child option as well as state-funded coverage for children ages 15 and under regardless of immigration status. As of December 2024, approximately 23,700 individuals were enrolled under HUSKY B.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$7,980,000 in FY 26 and \$6,770,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under HUSKY B. Changes include the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$11.5 million in both years) and cost and caseload adjustments (\$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$4.7 million in FY 27).

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Medicaid	290,000,000	290,000,000	290,000,000	290,000,000	-	-
Old Age Assistance	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	298,050,000	298,050,000	298,050,000	298,050,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$298,050,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Medicaid

Medicaid	89,274,569	247,464,569	89,274,569	247,464,569	-	-
Total - General Fund	89,274,569	247,464,569	89,274,569	247,464,569	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

DSS' Medicaid program provides remedial, preventive, and long-term medical care for income eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals (HUSKY C), low-income adults (HUSKY D) and families with children (HUSKY A). Payment is made directly to health care providers, by the department, for services delivered to eligible individuals. Medicaid services individuals across the HUSKY Health programs as follows: approximately 540,000 individuals in HUSKY A, 84,000 in HUSKY C, and 314,000 in HUSKY D. The program complies with federal Medicaid law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and regulations. In addition, the account provides coverage for services to certain individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid, except for their immigration status, using state-only funds. As of December 2024, this state-only medical group includes approximately 14,000 children as well as 3,250 women receiving postpartum services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$89,274,569 in FY 26 and \$247,464,569 in FY 27 to reflect current services requirements under Medicaid. Funding primarily reflects support for caseload, cost per case and utilization changes, initial estimated coverage for weight loss drugs, and Medicare Part D clawback payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Conform with Hospital Settlement Agreement

Medicaid	24,920,000	39,650,000	24,920,000	39,650,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	24,920,000	39,650,000	24,920,000	39,650,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,920,000 in FY 26 and \$39,650,000 in FY 27 to conform to the hospital settlement agreement.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Rate Increases

Medicaid	14,000,000	37,500,000	14,000,000	37,500,000	-	-
Old Age Assistance	920,000	2,590,000	920,000	2,590,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	11,500	30,500	11,500	30,500	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	840,000	2,200,000	840,000	2,200,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	15,771,500	42,320,500	15,771,500	42,320,500	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 25), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,771,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27). Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Cost of Living Adjustments

Old Age Assistance	700,000	1,320,000	700,000	1,320,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	2,700	5,400	2,700	5,400	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	430,000	890,000	430,000	890,000	-	-
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	500,000	2,300,000	500,000	2,300,000	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	520,000	1,120,000	520,000	1,120,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,152,700	5,635,400	2,152,700	5,635,400	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,152,700 in FY 26 and \$5,635,400 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), and State Administered General Assistance. Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Supplemental Assistance

Old Age Assistance	1,333,459	2,113,459	1,333,459	2,113,459	-	-
Aid To The Blind	(7,521)	7,579	(7,521)	7,579	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	236,662	1,076,662	236,662	1,076,662	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,562,600	3,197,700	1,562,600	3,197,700	-	-

Background

State Supplemental programs consist of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. These programs provide monthly financial assistance to low-income individuals. These programs are entirely state funded but operate under both state and federal guidelines. To receive benefits, an individual must have another source of income to supplement, such as federal Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Veteran's Benefits. All recipients are automatically eligible for health care benefits under the state's Medicaid program. As of December 2024, paid cases totaled 5,700 per month under Aid to the Disabled, 3,700 under Old Age Assistance, and 60 under Aid to the Blind.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,562,600 in FY 26 and \$3,197,700 in FY 27 to support current requirements for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Temporary Family Assistance

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	(741,000)	3,459,000	(741,000)	3,459,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	(741,000)	3,459,000	(741,000)	3,459,000	-	-

Background

The Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families. The TFA program limits assistance to 36 months for non-exempt cases, with possible extensions. Individuals in the TFA program are usually eligible for health care services provided under the state's Medicaid program. The standard of need is 55% FPL. Families with income above 100% FPL and up to 170% FPL can remain on the program for six months with no impact to their benefits, while families above 170% FPL and up to 230% FPL can remain on the program for six months with a 20% reduction in their benefit level. The asset limit is \$6,000. TFA supports an average monthly caseload of 7,100 at an average cost per case of \$730 per month.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$741,000 in FY 26 and provide funding of \$3,459,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Temporary Family Assistance. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 projected lapse (-\$6.3 million in FY 26 and FY 27) as well as increasing cost and caseload (\$5.6 million in FY 26 and \$9.8 million in FY 27).

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Connecticut Home Care Program

Connecticut Home Care Program	1,130,000	3,060,000	1,130,000	3,060,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,130,000	3,060,000	1,130,000	3,060,000	-	-

Background

The state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (CHCP) provides home and community-based services to the elderly who are at risk of nursing home placement and meet the program's financial eligibility criteria. Category 1 (currently closed to intake) is targeted to individuals who are at risk of hospitalization or short-term nursing facility placement if preventive home care services are not provided. Category 2 is targeted to individuals who are frail enough to require nursing facility care but have resources that would prevent them from qualifying for Medicaid upon admission to a nursing facility. As of December 2024, the program is supporting approximately 1,750 state-funded clients.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,130,000 in FY 26 and \$3,060,000 in FY 27 to support expenditure requirements under the Connecticut Home Care Program. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$500,000), removal of ARPA funding (-\$270,000), and caseload increases (\$1.9 million in FY 26 and \$3.8 million in FY 27 to support 4% growth each year).

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - State Administered General Assistance

State Administered General Assistance	1,250,000	2,170,000	1,250,000	2,170,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,250,000	2,170,000	1,250,000	2,170,000	-	-

Background

The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. The program supports approximately 4,300 cases each month with an average cost per case of \$320.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,250,000 in FY 26 and \$2,170,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements to support caseload growth under SAGA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	4,599,147,121	-	-
Policy Revisions	(79,712,509)	179,505,791	(21,703,700)	205,643,600	58,008,809	26,137,809
Current Services	438,329,940	653,776,740	438,329,940	653,776,740	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	4,957,764,552	5,432,429,652	5,015,773,361	5,458,567,461	58,008,809	26,137,809

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	1,826	1,826	1,826	1,826	-	-
Policy Revisions	(65)	(55)	1	3	66	58
Total Recommended - GF	1,761	1,771	1,827	1,829	66	58

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	130	146	146	144	144	146	146
Workers' Compensation Fund	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	6,608,843	6,614,314	8,572,621	8,499,272	8,499,272	8,699,272	8,699,272
Other Expenses	1,012,695	1,340,285	1,398,575	1,137,575	1,137,575	1,147,575	1,147,575
Other Current Expenses							
Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	4,571,232	4,659,692	4,873,907	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360
Employment Opportunities - Blind & Disabled	200,929	241,409	406,594	416,974	416,974	416,974	416,974
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled	6,809,785	7,536,668	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382
Supplementary Relief and Services	31,132	44,846	44,847	97,251	97,251	97,251	97,251
Special Training for the Deaf Blind	136,143	131,979	258,825	264,045	264,045	264,045	264,045
Connecticut Radio Information Service	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194
Independent Living Centers	1,023,927	1,070,723	1,000,000	1,025,528	1,025,528	1,025,528	1,025,528
Programs for Senior Citizens	3,817,965	4,405,195	4,423,247	4,536,165	4,536,165	5,036,165	5,036,165
Elderly Nutrition	3,404,171	3,491,074	4,904,171	4,991,074	4,991,074	4,991,074	4,991,074
Aging in Place Pilot Program	-	150,000	150,000	-	-	-	-
Communication Advocacy Network	-	51,582	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000	200,000
Agency Total - General Fund	27,687,016	29,807,961	34,098,363	34,069,820	34,069,820	34,879,820	34,879,820
Fall Prevention	119,898	50,075	382,660	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	119,898	50,075	382,660	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660
Personal Services	482,618	511,120	613,572	634,783	634,783	634,783	634,783
Other Expenses	43,625	35,930	48,440	48,440	48,440	48,440	48,440
Rehabilitative Services	324,909	355,129	1,000,721	595,631	595,631	595,631	595,631
Fringe Benefits	456,436	444,205	597,987	467,987	467,987	467,987	467,987
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	1,307,588	1,346,384	2,260,720	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841
Total - Appropriated Funds	29,114,502	31,204,420	36,741,743	36,007,353	36,007,353	37,009,321	37,009,321

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Eliminate Funding for Stamford Senior Center

Other Expenses	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce other expenses funding to Stamford Senior Center by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Provide Funding for the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing

Personal Services	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Other Expenses	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Committee

Provide Personal Services funding of \$200,000 and Other Expenses funding of \$10,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing and its activities. The PS funding will support two positions, a Bureau Director and an administrative assistant. Part of the director's FY 26 salary is currently covered by ARPA dollars. The OE funding will cover the Bureau's interpreter service needs.

Provide Funding for Communication Advocacy Network

Communication Advocacy Network	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Committee

Increase funding to the Communication Advocacy Network by \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide Funding for AAA Service Navigators

Programs for Senior Citizens	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). This funding will support the hiring of additional service navigators for each AAA, and will cover salaries, fringe benefits, and operating expenses.

Eliminate Funding for Aging in Place Pilot

Aging in Place Pilot Program	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-

Background

The FY 24- FY 25 biennial budget provided funding of \$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for an Aging in Place Pilot Program. The program was developed to serve senior citizens who own a home in Bloomfield and Hartford, assisting eligible seniors in identifying Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) contractors to perform home repairs on their primary residence. The Minority Construction Council (MCC) was tasked with overseeing the repair process by identifying qualified credentialed MBE contractors to perform the required repairs. The program funds covered the cost of the labor, materials needed to complete the home repair, and a fiduciary service fee. The MCC aimed to work with 25 senior homeowners to provide home repairs at no cost to the homeowners so they have homes that are safe, energy efficient and ADA accessible.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the Aging in Place Pilot.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Transfer the Driver Training Program from ADS to DMV

Personal Services	(244,500)	(244,500)	(244,500)	(244,500)	-	-
Other Expenses	(21,000)	(21,000)	(21,000)	(21,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(265,500)	(265,500)	(265,500)	(265,500)	-	-
Positions - General Fund	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	-	-

Background

The Driver Training Program provides free special equipment evaluation, driver training, and license certification for people with physical disabilities who may require special adaptive equipment to operate a motor vehicle. In FY 24 the program served 278 clients. Of these, 143 clients completed the program, 43 were actively receiving services, and 92 had requested services.

PA 11-44 transferred the program from DMV to the newly established Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (now ADS).

Governor

Transfer three positions and \$265,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the transfer of the program to DMV (an equal transfer of General Fund dollars and positions to the Special Transportation Fund).

Committee

Same as Governor.

Transfer Position from DMHAS to ADS

Personal Services	116,146	116,146	116,146	116,146	-	-
Total - General Fund	116,146	116,146	116,146	116,146	-	-
Positions - General Fund	1	1	1	1	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$116,146 and one position in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to the Department of Aging and Disability (ADS) to reflect ADS assuming contracting responsibilities.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Maintain Funding for Fall Prevention

Fall Prevention	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968
Total - Insurance Fund	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968

Background

The Fall Prevention Program aims to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults, educate professionals and the public about the importance of falls prevention, and share resources and best practices. The program partners ADS' Bureau of Aging with the Department of Public Health's Office of Injury and Violence Prevention, and is guided by Connecticut General Statute 17a-859.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$191,968 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$191,968 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the fall prevention program.

Reduce Workers' Rehabilitative Services Funding

Rehabilitative Services	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-

Background

The Worker's Rehabilitation program aims to assist injured workers in returning to employment, providing services such as counseling, aptitude and interest testing, formal training and education, and job placement assistance. The program is governed by Chapter 568 of the Connecticut General Statutes, also known as the Workers' Compensation Act, which requires the Department of Aging and Disability to provide vocational rehabilitation services.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Reduce funding by \$405,090 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	305,005	305,005	305,005	305,005	-	-
Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	162,453	162,453	162,453	162,453	-	-
Total - General Fund	467,458	467,458	467,458	467,458	-	-
Personal Services	21,211	21,211	21,211	21,211	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	21,211	21,211	21,211	21,211	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$488,669 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Employment Opportunities - Blind & Disabled	10,380	10,380	10,380	10,380	-	-
Supplementary Relief and Services	52,404	52,404	52,404	52,404	-	-
Special Training for the Deaf Blind	5,220	5,220	5,220	5,220	-	-
Independent Living Centers	25,528	25,528	25,528	25,528	-	-
Programs for Senior Citizens	112,918	112,918	112,918	112,918	-	-
Elderly Nutrition	86,903	86,903	86,903	86,903	-	-
Total - General Fund	293,353	293,353	293,353	293,353	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$293,353 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Funding to Reflect the Coverage of Waterbury Lease Costs Under DSS

Other Expenses	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$140,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the Department of Social Services (DSS) assuming greater leasing costs related to the Waterbury location.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Same as Governor.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Current Staffing Levels

Personal Services	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Current Rate

Fringe Benefits	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	-	-

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$130,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	34,098,363	34,098,363	34,098,363	34,098,363	-	-
Policy Revisions	(399,354)	(399,354)	410,646	410,646	810,000	810,000
Current Services	370,811	370,811	370,811	370,811	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	34,069,820	34,069,820	34,879,820	34,879,820	810,000	810,000
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	382,660	382,660	382,660	382,660	-	-
Policy Revisions	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968
Total Recommended - IF	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660	191,968	191,968
FY 25 Appropriation - WF	2,260,720	2,260,720	2,260,720	2,260,720	-	-
Policy Revisions	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-
Current Services	(108,789)	(108,789)	(108,789)	(108,789)	-	-
Total Recommended - WF	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	146	146	146	146	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2)	(2)	-	-	2	2
Total Recommended - GF	144	144	146	146	2	2

Department of Children and Families

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,945	2,945	2,974	2,974

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	286,017,120	285,854,291	309,141,905	299,712,493	299,712,493	306,233,500	303,233,500
Other Expenses	30,798,917	30,668,135	28,837,956	25,350,159	25,350,159	31,137,956	31,137,956
Other Current Expenses							
Family Support Services	1,035,708	1,064,018	1,037,746	1,064,233	1,064,233	1,064,233	1,064,233
Differential Response System	9,037,860	9,315,522	9,140,302	9,367,256	9,367,256	9,367,256	9,367,256
Regional Behavioral Health Consultation	1,720,116	1,835,695	1,792,453	1,838,167	1,838,167	1,838,167	1,838,167
Community Care Coordination	8,196,582	8,957,944	8,734,955	8,957,944	8,957,944	8,957,944	8,957,944
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Health Assessment and Consultation	1,521,847	1,561,995	1,558,211	1,596,776	1,596,776	1,596,776	1,596,776
Grants for Psychiatric Clinics for Children	16,630,598	18,098,876	17,749,403	18,130,105	18,130,105	18,130,105	18,130,105
Day Treatment Centers for Children	7,959,273	8,046,230	8,014,992	8,219,601	8,219,601	8,219,601	8,219,601
Child Abuse and Neglect Intervention	10,505,021	9,980,915	9,751,391	9,988,016	9,988,016	9,988,016	9,988,016
Community Based Prevention Programs	8,943,495	9,297,639	9,212,132	9,407,655	9,407,655	9,657,655	9,657,655
Family Violence Outreach and Counseling	3,959,383	3,898,171	3,926,815	4,009,230	4,009,230	4,009,230	4,009,230
Supportive Housing	20,805,454	21,179,806	20,805,454	21,180,221	21,180,221	21,180,221	21,180,221
No Nexus Special Education	1,732,853	1,773,850	2,396,390	2,452,640	2,452,640	2,452,640	2,452,640
Family Preservation Services	7,165,737	7,239,251	7,062,473	7,242,683	7,242,683	7,242,683	7,242,683
Substance Abuse Treatment	9,002,557	9,890,878	9,738,188	9,929,982	9,929,982	10,073,982	10,073,982
Child Welfare Support Services	2,467,710	2,530,296	2,804,494	2,854,163	2,854,163	2,854,163	2,854,163
Board and Care for Children - Adoption	106,286,349	105,755,102	106,884,511	106,884,511	106,884,511	106,884,511	106,884,511
Board and Care for Children - Foster	110,815,045	114,948,001	121,399,713	123,521,818	123,521,818	123,521,818	123,521,818
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	61,673,425	64,660,509	68,855,247	65,628,396	65,628,396	65,628,396	65,628,396
Individualized Family Supports	3,295,035	3,783,841	3,821,264	3,871,304	3,871,304	3,871,304	3,871,304
Community Kidcare	47,145,414	48,398,654	47,294,772	52,411,129	52,411,129	54,411,129	63,011,129
Covenant to Care	179,370	183,944	181,332	185,911	185,911	185,911	185,911
Juvenile Review Boards	1,691,749	1,734,888	6,000,000	3,897,957	6,043,187	3,897,957	6,043,187
Youth Transition and Success Programs	490,545	996,192	991,421	1,016,220	1,016,220	1,016,220	1,016,220
Love146	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Youth Service Bureaus	2,677,876	2,727,244	2,733,240	2,733,240	2,733,240	2,733,240	2,733,240
Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	1,115,089	1,111,934	1,115,161	1,115,161	1,115,161	1,115,161	1,115,161

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Agency Total - General Fund	762,870,128	775,493,821	810,981,921	802,566,971	804,712,201	818,269,775	826,015,005

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Maintain Information Technology Functions in DCF

Personal Services	(3,521,007)	(3,521,007)	-	-	3,521,007	3,521,007
Other Expenses	(5,487,797)	(5,487,797)	-	-	5,487,797	5,487,797
Total - General Fund	(9,008,804)	(9,008,804)	-	-	9,008,804	9,008,804
Positions - General Fund	(29)	(29)	-	-	29	29

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 29 positions and \$9,008,804 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Do not centralize Department of Children and Families' IT functions into DAS.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Delayed Implementation of Prearrest Diversion Plan

Juvenile Review Boards	(2,145,230)	-	(2,145,230)	-	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,145,230)	-	(2,145,230)	-	-	-

Background

Annual funding of \$4,290,461 was first appropriated in FY 24 to support the implementation of plans for prearrest diversion of low-risk children, and automatic prearrest diversion of children to the community-based diversion system or other community-based service providers, in lieu of arrest for first or second offenses, per Section 1 of PA 23-188 (*AAC Juvenile Justice*). To date, programming has not been initiated.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,145,230 in FY 26 to reflect delayed implementation of prearrest diversion programming for children. Half-year funding for this initiative is maintained in FY 26.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Children's Urgent Crisis Centers

Community Kidcare	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

Background

Urgent Crisis Centers (UCC) serve families of children who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis but do not require emergency department level of care. The centers function as walk-in clinics, providing youths and their families with immediate access to needed resources. Grant funding through the American Rescue Plan Act has supported the cost of UCC development and service provision.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Community Kidcare account to support children's Urgent Crisis Centers.

Provide Funding for Love146

Love146	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

Love146 is the primary specialized statewide service provider supporting youth who have been trafficked. The organization works to prevent child trafficking and provide holistic expert support to survivors.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Love146.

Suspend Private Residential Treatment Center Rate Increases

Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	(592,298)	(592,298)	(592,298)	(592,298)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(592,298)	(592,298)	(592,298)	(592,298)	-	-

Background

Section 22 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, suspends residential treatment center room and board rate adjustments pursuant to the Single Cost Accounting System (SCAS) in FY 26 and FY 27. See the corresponding write-up entitled *Provide Funding for Private Residential Treatment Center Facility Rate Increases* under Current Services.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$592,298 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for SCAS room and board rate increases for private residential treatment centers. Funding of \$56,250 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the No Nexus Special Education account remains to support SCAS rate increases for education services.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Thames River Community Service

Other Expenses	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Thames River Community Service.

Provide Funding for Child First

Community Based Prevention Programs	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Background

Child First is an intensive in-home therapy to address learning problems and emotional, behavioral and developmental challenges of young children. It helps families build strong, nurturing relationships with their children to minimize the impact of trauma and stress. Child First offers comprehensive assessment, parent-child treatment; early care and education support, and care coordination and case management.

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Community Based Prevention Programs account to support Child First programming.

Provide Funding for Family-Based Recovery Program

Substance Abuse Treatment	-	-	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000

Background

Family-Based Recovery (FBR) is an intensive, in-home, evidence-based clinical treatment model for families with infants or young children who are at risk for abuse and/or neglect, poor developmental outcomes or removal from their homes due to parental substance abuse. FBR was added to the DCF service array in 2008. The program was developed in Connecticut by DCF, Johns Hopkins University, and the Yale Child Study Center.

The FBR Model Development and Operations program at the Yale Child Study Center provides initial and ongoing training and clinical consultation to support FBR providers in treating high-needs families and reducing the likelihood of out-of-home placements.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Provide funding of \$144,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Substance Abuse Treatment account to support the FBR Model Development and Operations program at the Yale Child Study Center.

Provide Funding for Left Hearts

Other Expenses	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Left Hearts.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(18,000,000)	(18,000,000)	(15,000,000)	(18,000,000)	3,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	(18,000,000)	(18,000,000)	(15,000,000)	(18,000,000)	3,000,000	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$18 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$15 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	12,091,595	12,091,595	12,091,595	12,091,595	-	-
Total - General Fund	12,091,595	12,091,595	12,091,595	12,091,595	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,091,595 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Services Through General Fund

Community Kidcare	-	-	-	8,600,000	-	8,600,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	8,600,000	-	8,600,000

Background

Section 31 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, allocates funding of \$16.1 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) to several agencies. Funds are allocated to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Housing to maintain certain services after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expire. Additionally, an OSF allocation is recommended for the Department of Public Health to offset a reduction in fee receipts dedicated to the assistance program for healthcare professionals (known as HAVEN) that results from the Governor's proposed elimination of certain occupational licensure fees.

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The OSF is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Provide \$8.6 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the OSF to maintain statewide 24/7 in-person pediatric mobile crisis intervention response. Prior to the allocation of ARPA funding, the mobile crisis network relied on telephonic interventions for overnight hours and some weekend hours.

Committee

Provide \$8.6 million in FY 27 from the General Fund to the Community KidCare account to maintain statewide 24/7 in-person pediatric mobile crisis intervention response.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Family Support Services	26,487	26,487	26,487	26,487	-	-
Differential Response System	226,954	226,954	226,954	226,954	-	-
Regional Behavioral Health Consultation	45,714	45,714	45,714	45,714	-	-
Community Care Coordination	222,989	222,989	222,989	222,989	-	-
Health Assessment and Consultation	38,565	38,565	38,565	38,565	-	-
Grants for Psychiatric Clinics for Children	380,702	380,702	380,702	380,702	-	-
Day Treatment Centers for Children	204,609	204,609	204,609	204,609	-	-
Child Abuse and Neglect Intervention	236,625	236,625	236,625	236,625	-	-
Community Based Prevention Programs	195,523	195,523	195,523	195,523	-	-
Family Violence Outreach and Counseling	82,415	82,415	82,415	82,415	-	-
Supportive Housing	374,767	374,767	374,767	374,767	-	-
Family Preservation Services	180,210	180,210	180,210	180,210	-	-
Substance Abuse Treatment	220,451	220,451	220,451	220,451	-	-
Child Welfare Support Services	49,669	49,669	49,669	49,669	-	-
Board and Care for Children - Foster	2,122,105	2,122,105	2,122,105	2,122,105	-	-
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	773,149	773,149	773,149	773,149	-	-
Individualized Family Supports	50,040	50,040	50,040	50,040	-	-
Community Kidcare	1,116,357	1,116,357	1,116,357	1,116,357	-	-
Covenant to Care	4,579	4,579	4,579	4,579	-	-
Juvenile Review Boards	43,187	43,187	43,187	43,187	-	-
Youth Transition and Success Programs	24,799	24,799	24,799	24,799	-	-
Total - General Fund	6,619,896	6,619,896	6,619,896	6,619,896	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,619,896 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Support Anticipated Other Expenses Costs

Other Expenses	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-

Background

The FY 24 and FY 25 Budget included an Other Expenses reduction of \$667,856 in FY 25 in anticipation of savings from a proposed consolidation of DCF's Middletown and Meriden area offices. Subsequently, PA 24-81 allocated ARPA funds to support continued operation of both offices.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

The sum of \$1,165,000 was added to DCF's original FY 24 Other Expenses appropriation, through deficiency appropriation and transfer of lapsing funds, to support departmental operations.

Governor

Provide \$2 million to the Other Expenses account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to maintain leased space in Middletown and support operational needs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Private Residential Treatment Facility Rate Increases

No Nexus Special Education	56,250	56,250	56,250	56,250	-	-
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	592,298	592,298	592,298	592,298	-	-
Total - General Fund	648,548	648,548	648,548	648,548	-	-

Background

Pursuant to regulation, the department reimburses each treatment center for the residential care of children under the commissioner's supervision on a per diem basis for residential care and educational services. The system for determining these per diem payment rates is known as the Single Cost Accounting System (SCAS). Under the SCAS, increases in the allowable cost components over the previous rate year are limited to the increase in the consumer price index plus 2 percent or the actual increase in allowable costs, whichever is less.

Governor

Provide funding of \$648,548 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to pay increased per diem reimbursement costs to private residential treatment facilities whose rates are established in accordance with SCAS regulations.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Programming for Multisystemic Therapy

Substance Abuse Treatment	(28,657)	(28,657)	(28,657)	(28,657)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(28,657)	(28,657)	(28,657)	(28,657)	-	-

Background

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is an intensive, in-home, community-based treatment for families of adolescents, 12-17 years of age, at risk of out-of-home placement because of delinquent or antisocial behaviors including substance abuse. DCF procures certain MST services in partnership with the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) of the Judicial Branch. Contractual terms were revised in FY 25 to reflect reduced CSSD financial contributions. These revisions resulted in a savings to DCF.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$28,657 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Substance Abuse Treatment account to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reallocate Voluntary Care Management Wrap-around Funding

Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	-	-
Community Kidcare	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-

Background

The Voluntary Care Management (VCM) program serves families having a child under the age of 18 with a primary diagnosis of an emotional, behavioral or substance use problem who experience challenges in accessing the services they need. The program's goals are to help families meet their own needs, increase their access to care, and connect to traditional and non-traditional supports in their community. DCF refers families to Carelon Behavioral Health, which assesses the child's and family's needs, assists in the development of a care plan, and makes referrals to ongoing clinical and supportive services. Carelon acts as a fiduciary for issuing payments of DCF funds to vendors for wrap-around services and/or supports provided to VCM-enrolled children and families.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Reallocate \$4 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Board and Care for Children – Short-term and Residential account to the Community Kidcare account to consolidate VCM wrap-around funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	810,981,921	810,981,921	810,981,921	810,981,921	-	-
Policy Revisions	(11,746,332)	(9,601,102)	956,472	3,101,702	12,702,804	12,702,804
Current Services	3,331,382	3,331,382	6,331,382	11,931,382	3,000,000	8,600,000
Total Recommended - GF	802,566,971	804,712,201	818,269,775	826,015,005	15,702,804	21,302,804

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,974	-	-
Policy Revisions	(29)	(29)	-	-	29	29
Total Recommended - GF	2,945	2,945	2,974	2,974	29	29