

Emergency Child Care Bridge

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects funding for the county optional Emergency Child Care Bridge for Foster Children Program (Bridge Program) to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. The Bridge Program consists of three components: an emergency child care voucher, a child care navigator, and trauma-informed care training and coaching. The voucher component provides eligible families with a time-limited child care voucher to help pay for child care costs. The navigator, employed by the local resource and referral program, provides hands-on assistance to the eligible families with finding long-term, quality child care placement. The training and coaching component provides trauma-informed care training and coaching to child care providers in counties that participate in the Bridge Program. The training curriculum is developed and coordinated statewide by the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network. Funding is available to pay the cost for Bridge Program child care providers to undergo the TrustLine process and comes from the GF portion of the CalWORKs TrustLine program.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on January 1, 2018.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC 11461.6, as amended by SB 89 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2017).
- Counties must opt-in to receive funding.
- The Bridge Program funding is \$31.0 million GF annually, as appropriated by the Budget Act of 2018.
- The cost for each component of the Bridge Program is based on advocates' proposal to the State Legislature.
- The cost for the emergency child care voucher is \$22.0 million GF in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.
- The cost for the child care navigator is \$5.0 million GF in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.
- Each of the Resource and Referral agencies will receive 0.5 FTE navigator funding.
- The annual FTE salary for a navigator is \$60,000.
- The remaining funds from the child care navigator funding will be distributed to counties based on their FC population.
- The costs for training child care providers is \$4.0 million GF in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.
- There is a \$500,000 contract in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 for the Resource and Referral Network to administer the training portion of the program
- The set aside for state operations is \$38,000.

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KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED):

- There is \$8,000 in FY 2018-19 and \$15,000 in FY 2019-20 from the GF portion of the CalWORKs TrustLine program that is used to fund Bridge Program providers cost to undergo the TrustLine process.
- The percent of federally eligible cases is 60 percent for the 58-county estimate in FY 2019-20. Counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project (Project) do not receive additional FFP for the voucher and navigator portions of the Bridge Program as the federal funds for the Project are capped.
- Effective October 1, 2017, there are seven counties participating in the Project.
- The Project sunsets October 1, 2019.

METHODOLOGY:

The total GF cost is calculated by summing the three components of the Bridge Program, the emergency child care voucher, the child care navigator, and the training for child care providers, less the state operations cost. The FFP for the voucher and navigator portions of the program are calculated using the non-project counties costs and the 50 percent Title IV-E federal match. The FFP for the training portion of the program is calculated using the counties allocation and the 75 percent enhanced Title IV-E federal match.

FUNDING:

Federal funding is provided by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The training components of the Bridge program will receive the 75 percent enhanced FFP, while the other components will receive 50 percent FFP. The seven Project counties do not receive FFP as the federal funds for the Project are capped. Non-federal funding is 100 percent GF contingent upon the appropriation of funds. The Emergency Child Care Bridge – TrustLine funding is 100 percent GF.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

There is no change in FY 2018-19 in Emergency Child Care Bridge. The FY 2018-19 increase in Emergency Child Care Bridge – TrustLine reflects a shift of funds from the GF portion of the CalWORKs TrustLine program to fund Bridge providers undergoing the TrustLine process. There is no net change in GF for FY 2019-20 for Emergency Child Care Bridge. The Item 101 and Item 151 decrease reflect a decline in the percent of federally eligible cases, slightly offset by a revision to the number of participating counties. The increase in Item 153 reflects a revision to the number of participating counties. The FY 2019-20 increase in Emergency Child Care Bridge – TrustLine reflects a shift of funds from the GF portion of the CalWORKs TrustLine program to fund Bridge providers undergoing the TrustLine process.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

There is no net change in GF for Emergency Child Care Bridge. The Item 101 and 151 increase reflects the sunset of the Project, slightly offset by a reduction in the percent of federally eligible cases. The Item 153 decrease reflects the sunset of the Project. There is no change in Emergency Child Care Bridge – TrustLine.

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EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

<u>FY 2018-19</u>					
Item 101 – FC Net Payments	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$14,882	\$4,688	\$10,194	\$0	\$0
Emergency Child Care Bridge - TrustLine	\$8	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$0
Item 151 – CWS Administration					
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$11,888	\$4,935	\$6,953	\$0	\$0
Item 153 – Title IV-E Project					
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$13,815	\$0	\$13,815	\$0	\$0
<u>FY 2019-20</u>					
Item 101 – FC Net Payments	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$26,314	\$7,894	\$18,420	\$0	\$0
Emergency Child Care Bridge - TrustLine	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$0
Item 151 – CWS Administration					
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$13,453	\$5,123	\$8,330	\$0	\$0
Item 153 – Title IV-E Project					
Emergency Child Care Bridge	\$4,212	\$0	\$4,212	\$0	\$0