

## Community Care Licensing (CCL) – Foster Family Homes

### DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects the costs of providing basic funding for foster family home licensing and retention services. Services include on-site visits, reviewing, and monitoring all foster family home related activities as specified in the CCL Evaluator Manual. A foster family home is defined as any residential facility providing 24-hour care for six or fewer foster children that is owned, leased, or rented and is the residence of the foster parent(s). This includes all family members residing in the home, in whose care the foster children have been placed. Up to eight children may be cared for if additional requirements are met.

The Target Visit protocol streamlines the annual review process of licensed care facilities to focus on facilities in which health and safety may be at greatest risk, or those facilities that require an annual visit as a condition of federal funding.

### KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: Health and Safety Code sections 1500 through 1518 and 1596.82.
- The FY 2018-19 funding is maintained at \$2.7 million GF.
- There are 38 counties providing foster family home licensing and retention services. The remaining 20 counties are licensed by CDSS' CCL Division.
- In addition to the Target Visit protocol, counties are required to complete a 30 percent random sample of the remaining facilities which are subject to announced annual visits.
- The projected caseload is 2,586 facilities in FY 2019-20. The caseload assumes a reduction of 3,323 facilities from the FY 2015-16 actual caseload due to the statewide RFA implementation on January 1, 2017, and the subsequent phase-in of foster family homes conversion to approved resource families.
- The workload standard used to determine FTEs for targeted visits is 120 cases per year per worker.
- The worker to supervisor ratio used to determine the total number of FTEs is 6.25:1.
- The annual statewide unit cost for a CCL foster family home Licensing Program Analyst is \$125,663.
- The retention-only amount is held at the FY 2005-06 funding level of \$877,764 total funds.
- The FY 2019-20 total includes \$4.7 million in additional Title IV-E funds to reflect appropriate levels of federal spending authority.
- The *Gresham v. Anderson* court case, which requires notification to applicants of conviction information received and a summary of reasons for denial, is held and reflects funding in the amount of \$27,000 total funds.
- The sharing ratio for the remaining funds for FY 2019-20 is 28.35 percent federal funds and 71.65 percent GF based on actual expenditure data from FY 2017-18.

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### METHODOLOGY:

The estimate is developed by dividing the facilities caseload by the workload standards to derive the number of non-supervisory FTEs, which is then expanded by dividing the total non-supervisory FTEs by the worker to supervisor ratio to determine the total number of supervisors to be added to the FTEs. The total number of FTEs is then multiplied by the Licensing Program Analyst unit cost. Established allocations for retention-only costs, additional federal spending authority, and *Gresham v. Anderson* costs are then added.

### FUNDING:

Federal funding is provided by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, with the amount of FFP based on the sharing ratios for those cases meeting federal eligibility criteria. Counties are funded to conduct all annual visits. Funding for the remaining non-federal costs is 100 percent GF. Additional federal spending authority is included based on actual expenditures. Cost reductions due to statewide RFA implementation are subsumed activities and are included in the CCR premise.

### CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

There is no change in FY 2018-19. The FY 2019-20 increase reflects growth in federal authority for county overmatch.

### REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

The net decrease reflects a decline in federal authority for county overmatch, slightly offset by an increase in GF due to a lower federal participation.

### EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

<b><u>FY 2018-19</u></b>					
<b>Item 151 – CCL Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Reimb.</b>
Foster Family Homes	\$9,601	\$6,914	\$2,687	\$0	\$0
<b><u>FY 2019-20</u></b>					
<b>Item 151 – CCL Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Reimb.</b>
Foster Family Homes	\$8,706	\$5,929	\$2,777	\$0	\$0