

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: Office of Child and Family Services

Date: 12/13/2011

Initiative #: 7472 – Head Start (general fund)

Account: 0545

I. Budget Proposal Description:

Reduce General Fund Head Start funding by \$800,000 in FY '12 and eliminate General Fund Head Start funding in FY '13.

II. Program Description:

Eligible Maine children receive high quality, comprehensive early care and education services that foster children’s growth and development by supporting and nurturing their social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. The primary mission has been to promote school readiness through a comprehensive, integrated set of strategies and services.

III. Relevant Legislative History:

State General Funds were first implemented in 1983 as part of a broad education reform effort. The Legislature specifically designated funds for Head Start comprehensive services to expand those services where current federal Head Start programming existed. The services supported by these funds must align with Federal Head Start Performance Standards. Funds must be awarded to the agencies competitively selected and awarded at the Federal Head Start Program by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

An agreement supporting a single Head Start program for the State of Maine was signed by the Maine DHHS and the US DHHS on 5/10/2000. This agreement states that Maine has the authority to allocate State funds to existing Federal grantees only.

IV. Financial Information:

	SFY'08	SFY'09	SFY'10	SFY'11
General Fund	\$2,390,129	\$2,443,514	\$2,441,940	\$2,354,169
Other Special Revenue				
Federal Funds				
Total	\$2,390,129	\$2,443,514	\$2,441,940	\$2,354,169

Other sources of funding for program, i.e. FHM? Yes No

If yes, how much?

- Federal Funds (Head Start/ Early Head Start) \$31,146,173
- Fund for a Healthy Maine (014-095901) \$1,354,580

V. Total Individuals Served: 4,714 (Per 2010-2011) PIR Report

VI. Program Eligibility Criteria:

Under the current contract structure, children ages six weeks to compulsory school age are eligible for services under this agreement unless the approved federal grant provides otherwise. Sixty-five percent of families must have income at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

VII. Current Budget Proposal:

- 1. Appropriation Increase: -0-
(SFY '12) (SFY '13)
- 2. Appropriation Decrease: \$800,000 \$2,448,875

3. Description of Budget Proposal:

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- 4. Percent of the reduction vs. total funding for the program: 7 percent
Members Impacted: 240

- 5. Any contracts impacted? Yes No

If yes, which ones?

Contract/Vendor	Total Contract \$	Reduction	% of Total
Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care	\$155,637		
Aroostook County Action Program	\$169,235		
Child and Family Opportunity	\$291,629		
Community Concepts Inc.	\$146,993		
KVCAP	\$291,629		
Midcoast Maine CAP	\$264,429		
Penquis CAP	\$315,425		
PROP	\$433,819		
SKCDC	\$126,004		
Waldo CAP	\$118,238		
York County CAP	\$131,837		

VIII. Any Legal Issues/Requirements, etc.? Federal? State? There are no Federal requirements/mandates that the State of Maine contribute state funds to Federal Head Start grantees.

IX. Maintenance of Effort Requirements: Yes No

If yes, please explain: Federal financial assistance to Head Start grantees cannot exceed 80 percent of the total costs of the program as indicated in the federal guidelines for Head Start SubChapter A, SubChapter B Part 1303.20 Matching requirements. There is no rule indicating how the remaining 20 percent of funding is to be acquired.

X. Q & A follow-up after committee session held on _____
Date