

**STATE AGENCY BUDGET ISSUES FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTION
FY 2009-2010
IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS AFFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

AGENCY/PROGRAM	PRIORITY	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
AWI			
School Readiness – TANF Welfare Transition Fund	11/13	-\$11.7 M (\$603,592 Pinellas) 137	Will result in an estimated 2,947 fewer children receiving services. Will disproportionately impact working poor families making 150% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
School Readiness - Subsidized Child Care	13/13	-\$14.8 M (\$1.7 mil. Pinellas) 391 Slots	The state will be unable to draw down \$18.3 M in federal funds, resulting in combined loss of \$33.1 M and serving 8,380 fewer children
VPK	9/13	-\$34.5 M	Reduces base student allocation per child by \$263 (from \$2,628 to \$2,365). Will likely result in significant number of providers dropping out of program and therefore availability of programs throughout Florida.
VPK Administration, Support Services and Information Technology	4/13	-\$0.2 M	Will reduce support services and financial monitoring
VPK – Security Administration		-\$12,000	Will result in fewer fraud investigations and reduce restitution by approx. \$28,000.
DOE			
VPK (transfer of GR to AWI)		-\$15.4 M	Represents 4.47% decrease of approx.\$114.61 per student.
VPK Early Learning Standards and Accountability		-\$76,200	Will reduce support to instructors and parents and delay implementation of the VPK accountability system
DOH			
Healthy Start	28/36	-\$9.6 m	22% reduction; eliminates increases from last 2 years
Shaken Baby Outreach	7/36	-\$0.1 M	Statewide program eliminated
CMS – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Clinics	21/36	-\$0.4 M	Statewide program eliminated
Children’s Medical Services – Child Protection Teams	36/36	-\$0.7 M	10% reduction statewide in medical services to abused/neglected children through Child Protection Teams
Pregnancy Support Services	22/36	-\$2 M	Statewide program eliminated
AHCA			
Behavioral Health Overlay Services	3/27	-\$4.2 M	Eliminates one day per week of behavioral health overlay services for youth in juvenile justice and child welfare facilities
Medicaid coverage for 19 and 20 year olds	12/27	-\$18.9 M	Eliminates Medicaid coverage for youth ages 19 and 20
Pregnant Women Between 150-185% of Poverty	25/27	-\$61.4 M	Eliminates Medicaid eligibility for many pregnant women
Medically Needy for Pregnant Women and Children	27/27	-\$52.1 M	Eliminates the Medically Needy Program in its entirety (pregnant women and children were not cut in 2008) impacting approx. 1,513 women and 164 children
Family Planning Waiver	26/27	\$9.2 M	Eliminates optional eligibility for the Family Planning Waiver affecting 63,943 individuals for clinic, prescriptions and family planning

DCF			
Healthy Families Waiver	18/33	-\$1.1 M	Although a 5% reduction, would severely damage the provision of critical services to prevent child abuse and neglect. Loss of services to approx. 400 at risk families
Community Based Care	28/33	-\$18.7 M	Service cuts will occur in front end and diversion services preventing meeting Title IV-E MOE requirements and potential waiver loss
Child Care Regulation	13/33	-\$0.4 M	Will reduce statewide oversight of child care providers, including child care licensure and quality assurance
DCF Child Protection Investigation	21/33	-\$1.6 M	Impacts child protection services
Sheriff Protective Services	22/33	-\$1.6 M	Will increase caseloads and response time
Reduce Children Substance Abuse Services	23/33	-\$4.2 M	Will have a major impact on low income clients served and prevent meeting maintenance of effort requirement to draw down federal block grant
Florida Abuse Hotline	16/33	-\$0.6M	Will impact ability to respond to abuse reports
Children Community Mental Health Program	26/33	-\$7.4 M	Will result in reduction of services to community-based, group, in-home and school-based treatment services, as well as wraparound supports to prevent need for more intensive services, including hospitalization. Will also prevent the dept. from meeting MOE requirements
Children's Legal Services	17/33	-\$1.5 M	Severe limitation to provide dependency legal services for abused and neglected children
DJJ			
Detention Bed Capacity	1/5	-\$2.9 M	Close St. Johns County's underutilized 50-bed and Monroe County's over capacity 15-bed facilities. Will increase transportation costs to further facilities and create overcrowding of adjacent facilities To avoid this, the dept. is recommending reducing number of youth eligible for placement into secure detention by changing statutory criteria for admission.
Misdemeanant Probation Supervision	3/5	-\$24.6 M	Requires statutory changes and shifts responsibility to local jurisdictions and circuit courts. Also eliminates 425 FTEs in JPO/Aftercare budget.
Reduce Non-Secure Bed Capacity	4/5	-\$24.3 M	Eliminates 640 secure offender beds. Will lengthen waiting time for beds and hinder appropriate placement to non-secure facilities. Dept. thus seeking that only youth with felony offense be placed in a residential program