

STATE FUNDS

ARKANSAS EASTER SEALS

This program funds the cost of educational services provided by the Easter Seal Society to children ages 3 to 21 who have orthopedic and/or communicative disorders. This funding reduces the amount that local school districts have to pay for these educational services and also qualifies the facility as "state supported" so that federal funds were available to further reduce the cost to local school districts. Easter Seals of Arkansas program was appropriated \$193,113 for the 2010-11 school year and the total amount is paid in monthly installments.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

This program provides special education services through several school districts and the Education Service Cooperatives (ESC) for three to five year old preschool children with disabilities. This program also provides the state Medicaid match for physical, occupational, and speech therapy services for preschool children with disabilities served by ESCs. A portion of the appropriation is used to provide for Early Childhood Coordinators, Early Childhood Behavior Consultants and certain other program coordination costs. The appropriation for Early Childhood Programs for 2010-11 was \$15,623,079. The funds provided services for 7,236 preschool students with disabilities, an average of \$2,159.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER EDUCATION AID

This program provides funding for educational services to the children in the State's Human Development Centers. This \$526,150 appropriated amount will be disbursed to the Department of Health and Human Services in fiscal year 2011-2012.

RESIDENTIAL CENTERS/JUVENILE DETENTION

This education program provides reimbursements to school districts for educational costs associated with students in approved residential treatment facilities or juvenile detention centers (JDC). The total appropriation for 2010-11 was \$15,188,254.

- Residential treatment center educational costs were reimbursed to school districts for the first three quarters at \$60 per day. The third quarter reimbursement rate was \$78.18. The total residential appropriation for 2010-11 was \$12,182,707. For the 2010-11 year, services were provided for 6,137 students.
- JDCs were funded at \$6,023 per approved bed during 2010-11, and school districts received four quarterly JDC payments for a total of \$3,005,477. There were 499 approved beds.

SPECIAL EDUCATION - CATASTROPHIC OCCURRENCES

This program assists districts with special education students who required extraordinary support services such as full-time registered nurses or elaborate assistance technology. The special education and related services required by these individual students are unduly expensive, extraordinary, or beyond the routine costs associated with special education. Reimbursements from this program can only be sought after eligible costs for the child equaled or exceed \$15,000, and only after Medicaid, federal Title VI-B, and available third-party funding is applied to the catastrophic occurrence. The total catastrophic occurrences appropriation for 2010-11 was \$11,000,000. For the 2010-11 year, 111 school districts received funding for 487 students. (Average amount per student was \$22,597.)

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

This program provides funding to support the provision of Extended School Year (ESY) services to eligible students with disabilities in need of such services, provides special education services to children with disabilities who are wards of the State placed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in out-of-state therapeutic treatment programs, and provides funds to support the payment of salaries to special education supervisors.

- For the 2010-11 year, 124 school districts and ESC received reimbursements for ESY services that equaled \$925,888.
- \$1,875,058 was provided to 251 school districts to cover a portion of the salaries/services of special education supervisors.

YOUTH SHELTERS

This program partially reimburses school districts for additional costs of providing educational services to students who are placed in youth shelters by the Department of Health and Human Services. For the 2010-11 school year the amount of reimbursement was calculated by dividing the total number of available beds in 'youth shelters' into the appropriation amount of \$165,000 to determine the per student reimbursement rate. The school districts will be reimbursed the amount calculated by multiplying the rate times the number of available beds in the youth shelter(s). In 2010-11, there were 257 beds in the 12 school districts where the youth shelters were located.

JUVENILE TREATMENT CENTERS (Formerly known as Serious Offender Program)

This program helps fund the cost of educational services provided by Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS) for students placed at juvenile treatment centers (JTC). Prior to 2010-11, these funds were distributed to school districts where the JTCs are located. The districts then paid the service providers of educational services. Starting in 2010-11, these funds were provided to DHS for payment to contracted providers for providing these educational services. The amount funded in 2010-11 was \$1,216,524 for an ADA (Average Daily Attendance) of 202 students at the Foundation Funding rate of \$6,023.

FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

FEDERAL FUNDS

The purpose of IDEA Part B, Federal funding is to provide special education and related service to children with disabilities in order for them to receive FAPE.

Part B funds must be used only to pay excess costs of providing FAPE to students with disabilities and may include:

- Special education teachers and administrators
- Related services personnel
- Materials and supplies that are to be used with SWD
- Professional development for special ed personnel, or general ed teachers who teach SWD
- Specialized equipment or devices

Arkansas receives Part B grants for Section 611 (school-age) and 619 (preschool).

Title VI-B School Age Funding FY2010-11

Part B, 611 funds for 2010-11 = \$111,392,193

- State Set-Aside = \$10,117,654
- State Administration = \$1,999,183

Pass-Through VI-B funds to LEAs = \$99,275,356

Pass-Through funds are distributed to LEAs based on a federal formula:

- Base amount
- Population amount (district's total enrollment)
- Poverty amount (district's free and reduced eligible students)

Child Count = 54,780

Average amount per child = \$1,812

Part B, 619 funds for 2010-11 = \$5,279,320

- State Administration = \$277,043

Pass-Through VI-B funds to LEAs = \$5,002,277

Pass-Through funds are distributed to LEAs based on a federal formula:

- Base amount
- Population amount (district's pre-school child count)
- Poverty amount (district's free and reduced eligible students)

Child Count = 7,236

Average amount per child = \$691

