

DHS - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (0772)

FISCAL YEAR 2018

As Enacted by Act 836 of 2017

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education was created within the Department of Human Services to accommodate a Transfer of the Early Childhood Commission and the admin. of the Arkansas Better Chance Program from the Department of Ed. The Division also replaced the Child Care Facility Review Board and became the entity responsible for licensure and review of child care facilities in the State. The Division has 6 sections: the administrative section, Compliance Unit, Program Development, Family Support, Special Nutrition, and Child Care Licensing.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriations are \$199,282,898 in FY2018 with total increases of \$32,364,659.

FUNDING SOURCES

The budget is funded by federal funds, general revenues, and other funding.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Operations

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded from general revenues, federal revenues and various other sources, is \$21,557,683 with total increases of \$84,922 in the following line items:

- Increase of \$9,104 for **Regular Salaries** and \$15,226 for **Personal Services Matching**.
- Increase of \$60,592 for **Extra Help**.

Grants - Federal

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded from federal funds, is \$122,741,250, with a total increase of \$17.5 million in the Childcare Development Discretionary line item for anticipated growth in the federal voucher program.

Child Care Grants

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded from general revenues, federal revenues and various other sources, is \$54,947,179, with a total increase of \$14,816,523 to incorporate the High-Quality Preschool Program (HQPP) to provide child care services to four year olds who meet the program's income guidelines.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017: 206)

Total Positions for FY2018: 182

Total Base Level Positions: 188

Increase(Decrease)from Base Level: (6)

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 13 (Base Level Extra Help: 13)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE