

**DHHS-DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/CHIEF COUNSEL (716) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM  
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 1279 of 2007**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Director's Office is responsible for the overall coordination of the Department of Health and Human Services and to ensure that state and federal policies are carried out. The Office of Chief Counsel operates within the Director's Office and is responsible for providing legal services to all Divisions, investigative services regarding employee misconduct and recipient fraud in program areas such as TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and child nutrition, audit services for the Department's various programs, and an appeals and hearings function for grievances made by providers and clients.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget of the 2007-09 biennium is \$11,508,355 for FY2008 and \$11,759,077 for FY2009.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The Director's Office/Office of Chief Counsel is funded from a mix of sources that include General Revenue, Federal, and Other funds. The appropriation is funded by general revenue (34%), federal funds (62%), other funds (2%) and (2%) is unfunded.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

- Revenue Stabilization Act allocated additional General Revenue of \$451,085 each fiscal year above Base Level, which consists of:
  1. \$249,986 in General Revenue transferred each year from the Medical Services Fund Account to provide match support for OCC positions.
  2. \$133,879 in General Revenue transferred each year from the Children and Family Services Fund Account to provide match support for OCC positions.
  3. \$67,220 in General Revenue transferred from the Medical Services Fund Account each year of the biennium.
- Transferred two (2) positions from the Division of Medical Services; one (1) position from the Division of County Operations; and one (1) position from the Division of Behavioral Health Services with the associated salary and personal services matching appropriation.
- Operations appropriation provides 15 new positions with additional salary and personal matching appropriation for the Quality Assurance Initiative and the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Abused and Neglected Children programs.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 185

Total budgeted positions for FY 2007: 166

Increase(Decrease): 19

\* 1 Health Care Analyst II, Grade 17 - Trans. from DMS

\* 1 DHS/DMS Assistant Director, Grade 99 - Trans. from DMS

- \* 1 DHS Communications Director, Grade 99 - Trans from DCO
- \* 1 DHS Deputy Director, Grade 99 - Trans. from DBH
- \* 1 DHS Research Analysis Manager, Grade 99
- \* 2 DHS/DYS Admin Prog Compliance, Grade 26
- \* 1 Internal Audit Asst. Admin, Grade 25
- \* 7 Attorney Specialist, Grade 25
- \* 4 Internal Audit Specialist, Grade 24

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- PURCHASE OF EVIDENCE: The Chief Counsel can transfer up to \$12,000 to a bank account to be used to purchase evidence in the course of fraud investigations within the Food Stamp program.