



2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WACF's legislative priorities from our three service divisions are outlined below. More detailed information on each of these areas, including historical significance and fiscal impacts are available for review.

Child Placing Agency Division (CPA)

RATE RESTORATION FOR CHILD PLACING AGENCIES: In July 2006 the Child Placing Agency's fee (CPA FEE) for a child receiving case management services in family foster care was \$414 per month. In 2011 that rate was dropped to \$379. This reduction followed a documented rate study done in 2009 that indicated that CPA fees only cover 49% of Child Placing Agencies cost for providing family foster care services. We are asking the legislature to restore the CPA fee including an inflationary increase.

Family Preservation and Support Services Division (FPSS)

- 1) **CONTRACTED PAYMENT OF FULL RATE FOR TRAVELING TO CLIENT HOMES.** Currently travel time is funded at 50%.
- 2) **FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES TRAINING.** Currently these funds come from direct service dollars or must be funded by the private providers.

Behavioral Rehabilitative Services Division (BRS)

RETURN BRS TO THE FOSTER CARE CASELOAD FORECAST. Currently BRS is a separate budget item and monies are restricted to the specific budget allocation. If returned to the forecast, funding would be available to better ensure provision of appropriate care for the state's highest need youth in the child welfare system.

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