

## Georgia Department of Human Services

# Budget Request

*Amended Fiscal Year 2020 & Fiscal Year 2021*

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# Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2020

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2020		State
<b>Governor's Recommendations</b>		
Adoptions Services 180.2	Reduce funds for personal services to reflect projected expenditures.	(\$40,095)
Child Welfare Services 184.2	Reduce funds for contracted legal assistance costs to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$90,000)	(\$76,500)
Child Welfare Services 184.3	Replace \$249,000 in state general funds with one-time federal funds to provide kinship care. (Total Funds: \$0)	(\$249,000)
Child Welfare Services 184.4	Reduce funds for foster parent recruitment marketing and outreach.	(\$250,000)
Child Welfare Services 184.5	Reduce funds for six vacant supervisor-mentor positions. (Total Funds: \$536,832)	(\$456,307)





# Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2020

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2020		State
<b>Governor's Recommendations</b>		
Child Welfare Services 184.6	Reduce funds for 30 vacant positions. (Total Funds: \$2,426,058)	(\$2,163,078)
Child Welfare Services 184.7	Reduce funds for six vacant foster care support services positions. (Total Funds: \$266,799)	(\$226,780)
Child Welfare Services 184.8	Transfer \$2,400,000 in state general funds with existing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds from the Departmental Administration (DHS) program for child welfare protective caseworker positions. (Total Funds: \$0)	(\$2,400,000)
Child Welfare Services 184.9	Reduce funds and replace funds with existing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) funds for child protective caseworker positions.	(\$970,000)



# Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2020

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2020		State
<b>Governor's Recommendations</b>		
Child Welfare Services 184.10	Reduce funds for travel expenses to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$112,986)	(\$96,038)
DFCS Administration 186.3	Reduce funds to realize savings from vacant positions. (Total Funds: \$574,356)	(\$361,844)
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.2	Reduce funds for information technology to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$16,794,225)	(\$4,971,618)
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.3	Utilize \$2,544,383 in existing state funds to transfer Right from the Start Medical Assistance Group from the Department of Community Health. (Total Funds: \$10,139,760)	Yes
Out-of-Home Care 192.1	Realize savings from a decrease in Out-of-Home Care utilization due to a decline in average monthly placements. (Total Funds: \$7,436,426)	(\$6,695,134)



# Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2020

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2020




State

## Governor's Recommendations

Support for Needy Families – Basic Assistance 195.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures.	(\$30,000)
Total State Funds Reduction		(\$18,986,394)






# Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2021			State
Governor's Recommendations			
Child Welfare Services 184.3		Reduce funds for contracted legal assistance costs to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$90,000)	(\$76,500)
Child Welfare Services 184.4		Reduce funds for foster parent recruitment marketing and outreach.	(\$250,000)
Child Welfare Services 184.5		Reduce funds for personnel for six vacant supervisor-mentor positions. (Total Funds: \$536,832)	(\$456,307)







# Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2021			State
Governor's Recommendations			
Child Welfare Services 184.7		Reduce funds for six vacant foster care support services positions. (Total Funds: \$266,799)	(\$226,780)
Child Welfare Services 184.8		Reduce funds and transfer \$2,400,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) funds from the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to the Child Welfare Services program for child protective caseworker positions. (Total Funds: \$0)	(\$2,400,000)
DFCS Administration 186.6		Reduce funds for personnel to realize savings from vacant positions. (Total Funds: \$861,537)	(\$542,767)





# Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2021			State
<b>Governor's Recommendations</b>			
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.5		Reduce funds for information technology to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$16,794,225)	(\$4,971,618)
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.8		Utilize \$3,711,633 in existing state funds to transfer the Right from the Start Medical Assistance Group from the Department of Community Health. (Total funds: \$14,802,500)	Yes
Out-of-Home Care 192.2		Realize savings from a decrease in Out-of-Home Care utilization due to a decline in average monthly placements. (Total funds: \$7,436,426)	(\$6,695,134)
Support for Needy Families – Basic Assistance 195.1		Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures.	(\$30,000)



# Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2021		State
Governor's Recommendations		
Child Welfare Services 184.6	Reduce funds for 127 vacant positions. (Total funds: \$6,785,695)	(\$5,868,770)
Child Welfare Services 184.9	Replace \$1,470,000 in state general funds with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) funds from the Departmental Administration Program (DHS) for child protective caseworker positions.	(\$1,470,000)
Child Welfare Services 184.10	Reduce funds for travel expenses to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$337,808)	(\$287,136)
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.6	Reduce funds for personnel for 105 vacant eligibility caseworker positions. (Total funds: \$5,612,673)	(\$2,245,069)



# Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2020

State Fund Changes for Fiscal Year 2020

State

## Governor's Recommendations

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services 191.7	Reduce funds for travel expenses to reflect projected expenditures. (Total Funds: \$52,002)	(\$20,801)
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Total State Funds Reduction	(\$25,540,882)
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# Questions

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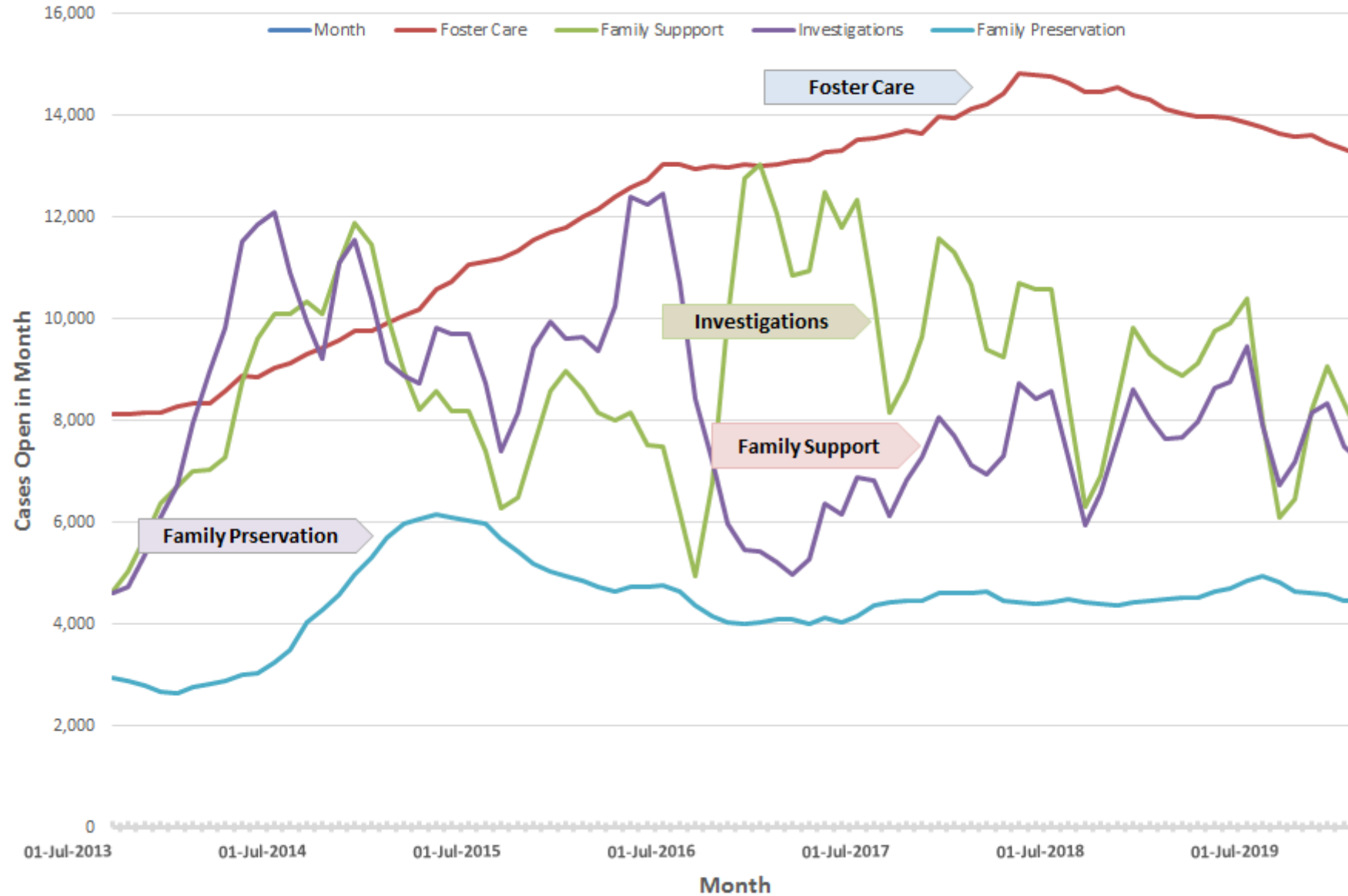
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Cases Open in Month July 2013-December 2019



Currently  
12,609