

Health and Human Services Function Summary

Expenditures by Agency	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Department Of Human Services	529,513,267	532,742,641	577,535,293	565,762,416	585,698,686
Total Expenditures	529,513,267	532,742,641	577,535,293	565,762,416	585,698,686
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	62,571,733	66,288,939	72,804,491	71,796,402	75,030,786
Contract Professional Services	10,413,450	12,488,400	12,847,850	18,972,905	21,194,581
Operating Supplies and Expenses	13,697,817	20,069,045	15,342,688	19,814,716	20,873,360
Assistance And Grants	439,050,514	430,010,924	471,038,549	449,913,413	463,374,302
Subtotal: Operating	525,733,514	528,857,308	572,033,578	560,497,436	580,473,029
Capital Purchases And Equipment	378,128	510,946	495,577	534,923	541,577
Operating Transfers	3,401,625	3,374,387	5,006,138	4,730,057	4,684,080
Subtotal: Other	3,779,753	3,885,333	5,501,715	5,264,980	5,225,657
Total Expenditures	529,513,267	532,742,641	577,535,293	565,762,416	585,698,686
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	64,454,082	71,196,220	66,583,191	72,907,616	74,895,242
Federal Funds	459,668,974	456,309,607	498,660,358	479,410,609	494,120,978
Restricted Receipts	808,145	633,814	7,528,266	8,634,736	11,918,988
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	4,349,062	4,535,499	4,593,478	4,639,455	4,593,478
Other Funds	233,004	67,501	170,000	170,000	170,000
Total Expenditures	529,513,267	532,742,641	577,535,293	565,762,416	585,698,686
FTE Authorization	937.1	981.1	1,020.1	747.0	755.0

Agency Summary

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Agency Mission

To provide a full continuum of high quality and accessible programs and services to Rhode Island families, children, adults, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and elders in need of assistance.

Agency Description

The Department of Human Services (DHS) operates programs that assist Rhode Island citizens who are in need. The programs and services are all designed to help families become strong, productive, healthy and independent; to help adults achieve their maximum potential; to ensure that children are safe, healthy, ready to learn, and able to reach their maximum potential; to honor, employ, and care for our state's veterans; and to assist elderly and persons with disabilities to enhance their quality of life, and to sustain their independence. These programs and services include redesigned and innovative programs which provide quality and accessible health care, child care, supportive services, and options for working parents as well as individuals and families. These services extend well beyond the vital financial support services historically provided to poor and low-income individuals and families. The Department strives to always provide high quality and efficient services to our providers and customers and engages in business process redesign efforts to further improve. Included in these efficiencies are: enhancing the customer experience; reducing penalties for not meeting federally mandated grant guidelines; strengthening program integrity; and improving fraud prevention practices. Eligibility and access to many of the Department's benefits is provided through an integrated eligibility system, RIBridges. RIBridges allows workers to determine eligibility across programs and allows customers to access their accounts through a customer portal.

The majority of the department's budget is federally funded which allows the state to enact statutes and regulations that utilize this funding to meet the needs of vulnerable Rhode Islanders. For example, Major state and federal reforms in the mid-1990's provided unprecedented flexibility in how the state could utilize funds to accomplish its goals. Rhode Island's Family Independence Act (FIA) represented the state's first welfare reform program. FIA was crafted in response to federal welfare reform legislation, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). TANF replaced the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and represented a major departure from entitlement programs and lifetime benefits for families. In lieu of entitlements, TANF provided states with a block grant program with capped funding. This was significant because the state was able to pass its own welfare reform legislation, thus becoming able to design a broad variety of policies and services to assist those families transitioning from cash assistance to employment. The successor program to the Family Independence Program is known as the Rhode Island Works (RIW) program, enacted by the General Assembly in 2008. The department continues to examine current policies to understand how they can be implemented in ways that achieve federal compliance while also maximizing revenue and services for citizens who need them.

Statutory History

Title 40 Chapter 1 and Title 42 Chapter 12 of the Rhode Island General Laws established DHS.

Budget

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	8,988,162	8,195,351	8,652,225	9,805,824	9,784,230
Child Support Enforcement	8,730,390	10,406,842	10,007,734	9,137,403	9,748,563
Individual and Family Support	115,538,450	120,345,943	140,828,188	148,692,384	161,654,190
Health Care Eligibility	17,279,438	21,690,035	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899
Supplemental Security Income Program	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Rhode Island Works/Child Care	90,339,977	90,617,289	99,246,253	97,550,309	104,650,015
State Funded Programs	269,902,449	261,580,523	283,314,417	266,301,998	266,291,181
Total Expenditures	529,513,267	532,742,641	577,535,293	565,762,416	585,698,686
Expenditures by Object					
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Personnel Agency Summary

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	744.0	42,733,275	751.0	45,055,330
Unclassified	3.0	299,682	4.0	385,504
Subtotal	747.0	43,032,957	755.0	45,440,834
Transfer Out		(733,237)		(740,261)
Transfer In		229,524		291,650
Overtime (1.5)		4,650,480		2,917,736
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		569,224		575,446
Turnover		(2,830,181)		(2,174,622)
Total Salaries		44,935,581		46,328,231
Benefits				
FICA		3,085,932		3,313,333
Health Benefits		8,779,108		9,119,381
Holiday		5,088		10,560
Other		1,067		1,116
Payroll Accrual		229,472		247,333
Retiree Health		2,309,458		2,760,656
Retirement		10,695,555		11,540,780
Subtotal		25,105,680		26,993,159
Total Salaries and Benefits	747.0	70,041,261	755.0	73,321,390
Cost Per FTE Position		93,763		97,114
Statewide Benefit Assessment		1,755,141		1,709,396
Payroll Costs	747.0	71,796,402	755.0	75,030,786
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		1,181		1,181
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,122,300		1,122,300
Information Technology		11,283,606		14,176,239
Legal Services		505,629		520,075
Management & Consultant Services		2,241,486		1,651,287
Medical Services		2,369,130		2,369,130
Other Contracts		1,445,373		1,350,169
Training and Educational Services		4,200		4,200
Subtotal		18,972,905		21,194,581
Total Personnel	747.0	90,769,307	755.0	96,225,367
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		29,628,850		30,397,512
Federal Funds		57,068,296		59,078,409
Restricted Receipts		4,072,161		6,749,446
Total All Funds		90,769,307		96,225,367

Performance Measures

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Lobby Wait Times

DHS is in the process of streamlining field office operations to improve customer experience and reduce lobby wait times. Operational improvements include "greeting" customers as they enter the field office lobby and assisting with issues that can be resolved quickly, creating a call center to answer questions from customers who would otherwise come into the DHS office, and guiding clients towards online engagement with the agency. The figures below represents the average collective wait time of DHS's six regional offices. [Note: 2018 actual is an estimate. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	41.00	20.00	41.00	20.00	15.00
Actual	41.00	200.00	31.00	0.00	

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Payment Error Rate

DHS seeks to minimize payment error, which includes overpayments and underpayments. The figures below represent the federal SNAP error rate. The 2019 target has been revised. [Note: 2018 actual unavailable. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Federal Fiscal Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	3.80%	3.50%	5.00%	6.00%	6.00%
Actual	3.80%	11.42%	0.00%	0.00%	

SNAP Employment & Training Program (SNAP E&T) Participation

In Rhode Island, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is contracted by DHS to manage the USDA-funded SNAP E&T Program which offers employment and training services to eligible SNAP recipients. The figures below represent the percentage of clients that participate in the (currently voluntary) SNAP E&T program. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Federal Fiscal Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	4.00%	0.00%	5.80%	6.00%	7.00%
Actual	4.00%	5.60%	6.21%	0.00%	

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Work Activity Participation

The TANF Work Participation Rate (WPR) is the federal measure derived by the proportion of adult TANF recipients who must participate in countable work activities for a specified number of hours each week in relation to the overall number of families receiving TANF cash assistance. The overall number in the denominator is reduced by those TANF clients who are exempt or have been sanctioned. The figures below represent Rhode Island's "All Family" TANF WPR. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Federal Fiscal Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	14.70%	35.00%	25.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Actual	14.70%	10.40%	16.60%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Veteran Unemployment

The Division of Veterans Affairs (RIDVA) seeks to facilitate education and workforce development opportunities for veterans to assist in lowering the overall unemployment rate for this important segment of the state's workforce. The figures below represent Rhode Island's veteran unemployment rate. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Federal Fiscal Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	3.90%	5.40%	5.20%	5.20%	4.80%
Actual	3.90%	3.60%	3.70%	0.00%	

BrightStars Child Care Ratings

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) BrightStars rating system assigns early care, education, and afterschool programs a rating from one to five stars, and works with these child care providers to improve and expand their rating. Star ratings are objective and tied to specific criteria. Currently, a large percentage of DHS-approved child care providers are rated at level one or two. The figures below represent the percentage of children enrolled in CCAP providers rated as four or five stars. [Notes: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	12.80%	25.00%	15.00%	13.00%	15.00%
Actual	12.80%	11.60%	10.00%	0.00%	

Child Support Collections

The Office of Child Support Services establishes paternity of children, creates court orders for financial and medical support, and enforces support orders. Collections are distributed to families and used to reimburse public assistance costs. From Federal Fiscal Year 2014 to 2015, collections on current support increased \$1.5 million. The figures below represent the percentage of owed child support collected. The 2019 target has been revised. [Notes: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Federal Fiscal Year</i>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	61.90%	61.50%	61.30%	61.45%	61.82%
Actual	61.90%	61.80%	62.14%	0.00%	

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Central Management

Mission

To provide leadership, management, strategic planning, and central support for the department.

Description

Central Management supervises, coordinates, and monitors all departmental functions: to assure efficient and effective use of state and federal resources for the purpose of providing services to poor, disabled, or aged individuals and families; to assist them in reaching their highest potential for self-sufficiency; and, to support the achievement of the Department's mission. Organized through the Office of the Director, Central Management provides leadership, management, strategic planning, direction and control of departmental activities. A principal function is intergovernmental liaison with the Governor's staff, other department directors and agency heads, federal government representatives, state and federal legislators, local welfare directors, and national and local human service professionals and organizations. The core responsibilities of this program include the establishment and maintenance of community relations with consumers and service providers, and the provision of information to the general public.

Additionally, all field operation activities are direct functions of Central Management, although the associated costs are budgeted in two programs: Individual and Family Support, and Health Care Quality, Financing and Purchasing. Central Management is responsible for the Electronic Benefits Transfer System (EBT), which electronically distributes cash assistance and food stamp benefits to clients. Other centralized functions include support for financial management, information systems, collections and fraud investigations, and contract management.

Statutory History

Title 40, Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes that all functions, services, and duties of the Department of Human Services will be organized by the Director of the department.

Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Central Management

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Operations	8,988,162	8,195,351	8,652,225	9,805,824	9,784,230
Total Expenditures	8,988,162	8,195,351	8,652,225	9,805,824	9,784,230
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,401,076	576,481	1,128,555	1,140,340	1,180,010
Contract Professional Services	23,005	26,268	8,080	2,086	2,086
Operating Supplies and Expenses	184,572	216,824	199,740	214,568	158,973
Assistance And Grants	7,267,119	7,375,778	7,292,154	8,425,134	8,419,465
Subtotal: Operating	8,875,772	8,195,351	8,628,529	9,782,128	9,760,534
Capital Purchases And Equipment	112,390	0	23,696	23,696	23,696
Subtotal: Other	112,390	0	23,696	23,696	23,696
Total Expenditures	8,988,162	8,195,351	8,652,225	9,805,824	9,784,230
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	4,427,312	3,667,560	4,147,933	4,834,971	4,796,879
Federal Funds	3,957,435	4,232,616	4,398,686	4,970,853	4,987,351
Restricted Receipts	603,415	295,175	105,606	0	0
Total Expenditures	8,988,162	8,195,351	8,652,225	9,805,824	9,784,230

Personnel

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Central Management

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00124A	1.0	54,610	1.0	56,671
ADMINISTRATOR- FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICES	00141A	1.0	94,723	1.0	103,367
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS)	00A35A	1.0	104,843	1.0	108,764
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00134A	1.0	74,692	1.0	80,699
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	00141A	2.0	214,236	2.0	231,995
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (DHS) DIV OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES	00146A	2.0	274,050	2.0	288,564
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (DHS) PROGRAM OPERATIONS	00143A	1.0	116,049	1.0	120,431
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	00134A	1.0	80,867	1.0	83,925
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	00137A	1.0	88,840	1.0	93,498
COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIAISON OFFICER	0AB32A	1.0	90,000	1.0	93,328
CUSTOMER SERVICE AIDE (DHS)	00310A	2.0	69,967	2.0	73,125
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	3.0	132,708	3.0	138,445
DEPUTY DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	00148A	1.0	165,228	1.0	171,467
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00118A	1.0	41,132	1.0	42,684
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A22A	3.0	144,663	3.0	154,515
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A24A	1.0	65,072	1.0	67,530
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	00139A	1.0	96,403	1.0	100,044
OFFICE MANAGER	00123A	1.0	57,871	1.0	60,054
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A28A	3.0	206,743	3.0	217,410
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A30A	2.0	157,031	2.0	166,431
PRODUCTIVITY PROJECT DIRECTOR	00130A	2.0	126,840	2.0	131,632
Subtotal Classified		32.0	2,456,568	32.0	2,584,579
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	20949F	1.0	134,999	1.0	134,999
POLICY ANALYST	00833A	1.0	92,476	1.0	95,967
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	00829A	1.0	72,207	1.0	74,935
Subtotal Unclassified		3.0	299,682	3.0	305,901
Subtotal		35.0	2,756,250	35.0	2,890,480
Transfer Out			(2,350,409)		(2,470,556)
Transfer In			122,968		129,747

Personnel

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Central Management

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime (1.5)		15		15
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		261,196		261,196
Turnover		(6,630)		(2,000)
Total Salaries		800,204		826,330
Benefits				
FICA		53,400		55,232
Health Benefits		81,109		82,907
Payroll Accrual		3,135		3,266
Retiree Health		31,235		36,107
Retirement		147,976		154,448
Subtotal		316,855		331,960
Total Salaries and Benefits	35.0	1,117,059	35.0	1,158,290
Cost Per FTE Position		31,916		33,094
Statewide Benefit Assessment		23,281		21,720
Payroll Costs	35.0	1,140,340	35.0	1,180,010
Purchased Services				
Information Technology		86		86
Other Contracts		2,000		2,000
Subtotal		2,086		2,086
Total Personnel	35.0	1,142,426	35.0	1,182,096
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		962,328		994,676
Federal Funds		180,098		187,420
Total All Funds		1,142,426		1,182,096

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child Support Enforcement

Mission

Child Support Enforcement was established to strengthen families by securing parental financial support and to reduce welfare dependency by ensuring both parents have the tools available to financially and emotionally support their children.

Description

The Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) was established to strengthen families by securing parental financial support and to reduce welfare dependency by ensuring both parents have the tools available to financially and emotionally support their children. The concern for the well-being of children who live with only one parent and the desire to promote self-sufficiency for these single-parent families prompted both the State and Federal governments to establish child support programs nationwide. The federal government mandates that the Child Support program perform specific services for families who receive (a) public assistance under the State's Rhode Island Works Program; (b) medical benefits under the Medicaid Program (MA); and (c) intervention services from the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) under the Foster Care Program (IV-E). The services provided include: locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity, establishing child support and medical orders, and enforcing these orders both administratively and judicially when non-custodial parents fail to follow through on their obligations. In FY 2007, OCSS began collection efforts to establish child support orders for families receiving benefits from the Child Care program. Cooperation with the child support program is also mandatory in order to receive child care benefits.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 15-11.1 outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Child Support Enforcement Program.
R.I.G.L 42-12-28 effectuates the transfer of the program from the Department of Administration.

Budget

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Child Support Enforcement

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Child Support Enforcement	8,730,390	10,406,842	10,007,734	9,137,403	9,748,563
Total Expenditures	8,730,390	10,406,842	10,007,734	9,137,403	9,748,563
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	5,196,976	5,304,597	5,835,544	5,218,880	5,664,946
Contract Professional Services	2,502,780	3,787,141	2,556,113	2,480,613	2,480,613
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,029,458	1,306,076	1,403,017	1,224,850	1,389,944
Assistance And Grants	0	0	201,700	201,700	201,700
Subtotal: Operating	8,729,214	10,397,814	9,996,374	9,126,043	9,737,203
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,176	9,028	11,360	11,360	11,360
Subtotal: Other	1,176	9,028	11,360	11,360	11,360
Total Expenditures	8,730,390	10,406,842	10,007,734	9,137,403	9,748,563
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,526,320	2,972,889	1,956,875	2,695,418	2,822,190
Federal Funds	6,204,070	7,433,953	8,050,859	6,441,985	6,926,373
Total Expenditures	8,730,390	10,406,842	10,007,734	9,137,403	9,748,563

Personnel

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child Support Enforcement

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ACCOUNTANT	0AB20A	1.0	54,332	1.0	56,383
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00319A	1.0	41,997	1.0	45,073
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR- REVENUE SERVICES (CHILD SUPPORT)	00144A	1.0	145,639	1.0	151,007
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A32A	1.0	97,655	1.0	101,327
CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00325A	8.0	485,000	8.0	505,819
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	00320A	7.0	318,248	7.0	336,945
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENT II	00322A	23.0	1,236,813	23.0	1,284,881
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	00319A	1.0	45,794	1.0	47,523
CUSTOMER SERVICE AIDE (DHS)	00310A	1.0	36,650	1.0	38,033
INTERPRETER (SPANISH)	00316A	1.0	46,149	1.0	47,888
JUNIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A22A	1.0	54,985	1.0	59,647
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A28A	1.0	72,870	1.0	75,621
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A30A	1.0	89,422	1.0	92,750
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A28A	2.0	156,624	2.0	162,519
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	3.0	107,928	3.0	113,423
SUPERVISOR- FAMILY SUPPORT AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS UNIT	00A29A	3.0	261,124	3.0	270,937
Subtotal Classified		56.0	3,251,230	56.0	3,389,776
Subtotal		56.0	3,251,230	56.0	3,389,776
Transfer Out			(46,149)		(47,888)
Transfer In			49,172		51,031
Overtime (1.5)			20,572		77,277
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			11,156		11,156
Turnover			(146,170)		(42,500)
Total Salaries			3,139,811		3,438,852
Benefits					
FICA			239,485		257,168
Health Benefits			653,063		682,026
Payroll Accrual			18,041		19,422
Retiree Health			186,537		222,807
Retirement			840,371		906,731
Subtotal			1,937,497		2,088,154

Personnel

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Child Support Enforcement

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries and Benefits	56.0	5,077,308	56.0	5,527,006
Cost Per FTE Position		90,666		98,697
Statewide Benefit Assessment		141,572		137,940
Payroll Costs	56.0	5,218,880	56.0	5,664,946
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		26,000		26,000
Information Technology		1,275,839		1,275,839
Legal Services		320,000		320,000
Management & Consultant Services		717,474		717,474
Medical Services		30,000		30,000
Other Contracts		111,300		111,300
Subtotal		2,480,613		2,480,613
Total Personnel	56.0	7,699,493	56.0	8,145,559
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		2,208,052		2,315,671
Federal Funds		5,491,441		5,829,888
Total All Funds		7,699,493		8,145,559

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Individual and Family Support

Mission

To provide assistance and supports so that clients are able to transition to self-sufficiency.

Description

The Individual and Family Support (IFS) Program provides policy and program development, management, monitoring and evaluation, systems development, and financial administration for the full scope of social service programs administered by the Department of Human Services. The Individual and Family Support Program is responsible for ensuring that the services affecting all populations are provided in accordance with state and federal mandates. The IFS program is bifurcated into two distinct entities: the Division of Economic Support and the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS).

The Division of Economic Support has the responsibility for the operational planning, direction, coordination, and implementation of programs such as Rhode Island Works (RIW), the Child Care Assistance Program, General Public Assistance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the Supplemental Security Income program (SSI). Funding for the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX), the Head Start Collaboration Grant, the Refugee Assistance Program, and special financing for victims of domestic violence is budgeted within, and administered by, the IFS program.

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is available to low income families who meet income guidelines and are working a minimum of 20 hours per week at or above Rhode Island's minimum wage. CCAP is also available to families participating in training, apprenticeship, internship, on-the-job training, work experience, work immersion sponsored by the Governor's Workforce Board, who need child care to take part in these job readiness/training opportunities. CCAP is available for those participating in the RI Works program, and pregnant or parenting teens participating in the DHS Youth Success program. An average of 10,000 children from 6,100 families are served by over 800 providers.

The Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS), housed within the Individual and Family Support Program (IFS), provides vocational rehabilitative services to disabled individuals seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce and attain competitive and career-oriented employment. Under the auspices of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and RIGL 40-12, ORS supplies this population with a broad range of vocational supports including; evaluation and assessment, counseling, career development, and job placement. ORS administers the Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) program and the Disability Determination Services Unit (RIDDS). ORS developed and administers the State Plan for Assistive Technology. ORS also jointly developed the State Plan for Independent Living with the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Statutory History

Title 40, Chapter 5.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Rhode Island Works Program. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) replaces Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act. Title 42, Chapter 12 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Budget

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Individual and Family Support

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Child Care	4,416,771	6,561,299	6,171,456	8,096,515	10,101,769
General Public Assistance	(173,388)	186,308	592,363	267,292	62,280
LIHEAP and Weatherization	26,714,985	27,231,627	30,147,977	31,267,953	32,729,127
Office of Rehabilitation Services	28,647,029	28,188,436	35,677,833	29,483,471	34,740,251
Operations	6,556,519	3,926,671	13,463,126	13,781,219	15,922,723
Race to the Top	3,639,323	(63)	(114,839)	0	0
Refugee Assistance	588,187	475,487	1,910,503	626,438	1,228,557
Social Services Block Grant	2,591,894	2,247,476	2,919,557	1,365,315	1,455,366
SSA	0	(629)	0	0	0
SSI	180,519	407,518	410,405	1,035,865	2,223,827
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	21,212,109	28,574,666	25,579,705	40,427,638	39,500,574
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	15,012,977	16,295,644	18,036,255	15,044,042	15,919,461
Transportation Elderly	6,151,239	6,246,018	6,033,847	7,296,636	7,770,255
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	268	5,503	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	115,538,432	120,345,961	140,828,188	148,692,384	161,654,190
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	40,151,384	43,308,088	53,683,387	51,261,692	54,253,579
Contract Professional Services	7,414,509	7,425,031	10,007,857	15,903,618	18,125,294
Operating Supplies and Expenses	11,494,613	15,236,280	10,648,723	18,523,227	20,172,868
Assistance And Grants	52,824,787	50,586,094	61,021,562	57,773,923	63,911,848
Subtotal: Operating	111,885,293	116,555,493	135,361,529	143,462,460	156,463,589
Capital Purchases And Equipment	251,532	416,063	460,521	499,867	506,521
Operating Transfers	3,401,625	3,374,387	5,006,138	4,730,057	4,684,080
Subtotal: Other	3,653,157	3,790,450	5,466,659	5,229,924	5,190,601
Total Expenditures	115,538,450	120,345,943	140,828,188	148,692,384	161,654,190
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	20,364,220	25,105,795	22,530,162	30,605,766	31,647,539
Federal Funds	90,387,434	90,298,509	106,111,888	104,642,427	113,324,185
Restricted Receipts	204,730	338,639	7,422,660	8,634,736	11,918,988
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	4,349,062	4,535,499	4,593,478	4,639,455	4,593,478
Other Funds	233,004	67,501	170,000	170,000	170,000
Total Expenditures	115,538,450	120,345,943	140,828,188	148,692,384	161,654,190

Personnel

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Individual and Family Support

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR- FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICES	00141A	4.0	457,784	4.0	483,702
ADMINISTRATOR FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES	00139A	3.0	280,928	3.0	294,951
ADMINISTRATOR OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	00139A	3.0	323,178	3.0	338,930
ADMINISTRATOR- OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	00141A	1.0	125,838	1.0	130,546
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS)	00A35A	1.0	109,309	1.0	113,402
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	00135A	1.0	71,339	1.0	71,339
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES	00A35A	3.0	299,744	3.0	307,664
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00134A	2.0	174,922	2.0	181,479
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF VOCATIONAL REHAB (DIS DETER)	00A32A	1.0	85,117	1.0	88,330
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF VOCATIONAL REHAB (REHAB)	00A32A	1.0	85,117	1.0	88,330
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (DHS) DIV OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	00143A	2.0	262,957	2.0	272,819
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00A26A	1.0	64,177	1.0	66,600
CASE AIDE	00316A	3.0	136,338	3.0	141,486
CASEWORK SUPERVISOR	00A26A	7.0	514,613	7.0	533,812
CHIEF CASE WORK SUPERVISOR	00A34A	1.0	101,703	1.0	105,489
CHIEF CLERK	00A16A	3.0	147,257	3.0	150,953
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A33A	1.0	99,341	1.0	103,069
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A32A	2.0	180,452	2.0	190,214
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	5.0	304,753	5.0	322,285
CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	00129A	1.0	66,624	1.0	69,141
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	00134A	3.0	269,928	3.0	283,578
CLERK SECRETARY	00B16A	2.0	88,979	2.0	92,340
CLINICAL TRAINING SPECIALIST	00A30A	2.0	175,945	2.0	182,462
CUSTOMER SERVICE AIDE (DHS)	00309A	1.0	42,312	1.0	43,908
CUSTOMER SERVICE AIDE (DHS)	00310A	57.0	2,020,186	57.0	2,138,717
CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST I	00315A	1.0	39,189	1.0	40,670
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	2.0	86,054	2.0	89,304
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	00310A	1.0	36,649	1.0	38,033
ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	00321A	208.0	9,869,992	208.0	10,373,867
EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER ADVISOR	00A22A	17.0	930,212	17.0	972,024

Personnel

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Individual and Family Support

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER ADVISOR	0AB22A	6.0	265,839	6.0	280,650
FOOD SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR	00322A	1.0	46,084	1.0	49,070
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A22A	4.0	221,007	4.0	234,526
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00324A	0.0	0	6.0	300,210
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00322A	0.0	0	1.0	47,011
INFORMATION AIDE	00315A	1.0	48,149	1.0	49,967
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	00139A	1.0	96,403	1.0	100,045
INTERPRETER (SPANISH)	00316A	5.0	223,848	5.0	232,276
JUNIOR RESOURCE SPECIALIST	00319A	1.0	53,006	1.0	54,994
JUNIOR RESOURCE SPECIALIST	03519A	1.0	50,690	1.0	52,552
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE SUPERVISOR	00131A	1.0	72,034	1.0	74,754
PERIPATHOLOGIST	00A25A	2.0	154,687	2.0	160,402
PRINCIPAL CLERK	00312A	1.0	40,214	1.0	41,731
PRINCIPAL CLERK-TYPIST	00312A	5.0	185,707	5.0	195,061
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A28A	1.0	72,870	1.0	75,622
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A30A	2.0	163,488	2.0	169,579
PRODUCTIVITY PROJECT DIRECTOR	00130A	3.0	188,436	3.0	201,144
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	00131A	4.0	279,723	4.0	287,883
PROPERTY CONTROL AND SUPPLY OFFICER	00317A	1.0	43,840	1.0	45,495
QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWER	00A24A	12.0	673,226	12.0	698,522
QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW SUPERVISOR	00A26A	1.0	78,750	1.0	81,668
RECONCILIATION CLERK	0C610A	1.0	35,644	1.0	37,262
REGIONAL MANAGER (DHS)	00A35A	1.0	106,114	1.0	110,122
REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	00A24A	34.0	2,067,034	34.0	2,154,619
REHABILITATIVE TEACHER OF BLIND	00321A	1.0	50,577	1.0	52,418
SENIOR CASE WORK SUPERVISOR	00A30A	6.0	500,903	6.0	529,358
SENIOR CLERK	00308A	1.0	42,844	1.0	44,447
SENIOR ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	00323A	16.0	869,666	16.0	915,210
SENIOR FOOD SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR	00326A	1.0	66,601	1.0	69,086
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	00A25A	2.0	135,944	2.0	142,962
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A28A	8.0	617,162	8.0	647,320
SENIOR QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW SUPERVISOR	00A30A	1.0	88,990	1.0	92,320
SENIOR REHABILITATION COUNSELOR (DISABILITY DETER.)	00A26A	8.0	584,715	8.0	606,708

Personnel

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Individual and Family Support

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR REHABILITATION COUNSELOR (REHABILITATION)	00A26A	1.0	79,855	1.0	82,836
SENIOR RESOURCE SPECIALIST	03526A	3.0	191,225	3.0	198,445
SENIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST	00B26A	1.0	76,852	1.0	79,725
SENIOR TELEPHONE OPERATOR	00A13A	1.0	47,124	1.0	48,904
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	3.0	114,825	3.0	119,770
SOCIAL CASE WORKER	00A22A	25.0	1,486,769	25.0	1,543,903
SOCIAL CASE WORKER II	00A24A	1.0	65,073	1.0	67,530
SOCIAL CASE WORKER II	00B24A	2.0	126,096	2.0	128,424
SUPERVISING ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	00A26A	15.0	1,057,257	15.0	1,103,469
SUPERVISING ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	0AB26A	3.0	205,233	3.0	214,764
SUPERVISOR OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DISAB. DETER.)	00A29A	3.0	251,770	3.0	261,040
SUPERVISOR OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (REHAB.)	00A29A	9.0	715,335	9.0	741,924
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR I	00A24A	26.0	1,524,292	26.0	1,591,939
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR II	00A26A	15.0	1,042,118	15.0	1,081,302
Subtotal Classified		581.0	32,558,956	588.0	34,408,413
Unclassified					
CHIEF OF PRACTICE STANDARDS (DCYF)	00000A	0.0	0	1.0	79,603
Subtotal Unclassified		0.0	0	1.0	79,603
Subtotal		581.0	32,558,956	589.0	34,488,016
Transfer Out			(6,636,195)		(6,940,653)
Transfer In			5,032,444		5,328,449
Overtime (1.5)			2,831,525		1,931,240
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			270,075		275,388
Turnover			(2,264,387)		(1,744,472)
Total Salaries			31,792,418		33,337,968

Personnel

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Individual and Family Support

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		2,224,564		2,403,103
Health Benefits		6,392,087		6,664,901
Holiday		5,088		10,560
Other		725		758
Payroll Accrual		165,808		179,768
Retiree Health		1,671,905		2,010,853
Retirement		7,738,381		8,400,634
Subtotal		18,198,558		19,670,577
Total Salaries and Benefits	581.0	49,990,976	589.0	53,008,545
Cost Per FTE Position		86,043		89,997
Statewide Benefit Assessment		1,270,716		1,245,034
Payroll Costs	581.0	51,261,692	589.0	54,253,579
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		759		759
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,096,300		1,096,300
Information Technology		9,606,415		12,499,048
Legal Services		185,629		200,075
Management & Consultant Services		1,476,444		886,245
Medical Services		2,339,130		2,339,130
Other Contracts		1,194,741		1,099,537
Training and Educational Services		4,200		4,200
Subtotal		15,903,618		18,125,294
Total Personnel	581.0	67,165,310	589.0	72,378,873
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		21,385,015		21,990,074
Federal Funds		41,708,134		43,639,353
Restricted Receipts		4,072,161		6,749,446
Total All Funds		67,165,310		72,378,873

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Eligibility

Mission

To determine the eligibility of Rhode Islanders who apply for Medical Assistance as authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Description

The Health Care Eligibility program of the Department of Human Services is responsible for determining the eligibility of Rhode Islanders who apply for Medical Assistance (Medicaid). Authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Medicaid is an entitlement program administered by states to provide medical benefits to low income persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, to low income children and families, and to qualifying low income persons without dependent children. States determine eligibility criteria, covered services, and provide reimbursement rates within certain federal guidelines.

Long-Term Care services are designed to meet the needs of individuals who are aged (65 and older), blind or disabled (ABD) under the Medicaid State Plan, who will receive benefits for institutional and/or home and community-based long term care services including an option for self-direction. Primary care for this population will be provided through care management programs administered by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Statutory History

Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act was enacted by Congress under the provisions of Public Law 89-97. Title 40, Chapter 8 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program.

Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Eligibility

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Medicaid	17,279,438	21,690,035	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899
Total Expenditures	17,279,438	21,690,035	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	15,822,297	17,099,773	12,157,005	14,175,490	13,932,251
Contract Professional Services	473,156	1,249,960	275,800	586,588	586,588
Operating Supplies and Expenses	970,955	3,254,447	3,031,671	(431,680)	(1,117,940)
Subtotal: Operating	17,266,408	21,604,180	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899
Capital Purchases And Equipment	13,030	85,855	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	13,030	85,855	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	17,279,438	21,690,035	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	7,322,521	8,519,940	6,072,355	3,024,095	2,608,841
Federal Funds	9,956,917	13,170,095	9,392,121	11,306,303	10,792,058
Total Expenditures	17,279,438	21,690,035	15,464,476	14,330,398	13,400,899

Personnel

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Health Care Eligibility

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR- FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICES	00141A	1.0	99,078	1.0	107,879
CASEWORK SUPERVISOR	00A26A	3.0	225,740	3.0	234,189
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A32A	1.0	101,334	1.0	105,006
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	2.0	114,194	2.0	120,614
CLINICAL TRAINING SPECIALIST	00A30A	5.0	387,873	5.0	411,457
CUSTOMER SERVICE AIDE (DHS)	00310A	3.0	105,754	3.0	111,091
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	1.0	49,172	1.0	51,031
ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	00321A	16.0	823,510	16.0	857,995
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00118A	1.0	41,091	1.0	43,538
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A24A	2.0	143,895	2.0	149,257
PRODUCTIVITY PROJECT DIRECTOR	00130A	1.0	63,420	1.0	65,816
QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWER	00A24A	2.0	128,908	2.0	133,708
SENIOR CASE WORK SUPERVISOR	00A30A	2.0	149,820	2.0	162,152
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	00A28A	1.0	69,399	1.0	72,018
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	2.0	78,513	2.0	81,474
SOCIAL CASE WORKER	00A22A	26.0	1,444,863	26.0	1,509,151
SOCIAL CASE WORKER II	00A24A	3.0	207,819	3.0	215,414
SUPERVISING ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIAN	00A26A	3.0	232,138	3.0	240,772
Subtotal Classified		75.0	4,466,521	75.0	4,672,562
Subtotal		75.0	4,466,521	75.0	4,672,562
Transfer Out			(3,194,673)		(3,341,309)
Transfer In			6,519,129		6,842,568
Overtime (1.5)			1,798,368		909,204
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			26,797		27,706
Turnover			(412,994)		(385,650)
Total Salaries			9,203,148		8,725,081
Benefits					
FICA			568,483		597,830
Health Benefits			1,652,849		1,689,547
Other			342		358
Payroll Accrual			42,488		44,877
Retiree Health			419,781		490,889
Retirement			1,968,827		2,078,967
Subtotal			4,652,770		4,902,468

Personnel

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Health Care Eligibility

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries and Benefits	75.0	13,855,918	75.0	13,627,549
Cost Per FTE Position		184,745		181,701
Statewide Benefit Assessment		319,572		304,702
Payroll Costs	75.0	14,175,490	75.0	13,932,251
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		422		422
Information Technology		401,266		401,266
Management & Consultant Services		47,568		47,568
Other Contracts		137,332		137,332
Subtotal		586,588		586,588
Total Personnel	75.0	14,762,078	75.0	14,518,839
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		5,073,455		5,097,091
Federal Funds		9,688,623		9,421,748
Total All Funds		14,762,078		14,518,839

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Supplemental Security Income Program

Mission

To provide financial aid to individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled and who do not have sufficient resources to maintain a reasonable standard of health and well-being.

Description

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program provides a floor of income for aged, blind and disabled persons who have little or no income or other resources. The basic federal SSI Cash Assistance Grant, annually adjusted for inflation, is funded in full by the federal government. Because the federal payment leaves many recipients below the federal poverty level, certain states have chosen to provide a supplement to the federal benefit financed with state funds. Rhode Island now administers this state payment process separately from the federal SSA. Persons eligible for SSI are also eligible, under specified criteria, for in-state moving expenses, and for needs resulting from an emergency of a catastrophic nature.

Since the inception of SSI in 1974, the program caseload has grown each year. This reflects an increase in the aging population, new and emerging disabilities, less stringent disability requirements, and increases in allowable resource limits.

Statutory History

Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act in 1974 created a federally administered Supplemental Security Income Program. This program replaced the assistance program previously administered by the State, which provided aid to aged, blind, and disabled Rhode Islanders. Title 40, Chapter 6 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Supplemental Security Income Program.

Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Supplemental Security Income Program

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
SSI	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Total Expenditures	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Expenditures by Object					
Assistance And Grants	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Subtotal: Operating	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Total Expenditures	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608
Total Expenditures	18,734,401	19,906,658	20,022,000	19,944,100	20,169,608

Program Summary

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Rhode Island Works/Child Care

Mission

To provide assistance to clients to aid in the transition to self-sufficiency.

Description

The Rhode Island Works Program (RIW), formerly the Family Independence Program (FIP), provides support including child care and cash payments to needy children and their families. RIW also represents a strong emphasis on requiring families who receive cash assistance to prepare for, and achieve, employment.

When the federal TANF Program was reauthorized under Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, more stringent policies and accountability mandates were implemented such as defining what constitutes TANF countable activities in which recipient parents can engage and new performance-based state penalties were instituted. Rhode Island therefore needed to revamp its Family Independence Act welfare program and in June 2008, the Rhode Island Works Program was enacted. One of the differences between TANF and RI Works is that RI Works has a shorter time limit than the federal TANF program. RI Works allows no more than 24 months in any 60-month period; and has a maximum time limit of 48 months for any family accepted onto cash assistance since May 1, 1997. DHS has incurred penalties as a result of its struggle to meet the Work Participation Rate federal guidelines. As a result, increasing the Work Participation rate for participants in the RIW program has become one of the top goals of DHS.

The emphasis in RIW is to achieve gainful employment and self-sufficiency, with the ultimate outcome of strong, healthy families. RIW promotes work as the source of family income. Child care, health care, and other supportive services are an entitlement to those families pursuing economic independence. While on cash assistance, RIW beneficiaries may participate in intensive work-readiness services if they lack literacy skills, or if they have little or no paid work experience. To further assist RIW parents, opportunities are available to participate in short term vocational training for up to 12 months as long as the program is designed to lead to full time employment. Under RIW, subsidized child care is considered an essential component of the long-range plan to move clients from dependence to independence.

RIW administers the Teen and Family Development program, formerly known as Youth Success, which has a goal of secondary school graduation for all teen participants, so they are prepared to lead productive lives. All of the above supports provide the means by which families can maintain themselves in the workforce over time, thus minimizing recidivism and long-term welfare dependency.

Statutory History

The Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program, which was initiated in the, was replaced by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and PRWORA. Child care funding is provided under Title VI of the Social Security Act, section 418 of the Act. Title 40, Chapter 5.2 of the General Laws sets forth the Rhode Island Works Program.

Budget

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Rhode Island Works/Child Care

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Child Care	64,935,233	65,542,131	73,992,943	72,560,886	79,545,490
RI Works	25,404,744	25,075,158	25,253,310	24,989,423	25,104,525
Total Expenditures	90,339,977	90,617,289	99,246,253	97,550,309	104,650,015
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Supplies and Expenses	18,219	11,410	0	213,397	209,978
Assistance And Grants	90,321,758	90,605,879	99,246,253	97,336,912	104,440,037
Subtotal: Operating	90,339,977	90,617,289	99,246,253	97,550,309	104,650,015
Total Expenditures	90,339,977	90,617,289	99,246,253	97,550,309	104,650,015
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	9,852,840	9,889,632	10,669,986	10,669,986	11,716,905
Federal Funds	80,487,137	80,727,657	88,576,267	86,880,323	92,933,110
Total Expenditures	90,339,977	90,617,289	99,246,253	97,550,309	104,650,015

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

State Funded Programs

Mission

To administer the General Public Assistance Program (GPA), which provides: (1) interim cash assistance to individuals who are accepted for Title XIX Medical Assistance (Medicaid), but who have a pending eligibility application for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, (2) burial and funerary services for the indigent, and (3) emergency cash assistance for individuals experiencing extreme financial hardship. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit disbursements are included in this program but are fully federally financed.

Description

The General Public Assistance (GPA) Program is designed to meet the needs of incapacitated and unemployable persons who are suffering from an illness, injury, or medical condition and do not qualify for other public assistance programs. The GPA "Bridge" program provides interim cash assistance for totally disabled individuals who maintain a pending, but not yet approved application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The GPA program also provides subsidized burials and funeral services for indigent persons. At the discretion of the Director of Human Services, very limited cash assistance is available from a special hardship contingency fund. Under state welfare reform statutes, two parent families who had formerly received services from GPA became eligible under FIP (now RIW).

Prior to January 1, 2014, the GPA program also provided for limited medical assistance (known as "GPA Medical" or GMED) to ill or disabled individuals who did not qualify for other federal programs. With the expansion of Medicaid to adults with incomes at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, this portion of the program was effectively phased-out.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is designed to promote the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income households. Limited food purchasing power of low-income households greatly contributes to hunger and malnutrition. The SNAP program permits low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing the purchasing power of all eligible households that apply for participation.

SNAP benefits to eligible households in Rhode Island are funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The State and the USDA share in the cost of administering the program, which is maintained by the Individual and Family Support program, with associated budgetary resources housed within that program.

Statutory History

Title 40, Chapter 6 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the General Public Assistance Program. R.I.G.L. 40-6-8(d) established the State's administrative role with regard to the federal SNAP program.

Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

State Funded Programs

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
General Public Assistance	1,362,652	1,212,952	1,254,880	1,231,644	1,231,644
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	268,539,797	260,367,571	282,059,537	265,070,354	265,059,537
Total Expenditures	269,902,449	261,580,523	283,314,417	266,301,998	266,291,181
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	44,008	59,537	70,354	59,537
Assistance And Grants	269,902,449	261,536,515	283,254,880	266,231,644	266,231,644
Subtotal: Operating	269,902,449	261,580,523	283,314,417	266,301,998	266,291,181
Total Expenditures	269,902,449	261,580,523	283,314,417	266,301,998	266,291,181
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,226,468	1,133,746	1,183,880	1,133,280	1,133,280
Federal Funds	268,675,981	260,446,777	282,130,537	265,168,718	265,157,901
Total Expenditures	269,902,449	261,580,523	283,314,417	266,301,998	266,291,181