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EARLY CHILDHOOD
ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

**Testimony to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
on the House FY '19 Budget
March 29, 2018
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Home Visiting (\$360,000) and Children's Dental (\$140,000) pilot programs

- Proposed in Gov's Recommend
- NOT FUNDED by House Approps
- Alliance supports funding for existing programs before initiating new programs

AHS Grants reduction (\$2m)

- Proposed in Gov's Recommend
- ACCEPTED by House Approps
- Concerns about exactly how "efficiencies" will be gained without harming service delivery and organizational integrity

DCF Family Services "contact contract" – budget increase (\$500,000)

- Proposed in Gov's Recommend
- FUNDED by House Approps
- Alliance generally supports funding for existing programs before initiating new programs, but understands need/justification for this increased appropriation

Field Services Directors' Fund reduction (\$43,000)

- Proposed in Gov's Recommend
- ACCEPTED by House Approps
- Alliance opposes this cut, as this Fund can provide critical support to families in crisis that do not qualify for more targeted programs

Other budget issues of concern you have already heard about include:

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| • CCFAP | • Reach Up |
| • CIS (Children's Integrated Services) | • Housing |
| • TEACH | • PCC Master Grant |