

SCC/CIS Transportation House Budget summary, Alliance Senate Budget Request

The House accepted the Governor's plan for FY22 that:

- eliminated all funding (\$958,131) from the CDD Child Care Transportation line item (603650)
- reduced funding in the ESD (Reach Up) Transportation program by \$110,694 (referenced in the crosswalk as "transportation efficiencies")
- added funding (\$310,338) to the FSD Transportation line item (603230) to bring it to \$2,039,907

The effective impact of this would be to:

- eliminate any mention of the CDD (Specialized Child Care) Transportation program
- reduce DCF transportation spending by \$758,487 [which is \$958,131 - \$110,694 + \$310,338] – this is presumably the savings they are planning to get, and the amount that would need to be restored to "undo" the proposal
 - [note this is NOT the \$647,793 figure that appears on the crosswalk and was discussed in House Approps, as that does not include the \$110,694]
- move two Transportation Services (ECD and CDD) into the existing FSD transportation line item – that sets the stage for a single DCF contract

The House also:

- added language in (below) that says that if the RFP for a single, unified statewide service does not yield a successful bid, DCF has to put the budget back to the way it was, and that the successful bid can't hurt the quality of service delivery
- made a verbal agreement in Committee that House Appropriations will revisit this issue in their Budget Adjustment discussion, depending on what happens with the RFP.

Our request:

- Reverse the program and policy changes suggested by the Governor and agreed to by the House, and restore funding levels to ones based on FY20 and FY21 figure to approximate post-pandemic program usage

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Sec. E.318.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE TRANSPORTATION

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that there be no reduction in specialized childcare transportation services provided by the Department for Children and Families resulting from a statewide transportation contract. Should a more cost-effective, coordinated system of specialized childcare transportation not be attainable by the move to a statewide contract in fiscal year 2022, the program shall revert to a commensurate base funding level and program parameters that were in place during fiscal year 2021. Any changes to transportation services shall not decrease the expeditious authorization of services to families.