

**CHILD AND FAMILY A. S. I. S. T. (ARLINGTON SERVICES INTAKE AND SUPPORT TEAM)**

**PROGRAM MISSION**

To address comprehensively and respectfully the needs of families referred to the Division and provide support for services that ensure children’s safety and well-being.

The goals are to increase access to services at the onset assuring family-focused and intensive short-term community-based services, and stabilize crises in high-risk family situations involving children thereby preventing the need for unnecessary costlier out-of-home placements. Additionally, services are provided to help families whose children are transitioning from residential to community care.

- Screening, validation, initial assessment, eligibility determination, and intake of child protective services, mental health, and substance abuse referrals are provided in the newly established Centralized Intake Unit (CIU). This is to ensure the most appropriate comprehensive response to presenting family situations and valid referrals at the point of intake. Presenting family situations are staffed daily with an experienced and skilled professional team. Referrals are assigned respectively to Family Services Teams’ social workers and dually trained mental health and substance abuse therapists. All inquiries are addressed and referrals to community resources are made for situations that do not meet the eligibility and validation criteria for requested services.
- Facilitation of interagency coordination of the Community Assessment Teams, utilization management and review of active cases, monitoring of regulatory and policy changes, education of agency case management staff; support for the Community Policy and Management Team, and assessment of community services and development of services missing from the continuum of care are provided by the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Coordinator.
- Recruitment, training, certification, coordination, and support of Resource Parents (foster and adoptive parents and families) are provided to ensure permanent and stable homes for children in agency care.

**PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Proposed	% Change '06 to '07
Personnel	\$507,225	\$381,485	\$1,186,569	211%
Non-Personnel	56,862	45,355	45,105	-1%
Purchase of Service	-	-	175,000	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>564,087</b>	<b>426,840</b>	<b>1,406,674</b>	<b>230%</b>
State Share	382,331	76,397	435,264	470%
Other Grants	25,000	-	-	-
Purchase of Service	-	-	94,464	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>407,331</b>	<b>76,397</b>	<b>529,728</b>	<b>593%</b>
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	<b>\$156,756</b>	<b>\$350,443</b>	<b>\$876,946</b>	<b>150%</b>
Authorized FTEs	6.9	6.0	18.0	
Funded FTEs	6.9	6.0	18.0	

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**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Child and Family ASIST Team was established during the reorganization of Child and Family Services. This is the final phase of the reorganization and will be budgeted in total starting with FY 2007. All costs, revenue and FTEs are the result of internal reorganization of existing staff and resources. All positions identified for the ASIST Team (18 FTEs) were reallocated from existing positions within the Child and Family Services Division.