

Virginia Department of Social Services

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People helping people triumph over poverty abuse and neglect to help build strong futures for themselves, their families and their communities

Presentation Highlights

- VDSS Overview
- Budget Reduction Guiding Principles
- Governor's Budget Amendments
- Impact on the Virginia Social Services System

VDSS Overview

- **Service Delivery Model**
 - State Supervised, Locally Administered
- **Major Programs**
 - Child Support
 - CPS, Foster Care and Adoptions, APS
 - Benefits Determination & Payment
 - Child Care
- **Funding Sources**
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local

Budget Reduction Guiding Principles

- Minimize Impact to Clients
- Maintain Support to Local Departments
- Central Office Efficiencies
- Minimize Direct Appropriations
- Leverage Financial Opportunities

Governor's Budget Amendments

Fund Reversions	FY09	FY10
Child Support Special Fund Balance	(\$15.2M)	(\$4.4M)
Title IV-E Settlement "Recovery"	(\$16.8M)	—
Food Stamps Bonus Funds	(\$1.4M)	—
Central Registry Special Fund Balance	(\$500K)	(\$200K)

Governor's Budget Amendments

TANF Swaps	FY09	FY10
Child Care/Adoptions	(\$19.7M)	(\$8.2M)
Domestic Violence Programs	—	(\$1.5M)
Healthy Families	—	(\$3.5M)
Community Action Agencies	—	(\$4.6M)
Centers for Employment & Training	—	(\$323K)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Spending Reductions	FY09	FY10
Postage – TANF Debit Cards	(\$93K)	(\$93K)
Travel & Vacancy Freeze	(\$51K)	—
2-1-1 (allocated to fed funding)	(\$250K)	(\$250K)
Eliminate 80 positions	(\$1M)	(\$2M)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Spending Reductions (cont.)	FY09	FY10
Child Care Information System	(\$750K)	(\$750K)
AmeriCorps Program	—	(\$125K)
CW Stipend Admin	—	(\$200K)
Lower Foster Care Increase - 6%	—	(\$1.2M)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Programmatic Underspending	FY09	FY10
Auxiliary Grants	(\$700K)	(\$700K)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Eliminate Direct Appropriations	FY09	FY10
Northern VA Family Services	—	(\$100K)
United Community Ministries	—	(\$38.5K)
Bristol/Washington CAC	—	(\$50K)
Lenowisco CAC	—	(\$50K)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Eliminate Direct Appropriations (cont.)	FY09	FY10
Tri-County CAA	—	(\$100K)
People, Inc. CAA	—	(\$42.5K)
Child Care Resource & Referral	—	(\$350K)

Governor's Budget Amendments

Modest GF Increases	FY09	FY10
Foster Care and Adoptions	\$1.2M	\$1.2M
VA Federation of Food Banks	\$1M	—

What we did not cut...

- Funding to local DSS
- Child Welfare Transformation efforts
- Support to Community Action
- VDSS monitoring functions
- Our internal financial controls

What we could not accomplish...

- Increased support to local agencies
- Foster Care visits
- Pay increases for local and state staff
- Staffing level standards

Reality Check...

- Need for LDSS staffing and space
- Improve drastically on how efficiently we do our work
- Free existing agency staff to perform other essential tasks

How do we make it happen?

- Keeping all of our partners in the loop
 - Federal Representatives
 - VITA
 - DMAS
 - Local Departments
- Not reinventing the wheel (or system)
 - Several states have instituted similar systems with varying results. We can, and will, learn from them and from each other

What are the anticipated results?

- Automated eligibility determinations
- Access from any PC
- Multi-system access (DMV or social Security)
- Single identifier or case number

Thank you

- For allowing us to present today
- Thank you for your continued support of the Virginia Department of Social Services and the people we serve.