

APPROPRIATE STATE CAPACITY BUILDING AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE YOUTH FOR THE WAUKESHA
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS the federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 allocated funds to the states for independent living programs for youth in out-of-home care, and

WHEREAS these funds are designed to prepare youth for independence who are in out-of-home care and age 15 or older, and also up to the age of 21, those who were in out-of-home care for at least six months and left care after the age of 17, and

WHEREAS a Wisconsin study shows that at 12 to 18 months after exiting care, 27% of males and 10% of females had been incarcerated at least once during this period; and 25% of males and 15% of females reported serious physical victimization, and

WHEREAS the additional federal allocation for independent living programs will be first used to provide services to Waukesha County's current foster care population aged 15-18 years in order to maximize existing 2001 base budget funding for alternatives to placements, and

WHEREAS the State has allocated one-time funds to each county for the purpose of planning and capacity building to assure that counties are prepared to provide services when the ongoing allocations begin July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS the one-time funding will allow Waukesha County to prepare for the delivery of independent living services by activities such as developing a curriculum for training and supporting foster parents to prepare their foster child to transition to adulthood, and

WHEREAS the ongoing funding will allow Waukesha County to establish services specifically for assistance to youth exiting out-of-home placements and who require additional support to become responsible, independent citizens, and

WHEREAS the ongoing funds provide for the six month period July 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, while the capacity building funds must be expended by September 30, 2001.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA DOES ORDAIN that the 2001 budget of the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services Division be modified to increase general governmental revenue by \$11,706 for planning and capacity building and by \$10,734 for services assisting eligible youth in the transition to independent living and appropriate additional expenditure authority of \$22,440 to the operating expense appropriation unit to fund the cost to purchase services as allowed by the state Youth Independent Living Program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if the ongoing allocation of state and federal funds for state Youth Independent Living Programs is reduced or eliminated the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services will reduce the expanded program services accordingly.

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Presented by:
Health and Human Services Committee

Approved by:
Finance Committee

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: June 29, 2001, Kelly S. Yager, Deputy
Patricia E. Madden, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____
Vetoed: _____

Date: 7-2-01, Daniel M. Finley
Daniel M. Finley, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

APPROPRIATE STATE OF WISCONSIN CAPACITY BUILDING AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE YOUTH FOR THE WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This ordinance authorizes the Waukesha Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to accept and appropriate \$11,706 of one-time capacity building funds for the period July 1 through September 30, and \$10,734 through an addendum to the state/county contract, for an expanded foster care independent living program implementation from July 1 to December 31, 2001.

The independent living program is targeted at current and former foster care youths aged 15-21 years providing transitional services to establish independent living situations. HHS staff indicate that the one-time capacity building funds of \$11,706 will be used for non-reoccurring expenditures to provide initial training and coaching for foster care givers, books, tapes and pamphlets to assist youths/caregivers and to recruit mentors.

HHS staff indicate that the \$10,734 of ongoing program funds will be used to purchase training and support for caregivers/social workers, life skills development for youth, mentoring, coaching, peer support and individualized intervention designed to promote stability and self-sufficiency. The state funding allocation was determined based on a state estimate of an average of 37 eligible youth. The department also indicates that the funds will be first used to serve the 15 -18 year old foster care population which is expected to make existing base appropriations available for additional Alternatives to Placements. According to HHS staff, a long-term goal of the program would be reduced reliance on the adult services including corrections, mental health and emergency housing. Program implementation success will be evaluated using outcome performance measures yet to be established by the State Department of Health and Family Services. In addition, each individual's goal achievement will be tracked.

These federal funds are subject to a 20% local match requirement. HHS staff indicate the local match will be supplied through existing 2001 budgeted appropriations for staff time and county contracted services for eligible youth, currently funded in the Human Services Fund. According to HHS staff, on-gong federal support is expected to continue in future years at an estimated annual level of approximately \$21,000. However, if the state/federal allocation is reduced or eliminated the department will reduce or eliminate this proposed program expansion.

This ordinance results in no additional 2001 direct tax levy impact.



Keith Swartz, Budget Manager

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- 13 E. LA MONTE.....NAY
- 15 D. SWAN.....AYE
- 17 J. BEHREND.....
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- 21 W. KOLB.....NAY
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TOTAL AYES-28

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TOTAL VOTES-33