

FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION
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**DHHS Division of Child and Family
Well-Being
Budget Overview**

Joint House and Senate Appropriations
Committees on Health and Human Services

February 16, 2023

Objectives

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- **Review the sources of funding and the plan for budget**
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Overview

- Established January 2022
- DCFW works to integrate behavioral health, physical health, and social programs to provide coordinated and streamlined whole-person care.
- Includes child and family focused programs formerly housed in Division of Public Health (DPH), Division of Social Services (DSS), and Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS)



Roles & Responsibilities

- **Administrative**
 - Administrative & Business Support
- **Nutrition Programs**
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)
- **Whole Child Health Section**
 - Best Practices Unit
 - School, Adolescent and Child Health Unit
 - Child and Family Wellness Unit
 - Genetic and Newborn Screening Unit
 - Child Behavioral Health Unit
- **Early Intervention / North Carolina Infant –Toddler Program**

Session Law 2022-74, Section 9B.1.(a) [DHHS Report](#): Detailed Plan for Reorganizing the Division of Child and Family Well-Being Programs

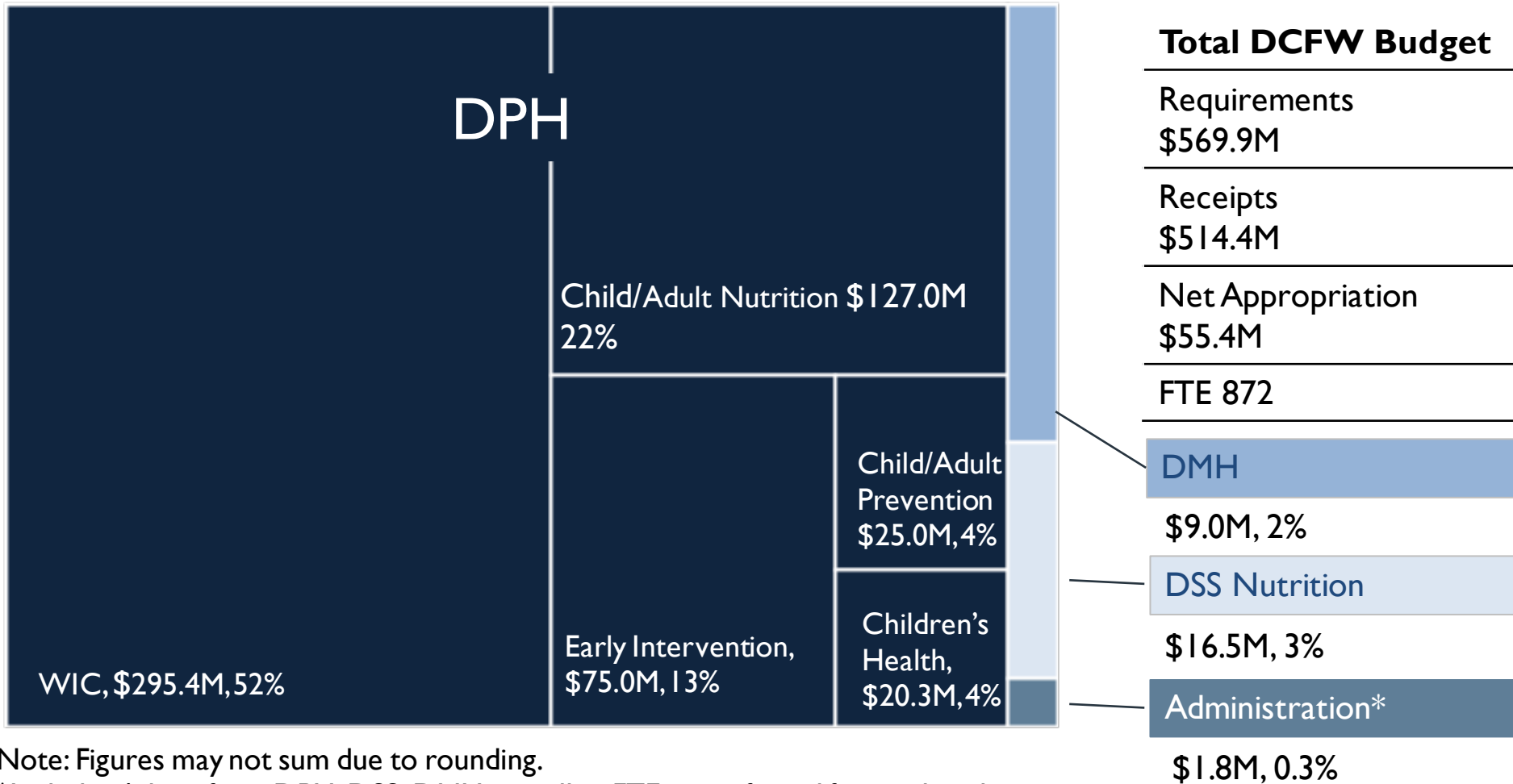


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Funds Moving to DCFW by “Originating” Division and Service



Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

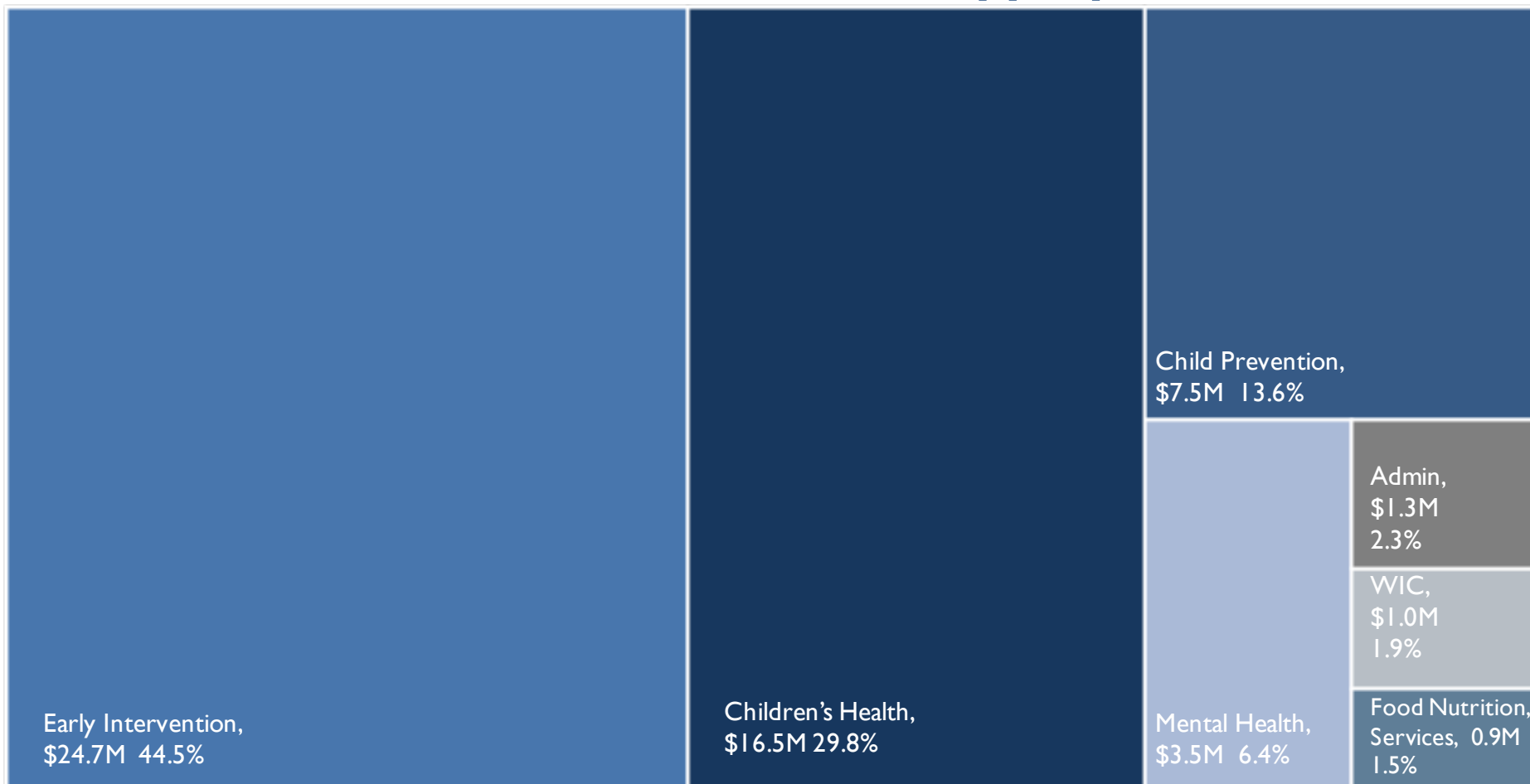
*Includes Admin from DPH, DSS, DMH as well as FTEs transferred from other divisions.

Source: [DCFV Plan](#), and additional information provided by DHHS



Net Appropriation by Originating Program

Total Net Appropriation \$55.4M



Realignment of Federal Block Grants to DCFW

	Originating Division		Total Amount To Be Realigned
	DPH	DMH	
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$62,205		\$62,205 (0.02% of grant realigned)
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	\$13,015,174		\$13,015,174 (69.0% of grant realigned)
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant		\$5,386,350	\$5,386,350 (14.7% of grant realigned)



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Newborn Screening (NBS)

NBS Identifies newborns at risk for rare and potentially fatal conditions. It consists of education, screening, follow-up contact, diagnosis, treatment and management, and program evaluation.

SL 2018-5 authorized the Commission on Public Health to use the rulemaking process to ensure the State conforms to the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP).

MPS I and **Pompe** screens added in February 2023.

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Number of Children Screened in 2022 (Calendar year)

- **Newborn Bloodspot Screening = 123,183**
- **Newborn Hearing Screening = 122,341**



Nutrition: State Metabolic Formula Program

SL 2021-180 included \$643K to expand program

- Provides metabolic formula to individuals with inborn errors of metabolism who are not covered by another payer (e.g. private insurance, Medicaid, or WIC)
- In 2022 the Abbott Formula recall disrupted the supply of 18 Abbott metabolic formula products. NCDHHS identified product equivalents from other manufacturers. State nutrition consultants worked directly with metabolic clinics at Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Levine Children's Hospital as well as WIC agency staff to quickly identify alternative products for each client impacted.

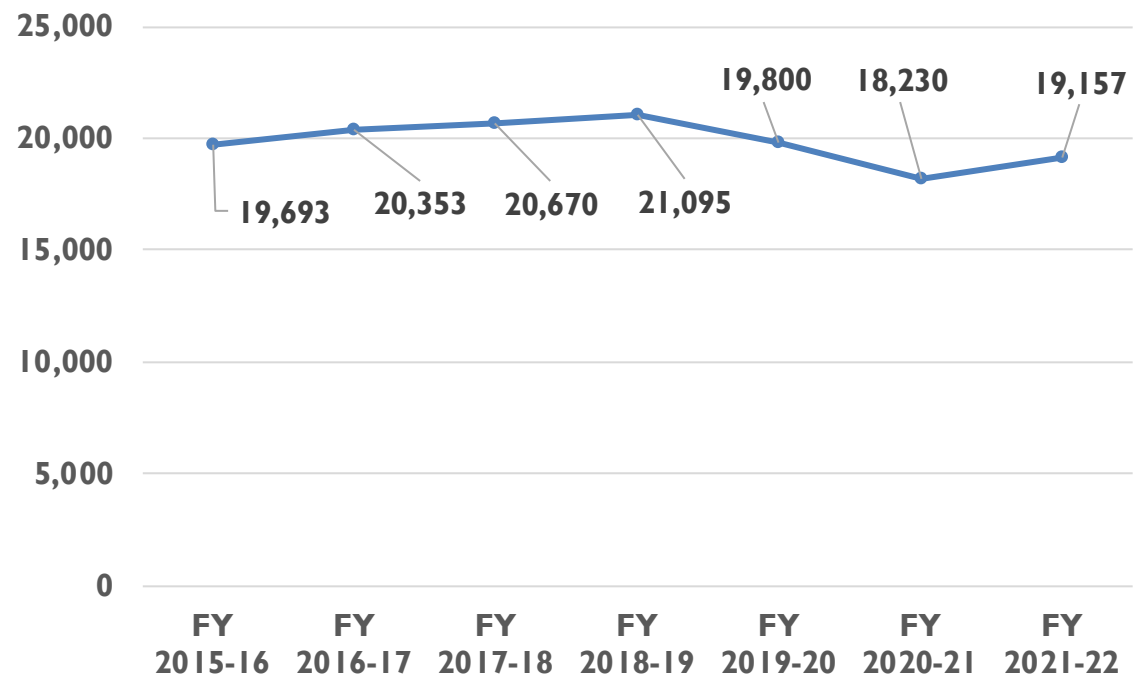


Early Intervention

Provides supports and services for families and their children, from birth to age three, who have special needs.

- **679 FTE - 73.5 vacancies**
- **12 State-operated; 4 Contractor-operated Children's Developmental Service Agencies (CDSA)**
- **Services funded by federal grants, Medicaid and General Fund. (*Private insurance-if service is covered)**

Number of Infants and Toddlers Enrolled



*Notes: Data from DHHS



COVID-19: CDC Funding for School Health

- Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools (ROS) K-12 COVID Testing Program (CDC Grant, funding ends June 2023)
 - \$174.6M allocated for school staff
 - DCFW administers grant which funds staffing support for local health departments (LHDs) and schools
 - DCFW is the lead division providing technical assistance to school personnel implementing the grant activities
- Public Health School Workforce – (\$15.6M CDC Grant, funding ends June 2023)
 - Included in SL 2021-180
 - Total spent from March 2022 to January 2023: \$3.3M
 - Remaining balance: \$12.3M



Takeaways

- DCFW was created in 2022 to integrate child and family centered programs from across DHHS
- Child centered programs (along with their funding) will be transferred from DPH, DSS, and DMH. The largest portion of the DCFW will come from DPH
- DCFW is partnering with the originating divisions, as well as external partners to transition programs



Questions?

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