

2016 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Adams County Children & Youth Services to ensure each child and youth in Adams County has a safe and permanent home.

Agency Purpose

We are responsible under Pennsylvania Public Law to receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect, provide for the temporary care of children not able to safely remain with their own families and develop community-wide social service programs that promote family stability. The Agency endeavors to be responsive to the changing health and welfare needs of all families by encouraging the development of programs that reduce dependency and strengthen family life. We are guided by many laws, regulations and policies as well as principles and values to help us achieve our mission.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Protecting children and youth from abuse and neglect
- Enhancing the family's capacity to meet the child/ youth's well-being, including physical, emotional, behavioral and educational needs
- Strengthening families to successfully sustain positive changes that lead to safe, nurturing and healthy environments
- Securing a permanent living arrangement in a timely manner that supports stability, if children and youth cannot reside with their biological caregivers
- Ensuring skilled and responsive child welfare professionals, who perform with a shared sense of accountability for best practice and positive outcomes

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Budget Narrative

Adams County Children & Youth participates in both the County and State budgetary process. The County's fiscal cycle runs from January 1st through December 31st while the State of Pennsylvania operates on a July 1st through June 30th fiscal year. Funding formulas are complex, ranging from a 0% to 95% contribution rate from the federal and state budgets which is then "matched" to dollars from the County.

The Agency makes every attempt to balance fiscal considerations with assuring the safety, permanence and well-being of children, youth and families who reside in Adams County. Recognizing funding is limited, the Agency is compelled to assure programs and services meet the desired outcomes. However, no program and/or service will be successful without the engagement of the family and community.

Services provided by Adams County Children & Youth (ACCYS) fall within four major service categories: Information & Referral Services, In-home, Community Based Placement, and Institutional Based Placement.

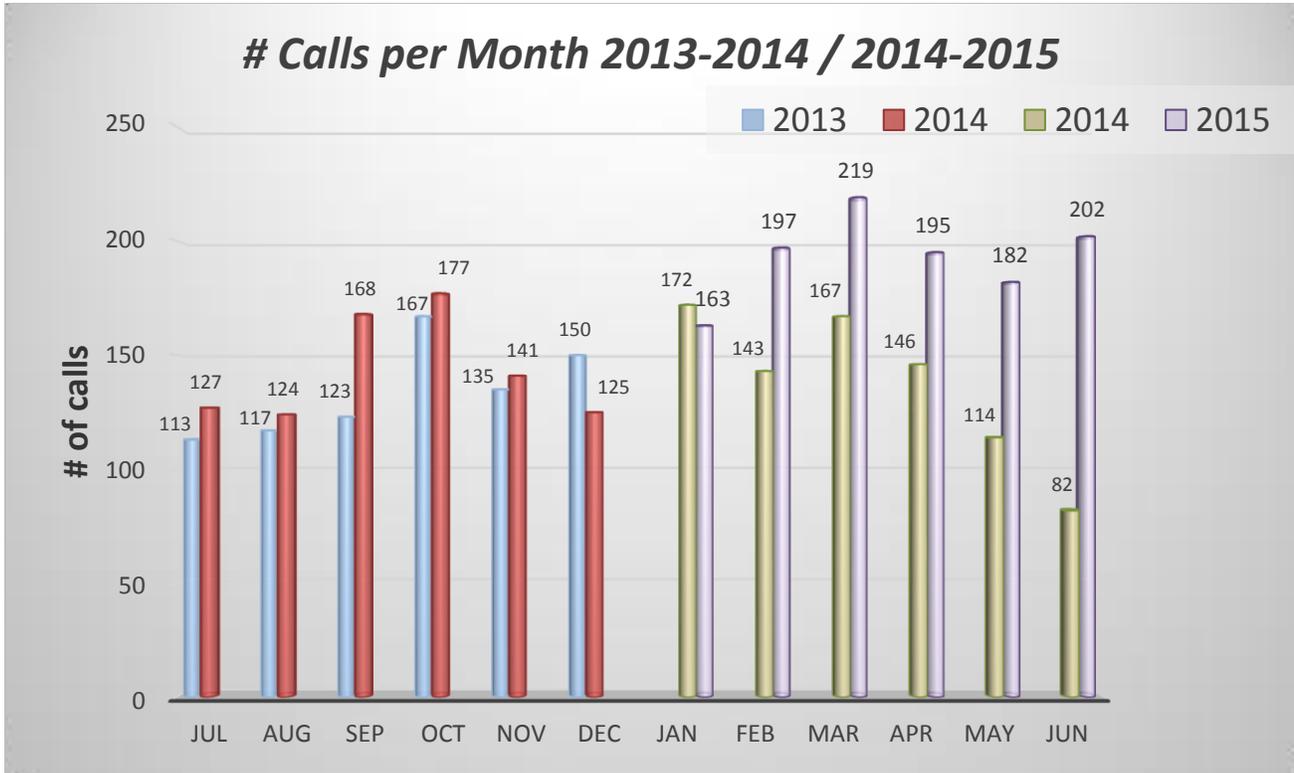
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Information & Referral Services

Adams County Children & Youth provides information and referral services to county residents each year. This may include phone number and address information for appropriate community-based or public services, or direct brief casework assistance by a Children & Youth staff member.

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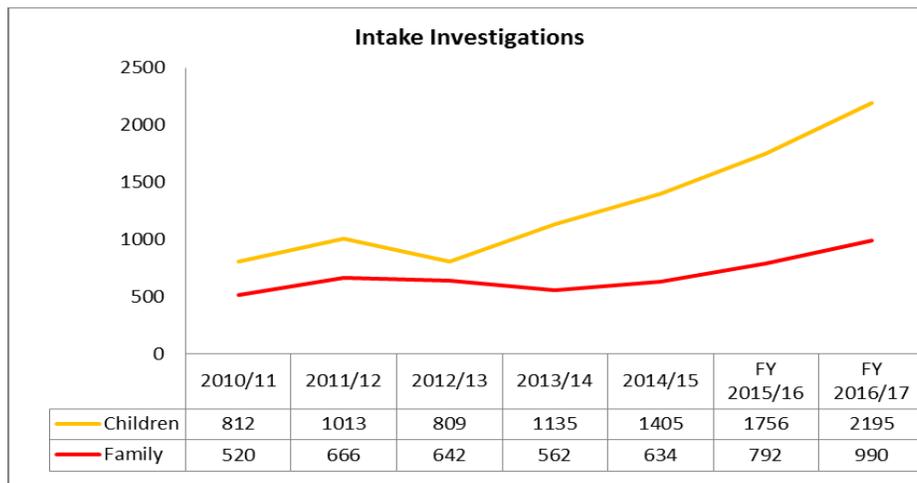
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Child Abuse & Neglect Educational Services

Adams County Children & Youth Staff provide educational meetings to mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect, as well as, attend community forums to increase child abuse and neglect awareness and foster parent recruitment.

In-Home Services



Child Protective Services

Adams County Children & Youth accepts all incoming reports of suspected child abuse and neglect; ensuring the safety of children residing in the reported household, investigates the validity of reports, and provides services to families dealing with child abuse and neglect issues.

Intake investigations have been on the rise as the above trend indicates. The agency is predicting continued increases, particularly due to the change in the Child Protective Service Law (CPSL) definitions that are thought to result from the Child Protection Task Force. Any change in the definition of abuse, perpetrator and mandated reporter may significantly impact the number of referrals, assessments and investigations.

Family Support Services

Adams County Children & Youth staff provides direct casework services to children and families dealing with issues of child abuse and neglect, along with the purchase, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of services for families in need of support.

With the changes in the CPSL related to definitions for abuse, perpetrator, and mandated reporter, the agency has seen an increase in the need for ongoing services.

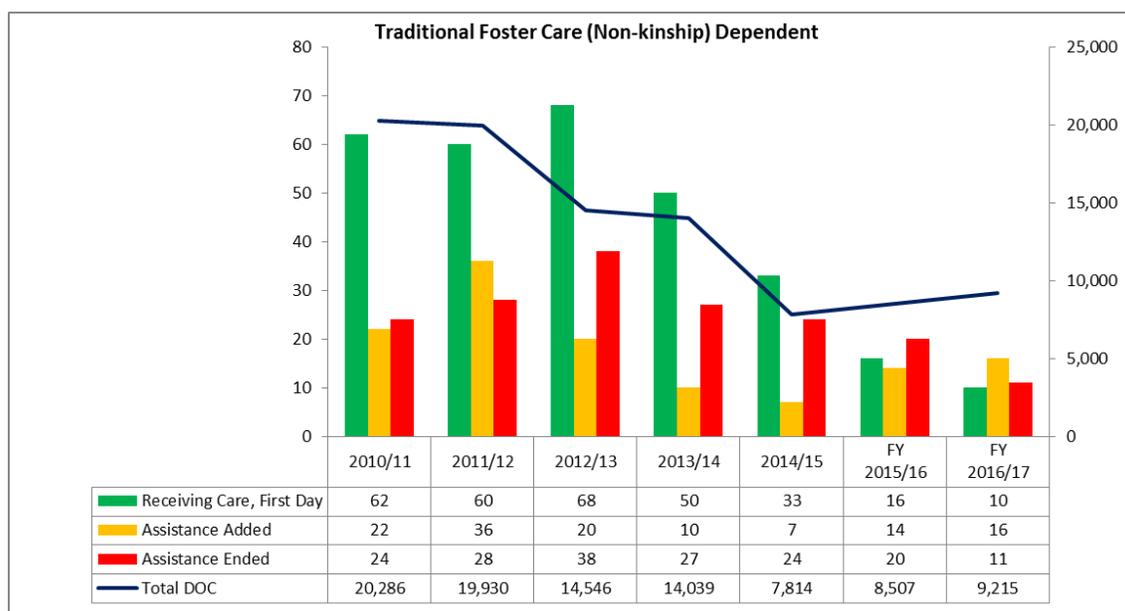
Permanency Services

In the majority of cases, children remain at home or experience brief out-of-home placement services with the goal of family reunification. In the event the child may not be able to return home, Adams County Children & Youth staff is working toward achieving permanency from the first day of placement.

Once it is determined that it is unsafe to return a child to his or her family of origin, adoption may be considered. After parental rights have been terminated, a child can legally be adopted. Adoption is the official transfer of all parental rights and responsibilities that a biological parent has to the adoptive parent or parents. These rights and responsibilities include the care and supervision, nurturing and training, physical and emotional health and financial support of the child. Often, adoption of dependent children includes a financial subsidy to assist in their ongoing care.

Adoption assistance provides permanency for special needs children in foster care by providing ongoing financial and medical assistance to families who adopt them. This subsidy should combine with the parents' resources to cover the ordinary and special needs of the child.

Community Based Placements



Foster Care Services

Most children are served at home and families remain intact. When safety prohibits children from remaining at home, out-of-home placement may be necessary. Children & Youth staff recruit, train, and inspect foster homes to ensure the safety of the children residing there.

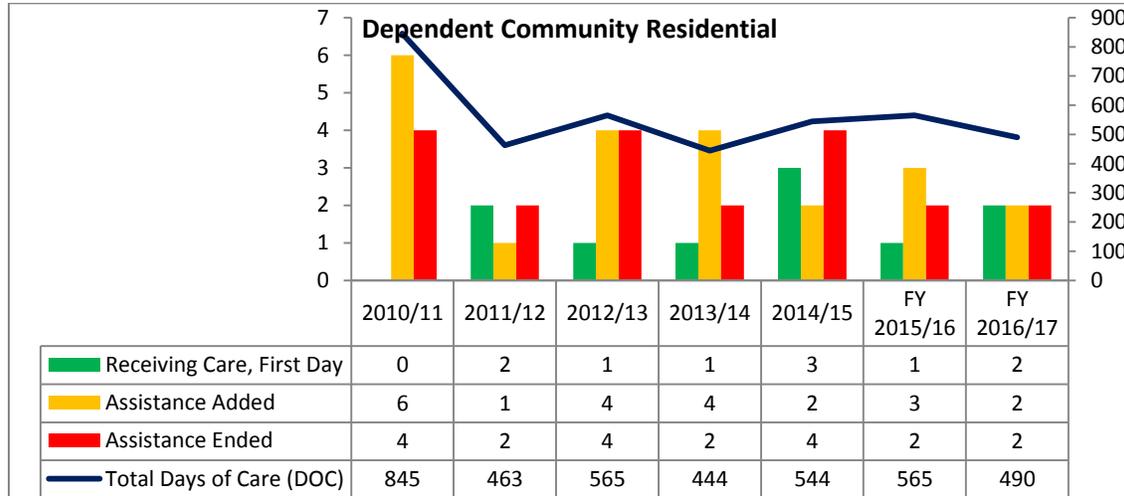
Foster care is full-time, temporary care provided by persons other than a child's own parents. Foster care is intended to offer children a supportive, caring environment when their own parents cannot safely care for them. Children in foster care are generally placed in the custody of the Children and Youth agency by the courts.

In Kinship Foster care, the child lives in a nurturing home environment with persons to whom a close relationship already exists. Kinship providers are required to become licensed foster parents, however, a child may be placed with a kinship caregiver pending completion of these requirements. Kinship care is often preferable to foster care, because in addition to providing safety, it minimizes loss by maintaining family connections and respecting cultural needs.

The agency in recent months has expanded its use of Family Finding and engagement to emphasize the need to find kinship that can provide support, whether emotional and/or physical, to a child who has entered out-of-home care. We also recognize the need to increase our engagement of dads and their families in an effort to connect the child to all their family, thus potentially improving their identity formation, emotional well-being and sense of belonging.

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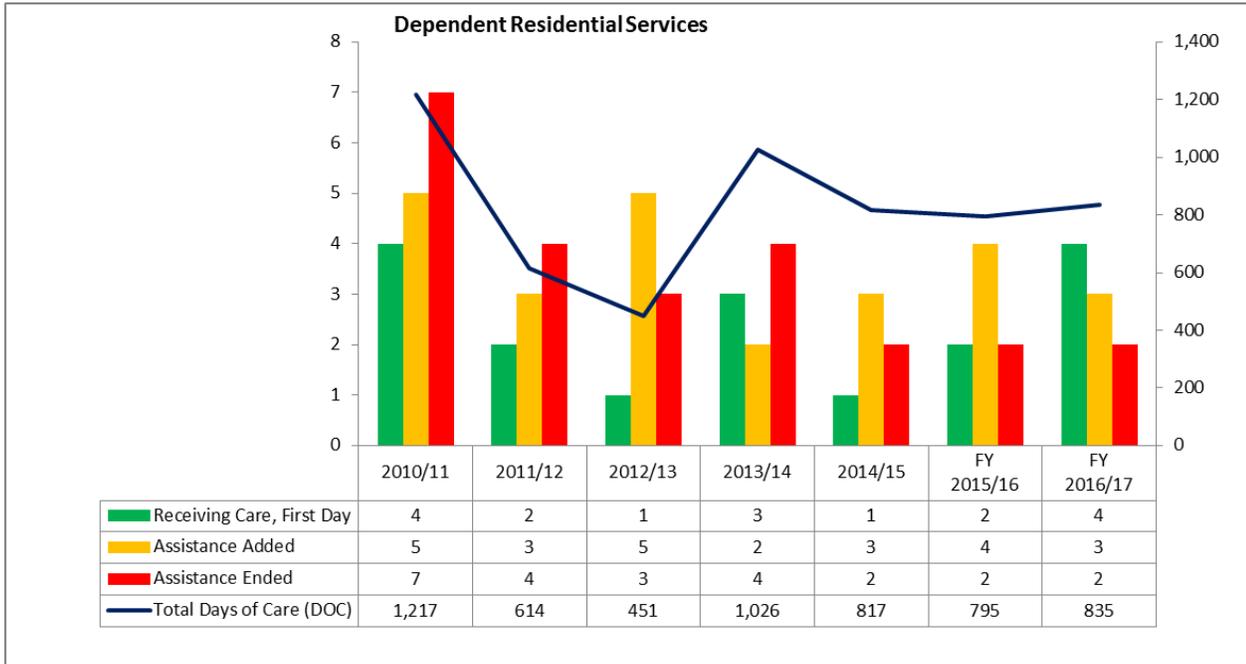
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Group Homes are an alternative to traditional in-home foster care. In a group home children reside in an intimate, home-like setting where a number of unrelated children stay for varying periods of time. The caregivers may be a single set of house parents or a rotating staff of trained professionals. Specialized therapeutic or treatment group homes have specially-trained staff to assist children with emotional and behavioral difficulties. The make-up and staffing of the group home can be adapted to meet the unique needs of its residents.

We continue to be very proud of our reduction in the use of community residential and institutional care for the children in out-of-home placements. We make every attempt to assure the children / youth are in the least restrictive setting.

Institutional Based Placement

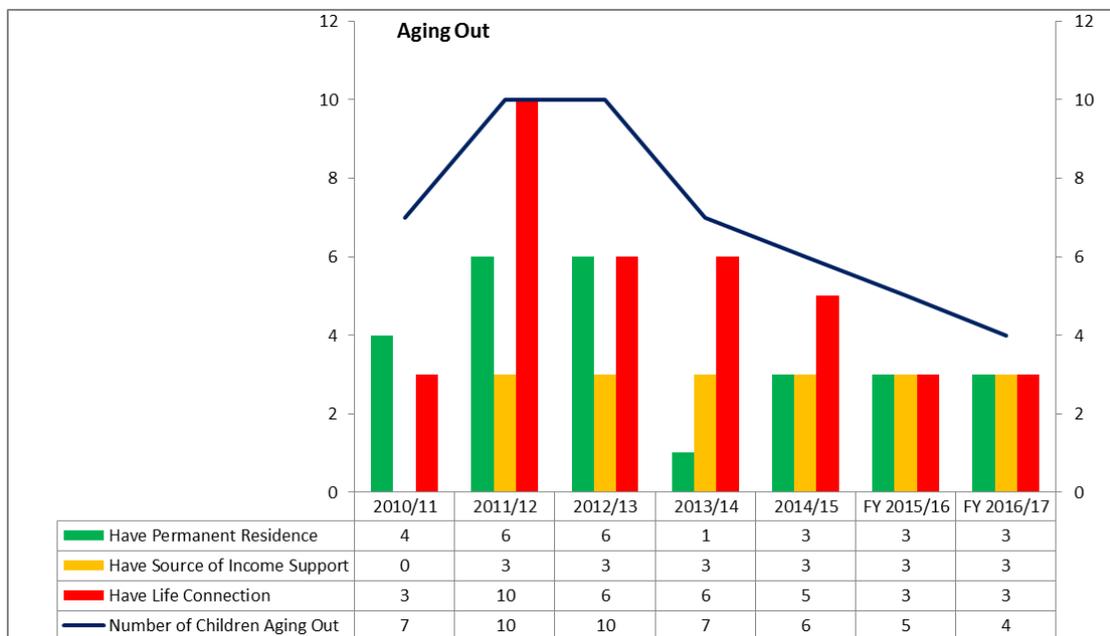


Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) or hospitalization is a placement resource for children in need of structured and therapeutic intervention. Children placed in an RTF/hospital setting may be experiencing social, behavioral, educational and/or emotional problems and are unable to function successfully in either a family or the community. Placement is focused on treatment with the hope that child can transition to family or community care as soon as possible.

As stated previously, we are very proud of our minimal utilization of residential services. In cases, where this type of placement has been necessitated, it typically is the result of untreated mental health needs that surpass the skills of traditional foster and/or kinship families. We do not anticipate being able to reduce the number in the future as there will always be a need for a more restrictive environment when the child / youth is at risk of injuring themselves or others and requires a higher level of care.

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Aging out is the process of a youth transitioning from the formal control of the foster care system towards independent living. It is used to describe anytime a foster youth leaves the varying factors of foster care, including home, school and financial systems.

The Child Welfare League of America reports that as many as 36% of foster youth who have aged out of the system become homeless, 56% become unemployed, and 27% of male former foster youth become jailed. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reports that less than half of emancipated youth who have aged out graduate from high school, compared to 85% of all 18- to-24-year-olds; fewer than 1 in 8 graduate from a four-year college; two-thirds had not maintained employment for a year; fewer than 1 in 5 was completely self-supporting; more than a quarter of the males spent time in jail; and 4 of 10 had become parents as a result of an unplanned pregnancy.

ACCYS strives to ensure our youth who are at risk of aging out have permanent connections. “Family Connections” services are utilized within the agency and can assist the youth in making contact with previous supports. The youth are encouraged to invite anyone they view as a life connection to their Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) youth transition conference, as well as, their transition-planning meeting. The Agency began providing mentoring services for the older youth in the fall of 2013.

Many of our youth, who leave care on or after age 18, return to live with their family of origin. The youth plan for this housing to be permanent and often their family agrees to provide them with housing. Unfortunately, the majority of these housing arrangements are not permanent and within days or weeks, this arrangement deteriorates and the youth is left searching for other options. This also affects the youth’s ability to attend school and maintain employment.

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Summary

The agency will continue its Intake Investigations to meet our mission: to ensure each child and youth in Adams County has a safe and permanent home. We will also provide direct and contracted services to assist those children and families who are engaged with our system. Believing that families are the best place for children and youth to grow up, we will make every effort to enhance the family's capacity to meet the child / youth's well-being to include physical, emotional, behavioral and educational needs.

If out-of-home placement for the children is necessitated due to safety concerns, the agency will pursue the least restrictive environment which can provide a family-like atmosphere. We will emphasize the need to engage families in identifying kinship resources so the child / youth can be with those whom they are familiar. Our utilization of more restrictive facilities will be reserved for those children and youth who require in-patient treatment or supports to ensure their own safety.

Knowing that quality practice is assured by consistently monitoring and improving performance, we will continue to self-examine our interventions and seek the guidance and expertise of those who are committed to best practice approaches that honor the well-being of the child and family.

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Revenue & Expense Detail

Account Description	2014 Budget	2015 Adopted Budget	2015 Projected Actual	2016 Tentatively Adopted
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	1,508,449	1,502,164	1,392,992	1,470,869
State Funding	4,693,784	5,317,976	4,450,730	4,660,849
Parental Support	77,500	83,500	71,420	75,000
Interest Income	325	150	37	50
Contributions and Donations	0	0	400	500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,280,058	\$6,903,790	\$5,915,579	6,207,268

Expenses:

Professional Services	1,399,488	1,292,059	1,390,872	1,429,859
Legal Fees	169,600	57,100	103,200	54,100
Foster Care-CY	1,219,000	1,200,000	1,239,975	1,250,000
Foster Care-JPO	15,000	15,000	0	8,460
Instit'l Care-Dependents CY	1,100,000	1,050,000	675,000	1,050,000
Instit'l Care-Offenders JPO	928,500	850,000	750,000	750,000
Advertising	200	300	1,125	1,200
Dues/Memberships	3,260	3,260	3,272	3,510
Application Filing Fee	120	300	300	350
Contracted Services	73,912	153,100	191,074	149,344
Training	1,700	1,700	5,560	5,500
Conferences	2,500	3,000	4,700	8,500
Mileage	52,960	49,960	35,125	38,200
Meals	2,500	2,500	2,325	2,500
Parking/Tolls	200	200	400	425
Overnight Accommodations	0	0	800	1,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	4,000	3,500	8,000	4,500
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	0	0	70	120
Rental of land and buildings	170,386	170,386	198,265	197,386
Telephone	8,800	8,800	7,270	8,000
Cell Phone	3,000	3,000	1,500	12,936
Electric	19,500	49,500	21,637	15,451
Water/Sewer	0	0	300	500
Disposal of Waste	2,050	2,400	2,676	3,000

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Revenue & Expense Detail

Account Description	2014 Budget	2015 Adopted Budget	2015 Projected Actual	2016 Adopted Budget
Internet	0	0	17,780	16,968
Youth Stipends	16,800	6,000	12,134	6,100
Client Healthcare	1,300	1,000	500	750
Supplies	21,593	21,650	28,699	22,050
Publications/Subscriptions	250	250	250	250
Postage/Shipping	6,600	6,600	4,400	4,600
Gasoline for County Vehicles	5,500	5,500	3,550	3,800
Minor Equipment	33,495	39,655	62,450	30,909
Automobiles	0	0	0	24,500
<i>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	\$5,262,214	\$4,996,720	\$4,773,209	\$5,104,768
Salaries	1,550,926	1,792,116	1,792,116	1,860,288
FICA ER	118,630	137,097	139,354	142,312
Allocated Benefits	600,111	748,200	747,989	693,056
<i>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</i>	\$7,531,881	\$7,674,133	\$7,452,668	\$7,800,424
Total Capital	6,125	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	\$7,538,006	\$7,674,133	\$7,452,668	\$7,800,424
<i>Transfers:</i>				
Transfer In	1,257,949	770,343	0	1,593,156
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL TRANSFERS</i>	\$1,257,949	\$770,343	\$0	\$1,593,156

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INDEPENDENT LIVING

Mission Statement

The mission of the Adams County Independent Living Program is to assist youth with their transition from out of home placement or living with a parent/guardian to begin living independently. Through support, education and stipends, the program strives to increase the number of youth who have effective life skills, educational opportunities, safe and affordable housing and permanent connections in order to become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community.

Budget Narrative

The budget of the Adams County Independent Living (IL) Program encompasses the costs incurred to operate the program. These costs include supplies, resource materials, food, mileage and meal reimbursement, conferences/training, memberships, stipends and incentives for youth, rent and related costs to offer the Transitional Housing Program (THP)/HAVEN Shelter and the salaries and benefits of the IL Program Specialist, 2 Transition Caseworkers (1-CW2 & 1-CW3), a Social Services Aide 2 and a Mentoring Program Specialist 1.

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Revenue & Expense Detail

Account Description	2014 Budget	2015 Adopted Budget	2015 Projected Actual	2016 Adopted Budget
<i>Revenues:</i>				
Federal Funding	32,277	28,846	30,119	27,517
State Funding	243,559	294,655	315,479	336,522
Contributions and Donations	21,188	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL REVENUES</i>	\$297,024	\$323,501	\$345,598	\$364,039
<i>Expenses:</i>				
Professional Services	20,950	410	553	500
Contracted Services	0	6570	0	0
Training	648	0	3,050	0
Conferences	540	1,000	1,270	1,000
Mileage	1,000	2,000	1,500	1,750
Meals	400	400	450	500
Parking/Tolls	0	522	444	444
Rental of land and buildings	17,400	17,400	17,400	17,400
Television	663	663	650	615
Youth Stipends	13,300	13,300	11,000	14,000
Supplies	2,000	4,000	7,800	5,000
Publications Subscriptions	0	0	0	0
Postage/Shipping	10	10	0	0
Gasoline for County Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Minor Equipment	0	1,890	152	200
Automobiles	0	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	\$56,911	\$41,595	\$44,269	\$41,409
Salaries	181,128	217,762	213,600	230,965
FICA ER	13,856	16,659	16,340	17,669
Allocated Benefits	72,456	106,043	106,096	80,711
<i>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</i>	\$324,351	\$382,059	\$380,305	\$370,753
<i>Transfers:</i>				
Transfer In				
General Fund	20,775	58,558	0	6,714
Act 137 Funding	0	0	0	0
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL TRANSFERS</i>	\$20,775	\$58,558	\$0	\$6,714