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Ohio Family and  
Children First  
Youth and Family  
in Crisis Funding



# Overview of Funding Parameters

- Eligible Population

- Families who are at risk of relinquishing custody of a child to a Title IV-E agency solely for the purpose of accessing needed services to meet the child's complex care needs are the population of focus for this initiative.
  - History of hospitalizations, including stabilization visits;
  - Previous out-of-home placements, including but not limited to residential treatment;
  - Placement in Kinship Care; (including voluntary/temporary Kinship Care where custody is not terminated and Kinship Navigator supports\*\*);
  - Child Welfare Alternative/Differential Response;
  - Absence Intervention Teams or Multidisciplinary Truancy Teams as required by HB 410;
  - Developmental Disability and/ or Intellectual Disabilities services for youth at risk of not being able to be maintained in their own home;
  - Previous or current involvement with juvenile court.

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- TANF Requirements
  - All services and supports must be directly linked to TANF purpose 1 – “assisting needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes.”;
  - Services are for families and youth 17 years of age and under, and 18 if still in high school;
  - Families must meet income eligibility criteria of being at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (see the 2018 eligibility graphic below) (Form/tool to assist in determining income eligibility can be found in Appendix D);
  - No reimbursement of clinical, medical or behavioral health services is permitted (including residential treatment per diem costs);
  - Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

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- For these funds to be accessed:
  - Child must have identified needs across multiple systems;
  - Families must meet the at risk of custody relinquishment threshold and income eligibility standard; and
  - Youth/Family must be enrolled in the county Family and Children First Service Coordination (FCFC) Process.

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- Eligible Services and Supports:
  - Non-clinical in-home parent/child coaching provider;
  - Non-clinical parent support groups provider;
  - Parent/Peer/Youth Mentoring provider;
  - In-Home and Out-of-Home Respite Care provider
  - Transportation (e.g., Cab/taxi fares)
  - Reimbursement for the cost of Structured activities to improve and strengthen the provision of social/emotional supports so that the youth can be maintained in the home while receiving services;
  - Food, clothing, shelter, utilities, and/or household expenses assistance for no longer than 4 months;
  - Family and work related childcare for no more than two (2) consecutive months and 3 months total (with 30 days between each occurrence).
  - Reimbursement of the unit rate for the provision of Service coordination/Wraparound

# Application Overview

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## Application Components

- Application Packet
- History of FCFC involvement
- Request for Reimbursement
- FCFC Assurances
- Proof of Service Provision
- Proof of Service Payment

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## Review TANF Self Attestation Process

- Submitted application attests that family is at or below 200%
- Provided Self Attestation Form as a tool to assist in that process

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## Review TANF Fraud Review Process

- Partner with county JFS to review CRIS-E system for fraud indicators

# Application Overview

- The approval process
  - Initial review by OFCF for completeness and provision of eligible service tied to TANF purpose #1
  - Move to JFS for final review
  - OhioMHAS will release the approved reimbursement to FCFC AA

# Conclusion

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Once the interagency agreement is signed, a fillable PDF version of the application will be released.

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Services cannot be provided prior to the date of the signed release.

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OhioMHAS is currently exploring options of assisting counties that do not have the first dollar to spend on needed services. An update will be provided once it is determined that is a feasible option.

# Conclusion

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OFCF and the Cabinet Council will be available to assist with difficult cases through the State Service Coordination Committee

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OFCF and the Cabinet Council will be reviewing these applications of trends and gaps to identify any possible needed adjustments moving in SFY 2019.

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We are currently exploring the option of whether any remaining SFY 2018 funds can be carried over into SFY 2019.

Questions?

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