

Children's Cabinet

January 31, 2021

Agenda – 4-5pm

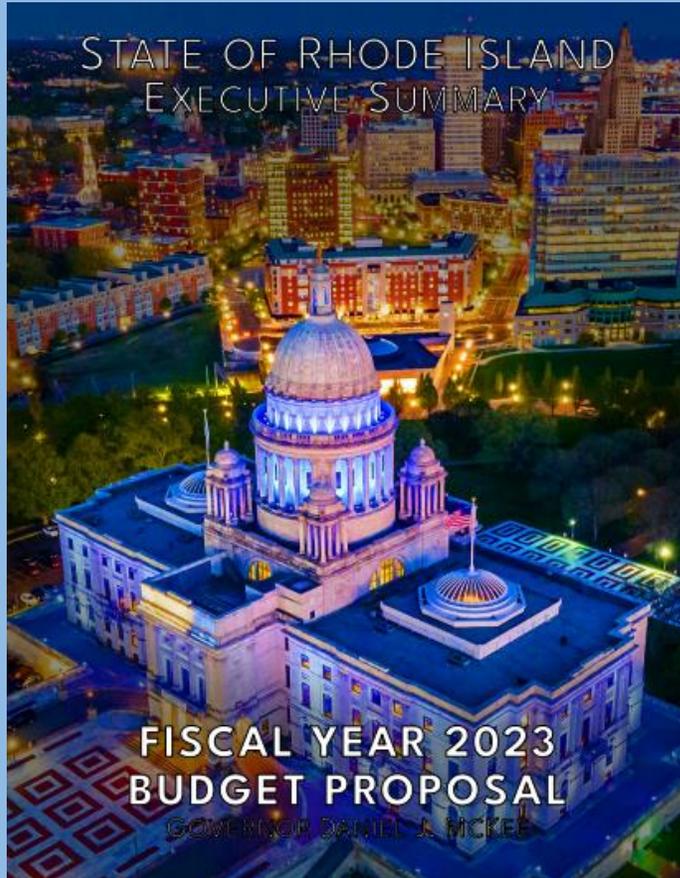
- Welcome, Introductions, and adoption of minutes
- Presentation on FY23 Budget Initiatives for Children & Youth
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- Public Comment
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Department of Administration

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FY 2023 Proposed Budget: \$12.83B

- In FY 2023, the Governor has recommended \$3.77 billion in children-and-youth-related spending



Funding Sources

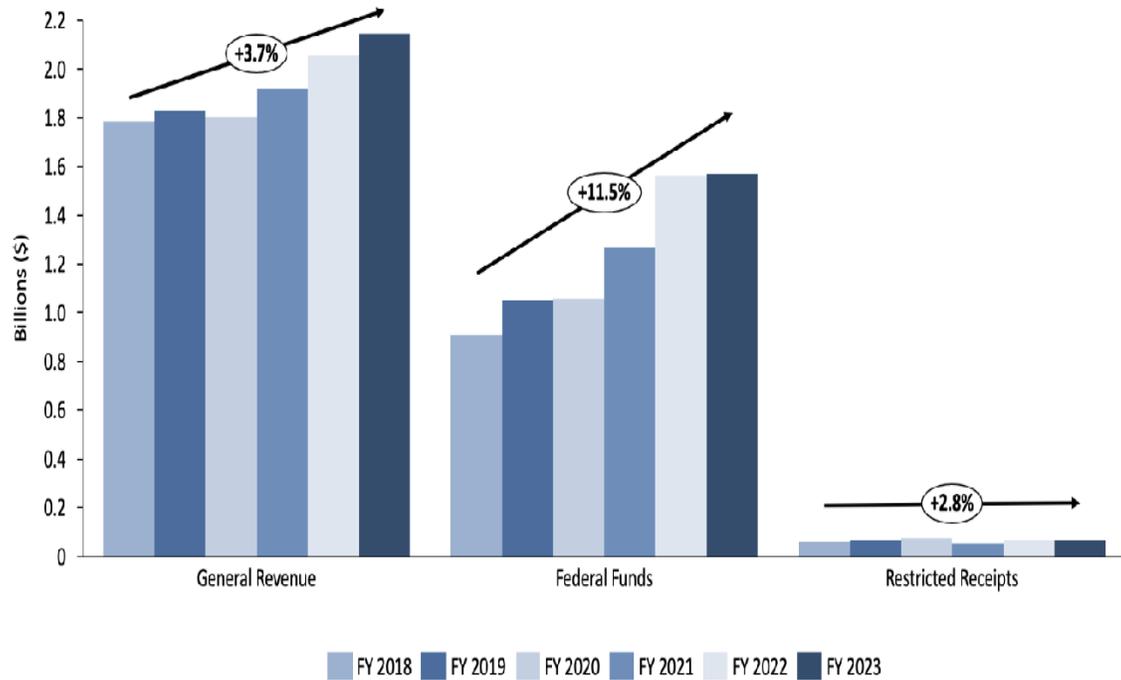
The State must responsibly marshal the following resources to meet the immediate needs of the pandemic and make sustainable investments in a long-term recovery that creates a government that works for all

- **\$1.13 billion** in the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to replace lost public sector revenue, respond to the negative impacts of the pandemic, bolster the public health response, and invest in infrastructure/broadband with **\$118.6 million** targeted to Children, Families and Education
- **\$112.3 million** in the Capital Projects Fund
- **\$618.4 million** in a projected surplus FY 2022 that has been targeted for one-time investments

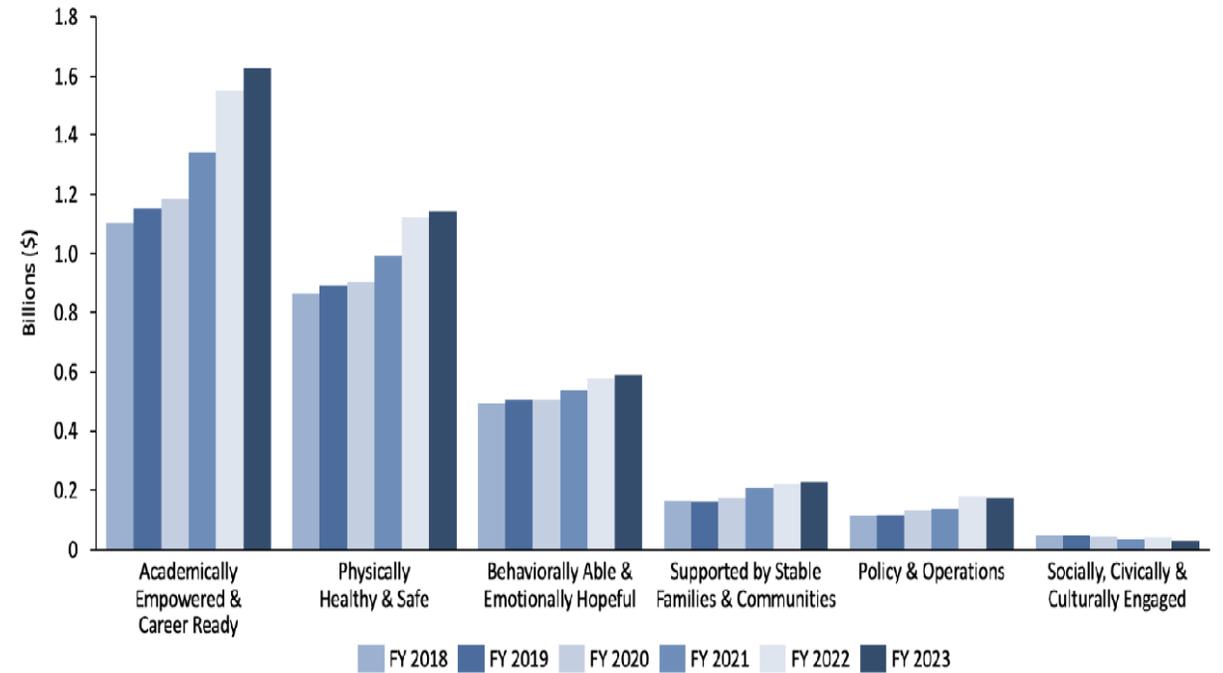
FY2023 total proposed budget is **\$12.38 billion** with **\$3.77 billion** in children-and-youth-related spending - a **\$98.2 million** increase compared to FY2022

Investments in Children:

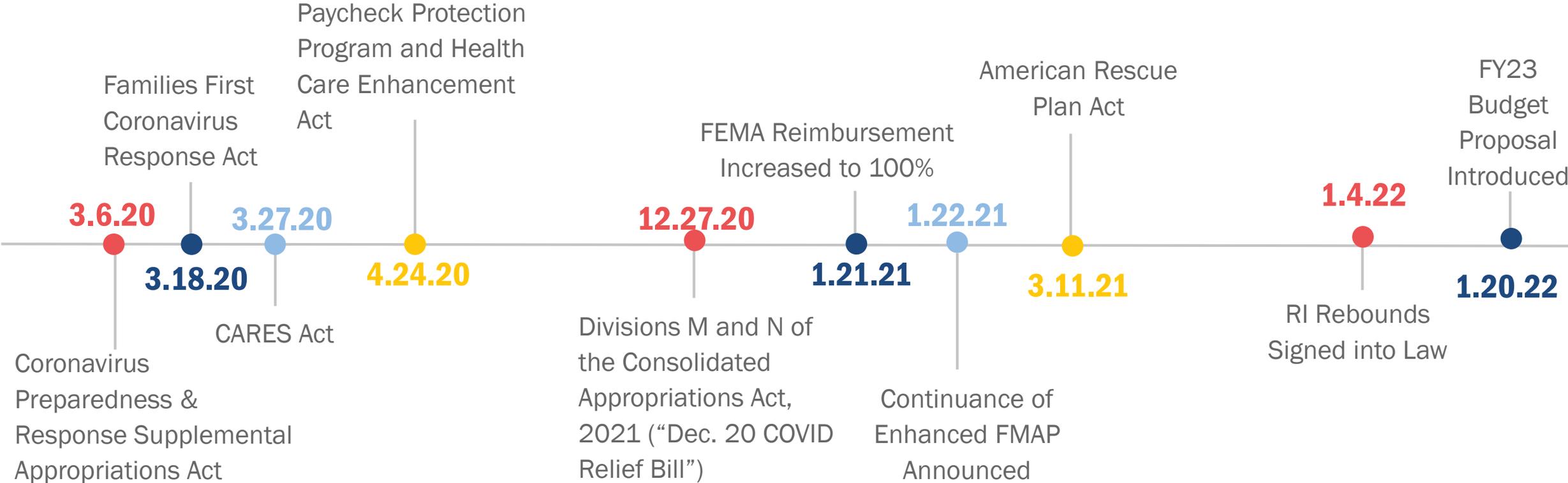
Changes, by Source of Funds



Desired Outcome Area



COVID-19 Relief Legislation Timeline



Rhode Island Rebounds

The American Rescue Plan Act provided the State \$1.13 billion to fight the pandemic; support families and businesses; maintain vital public services; and build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery

On January 4, 2022, Governor McKee signed into law RI Rebounds, a down payment that is approximately 10% of Rhode Island's State Fiscal Recovery Fund on the following:

- **\$45.0 million** to assist small businesses impacted by the pandemic, including the hard-hit tourism, hospitality and events industries
- **\$44.5 million** for children, families, and social supports
- **\$29.5 million** to promote affordable housing, housing supports, and broadband

Recommended SFRF Funding

	Gov. Recommendation	RI Rebounds Down Payment
Children, Families and Education	\$ 118,575,000	\$ 44,500,000
Child Care Support	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 19,000,000
Pediatric Relief and Recovery	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 7,500,000
Municipal Learning Centers	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -
DCYF Wage Stabilization	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000
Early Intervention Relief and Recovery	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 5,500,000
Nonprofit Assistance/Food Insecurity	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -
RIBridges Mobile Access and Childcare Tracking	\$ 6,700,000	\$ -
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -
Lead Abatement & Fire Safety Upgrades in Foster Homes	\$ 1,875,000	\$ -



Thank you!

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Executive Office of Health and Human Services

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Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **Postpartum Expansion** (\$4.3M GR/\$6.6M AF): Funds to extend full benefit Medicaid coverage to women 12-months postpartum, compared to the current 60-days. Of this total, \$792,000 of general revenues, \$1.4 million from all sources of funds, will be used for technology infrastructure necessary to implement this program.
- **Cover All Kids** (\$1.9M GR): Funds to extend full benefit medical assistance to children who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid, but not for their immigration status. Of this total, \$660,000 of general revenues will be used for technology infrastructure necessary to implement this program.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (cont.)

Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **Pediatric Relief and Recovery** (\$15M State Fiscal Recovery investment, \$7.5M FY22/\$7.5M FY23): \$12M in stabilization grants to over 200 pediatric primary care providers who serve more than 110,000 children insured by Medicaid. \$3.0 million be provided to pediatric practices for enhanced health screenings to better account for social-emotional needs and social determinants of health
- **Early Intervention Relief and Recovery** (\$11M State Fiscal Recovery investment, \$5.5M FY22/\$5.5M FY23): Stabilization grants will help cover staff salaries and retention bonuses, technology for outreach, safety supplies, and professional development. Performance bonuses will be available for providers who hit certain targets, such as recovering referral numbers and achieving reduced staff turnover.
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics** (\$28.1 M State Fiscal Recovery investment): Designed to provide a de-institutionalized, comprehensive range of behavioral health supports, medical screening and monitoring, and social services to particularly vulnerable populations with complex needs. technical assistance, and administration.

Rhode Island Department of Education

RI Department of Education (RIDE)

Below are RIDE's key FY23 initiatives for children and youth:

- **Transition Fund (\$49.7M):** Provides funds to local education agencies in recognition of enrollment losses associated with the pandemic and ongoing enrollment shifts.
- **Educational Resources (\$270.6K):** Creates two new positions at RIDE:
 - Transformation Specialist, to support the state's persistently lowest-achieving schools and address root causes of educational outcome inequities
 - Multilingual Learner Specialist, to develop and train educators in model practices for teaching Multilingual Learners as outlined in RIDE's Blueprint for Multilingual Learner Success, published last year
- **School Construction Aid? (\$88.5M):** In addition to a 10% increase over the 2022 enacted budget in housing aid construction funding, the Governor also recommends a \$50M bond initiative that would support the School Building Authority, allowing RIDE to direct construction funding to at-need districts whose municipalities lack bonding capacity.

Department of Human Services

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Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **Child Care Assistance Program Rate (CCAP) Increase for Increased Equity (\$4.7M)**. Increase CCAP rates to move towards federally defined equal access to child care in Rhode Island. The new rates will ensure that the over 7,000 children who utilize CCAP will have increased access to high quality programs, and that programs have increased resources to invest in staff compensation and quality improvements.
- **Expand CCAP Eligibility to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$2.7M)**: For the first time in decades, expand CCAP income eligibility threshold from 180% of the federal poverty level to 200% of the federal poverty level.
- **Educator Pandemic Retention Bonuses (\$37.4M ARPA)**: Invest in early educators through a retention bonus program that will provide up to \$3,000 a year for two years to over 6,000 educators (Year 1 has already been approved for FY22 as part of RI Rebounds).
- **TEACH Early Educator Scholarship (\$2M ARPA)**: Support early educators in attaining college credentials that are vital to improving the quality of early education and support educators in attaining higher compensation. TEACH is a nationally recognized, evidence-based model for supporting early educators in accessing higher education while continuing in their current positions, with commitments to higher wages for educators upon completion.
- **Family Child Care Start-up Grants (\$0.6M ARPA)**: Invest in increasing the number of Family Child Care providers by providing \$2,000 startup grants and technical assistance to help up to 200 new Family Child Care providers to open. This will increase capacity in a vital part of the mixed- delivery system that has faced significant challenges during the pandemic.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

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Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **Expansion of In-State Psychiatric Residential Treatment Capacity (\$6.0M):** ARPA-SFRF proposal would allow for the development of facilities to house in-state intensive residential treatment programming for female adolescents who are the victims of severe trauma and active sex trafficking and who may be self-injurious, assaultive and/or at risk.
- **Fire Regulation and Lead Abatement (\$1.8M):** ARPA-SFRF proposal would help kinship and prospective foster families to make home improvements that will keep children safer.
- **Transitional Housing (\$500K):** RI Capital Plan funding would allow for a feasibility study on the development of four emergency residences throughout the state to serve young adults ages 18-26 with unstable housing, parents who need safe and stable housing temporarily to prevent them from opening to DCYF, and parents open to DCYF and for whom housing is the last barrier to reunifying with their children.

Department of Children, Youth and Families (cont.)

Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23 (Continued)

- **Ongoing Support for Accreditation:** Personnel adjustments allow for full continued support of the Department's accreditation plan, including 91.0 additional FTE positions and related fees and costs.
- **RICHIST Replacement (\$2.3M):** ITIF proposal would allow for the second year of the agency's Replacement of the existing RICHIST case management system with a new comprehensive child welfare information system.

Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH)

Key BHDDH Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **I/DD Services Investments (\$44,000,000):** The budget includes significant investments in the I/DD services system, including a wage increase for I/DD direct support professionals and two funds designed to improve service delivery models, emphasizing community-based, person centered supports, and to expand access to technology for individuals in the I/DD system. The investments in the BHDDH budget will support the DD system overall, including young adults and youth in transition.
- **9-8-8 Infrastructure Funding (\$1,875,000):** The budget includes an investment of ARPA funds to support the implementation of 9-8-8, the resource that will become the state's universal mental health crisis and support hotline. While Rhode Island is fortunate to have a statewide mental health hotline today (414-LINK), setting up 988 will require more training for hotline staff and new technological capabilities, like a text-to-chat feature. This investment will ensure that the state is in strong position to meet all requirements of 988 through the first year of implementation. When operational, 988 will be the go-to number to call for behavioral health crises experienced by children and youth in addition to adults.
- **Funding for Problem Marijuana Use Prevention and Treatment (\$381,679):** As a component of the proposal to legalize adult use marijuana, the budget includes funding for two FTEs at the Department to support the development of programs to prevent underage use of marijuana and to support prevention and treatment for marijuana use disorder at all ages.

Office of Postsecondary Commissioner

Department of Labor and Training

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Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY 23

- **Real Skills for Youth Program (*Proposed \$2.5M*):**
 - Governor's Workforce Board-funded program, currently implemented by 18 grantees (mostly community-based organizations)
 - Provides career exploration and work-based learning to youth ages 14-24 in summer and academic year
 - Program goals are for youth to understand career options, develop essential skills, understand work norms and culture and build professional networks
 - Over 6,000 youth served since launch in FY19



Department of Labor and Training



Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **PrepareRI Internship Program (*Proposed \$1.25M*):**
 - Governor’s Workforce Board-funded program, implemented by Skills for RI’s Future
 - Provides paid summer internships for high school juniors at top RI employers
 - Launched in Summer 2018; in the past three summers, more than 950 students have participated
 - In Summer 2021, Skills for RI’s Future implemented their “Innovation Challenge”, a virtual model where students formed “corporations” to solve real-world challenges submitted by employer partners
 - Students build essential skills, explore careers, earn wages, and receive college credits
 - Over 80 coaches and mentors support students through this program

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PROPOSED Key Initiative for Children and Youth, FY23

- Prepare RI 8th grade Career Exploration Career Fair (*Proposed: \$200,000*)
 - Governor's Workforce Board-funded program
 - Provides 8th grade students in RI the opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of industries and stakeholders, expanding their career knowledge on what is available to them
 - Solicitation to be released in the future



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PROPOSED Key Initiative for Children and Youth, FY23

- Prepare RI Work Based Learning Navigator (*Proposed Contribution by GWB: \$300,000*)
 - Governor’s Workforce Board-supported program in collaboration with RIDE
 - The PrepareRI Work-Based Learning Navigator is a free tool, built through a generous partnership with Fidelity Investments and the Partnership for Rhode Island, designed to connect students with career exploration and work-based learning opportunities. Through this platform, employers can post opportunities, like career panels or internships (we call these resources), and educators can request resources based on their need.



PrepareRI Work-Based Learning Navigator

Bringing career readiness and work-based learning resources to the classroom

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Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, FY23

- **Work Immersion (Proposed \$750,000):**
 - Governor's Workforce Board-funded program
 - Provides up to 50% wage reimbursements to employers who hire high school career and technical education (CTE) students & college students



Department of Labor and Training

Key Initiatives for Children and Youth, PY23

- **Title I Youth Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program (\$1.4M granted):**
 - USDOL-funded program; administered by the two local workforce boards
 - Comprehensive youth employment program for serving eligible in-school or out-of-school youth, ages 14 to 24, who face barriers in education, training, and employment
 - Local boards granted funds to 6 providers to implement the required 14 program activities
 - Community Care Alliance (CCA)
 - Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)
 - East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP)
 - Foster Forward
 - Providence Housing Authority
 - Tri County Community Action Agency



Public Comment

