

Children's Cabinet

January 25, 2024

Agenda

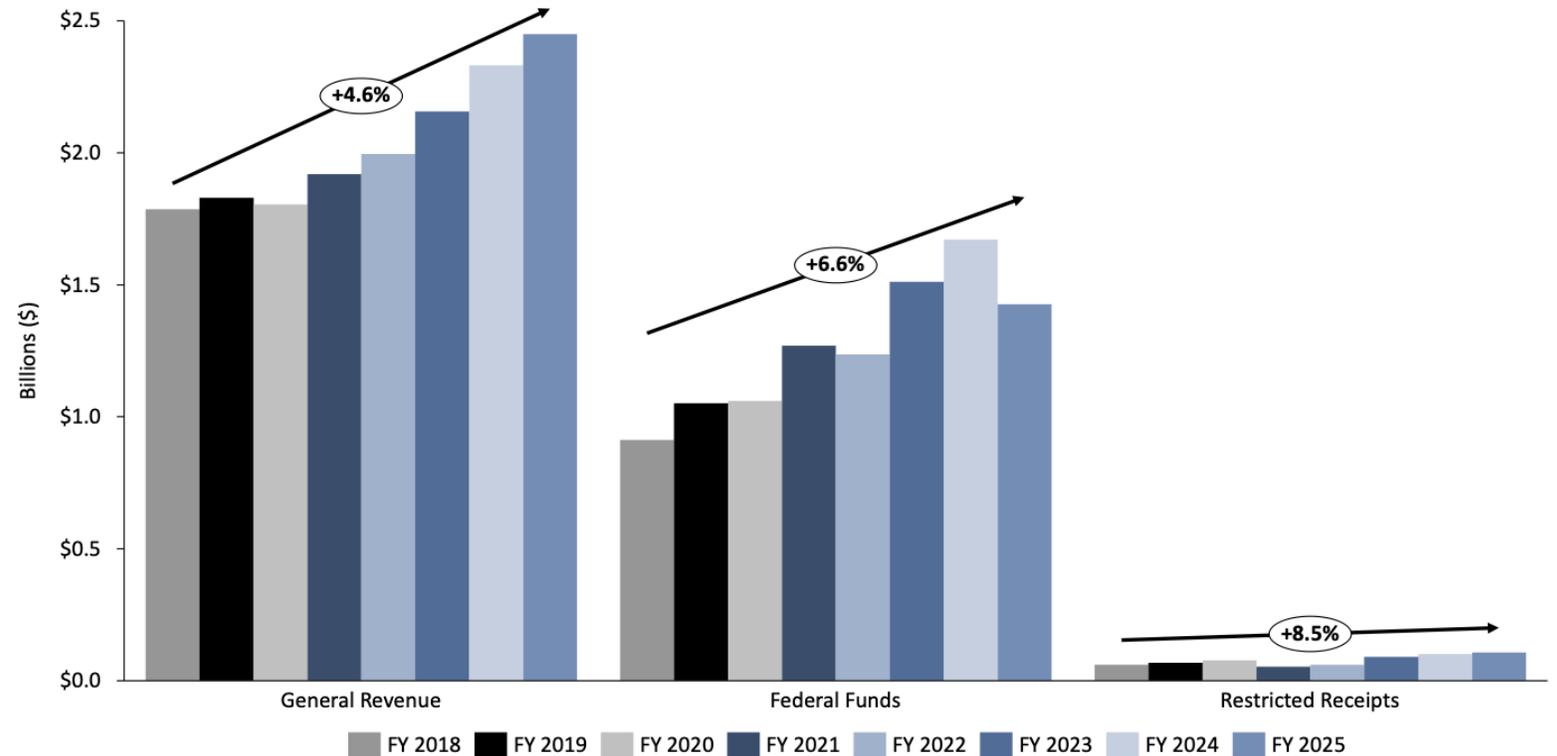
- Welcome and Introductions
- Vote on adoption of November and December meeting minutes
- FY25 Children's Budget Discussion & Agency Presentations
- 2024 Children's Cabinet Meeting – Schedule & Topics
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

FY25 Children's Budget

The FY25 Children's Budget analysis shows continued investment in children and youth in General Revenue, even as there is a decrease in Federal Funds from FY24 to FY25.

Children and Youth Investments by Fund Source, FY 2018 – FY 2025

Since the beginning of the Children's Budget analysis in FY 2018, all fund sources have increased. The FY 2025 analysis shows that Rhode Island continues to prioritize children and youth with a 4.6% compound annual growth rate of General Revenue funds since FY 2018. Due to the anticipated end of various federal stimulus funding streams, there is a decrease in federal funds between FY 2024 and FY 2025, but the overall trend remains positive since FY 2018.



Key FY25 Initiatives for Children & Youth

Office of Postsecondary Commissioner

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Executive Office of Health & Human Services

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Key Investment/Initiative 1: Provider Rate Increases

Funds recommendations based on the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's (OHIC's) rate review and additional analysis from EOHHS. Increased rates will take effect across three fiscal years. The first increase will occur in October 2024, which will allow EOHHS to secure the appropriate federal authorities and provide time to effectuate all changes in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). Services for children that will receive rate increases include First Connections, Cedar Family Centers, respite programs, Children's Residential Treatment and Family Treatment (CRAFT), Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Home-Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS), Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS), etc.

02

Key Investment/Initiative 2: Early Intervention Funding

The Governor's Budget includes the full funding for Early Intervention rate increases proposed by the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner rate review process. Governor McKee noted in his State of the State address that "This crucial program promotes the development of infants and toddlers who have a developmental disability or delay."

Executive Office of Health & Human Services

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Key Investment/Initiative 3: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

The CCBHC initiative will support crucial behavioral health services across the lifespan, including the continued investment in Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) for children and youth. MRSS is a required Evidence-Based Practice within the CCBHC program.

04

Key Investment/Initiative 4: Healthcare System Planning

EOHHS is beginning a Healthcare System Planning process, that if funded in FY25, will include components of the current planning efforts on the RI Behavioral Health System of Care for Children and Youth.

Department of Human Services

01

Key Investment/Initiative 1 - SNAP Summer EBT

The Governor recommends an increase of \$419,090 in general revenue and \$838,180 in all funds for the administration of a newly available permanent, nationwide Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program. This program would provide an estimated \$10.2 million in federal benefits to eligible children in the state, allowing them to continue receiving SNAP benefits in the summer months.

02

Key Investment/Initiative 2 - Call Center Workforce Stabilization Addition of 10 FTEs

The additional FTEs will provide lower average wait times in all queues; increased capacity to take telephonic signatures for programs requiring an interview (removing the need for paper applications); success in meeting federal mandates for timeliness in processing and customer access to eligibility staff for program questions; and increased supervisory capacity to do call monitoring and quality checks to decrease error rates.

Department of Human Services

03

Key Investment/Initiative 3 – Child Support Enforcement Case Management System Transition

The Governor proposes a reallocation of \$184,167 in general revenue and \$541,667 from all funding sources from FY 2024 to FY 2025. This adjustment aims to align funding with the current project timelines. The project's objective is to modernize the existing Child Support Enforcement Case Management System, marking a significant step in transitioning away from the State's legacy mainframe.

04

Key Investment/Initiative 4 – Senior Centers

In addition, the Governor recommends an extra \$200,000 in community grant funding for senior centers across Rhode Island. This funding boost is intended to support and enhance the services provided by senior centers, addressing the needs of the aging population in the community.

Department of Health

01

Youth Vaping: \$350,000 (JUUL Settlement)

Decrease health disparities and increase positive behavior change in K-12 and post-secondary schools: 1) Strengthen school and campus policies to include all tobacco/nicotine products, 2) Provide funding, toolkits, educational workshops on implementing restorative practices for those found in possession, 3) Integrate evidence-based youth vaping prevention programming, 4) Invest in educational marketing campaigns tailored to youth.

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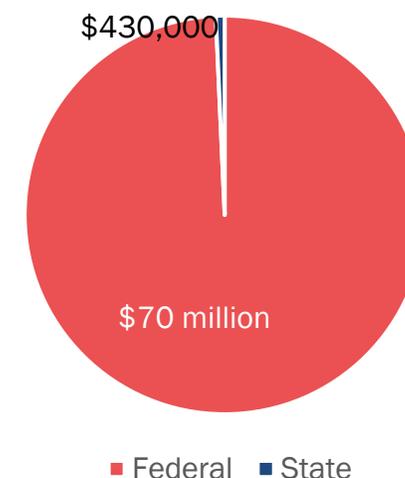
Lead: 1.3 million:

A lead registry is being funded to capture information about lead conformance in pre-1978 rental properties.

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Early Childhood Family Home visiting: Services: Funding for three programs was moved from RIDOH to EOHHS meaning that there were be no limits on the number families who have Medicaid who can participate.

Programming for Children & Youth



Department of Children, Youth, and Families

DCYF SFY25 Budgetary Items:

- 2 FTEs to support CCBHS licensing – provides the Department with resources to conduct licensing of children’s behavioral health organizations and ensure oversight of the quality of children’s behavioral health services
- 8 FTEs to support the opening of the 4th MOD at the Rhode Island Training School – support the permanent opening of another residential wing of the school to accommodate an increased census
- Continuation for the procurement of the DCYF Service Array across Congregate Care, Home and Community Based Services, Adoption and Foster Care services

BHDDH: Key Investments in FY25

While most BHDDH services are geared toward adults, there are many services and initiatives across the department that support services for Rhode Island's children.



Budget Request

In FY 25, the BHDDH budget requests funding for children ages 25 and younger. This includes \$51.0M for Developmental Disability services, \$10.4M for Behavioral Healthcare services, and \$1.0M for services from Eleanor Slater Hospital.



Youth In Transition

BHDDH works collaboratively with DCYF to coordinate service for children as they age out of the child services and into our adult DD program. This planning begins at age 17.

DLT/GWB FY25 Budget Highlights (Youth Programs)



Matthew Weldon
Director of Labor and Training



Alyssa Alvarado
GWB Executive Director

Funding for Youth Initiatives in FY25



DLT/GWB Program or Initiative	FY25 Funding	Funding Source	Target Served	Administering Entity	Aggregate Total
Youth WIOA	+/- \$3,000,000	WIOA (Federal)	450+ Youth Aged 14-24	DLT/GWB (grants to local CBOs)	+/- \$3M
Real Skills for Youth	\$2,700,000	JDF (State)	3,600+ Youth Aged 14-24	DLT/GWB (grants to partnerships)	Youth Work- Based Learning Activities \$4.25M
PrepareRI High School Summer Internships	\$1,250,000	JDF (State)	250+ Rising Seniors	Skills for RI's Future	
PrepareRI Work-Based Learning Navigator	\$300,000	JDF (State)	TBD	Skills for RI's Future & Junior Achievement RI	
JA Inspire 8 th Grade Career Exploration Fair	\$275,000	JDF (State)	6,000+ 8 th Graders	Junior Achievement RI	Youth Career Exploration Activities \$400k
Career Exploration Equity Grants	\$125,000	JDF (State)	TBD	DLT/GWB (grants to schools/CBOs)	

Approximately \$7.6M in Investments

Paid Internships/Work-Based Learning



Total Youth to be Served = 3,931



Partnership Lead	Target Youth Served
Skills for Rhode Island's Future (SkillsRI)	250
Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)	439
Tri-County Community Action Agency	313
East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP)	100
Community Care Alliance (CCA)	295
Rhode Island Marine Trade Association (RIMTA)	80
Providence Public Library (PPL)	123
DownCity Design	82
Newport Community School (NCS)	202
Inspiring Minds	52
Community Action Partnership of Providence (CAPP)	40
NEW FAB Newport (FAB)	60
Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT)	60
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP)	84
NEW We Make Rhode Island	20
Connecting for Children and Families (CCF) - Woonsocket	130
NEW Highland Charter School	14
NEW Rhode Island Builders Association (RIBA)	1,500
NEW Arts Sports Technology Resource Organization	24
NEW Youth Moving Forward Rhode Island (YMF)	55
NEW Central Falls School District	8

8th Grade Career Exploration Fair



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December 10th–12th at the Rhode Island Convention Center



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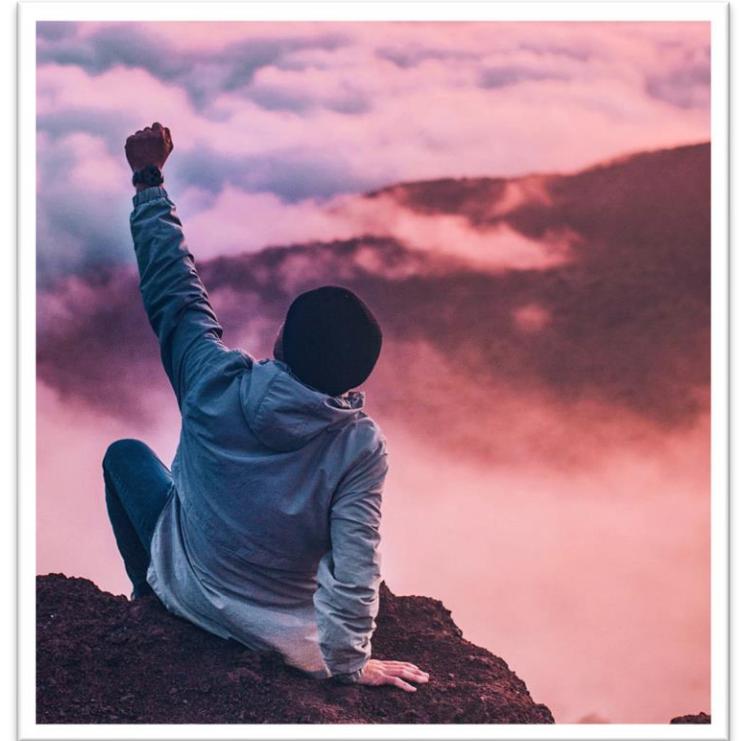


Interested in participating?

Contact Julissa Disu, Director of Youth Career Readiness Programs, at Julissa.Disu@dlt.ri.gov or call 401-462-8971

Career Exploration Equity Grants

- The Career Exploration Equity Grant Program was established by the Governor's Workforce Board to support equitable access to high-quality career exploration opportunities for youth and young adults.
- It provides a 100% reimbursement for eligible activities and costs up to \$5,000 per calendar year.
- K-12 schools and community-based organizations are eligible to apply.
- Examples of supported activities include:
 - Career Exploration Field Trips
 - Employer Site Visits/Tours
 - Industry Presentations, Demonstrations, or Speakers
 - Extracurricular Programs/Activities
 - Virtual Career Exploration



Educators & Youth Organizations

- A place for K-12 educators and personnel at youth-serving CBOs to identify career exploration and work-based learning opportunities for students/youth (a PrepareRI super booster).

Employers & Other Groups

- A place where employers, industry associations, and enrichment groups can connect with schools and youth by listing high-quality career exploration and work-based learning opportunities (site tours, school visits, projects, internships, etc.) for schools and youth organizations.

- Creates equity by ensuring all schools in all districts and all CBOs have access to the same information on opportunities for their students/youth.
 - Organizations without sufficient resources can learn about Career Exploration Equity Grants.
- **Intermediary will promote the platform, ensure the quality of content posted on the platform, and serve as a concierge service to facilitate utilization, transportation, etc.**

Sample Sections (for Educators/Counselors)

Educators and Youth Counselors can identify opportunities for Youth in the following categories.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Career-Focused Field Trips/Tours

- Life Science Trips (Zoos, Farms, Aquariums, etc.)
- Solar Farm Visits
- Manufacturing Facility Tours
- R&D Sites

Guest Speakers & Demonstrations

- Industry Guest Speakers
- Technology Demonstrations

Virtual Career Exploration

- Wingspans
- Free Websites
- Other Platforms

Career-Focused Enrichment

- New England First Programs
- JROTC/NDCC Programs

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Internship Opportunities

- Real Skills for Youth Program
- PrepareRI High School Summer Internship Program
- Other Internship Opportunities

Project Opportunities

- Available Project Opportunities

*Provide information on Career Exploration Equity Grants in these sections

*Support RIDE's WBL efforts

Sample Page (for Employers/Other Groups)



Employers and other groups can post the following types of high-quality opportunities for youth.

Field Trip/Site
Tour

Guest Speaker/
Demonstration

Virtual Career
Exploration
Platform

Career-Focused
Enrichment
Program/Activity

Internship
Opportunity

Project
Opportunity

Building on the conversation at the December meeting, please find a proposed approach for 2024 Children’s Cabinet meetings below.

Scheduling	Location and Format	Topics
<p>We will be reaching out to all agency director’s offices to assess a monthly time that would work for everyone’s calendar. We will try to plan the time around other times the Cabinet gathers so minimize travel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to meet in the DOA Executive Conference Room, which enables hybrid meeting structure• On a bi-annual basis, host Children’s Cabinet meetings out in the community rather than at DOA. When possible, prioritize community spaces that will still allow hybrid meeting structure, but will be focused on facilitated community conversations.	<p>Based on the conversation at the December meeting, key themes and ideas for 2024 meeting focus areas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age cohort-focused meetings, to understand cross-agency impact on life stages and experience (i.e. early childhood, school-age, adolescence, young adults)• Implementation of the Early Childhood Governance recommendations• Engagement with other boards focused on children’s issues, such as the Trauma Informed Schools Commission and the Chronic Absenteeism Working Group• Continued focus on Adolescent Substance Use and Behavioral Health• Community engagement• 2030 plan goals and strategic measures

Month	Proposed Topics
January	FY25 Governor’s Recommended Budget
February	Age-cohort 1: Infant/Toddler Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data on current trends and early experiences for infants/toddlers in RI • Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Plan • Infant/Toddler Early Learning Strategic Planning
March	Age-cohort 2: School Age Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Informed Schools Commission • Chronic Absenteeism Working Group • Adolescent substance use/BH
April	Age-cohort 3: Young Adult/Postsecondary Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education enrollment and graduation outcomes, and key initiatives such as RI Reconnect • Career Pathways & PrepareRI • Voluntary Extension of Care
May	Community Engagement: Roundtable with youth @ community location (note: would need to be at a time that is accessible for young people)
June	Progress Report on Strategic Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Care & Education Strategic Plan + Governance Implementation • Learn365RI • Children’s Behavioral Health System of Care
July	FY25 Final Budget & Legislative Outcomes
August	Cross-agency focus: Workforce Strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Capita Income plan • Workforce trends • Gaps and strategies for key workforce areas (HHS, Early Learning, K-12, etc)
September	Back to School – Priorities for 24-25 School Year
October	2030 Plan Updates & Progress
November	Community Engagement: Roundtable with parents @ community location
December	End of Year Report Outs on Key Priorities & Metrics

Public Comment

