

## Office of Early Childhood OEC64800

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 19	Actual FY 20	Appropriation FY 21	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23
General Fund	118	118	118	119	119	119	119

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 19	Actual FY 20	Appropriation FY 21	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23
Personal Services	7,757,017	8,173,924	9,156,554	9,235,220	9,588,976	9,235,220	9,588,976
Other Expenses	383,261	431,549	458,987	433,935	433,935	433,935	433,935
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Birth to Three	23,336,710	22,845,964	23,452,407	23,452,407	24,452,407	23,452,407	24,452,407
Evenstart	295,456	295,456	295,456	295,456	295,456	295,456	295,456
2Gen - TANF	467,552	412,500	412,500	412,500	412,500	412,500	412,500
Nurturing Families Network	10,217,642	10,275,655	10,278,822	10,319,422	10,347,422	10,319,422	10,347,422
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Head Start Services	5,078,417	4,507,650	5,083,238	4,606,362	4,606,362	5,083,238	5,083,238
Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	100,597,048	77,963,811	59,527,096	59,527,096	59,527,096	59,527,096	59,527,096
Child Care Quality Enhancements	6,576,798	4,134,063	6,855,033	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	1,430,750	1,402,269	100,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Early Care and Education	122,655,861	124,295,170	130,548,399	132,377,530	135,079,054	132,377,530	135,079,054
Smart Start	3,325,000	3,325,000	3,325,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,325,000	3,325,000
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>282,121,512</b>	<b>258,063,011</b>	<b>249,493,492</b>	<b>251,364,458</b>	<b>255,447,738</b>	<b>251,916,334</b>	<b>255,999,614</b>
<b>Additional Funds Available</b>							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	-	-	-	1,650,000	1,650,000
Federal & Other Restricted Act	44,994,254	125,225,433	148,193,087	123,527,507	123,172,946	123,527,507	123,172,946
American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	-	-	-	16,800,000	-
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	664,116	341,904	949,891	588,000	588,000	588,000	588,000
<b>Agency Grand Total</b>	<b>327,779,882</b>	<b>383,630,348</b>	<b>398,636,470</b>	<b>375,479,965</b>	<b>379,208,684</b>	<b>394,481,841</b>	<b>381,410,560</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23

### Policy Revisions

#### Reduce Child Care Quality Enhancement Contract Costs

Child Care Quality Enhancements	(900,503)	(900,503)	(900,503)	(900,503)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(900,503)</b>	<b>(900,503)</b>	<b>(900,503)</b>	<b>(900,503)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$900,503 in both FY 22 and FY 23 to achieve savings under Child Care Quality Enhancements.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor. Savings will be offset by the use of federal funds.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23

### Reduce Other Expenses Funding to Achieve Savings

Other Expenses	(22,757)	(22,757)	(22,757)	(22,757)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(22,757)</b>	<b>(22,757)</b>	<b>(22,757)</b>	<b>(22,757)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$22,757 in both FY 22 and FY 23 for Other Expenses to achieve savings.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Annualize FY 21 Rescissions

Personal Services	(89,566)	(89,566)	(89,566)	(89,566)	-	-
Other Expenses	(2,295)	(2,295)	(2,295)	(2,295)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(91,861)</b>	<b>(91,861)</b>	<b>(91,861)</b>	<b>(91,861)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

The Governor implemented General Fund rescissions in FY 21 totaling \$25.3 million across state agencies. The Governor's FY 22 and FY 23 Budget annualizes \$22.6 million of these rescissions in both FY 22 and FY 23 across various agencies.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$91,861 in both FY 22 and FY 23 to annualize the Governor's FY 21 rescissions.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Transfer Funding from DSS to OEC for Care4Kids Accounting Function

Personal Services	70,930	73,658	70,930	73,658	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>70,930</b>	<b>73,658</b>	<b>70,930</b>	<b>73,658</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

The Care4Kids program was transferred from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Office of Early Childhood in the FY 14-15 biennial budget when OEC was established.

#### Governor

Transfer funding of \$70,930 in FY 22 and \$73,658 in FY 23 and one position from DSS to consolidate Care4Kids functions in OEC.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

## Current Services

### Provide Funding for Early Head Start -Child Care Partnership

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program supports grantees through nine center-based providers and family child care homes. The three grantees are TEAM, Inc., in Naugatuck, LULAC Head Start in New Haven and East Haven, and United Way of Greater New Haven. The total FY 21 federal award to be distributed across grantees is approximately \$3.6 million.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$1.4 million in both FY 22 and FY 23 to reflect state support for the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership. Funds represent state matching funds for the competitive federal grant received by the program grantees.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

**Adjust Funding to Reflect Caseload Requirements**

Birth to Three	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-
Head Start Services	(476,876)	(476,876)	-	-	476,876	476,876
Smart Start	(75,000)	(75,000)	-	-	75,000	75,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(551,876)</b>	<b>448,124</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>551,876</b>	<b>551,876</b>

**Background**

Birth to Three funding supports early intervention services for children under three years old who have a significant developmental delay. The majority of program costs are paid for by state and federal dollars including Medicaid. Evaluation, assessments, Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) development, and service coordination are available to all families at no cost. Families that make \$45,000 or more pay a monthly fee based on a sliding scale for the supports listed on their IFSP.

State funding for Head Start Services provides supplemental grant funding to federally funded Head Start Programs. Funding may be used to extend program hours, support summer programming, and offer quality improvement activities to address the learning and achievement gap.

Smart Start funds support the operational costs of preschool classroom with the goal of increasing the number of preschool spots available in public schools. The maximum grant is \$5,000 per student for the school year with a limit of \$75,000 per classroom. The overall limit per district for annual operating expenses is \$300,000. There are currently 24 communities approved to receive a total of \$3,325,000 through June 2021.

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$551,876 in both FY 22 and FY 23 to reflect caseload trends under Head Start Services and the closure of a classroom in Stamford under the Smart Start Program. In addition, provide funding of \$1 million to the Birth to Three program to support anticipated caseload and utilization increases in FY 23.

**Legislative**

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 23 to Birth to Three to support anticipated caseload and utilization increases. In addition, maintain funding of \$551,876 in both FY 22 and FY 23 for Head Start Services and Smart Start.

**Provide Funding for Minimum Wage Increases for Employees of Private Providers**

Nurturing Families Network	40,600	68,600	40,600	68,600	-	-
Early Care and Education	1,829,131	4,530,655	1,829,131	4,530,655	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,869,731</b>	<b>4,599,255</b>	<b>1,869,731</b>	<b>4,599,255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

The Governor's FY 22 and FY 23 Budget provides funding of \$14.1 million in FY 22 and \$34.6 million in FY 23 to eight agencies to reflect the impact of minimum wage increases for employees of private providers.

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$1,869,731 in FY 22 and \$4,599,255 in FY 23 to reflect this agency's increased private provider costs due to minimum wage increases.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

**Provide Funding for Wage and Compensation Related Increases**

Personal Services	97,302	448,330	97,302	448,330	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>97,302</b>	<b>448,330</b>	<b>97,302</b>	<b>448,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

The Governor's FY 22 and FY 23 Budget provides funding of \$135.9 million in FY 22 and \$383.9 million in FY 23, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current services wage-related adjustments such as an annual increment, cost of living adjustment (COLA), general wage increase, and the 27<sup>th</sup> payroll. Normally there are 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, however, every 11 years there is an additional pay period. The 27<sup>th</sup> payroll occurs again in FY 23.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$97,302 in FY 22 and \$448,330 in FY 23 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

## Carry Forward

### Carry Forward to Support Changes Under Birth to Three

Birth to Three	-	-	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000
<b>Total - Carry Forward Funding</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>

**Background**

Section 308 of PA 21-2 JSS, the budget implementer, carries forward FY 21 General Fund unexpended balances from various accounts.

**Legislative**

Carry forward FY 21 funding of \$1.2 million in both FY 22 and FY 23 to temporarily support the elimination of fees paid by parents or legal guardians of children receiving Birth to Three services. In addition, provide \$450,000 in both FY 22 and FY 23 to expand coverage to children who turn age three on or after May 1, until the start of the school year. PA 21-46, *An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health, Safety and Education of Children* is related to this change.

## American Rescue Plan Act

### Allocate ARPA Funds to Support Parent Fees

ARPA	-	-	8,800,000	-	8,800,000	-
<b>Total - American Rescue Plan Act</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,800,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,800,000</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

Funding is allocated, in accordance with Special Act 21-1, *An Act Concerning Legislative Oversight and Approval of COVID-19 Relief Funds*, from the federal funds designated to the state pursuant to the provisions of Section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of ARPA, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time.

**Legislative**

Provide funding of \$8.8 million to reflect the elimination of parent fees under Care4Kids and child day care centers in FY 22.

### Allocate ARPA Funds for Home Visiting

ARPA	-	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	-
<b>Total - American Rescue Plan Act</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>

**Legislative**

Provide ARPA funding of \$8 million to support universal home visiting programs in FY 22.

**Totals**

<b>Budget Components</b>	<b>Governor Recommended</b>		<b>Legislative</b>		<b>Difference from Governor</b>	
	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>
FY 21 Appropriation - GF	249,493,492	249,493,492	249,493,492	249,493,492	-	-
Policy Revisions	(944,191)	(941,463)	(944,191)	(941,463)	-	-
Current Services	2,815,157	6,895,709	3,367,033	7,447,585	551,876	551,876
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>251,364,458</b>	<b>255,447,738</b>	<b>251,916,334</b>	<b>255,999,614</b>	<b>551,876</b>	<b>551,876</b>

<b>Positions</b>	<b>Governor Recommended</b>		<b>Legislative</b>		<b>Difference from Governor</b>	
	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>
FY 21 Appropriation - GF	118	118	118	118	-	-
Policy Revisions	1	1	1	1	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>