



KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Overview of the FY 2022 – 2024 Governor’s Recommended Budget Department for Income Support

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Department for Income Support

Who We Are

The Department for Income Support administers the Child Support Enforcement program and the Disability Determination Services program.

Department for Income Support Mission

To ensure vital income supports are provided to enhance the well-being of Kentucky's families.

Child Support Enforcement Mission

To ensure Kentucky's children are financially supported by both parents.

Disability Determination Services Mission

To determine medical eligibility for residents of the Commonwealth who apply for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits from the federal government.

Department for Income Support Child Support Accomplishments

- ❖ \$347 million disbursed to families in FFY 2021.
- ❖ Paternity established for 91.92% of children born out-of-wedlock
- ❖ Passed the Federal Data Reliability Audit and Review (a required 95% minimum score to pass).
- ❖ Updated the Kentucky Child Support Guidelines.
- ❖ Working on an outdated data system (COBOL) that was created in 1993 which has created an impediment in efficiency with the collection of child support

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Disability Determination Services Accomplishments

- ❖ Kentucky is the only DDS in the Atlanta Region to meet all FFY 21 workload targets – Initial, Reconsideration, Continuing Disability Review, and Total Claims.
- ❖ Fully transitioned to a new national processing system called Disability Case Processing System (DCPS) in 6 months.
- ❖ Successfully completed a Federal Financial Audit during the Pandemic.

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Disability Determination Services Federal Mandates

The Disability Determination Services program determines medical eligibility for residents of Kentucky who apply for Social Security or SSI Disability benefits.

Criteria for eligibility is set by the Social Security Administration. The Social Security Administration contracts with states to administer the determinations process.

Disability Determination Services	FFY 2020	FFY 2021	FFY 2022*
Annual Disability Claims Processed	72,149	70,557	73,927

*projected

Department for Income Support Disability Determination Services Challenges

- ❖ Recruitment of qualified candidates
- ❖ Maintaining adequate staffing to adjudicate disability claims
- ❖ Attempts to raise salaries to be competitive in an open job market

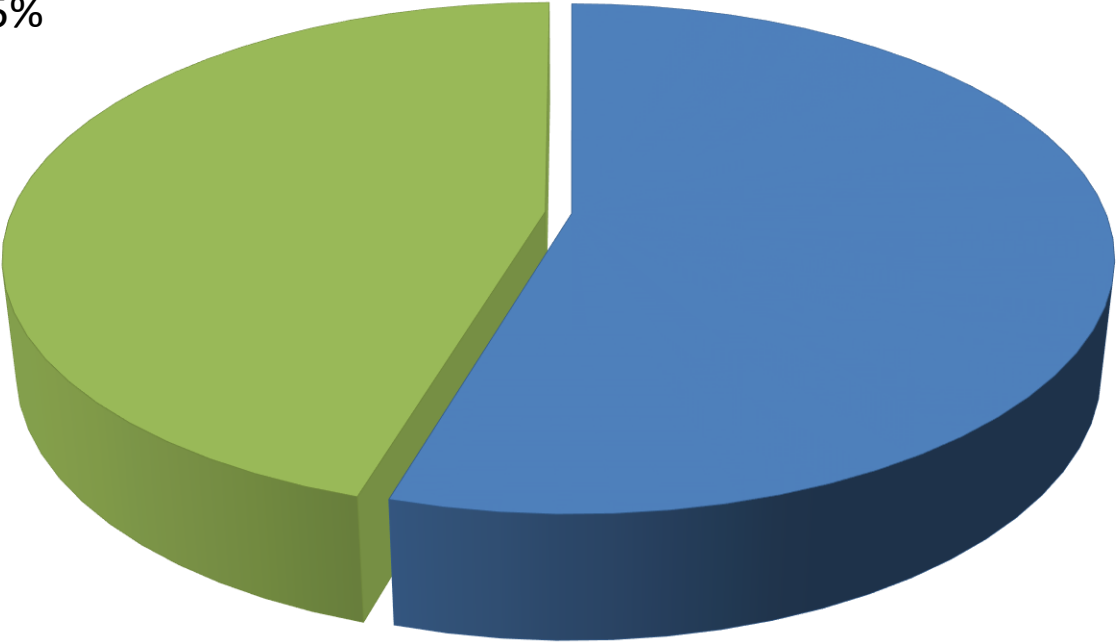
Department for Income Support Historical & Budgeted Expenditures

	FY 2020 (Actual)	FY 2021 (Actual)	FY 2022 (Budgeted)	FY 2023 (Recommended)	FY 2024 (Recommended)
General Fund	\$6,912,510	\$13,616,600	\$13,616,600	\$13,616,600	\$13,616,600
Restricted Agency Fund	\$18,246,869	\$9,757,559	\$12,944,200	\$13,985,900	\$13,891,600
Federal Fund	\$80,092,820	\$80,283,788	\$91,127,600	\$93,996,200	\$93,999,300
Total	<u>\$105,252,200</u>	<u>\$103,657,947</u>	<u>\$117,688,400</u>	<u>\$121,598,700</u>	<u>\$121,507,500</u>

Department for Income Support FY 2022 Budget by Program: \$117,688,400

Disability Determination Services

■ \$53,458,200 45%



Child Support Enforcement

■ \$64,230,200 55%

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Funded Initiatives in Governor's Recommended Budget

- ❖ Employee Cost of Living Adjustments
- ❖ Staffing needs to support an Administrative and Financial Management Division
- ❖ Capital Funds for Child Support Enforcement System Phase III.

Questions?