

DHS – Division of Youth Services (0773)

Fiscal Year 2026

As Enacted by Act 886 of 2025

This division was created to "handle the problems of youth involved with the juvenile justice system" through a variety of community based and residential options for case management, diversion, and rehabilitation of at-risk youth.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2QZ	Community Based Sanctions	\$2,384,285	\$2,480,444	\$2,480,444
2RB	Community Services	\$8,624,190	\$18,821,100	\$13,821,100
2RC	Federal Child & Youth Service Grants	\$15,833,490	\$12,832,942	\$17,832,942
2YH	Residential Services	\$34,897,315	\$34,616,356	\$34,616,356
896	DHS Admin-Paying	\$9,031,539	\$14,594,448	\$14,450,458
Total		\$70,760,819	\$83,345,290	\$83,201,300

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2023-2024 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$563,034	0.78
General Revenue	4000010	\$52,272,842	72.25
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$17,616,228	24.35
Reallocation of Resources	4000410	(\$26,157)	-0.04
Transfer to Ar Pub Defender	4000603	(\$83,424)	-0.12
Transfer to DFA Disbursing	4000610	(\$400,000)	-0.55
Various Program Support	4000730	\$2,408,241	3.33
Total Funds		\$72,350,764	100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Community Services (Appropriation 2RB)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$18,821,100	\$13,821,100	(\$5,000,000)
Total		\$18,821,100	\$13,821,100	(\$5,000,000)

- Unfunded appropriation shifted to Federal Child & Youth Services Grants appropriation to reduce the need for future Miscellaneous Federal Grant requests.

Federal Child & Youth Service Grants (Appropriation 2RC)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$12,832,942	\$17,832,942	\$5,000,000
Total		\$12,832,942	\$17,832,942	\$5,000,000

- Unfunded appropriation shifted from Community Services appropriation to reduce the need for future Miscellaneous Federal Grant requests.

Youth Services - Administrative Paying (Appropriation 896)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$5,612,099	\$5,257,099	(\$355,000)
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$91,144	\$55,400	(\$35,744)
5060010	Professional Fees	\$359,050	\$609,050	\$250,000
Total		\$6,062,293	\$5,921,549	(\$140,744)

- Operating Expenses decrease due to transfer of appropriation to the Professional Fees line item for increases in medical costs associated with the rise in adjudicated juvenile population.
- Conference & Travel Expenses decrease made to align with current budgeted levels.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 121

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 122

Increase / (Decrease): (1)

Extra Help Positions FY2026: 36

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No Changes Requested