



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EXPEDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FUND

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OVERVIEW

Laws 1998, Chapter 10, Section 21 (HB 2645) established through Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 8-812 the "Child Protective Services Expedited Substance Abuse Treatment Fund."

The Child Protective Services (CPS) Expedited Substance Abuse Treatment Fund enables the Arizona Department of Child Safety (formerly Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Children, Youth, and Families) to provide substance abuse treatment services so that permanency for dependent children can be expedited when parental substance abuse is a significant obstacle to family reunification. The fund can also be used for substance abuse treatment for parents or guardians with a primary goal of facilitating family preservation, including services that maintain the family unit in a substance abuse treatment setting.

A.R.S. § Section 8-812(F) requires the Department to make the following information available to the public upon request and on the DCS website:

- The number and percentage of parents and guardians who are offered treatment paid for with fund monies and who complete treatment.
- The number of cases and children who are able to remain with or are returned to the custody of their parents or guardians as a result, in whole or in part, of treatment paid for with fund monies.
- The number of children who receive expedited permanent placement as a result of the availability of services paid for with fund monies.
- Data for cases that are part of expedited dependency proceedings.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

During Fiscal Year 2015, no money was appropriated to DCS for the CPS Expedited Substance Abuse Treatment Fund. Therefore, no data is available to address the information cited above. The Department continues to offer the Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. services to help parents address substance abuse issues that are affecting their ability to care appropriately for their children or to get and keep a job. It provides the opportunity for families to overcome the barrier of substance abuse in order to reach the outcomes of permanency for children, family reunification and self-sufficiency.