



**HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DIVISION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2011**

A.R.S. § 46-139(E) requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to make the following information regarding the Housing Assistance Program available to the public upon request and available on the Department's website:

- The number of children and families, by district*, receiving services through this program during the previous fiscal year.
- The total amount of monies spent on the program by district.
- A programmatic and fiscal evaluation of the effectiveness of this program which includes the amount of monies saved by reducing foster care expenditures.

To be eligible for the Housing Assistance Program, the following criteria must be met:

- At least one child is a participant in an open Child Protective Services case;
- Housing assistance is needed to expedite a permanent placement for the child;
- Lack of safe and adequate housing is a significant barrier to family preservation, family reunification or achievement of the permanency plan for at least one child;
- Family income, including entitlements, is insufficient to cover housing expenses;
- The family is willing to develop and participate in a time-oriented plan to maintain housing obtained through this program;
- The family has not previously received housing assistance from this program;
- All other sources of assistance, including the Short Term Crisis Services program (STCS), have been fully explored and used before considering this program; and
- The child's parent, guardian, or custodian is a U.S. citizen or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States.

* DES now uses the term "region" instead of "district".

NUMBER SERVED

In SFY 2011, the Housing Assistance Program served 905 children in 346 families statewide.

REGION	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	NUMBER OF FAMILIES
Central (East Maricopa and Pinal Counties)	171	63
Pima (Pima County)	318	120
Northern (Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo and Apache Counties)	107	45
Southeast (Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Gila Counties)	14	3
Southwest (Yuma, La Paz and West Maricopa Counties)	295	115
STATEWIDE TOTAL	905	346

Cost of Service

The total amount expended statewide for the Housing Assistance Program in SFY 2011 was \$474,178.42.

During SFY 2010, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Family Unification Program (FUP) housing grants to three (3) Arizona communities. Yuma, Pinal and Pima County applied but were not awarded additional vouchers for SFY 2011.

REGION	TOTAL MONIES EXPENDED
Central (East Maricopa and Pinal Counties)	\$91,472.03
Pima (Pima County)	\$166,635.63
Northern (Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo and Apache Counties)	\$48,271.79
Southeast (Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Gila Counties)	\$5,214.00
Southwest (Yuma, La Paz and Western Maricopa Counties)	\$162,584.97
STATEWIDE TOTAL	\$474,178.42

Results of Service

The Housing Assistance Program improves the ability of the DES to ensure safety, permanency, and well-being for children who are the subject of a Child Protective Services (CPS) report and investigation, or participants in an ongoing services case.

Benefits from the Housing Assistance Program provide families who have open CPS cases with housing and utility assistance in order to provide for health, safety, and shelter needs, when assistance is not available through other programs.

The Housing Assistance Program is available for families whose lack of safe and adequate housing is a significant barrier to family preservation or family reunification.

An estimated \$3,801,235.30 would have been expended by DES to pay for foster care maintenance, if the 905 children who benefited from the Housing Assistance Program during SFY 2011 had entered or remained in foster care for the length of time housing assistance was provided to each family. Based on the SFY 2011 Housing Assistance Program expenditures of \$474,178.42 there is potential cost avoidance of \$3,327,056.88.