

DCS Legislative Overview 2022

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House Bill 2862 – GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; 2022-2023 (COBB)

Healthy Families Arizona Expansion

- Appropriates \$10M from the State General Fund in FY 23.
- The Healthy Families Program currently serves around 4,000 families annually. The additional funding will allow the program to increase the number of families served per year.



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Foster Care Daily Rate Increase

- Raises the average daily allowance for foster children.
- The daily allowance increase will provide needed relief to foster families to offset daily costs associated with raising a child such as clothing, school supplies, and extracurricular activities.



House Bill 2865 – HUMAN SERVICES; 2022-2023 (COBB)

Increases the Independent Living Subsidy

- Sets the amount of the independent living subsidy at a minimum of \$1,200 a month.
- Removes the 6-month decrease.



House Bill 2274 – APPROPRIATION; STIPEND; KINSHIP FOSTER CARE (WENINGER)

Increases the kinship stipend from \$75 to \$300 per month per child.



House Bill 2084 – KINSHIP CARE; FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT; WAIVER (OSBORNE)

Allows the Department of Child Safety, in its discretion and for good cause, to waive the requirement for a kinship caregiver to obtain a fingerprint clearance card.

Allows the Department of Child Safety to issue a restricted license that applies only to the children placed with the kinship caregiver.



House Bill 2098 – PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT; NURSE PRACTITIONERS; REPORTING (COBB)

Expands the list of professionals who may perform psychiatric assessments for minors to include psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioners.



THANK YOU!

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