

**Children's Services Coordinating Committee
Budget 324
House Bill No. 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	1.00		\$6,750,000	\$6,750,000
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>1.00</u>		<u>5,629,756</u>	<u>5,629,756</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$1,120,244	\$1,120,244

Item Description

The 1999 Legislative Assembly estimated that a total of \$7.5 million of federal funds would be generated from "refinancing" during the 1999-2001 biennium.

"Refinancing" is a system administered through the Department of Human Services which claims federal reimbursement of eligible administrative costs of local schools, juvenile courts, and public health organizations under the federal IV-E foster care and federal Medicaid programs. The local organizations participating in the system complete time studies each quarter. These time studies are submitted to the regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee, reviewed by the state Children's Services Coordinating Committee, and submitted for federal administrative cost reimbursement by the Department of Human Services. The federal reimbursements are received by the Department of Human Services. The department retains its percentage allocation and transfers the remaining funds to the state Children's Services Coordinating Committee which retains its percentage and distributes the remaining funds to the children's services coordinating committee of the region or tribe that generated the funds through the time study reports. Each regional or tribal committee distributes the percentage allocation of funds to each of the organizations that generated the federal reimbursements and uses remaining funds for grants to children's service providers. Funding for administration and collaboration costs of each regional and tribal committee is distributed from a separate allocation made by the state Children's Services Coordinating Committee from the funds identified by the Legislative Assembly for administrative and collaboration costs of the regional and tribal committees.

Statewide grants - The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided that six percent of the "refinancing" funds be allocated for statewide grants (estimated to be \$450,000) to be distributed by the Children's Services Coordinating Committee, subject to Budget Section approval. The Legislative Assembly specified that \$200,000 of the \$450,000 estimated to be available for statewide grants be used for the Native American alcohol and drug abuse education program of the Department of Human Services.

Status/Result

Through March 13, 2000, the state has received \$2.7 million from "refinancing." If collections continue as projected, the state will receive the \$7.5 million of federal funds projected by the 1999 Legislative Assembly. The schedule below shows the allocation of the \$7.5 million:

Department of Human Services	10%	\$750,000
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Administration	1.7%	127,500
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Grants		
Participating entities generating federal funds	20%	1,500,000
Statewide grants	6%	450,000
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for administrative costs	18%	1,350,000
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for collaboration efforts	2%	150,000
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for grants to providers	42.3%	3,172,500
Total	0%	\$7,500,000

The Children's Services Coordinating Committee had \$442,851 of statewide grants carryover funding from the 1997-99 biennium. Combining the 1997-99 biennium carryover funding with the estimated 1999-2001 statewide grants allocation of \$450,000, the committee anticipates having a total of \$892,851 to distribute as statewide grants during the 1999-2001 biennium.

After distributing the \$200,000 to the Department of Human Services for the Native American alcohol and drug abuse education program as directed by the Legislative Assembly, the committee received Budget Section approval in

October 1999 to distribute the \$632,710 of the remaining \$692,851 of anticipated available funding for the following statewide grants:

Lutheran Social Services - Early intervention tracking services	\$100,000
KIDS COUNT! - Expand access to North Dakota KIDS COUNT! data	37,536
Native American Children and Family Training Institute - Train foster parents of Native American children to promote protective factors	18,479
Department of Human Services - Services for children with serious emotional disorders (North Dakota Partnership Project)	200,002
North Dakota Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies - Implement a statewide mentor program to improve the quality of child care	36,800
NDSU Extension Service - Youth character education (character counts program)	28,000
Mental Health Association - Implement statewide training and community organization to prevent adolescent suicide	150,000
Sacred Child Project - Develop a mentorship project to improve the level of functioning and behavior of Native American youth with serious emotional disorders	61,893
Total	\$632,710

“Covering Kids” grant.

The Children’s Services Coordinating Committee has been awarded a three-year grant of \$669,963 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to design and implement an outreach program to identify and enroll eligible children into existing health coverage programs such as children’s health insurance program (CHIP)/Healthy Steps and Medicaid.

The committee received Emergency Commission and Budget Section approval in October 1999 to spend \$448,889 to contract with the Primary Care Association to administer the project for the 1999-2001 biennium. The committee will include \$221,074 in its 2001-03 biennium budget request to continue the project for one year of the 2001-03 biennium.