

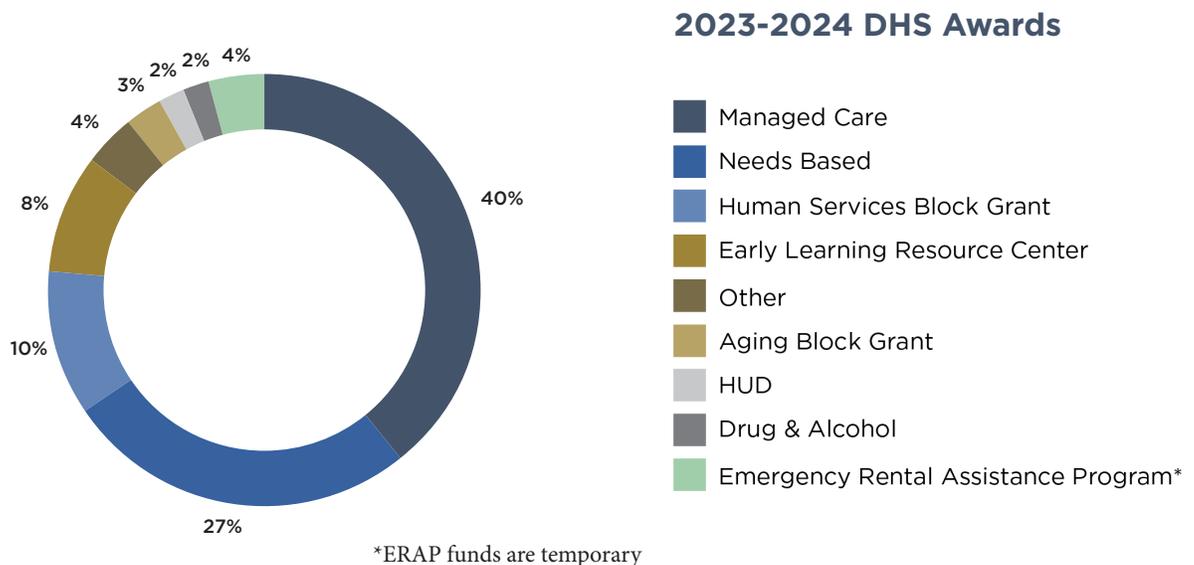
Allegheny County DHS's Plan for Children, Youth, and Families

What is the "Needs-Based Plan and Budget"?

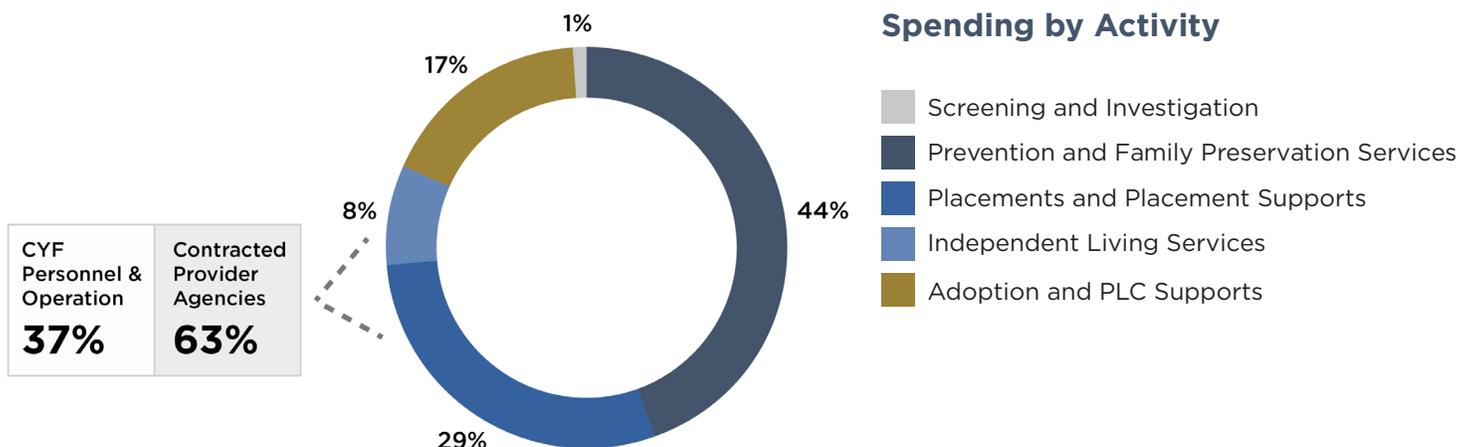
Annually, Allegheny County DHS submits its Needs-Based Plan and Budget to the PA Office of Children, Youth and Families to detail our plan to protect children and preserve families and to request needed resources. This is important because the state uses our plan to determine Allegheny County's funding allocation that supports services for children and families across the entire continuum – from Family Centers and home visiting to kinship placements, adoption services, and more. The Needs Based Budget is a significant source of funding for our county's Office of Children, Youth and Families, Office of Community Services' Family and Community Supports programs, and Juvenile Probation.

Allegheny County DHS Funding and Where the Needs-Based Budget Fits in

Just three primary funding sources make up over 80% of Allegheny County DHS's \$1.2B budget – Medicaid Behavioral Health Managed Care, Needs Based Budget, and Human Services Block Grant.



In general, most of DHS's Needs-Based Budget supports contracted provider agencies to deliver Prevention and Family Preservation services, which are community-based or in-home services with a goal of keeping families strong and together. For example, in FY 2021-2022, 63% of DHS's Needs-Based Budget went to contracted provider agencies, with 44% of those expenses being for Prevention and Family Preservation Services.¹



¹ Reflects FY21-22 provider claims and CYF personnel and operation costs

A Summary of Our Priorities in FY 23-24 and 24-25 & Plans to Address Them

<p>Expand the support for parents and caregivers before and after involvement with the child welfare system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding parent access to concrete and economic supports, including housing and childcare • Engaging more new parents in Hello Baby through cash incentives • Increasing families’ use of existing services, including by referring to services sooner (during investigation). • Expanding access to high-quality interdisciplinary legal services for parents
<p>Address community violence, a threat to child safety and well-being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting highly impacted communities to implement Community Violence Reduction Plans • Implementing in evidence-based interventions, like Becoming a Man and Cure Violence • Investing in youth employment and out of school time
<p>Support young people to achieve stability and independence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in concrete and economic supports for youth transitioning out of foster care. • Increased investment in the 412 Youth Zone • Funding “informal” or non-medical supports for mental health that can be provided via help from peers, religious leaders, or other non-health professional
<p>Improve the service array for youth with complex needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating new placement settings with on-site therapeutic supports • Adding a new Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (pRTF) and Diversion and Stabilization (DAS) program (funded separately by Medicaid) • Building the capacity of family-based placement settings for youth with behavioral health needs (Therapeutic Foster Care)
<p>Ensure quality services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting a high-quality agency and provider workforce. • Improving contracting and payment processes for providers. • Strengthening advisory boards. • Improving our quality assurance system.

