



Child Protection Roundtable Budget Scorecard

Prevention: Safeguard children and stop the intergenerational cycle of abuse	
<p>Priority 1a: Invest in a prevention continuum across the life cycle that targets children most vulnerable to abuse and neglect and caregivers most vulnerable to abusing or neglecting children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + \$17.7 million in funding for Nurse-Family Partnership in 2012-13, 99% restoration. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protected funding for STAR prevention program from cuts of 35%. STAR is cut by 11% compared to 2010-11 levels. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Intervention Funds were restored.
<p>Priority 1b: Maintain full funding for the Prevention and Early Intervention Division (PEI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Exceptional Item #14 of the Department’s LAR which provides for a 10% funding increase in prevention and early intervention services. Invest, at least \$2 million of this increase in Children and Families most vulnerable to child abuse/neglect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention and Early Intervention funding is cut by 30%. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other At-risk Prevention programs cut by 74%. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding for CYD program cut by 32%.
<p>Priority 1c: Evaluate all PEI currently funded programs lacking scientific evaluation showing at least “promising practice” levels of effectiveness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rider by Senator Uresti sponsored by Senator Zaffirini.
Child Protection Services Improvements: Provide safe outcomes for children	
<p>Priority 2a: Reduction of caseloads for caseworkers in the areas of Investigation, Family Based Safety Services (FBSS), and Conservatorship (CVS).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding for direct delivery staff is slightly increased from 2010-11 levels. CPS will hire additional staff when the new fiscal year begins.
<p>Priority 2b: Maintain FBSS Services - Substance abuse treatment and prevention, family day care, and in- home services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Protective day care, which helps keep children safe in their homes, is funded at 2010-11 levels, although caseload growth is not funded. Prevented 23% cut in original budget. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No cuts to substance abuse treatment purchased services.



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Substitute Care Improvements: Provide outcomes that ensure child well-being	
<p>Priority 3a: Enhance services to achieve placement stability while children are in the conservatorship of the department including, but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relative care monetary assistance 2. Day care for families (FBSS), 3. Day care for relatives, 4. Foster day care, 5. Respite care, 6. Trauma informed training for caseworkers, foster parents, adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>- The initial 100% cut to financial support for relative caregivers who take care of children is restored back to 2010-11 levels, although caseload growth is not funded. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>- Protective day care, which helps keep children safe in the homes of their family of origin, is funded at 2010-11 levels, although caseload growth is not funded. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>- Relative Day Care is fully funded. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster day care is not funded at 2010-11 levels, 10% cut for 2012 and .7% cut 2013. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster care rates and caseload growth are almost fully funded, allowing foster care redesign to move forward. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>+ SB 218- Foster Care Redesign. Legislation authorizing foster care redesign. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>+ SB 219- Expands statute on trauma-informed care to require the STAR Health Program provide trauma informed care training to all providers; mandates additional training for CPS caseworkers and supervisors; and requires the department to assist with trauma-informed programs for CASA, CACs, domestic violence shelters, and mental health centers, to the extent resources are available.
<p>Article I Funding Priority: Support Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates' budget request to maintain funding for the current level of services provided by CASA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>+ Increase of \$4 million in CVC funds. Total state appropriation increased from \$13 to \$17 million for the biennium.