AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS For Fiscal Years:

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Forest County Children and Youth Agency

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The Commissioners of Forest County Forest County Courthouse 526 Elm Street Box 3 Tionesta, PA 16353-9724

Dear Commissioners:

We have fulfilled the requirements pursuant to authority derived from Act 148 of 1976, as amended, (62 P.S. § 704.1(a)(4)) for the submitted CY-370 Expenditure Report, the CY-370A Revenue Report, and the CY-348 Fiscal Summary, hereinafter referred to as the submitted fiscal reports, and the related financial records of the Forest County Children and Youth Services (agency). The purpose of this engagement is to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within the county for the fiscal years July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The scope of our engagement was limited to the fiscal reports submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) as part of the Act 148 Invoice Packages for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

Agency management is responsible for the preparation of the submitted fiscal reports, and compliance with children, youth, and families regulations. Our engagement procedures included a review of selected agency records and other procedures we deemed necessary to enable us to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within the county. We also performed procedures to determine the county's compliance with certain provisions of 55 Pa. Code, Part V. Children, Youth, and Families Manual, Subpart C, Chapters 3140 and 3170 (55 Pa. Code §§ 3140.1 et seq. and 3170.1 et seq.). The engagement was not conducted, nor was it required to be, in accordance with professional auditing or attestation standards. We believe that our engagement procedures provided us a reasonable basis to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within Forest County.

We certify that the enclosed amended fiscal reports fairly present, in all material respects, the total Commonwealth expenditures paid on behalf of children residing within the county for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years based on the accrual basis of accounting.¹

The procedures we performed during this engagement resulted in no adjustments to the agency's submitted fiscal reports for the fiscal years included in our engagement period.

This report includes the following observation.

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Observation – Despite the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Apparent Strides in Increasing the Protection of At-Risk Children in the Care of Contracted In-Home Preventative Service Providers, DHS Failed to Review the Adequacy of the C&Y Agencies Procedures and Results for Ensuring these Providers Comply with CPSL Requirements.

The results of our engagement procedures, as presented in this report, were discussed with agency management at an exit conference held on March 1, 2022.

This report is being forwarded to the DHS Bureau of Financial Operations, and the Office of Children, Youth, and Families for review and settlement of any recommended adjustments included in our amended fiscal reports. You will be notified by DHS of the decisions made regarding the approval and finalization of any recommended adjustment amounts during the DHS settlement process and the impact, if any, on a future Act 148 payment. At that time, in accordance with the Commonwealth's General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 1 Pa. Code § 31.1 et seq., you will be afforded the opportunity by Commonwealth DHS to appeal its settlement process decision.

We appreciate the cooperation, assistance, and courtesy granted our representatives by your officials and agency staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. DeFoor Auditor General

March 8, 2022

¹ In accordance with DHS regulations, the expenditures reported in the enclosed fiscal reports are limited to expenditures funded by allocations made pursuant to Act 148 of 1976, as amended, (62 P.S. § 704.1) and do not include any expenditures made from other appropriations or grant funds.

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BACKGROUND

The Department of the Auditor General (department) is responsible for reviewing the fiscal reports known as the submitted CY-370 Expenditure Report, the CY-370A Revenue Report, and the CY-348 Fiscal Summary of the 67 County Children and Youth Agencies. The department determines proper reporting and utilization of funds according to program regulations and guidelines under the Human Services Code 62 P.S. § 704.1(a)(4). The annual state Act 148 allocations are used by the counties to administer social services for the children and youth that reside within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whose stated goal is "to ensure, for each child in this Commonwealth, a permanent, legally assured family which protects the child from abuse and neglect." The Children and Youth Social Services Program is county-administered and state-supervised by DHS, with shared responsibility for achieving the commonwealth's goal.

In accordance with the Human Services Code (62 P. S. § 703), DHS is responsible for making and enforcing all rules and regulations necessary and appropriate to the proper accomplishment of the child welfare duties and functions vested by law in the county institution districts or their successors. Title 55 Pa. Code, Part V. Children, Youth, and Families Manual, Subpart C, outlines the rules and regulations relative to the county administration of the Children and Youth Social Service Programs. Specifically, in compliance with 55 Pa. Code § 3140.31, the counties must report their cumulative actual expenditures incurred for the provision of children and youth social services on a quarterly basis to DHS through the Act 148 invoice package, which includes the fiscal reports. The expenditures reported in the Act 148 invoice package refers to all costs for dependent and delinquent children and youth services funded or administered by DHS.

We reviewed the final, cumulative 4th quarter fiscal reports submitted to DHS, the agency's related financial records, and other supporting documentation. This was done to determine whether the agency's actual, cumulative expenditures and revenues were properly reported to DHS for the respective fiscal years. The amended fiscal reports below include any adjustments we considered necessary to reflect the agency's actual related revenue, expenditures, and net state share for each fiscal year in our engagement period.

SECTION 1

AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2018 to JUNE 30, 2019

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED

COMPUTATION OF FINAL NET STATE SHARE

Approved State Allocation ¹			\$	449,085
Supplemental Act 148			_	0_
Total State Allocation				449,085
State Share (CY348) ²	\$	384,622		
Less: Major Service Category Adjustment		0	_	
Net State Share			\$	384,622
Less: Expenditures in Excess of the Approved State All	ocation			0
Final Net State Share Payable ³			\$	384,622
Actual Act 148 Revenues Received ⁴			_	384,622
Net Amount Due County/(State) ⁵			\$_	0

¹ Approved State Allocation is the amount of Act 148 State Funds that were budgeted for the County.

² State Share (CY348) is the total amount of County expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement from Act 148 Funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

³ Final Net Share Payable is the net amount of reimbursable expenditures from Act 148 funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

⁴ Actual Act 148 Revenues Received is the amount of Act 148 funds the County received.

⁵ Net Amount Due the County/(State) is the variance between the amount of Act 148 funds the County received and the Final Net State Share Payable to the County.

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED CY348 FISCAL SUMMARY

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	GRAND	PROGRAM	TITLE IV.F	TANF	XX	IIILE IV-R	Demonstration	MEDICAL A SSISTANCE	NET	STATE ACT 148	LOCAL
NET CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES	IOIAL	IIICOIME	T- A I	INICI	XX	G-AI	Project tile IV-E	+=	_=	100	
01. 100% REIMBURSEMENT	2,449	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	2,418	2,418	0
02. 90% REIMBURSEMENT	6,150	0	0	2,994	0	0	0	0	3,156	2,840	316
03. 80% REIMBURSEMENT	452,670	6,895	22,016	0	3,325	4,542	0	0	415,892	332,714	83,178
04. 60% REIMBURSEMENT	79,836	1,543	1,010	0	0	0	0	315	76,968	46,181	30,787
05. 50% REIMBURSEMENT	2,460	0	8	0	0	1,514	0	0	938	469	469
06. TOTAL NET CHILD WELFARE EXPEND.	543,565	8,438	23,065	2,994	3,325	6,056	0	315	499,372	384,622	114,750
YDC/YFC PLACEMENT COSTS											
07. 60% DHS PARTICIPATION	0	0							0	0	0
OR NON BEIMBIRSABIF EXPENDITIBES	0	0									
09. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	543,565	8,438	23,065	2,994	3,325	6,056	0	315	499,372	384,622	114,750
10. TOTAL TITLE IV-D COLLECTIONS	2,856										
11. TITLE IV-D Collections for IV-E Children	1,925										
12. STATE ACT 148 - line 6	384,622										
13. STATE ACT 148 ALLOCATION	449,085										
14. ADJUSTED STATE SHARE (lower of 12 or 13)	384,622										
INVOICE											
AMENDED STATE SHARE (ACT 148) ACT 148 AMOUNT RECEIVED	384,622 384,622										
ADJUSTMENT TO STATE SHARE	0										

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED CY370A REVENUE REPORT

MAJOR SERVICE CATEGORIES												
& COST CENTERS		,				KEVENUE	KEVENUE SOURCES	c	<	Ş	:	:
	TOTAL	2	£	4	S.	9	7	S Chill We Fare	6	OET NET	Ξ	12
INHOME	REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM EXPENDITIRES INCOME	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E MAINTENANCE	TITLE IV-E ADMIN	TANE	TITLE XX	TITE IV.B	Demonstration	MEDICAL	REIM	STATE ACT 148	LOCAL
1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	2,449	0		31	_		0	0	0		2,418	0
1-B ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	27,375	0	14,274	0			0	0	0	13,101	10,481	2,620
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSH	T,391	0	3,853	0			0	0	0	3,538	2,830	708
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT	11,726	180		135	0	0	0	0	0	11,411	9,129	2,282
1-E COUNSELING - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-F DAY CARE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-H DAY TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-I HOMEMAKER SERVICE	1,517	0		20	0	0	0	0	0	1,497	1,198	299
	14,571	0		148	0	0	1,514	0	0	12,909	10,327	2,582
1-K LIFE SKILLS - DEPENDENT	19,304	0		234	0	0	0	0	0	02001	15,256	3,814
1-L LIFE SKILLS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	41,227	0		496	0	1,182	0	0	0	39,549	31,639	7,910
1-N PROTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	244,511	3,464		3,077	0	0	0	0	0	024,752	190,376	47,594
1-O SERVICE PLANNING	31,579	0		410	0	0	0	0	0	31,169	24,935	6,234
1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT	2,460	0		8	0		1,514	0	0	866	694	469
1-Q JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	404,110	3,644	18,127	4,559	0	1,182	3,028	0	0	373,570	299,058	74,512
COMMINITY BASED	TOTAL REIMBURSABI E	PROGRAM	TITI F IV.F	TITT F IV.F				Child We Fare	MEDICAL	NET RETMRT IR SARTE	STATE	LOCAL
PLACEMENT	EXPENDITURES		MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.	TANF	TITLE XX	TITLE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE		ACT 148	SHARE
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	_		0	0	0		0	0
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	7,001	1,925	(1,005)	86		0	0	0	0	5,995	4,796	1,199
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	10,259	931	0	1		0	0	0	0	9,327	7,462	1,865
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	1,650	0	0	0	1,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	4,500	0	0	0	1,344	0	0	0	0	3,156	2,840	316
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	36,209	395	0	287		2,143	3,028	0	0	30,356	24,285	6,071
2-H FOSTER FAMILY - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-1 SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-J SUF, INDEFENDENT LIVING - DELINQUENT	0 019 05	3 251	(1005)	374	7 004	2 1.43	3 008	0	0	0 48 834	30 383	0.451
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INSTITUTIONAL	TOTAL REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E	TITLE IV-E				Child We fare Demonstration	MEDICAL	NET REIMBURSABLE	STATE	LOCAL
PLACEMENT	EXPENDITURES	INCOME	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.	TANF 1	TITLE XX	TITLE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDITURES	ACT148	SHARE
3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	0	0							0	0	0	0
3-B RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - DEPENDENT	3,927	0	0	48		0	0	0	0	3,879	2,327	1,552
3-C RES. SERVICE - DELINQUENT (NON YDC/YFC)	168	0	0		_		0	0	0	166	100	99
3-D SECURE RES. SERVICE (EXCEPT YDC)	0	0			=				0	0	0	0
YDC SECURE	0	0								0	0	0
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	4,095	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	4,045	2,427	1,618
4 ADMINISTRATION	75,741		1,543	096		0	0	0	315	72,923	43,754	29,169
2 TOTAL REVENUES	543,565	8,438	17,122	5,943	2,994	3,325	6,036	0	315	499,372	384,622	114,750

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 39, 2019 AMENDED CY370 EXPENDITURE REPORT

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	WAGES	aaxo igwa	0	٠	DIBCHASED		TOTA	Children	Children	Non-	Non	Prograi
IN-HOME	SALARIES			SUBSIDIES OPERATING	SERVICES		EXPENDITURES	(by county)	(Purchased)	Non PS/Sub.		
1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	1,557			325	0	1	2,449	\$	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION ASSISTANCE		0	2		0	0	27,375	0	4	0	0	0
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSH	SHI 0	0		0	0	0	7,391	0	1	0	0	0
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT	5,831	2,06	_	3,822	0	4	11,726	22	0	0	0	
I-E COUNSELING - DELINQUENT	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1-F DAY CAKE 1-G DAY TREATMENT DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	
1-0 DAT INCATMENT - DEFENDENT				0	0	0 0	0				0	
1-H DAT INCATINENT - DELINGGENT	0.075	37		101	0		1 517	0			0	
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1-L LIFE SKILLS - DELINOUENT	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	21,593	7,677		9,409	2,450	86	41,227	31	7	0	0	0
1-N PROTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	152,877	50,816		39,365	0	1,453	244,511	110	0	0	0	0
1-O SERVICE PLANNING	18,499	6,591		6,480	0	6	31,579	37	0	0	0	0
1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT				674	1,786		2,460	0	3	0	0	0
1-Q JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DELINQUENT				0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	222,126	75,454	34,766	65,954	4,236	1,574	404,110			0	0	0
	Number of Children receiving	dren receiving	Jd-NON yluo	only NON-PURCHASED IN-Home Services	-Home Services	144						
COMMINITY BASED	WAGES	EMPLOYEE			PURCHASED	FIXED	TOTAL	DAYS	Children	Non- Reimbursable	Non-Reim. Purchased Serv/	Program Income
PLACEMENT	SALARIES			SUBSIDIES OPERATING			EXPENDITURES	CARE	(Purchased)	Non PS\Sub.		
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	4,445	1,56		5	0	9	7,001	0	0	0	0	
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0				10,190	0	10,259	07		0	0	
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	0				1,650	0	1,650	09	2	0	0	
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0				4,500	0	4,500	30	- (0	0	
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEFENDENT	0,01	2,700	0	12,420	9,383	4	30,209	6 04	7 0	0	0	
2.1 STID INDEPENDENT LIGHIC DEPENDENT	0				0		0				0	
2-1 STIP INDEPENDENT LIVING - DELENDENT	0				0	0		0		0	0	
2-K SUBTOTAL CBP	15,070	5,33		13,472	25,725	(4	619,65	36	9	0	0	
INSTITUTIONAL	WAGES AND				d		TOTAL	DAYS OF	Children Served	Non- Reimbursable	m⊿ √	Non-Reim. Program
PLACEMENT	SALARIES	BENEFITS	_	SUBSIDIES OPERATING	SERVICES	ASSETS	EXPENDITURES	CARE	(Purchased)	Non PS\Sub.	Subsidies	Income
3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	0				0		0	0	0	0	0	
	2,508	xò .		240	0		129.5	0	0	0	0	
3-C RES. SERVICE - DELINQUENI (EXCEPT YDC/YFC)	0				0	0	108	0	0	0 0	0	
3-D SECORE RES. SERVICE (EXCEPT YDC) 3-F VDC SECTIRE	0 0		0 0	0 0		0 0	0				0	
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	2,508	.8)/_	0	4	4,095	0	0	0	0	
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4 ADMINISTRATION	42,359	15,957	0	565,/1	0	30	14/,41			0	0	0
5 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	282,063	97,618	34,766	97,529	29,961	1,628	543,565			0	0	0

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

COST CEN	TER ITEMS		AS REPORTED PER CY370	INCREASE (DECREASE)	A	AS AMENDED PER CY370
Adoption Service		\$	2,449	\$ 0	\$	2,449
Adoption Assistance	al Custo dispoliin		27,375 7,391	0		27,375 7,391
Subsidized Permanent Leg Counseling	ai Custodiansnip		11,726	0		11,726
Day Care			0	0		0
Day Treatment			0	0		0
Homemaker Service			1,517	0		1,517
Intake and Referral			14,571	0		14,571
Life Skills			19,304	0		19,304
Protective Service - Child	Abuse		41,227	0		41,227
Protective Service - Gener	al		244,511	0		244,511
Service Planning			31,579	0		31,579
Juvenile Act Proceedings			2,460	0		2,460
Alternative Treatment			0	0		0
Community Residential			17,260	0		17,260
Emergency Shelter			6,150	0		6,150
Foster Family			36,209	0		36,209
Supervised Independent La	iving		0	0		0
Juvenile Detention Service			0	0		0
Residential Service			4,095	0		4,095
Secure Residential Service	(Except YDC)		0	0		0
YDC Secure			O	0		0
Administration			75,741	0	_	75,741
	Combined Total Expense		543,565	0		543,565
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0_	0	_	0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	543,565	\$ 0	\$_	543,565
			AS			AS
		F	REPORTED	INCREASE	Α	MENDED PER
OBJECTS OF I	EXPENDITURE	F	PER CY370	(DECREASE)		CY370
Wages and Salaries		\$	282,063	\$ 0	\$	282,063
Employee Benefits			97,618	0		97,618
Subsidies			34,766	0		34,766
Operating			97,529	0		97,529
Purchased Services			29,961	0		29,961
Fixed Assets			1,628	0		1,628
	Combined Total Expense		543,565	0		543,565
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0	0	_	0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	543,565	\$ 0	\$_	543,565

SECTION 2

AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2019 to JUNE 30, 2020

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED

COMPUTATION OF FINAL NET STATE SHARE

Approved State Allocation ¹			\$	492,799
Supplemental Act 148			_	0
Total State Allocation				492,799
State Share (CY348) ²	\$	395,366		
Less: Major Service Category Adjustment		0	_	
Net State Share			\$	395,366
Less: Expenditures in Excess of the Approved State A	llocation		_	0
Final Net State Share Payable ³			\$	395,366
Actual Act 148 Revenues Received ⁴				395,366
Net Amount Due County/(State) ⁵			\$_	0

¹ Approved State Allocation is the amount of Act 148 State Funds that were budgeted for the County.

² State Share (CY348) is the total amount of County expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement from Act 148 Funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

³ Final Net Share Payable is the net amount of reimbursable expenditures from Act 148 funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

⁴ Actual Act 148 Revenues Received is the amount of Act 148 funds the County received.

⁵ Net Amount Due the County/(State) is the variance between the amount of Act 148 funds the County received and the Final Net State Share Payable to the County.

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED CY348 FISCAL SUMMARY

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	TOTAL	INCOME	IV-E	TANF	XX	IN-B	Demonstration Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	TOTAL	ACT 148	SHARE
NET CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES											
01. 100% REIMBURSEMENT	1,975	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	1,944	1,944	0
02. 90% REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03. 80% REIMBURSEMENT	412,897	4,565	21,601	2,994	831	0	0	0	382,906	306,325	76,581
04. 60% REIMBURSEMENT	160,971	5,756	1,185	0	2,494	6,056	0	317	145,163	760,78	58,066
05. 50% REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06. TOTAL NET CHILD WELFARE EXPEND.	575,843	10,321	22,817	2,994	3,325	6,056	0	317	530,013	395,366	134,647
YDC/YFC PLACEMENT COSTS											
07. 60% DHS PARTICIPATION	0	0							0	0	0
08. NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES	0	0							0		0
09. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	575,843	10,321	22,817	2,994	3,325	6,056	0	317	530,013	395,366	134,647
10. TOTAL TITLE IV-D COLLECTIONS	5,111										
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FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED CY370A REVENUE REPORT

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FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED CY370 EXPENDITURE REPORT

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1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	1,283	447		245	0	0	1,975	5	0	0	0	0
1-B ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	0	0	25,254	0	0	0	25,254	0	4	0	0	0
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSHI	0 11	0	3,301	0	0	0	3,301	0	1	0	0	0
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT	3,299	1,150		1,335	4,105	0	6886	10	3	0	0	0
	0	0		39	0	0	39	14	0	0	0	0
1-F DAY CARE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1-K LIFE SKILLS - DEPENDENT	8.379	2,856		1.482	0	0	12,717	191	0	0	0	0
	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	28,561	10,456		7,798	200	0	47,515	32	2	0	0	0
1-N PROTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	156,423	51,228		35,532	0	1,373	244,556	113	0	0	0	0
1-O SERVICE PLANNING	21,515	7,897		4,076	0	0	33,488	39	0	0	0	0
1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT		⇶		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
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1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	229,862	77,769	28,555	53,965	4,805	1,373	396,329			0	0	0
Nu	umber of Chi	Number of Children receiving only NON-PURCHASED IN-Home Services	y NON-PU	RCHASED IN	-Home Services	142						
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COMMUNIT BASED PLACEMENT	SALARIES	BENEFITS	SUBSIDIES	OPERATING	SERVICES	ASSETS	IOTAL EXPENDITURES	CARE	Served (Purchased)	Non PS/Sub.	Furchased Serv/ Subsidies	Reimbursable
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	+-	0	0	0	(pagement)	0	0	0
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINOUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	4,647	1,59	0	936	0	0	7,174	0	0	0	0	0
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	7,393	2,43	0	1,544	0	0	11,369	0	0	0	0	0
2-H FOSTER FAMILY - DELINQUENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-I KINSHIP CARE - DEPENDENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-J KINSHIP CARE - DELINQUENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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INSTITUTIONAL	WAGES AND	EMPLOYEE				FIXED	TOTAL	DAYS	Children Served	4)	Non-Reim. Purchased Serv/	Non-Reim. Program
PLACEMENT	SALARIES	BENEFITS	SUBSIDIES	OPERATING	SERVICES	ASSETS	EXPENDITURES	CARE	(Purchased)	Non PS\Sub.	Subsidies	Income
3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-C DES SEDVICE - DEI INOTIENT GESCHEN	0,020	0		900	0 997 98	0 0	86.466	777	0 -	0	0	0
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3-E YDC SECURE	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	5,025	1,72	0	965	86,466	0	94,235	272	1	0	0	0
4 ADMINISTRATION	39.760	13.715	0	13.761	C	0	982 99			0	0	0
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5 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	286,187	\perp	28,555	71,171	91,271	1,373	575,843		575,843	0	0	0
		County Indirect Costs =	Costs = \$	0								

FOREST COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

COST CEN	NTER ITEMS		AS REPORTED PER CY370		INCREASE (DECREASE)		AS AMENDED PER CY370
Adoption Service		\$	1,975	\$	0	\$	1,975
Adoption Assistance			25,254		0		25,254
Subsidized Permanent Le	gal Custodianship		3,301		0		3,301
Counseling			9,928		0		9,928
Day Care			0		0		0
Day Treatment			0		0		0
Homemaker Service			607		0		607
Intake and Referral			16,988		0		16,988
Life Skills			12,717		0		12,717
Protective Service - Child	l Abuse		47,515		0		47,515
Protective Service - Gene			244,556		0		244,556
Service Planning			33,488		0		33,488
Juvenile Act Proceedings			0		0		0
Alternative Treatment			0		0		0
Community Residential			7,174		0		7,174
Emergency Shelter			7,174		0		0
Foster Family			11,369		0		11,369
-			11,309		0		11,309
Kinship Care	r =====						
Supervised Independent I Juvenile Detention Service	_		0		0		0
	5				0		0
Residential Service	(E (MDC)		94,235		0		94,235
Secure Residential Servic	e (Except YDC)		0		0		0
YDC Secure			0		0		0
Administration	a 1: 1m 1n	_	66,736		0	•	66,736
	Combined Total Expense		575,843		0		575,843
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0	•	0	•	0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	575,843	\$	0	\$	575,843
OBJECTS OF	EXPENDITURE		AS REPORTED PER CY370		INCREASE (DECREASE)		AS AMENDED PER CY370
Wages and Salaries		\$	286,187	\$	0	\$	286,187
Employee Benefits		Ф	97,286	Ф	0	Ф	97,286
Subsidies			28,555		0		28,555
Operating			71,171		0		71,171
Purchased Services			91,271		0		91,271
Fixed Assets	G 11 17 17	_	1,373	-	0		1,373
	Combined Total Expense		575,843		О		575,843
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0		0	,	0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	575,843	\$	0	\$	575,843

CURRENT ENGAGEMENT OBSERVATION

Observation – Despite the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Apparent Strides in Increasing the Protection of At-Risk Children in the Care of Contracted In-Home Preventative Service Providers, DHS Failed to Review the Adequacy of the C&Y Agencies Procedures and Results for Ensuring these Providers Comply with CPSL Requirements.

The vast majority of Pennsylvania's County Children and Youth (C&Y) agencies contract with non-government In-Home Preventative Service Providers (contracted providers) to deliver services to children outside of an institutional or community-based setting, and those services are referred to as In-Home Purchased Services.² The Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) requires the conduct of Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse History Clearances (certifications) for all contracted providers' (and their respective subcontractors') employees and direct volunteers.³

Since 2016, we have communicated concerns to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) that these contracted providers were not being monitored for compliance with the CPSL certification mandates. Specifically, this needed monitoring relates to obtaining assurance as to the sufficiency of each C&Y agency's procedures for reviewing the certifications of contracted providers' employees and volunteers and their respective subcontractors, whose duties require them to come into direct contact with children and taking appropriate corrective actions when disqualifying incidents are identified. Furthermore, these contracted providers are not subject to licensure nor annual inspections under the Human Services Code (Code). Our concerns continue to be communicated through the inclusion of a standardized observation in our C&Y Program engagement reports and through correspondence with DHS.

In February 2018, DHS senior management staff affirmed that DHS is responsible for communicating contract-monitoring expectations to the C&Y agencies and for implementing a

² Institutional and community-based settings are those in which the child is outside of the home for the entire time (e.g., Juvenile Detention, Residential Services, Secure Residential, Youth Development Camps, Youth Forestry Camps, Foster Care, Emergency Shelter, Group Homes, etc.). In-Home supportive services are provided while the child is in their own home or supportive services provided to the child or child's family while the child is in substitute care.

³ 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6344 and 6344.2. Please note that CPSL 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.4 now requires recertification of the required state and federal background checks and the child abuse clearance every 60 months.

⁴ Based on a recent communication with DHS in early September 2020, the state agency candidly indicated that it lacks sufficient budgetary resources, leading to inadequate staffing to provide for the licensure and inspection of these contracted providers, which includes a large population of not only these providers, but also their subcontractors. Further, the implication of these budgetary constraints is that it would not be reasonable to pursue or support related legislation to make these contracted providers and their subcontractors subject to licensure and inspection. Please see the Special Note in Endnote 1.

method to ensure certification monitoring is being performed adequately. DHS staff also stated these expectations were communicated to C&Y agencies on numerous occasions since 2016.

Our 2018 Position Statement Letter

On March 18, 2018, we sent a Position Statement Letter to then DHS Deputy Secretary for Children, Youth and Families, which was also delivered to the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives' children and youth committee chairs. The major purpose of our letter was to express our concerns, as detailed above.

DHS Corrective Actions Taken

In an effort to further address our concerns, DHS expanded its CPSL adherence requirements for C&Y agencies through the issuance of its 2019 revision of its Single Audit Supplement (supplement) for counties, effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The supplement included the following requirements for C&Y agencies and their auditors who conduct Single Audits of counties.

C&Y agencies are required to:

- Monitor contracted provider adherence to the CPSL background check requirements to assure the safety of children receiving prevention, reunification, and aftercare services (services coded as in-home).
- Document these efforts and report them to DHS on a supplemental schedule included in each counties' Single Audit package.
- Create a listing of contracted providers that deliver in-home coded services.
- Monitor a sample of contracted providers' compliance with the CPSL requirements, including checking for incidents since the date of the background clearances.
- Communicate any violations to contracted providers and obtain a corrective action plan.
- Follow-up on implementation of the corrective action plan within six months.
- Document the results of the monitoring.

As part of the Single Audit, the auditors are required to perform agreed-upon procedures with regard to the supplemental schedule noted above, including the following:

- Obtain a listing of contracted providers that deliver in-home coded services for the C&Y agency.
- Test the listing of contracted providers for completeness.

- Analyze the C&Y agency's documentation of monitoring activities for adequacy of
 monitoring, the C&Y agency's obtaining of any necessary corrective action plans, the
 C&Y agency's timely follow-up on corrective action plans, and the adequacy and
 accuracy of the monitoring documentation as represented on the supplemental schedule.
- Disclose any exceptions or findings within the Single Audit package for items not reflected on the supplemental schedule.

Our Current Position

We believe that the requirements that DHS included in its supplement are great first steps in obtaining assurance of the C&Y agencies' compliance with the CPSL certification requirements. Specifically, having independent auditors reviewing the adequacy of the C&Y agencies' monitoring of the CPSL background check requirements for contracted providers annually, and reporting the C&Y agencies' monitoring efforts in a supplemental schedule of the Single Audit package that is provided to DHS appears to be effective. As part of the CPSL certification monitoring process, it is incumbent upon DHS to review the supplemental schedule and any exceptions or findings within the Single Audit packages to ascertain whether the C&Y agencies are properly monitoring for CPSL certification requirements of its contracted providers. However, as of March 2021, DHS officials acknowledged that staff have not started reviewing the Single Audit packages for this purpose.⁵

This lack of review by DHS is especially concerning considering DHS as the oversight agency could remain unaware of improper monitoring being performed by a C&Y agency and/or non-compliance with the CPSL occurring despite receiving an audit report disclosing such information. Therefore, we believe that it is imperative that DHS review the Single Audit packages for CPSL compliance by the C&Y agencies in a timely manner.

Alternatively, DHS could implement its own monitoring process whereby it reviews the adequacy of each C&Y agency's monitoring to ensure the agency's contracted providers and their subcontractors complied with CPSL certification requirements. The process would include reviewing the corrective actions plans when disqualifying incidents were identified and verifying that the corrective action plans were implemented.ⁱ

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⁵ DHS informed us that they merely verbally inquire about the status of C&Y agencies' respective corrective action plans during their monitoring process.

Conclusion

As the oversight agency, it is our opinion that DHS should ensure that every C&Y agency and its respective contracted providers are actually adhering to the CPSL certification requirements. This specifically relates to obtaining assurance as to the adequacy of each C&Y Agency's procedures for reviewing the certifications of their contracted providers' employees and volunteers and their subcontractors (whose duties require them to come into direct contact with children) and taking appropriate corrective action when disqualifying incidents are identified. We continue to believe that these children remain particularly vulnerable because contracted in-home services are often times provided outside the presence and view of others.

Our Department understands and appreciates these budgetary difficulties and that it may not be practical, but it is definitely reasonable to have licensure and inspections under the Code for this very large population of these C&Y agencies' contracted providers and their subcontractors.

¹ Special Note: In marked contrast to contracted foster care parents/providers and day treatment centers/child residential facilities, as well as 12 other types of facilities and programs, these C&Y contracted providers are not subject to annual licensure and an inspection process in accordance with the Human Services Code (Code). As noted in an earlier footnote, DHS recently made the candid statement that it lacks sufficient budgetary resources, leading to inadequate staffing to provide for the licensure and inspection of these contracted providers.

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