

Issue:

The State pays DCFS providers 9% -18% less for certain types of therapy than the Medicaid Rate paid by the Department of Health for therapy.

The children of DCFS are provided with:

- Less experienced therapists
- Therapists who leave once they get their licensing hours
- High turnover rate of therapists – disrupts treatment and negatively impacts children

Desired Outcome:

Stable, experienced therapists:

1. Are better for the children
2. Will increase success – reducing time in high cost placements and time in custody

Itemized Request:

90% of the increase in therapy payments (\$558,990) will be used to provide compensation to the therapists.

10% will be used to cover program operating costs (\$62,110).

Measurement of Success:

Success is measured by increased longevity of therapists.