Executive Budget Summary - SFY 2012-2013

Department of Job & Family Services
Child Care

The Executive budget reduces child care eligibility to an intake level at 125 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), from the current level of 150 percent, but maintains an outtake level of 200 percent of the FPL. All families currently receiving assistance will maintain services. ODJFS expects to serve an average of 103,865 children per month in 2012 and an average of 104,350 children per month in 2013. During SFY 2011, the agency is serving approximately 104,000 children per month.

In addition to the limiting the intake level, ODJFS will reduce provider rates by 7 percent, or approximately $40 million per year. Due to the loss of federal stimulus funding, the child care program will also realize an overall loss of $69 million from the Child Care Development Fund and an additional $46 million in TANF funding.

The quality budget will be $27.7 million per year, which exceeds the federal requirement of $19.6 million. The funding will support child care resource and referral services, professional development, technical assistance and quality payments to providers that demonstrate increased levels of quality that lead to better child outcomes. In addition, the enhanced subsidy payments and quality achievement awards will be maintained for star-rated programs in the Step Up to Quality program.

Department of Education
Early Childhood Education (Public Preschool)

The Department of Education listed Early Childhood Education as an agency priority in the SFY 2012-2013 budget to promote school readiness. Funding for Early Childhood Education is proposed to be maintained to support 5,700 children at $23.2 million per year. These dollars are also being used as maintenance of effort for the TANF budget.

Department of Health
Help Me Grow

The Executive budget funds Help Me Grow at $33.6 million per year for SFY 2012-2013, approximately a $3 million dollar reduction each year from the last biennium to provide home visiting services to high-risk pregnant women and their babies, and children ages birth to three with developmental delays and disabilities.

Source: OBM, Executive Budget Blue Book, Book One – Budget Book, and Book Four, Savings Book