

Office of Children and Family Services

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **January 31, 2025**):

- **A FY 2025-26 workforce of 2,983, remains unchanged** from the 2024-25 Budget.
- OCFS anticipates the loss of 623 positions through attrition and expects 623 new fills.

The following chart identifies estimated FTEs level by program:

Program	FY 2025 Est. FTEs 3/31/25	FY 2026 Est. FTEs 3/31/26	FTE Change
Central Administration	421	421	0
Child Care	328	328	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	141	141	0
Family and Children Services	578	578	0
Maintenance & Improvement of Youth Facilities	69	69	0
Training and Development	42	42	0
System Support	4	4	0
Youth Facilities	1400	1400	0
Total:	2,983	2,983	0

- An All Funds State Operations appropriation of **\$589,016,000**, an increase of **\$2,055,000 (0.4%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The total appropriation for personal services is **\$288,017,000**, an increase of **\$1,160,000 (0.4%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The agency employed an estimated **220** contract employees under consultant contracts in the previous FY at a cost of **\$31,832,415**. It is estimated that the number of consultant FTE contract employees will **increase to 224** contract employees at a cost of **\$31,209,538** in FY 2025-26.

Budget Highlights

- To facilitate child care providers' ability to expand enrollment capacity and serve additional children, the FY 2026 Executive Budget provides \$100 million in capital grants for child care centers, counties, and municipalities. In addition, \$10 million in Federal funds will be used to help family childcare programs pay for small renovations and repairs that are necessary to provide safe, high-quality childcare.
- The FY 2026 Executive Budget provides \$1 million to support creation of the NY Coalition for Child Care. The Coalition will research and propose sustainable revenue generating ideas that will fund child care going forward. The funding will support staff who will work with public and private partners to develop these recommendations.
- The Executive Budget includes an additional \$15 million in resources to increase access to sports and recreational activities for youth to develop social skills and promote wellbeing.

Funds will be used for, but not limited to: youth sports teams, drama programs, martial arts, debate clubs, peer to peer tutoring, and volunteer opportunities.

- The Executive Budget invests \$9.2 million to strengthen protections for child victims of crimes. This funding will support dedicated advocates to accompany the victim through every phase of an investigation and legal proceedings and to make the child's identity private.
- The FY 2026 Executive Budget proposes to increase the minimum wage appropriation from \$10.05 million to \$14.17 million in order to support State funded contractors whose employee salaries will increase in 2026. The FY 2025 minimum wage funding has been distributed into the base appropriations for seven OCFS programs.