



## **GLOBAL SECTION B SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION**

### **Inflation Impacts:**

The primary impacts of inflation include the following:

- SSI foster care rate is adjusted based on COLA of 2.5% for 2025.
- Changes in lease agreements in field offices and Helena with additional cost escalators.
- Cost increases in longstanding contracts. For example, technology contracts M&O increases for existing systems.

### **DPHHS 2025 Annual Plan:**

Describe goals, objectives, and performance measures and how your division is captured in the department's annual plan.

CFSD is included in Strategic Outcome #2.

### Key Measure:

Increase measurable skill growth for foster youth engaging in vocational rehabilitation services for 25% of all participants.

On July 1, 2023, 33 Foster Care Youth received VR services, and on June 30, 2024, 69 received VR services.

Continued efforts to submit referrals for foster youth aged 14 to 18 are being used to identify foster youth eligible for pre-ETS.

### Additional Updates and Performance Information

CFSD has a five-year plan with annual updates as a requirement under the Administration for Children and Families. [2020 - 2024 Five Year Plan \(CFSP\)](#)

### **Efficiencies and Cost Savings:**

CFSD is focusing on improving timeliness to permanency for youth in foster care. CFSD is above the national average on two of the three federal measurements.

CFSD is focused on improving the timeliness of children in foster care greater than 24 + months.

### **Describe any direct or indirect interactions your division has with justice-involved individuals.**

CFSD has direct interactions with youth and adults who are justice-involved.

CFSD collaborates with Youth Court regarding foster children who are justice-involved.



CFSD collaborates with Adult Probation and Parole, law enforcement, and correctional facilities regarding parents with open Dependent Neglect cases and/or child abuse and neglect investigations who are justice-involved.