



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Kyle Christianson, Director of Government Affairs
Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs

DATE: June 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Children and Family Aids Allocation Increase

Tomorrow you will be voting on a number of items included in the Department of Children and Families budget. One of those items is an increase in the Children and Family Aids (CFA) allocation.

The county request is a \$30 million annual increase in the Children and Family Aids allocation beginning January 2020. **Due to the timing of payments to counties, along with a start date of January 2020, the total amount of funding needed in this biennium to fulfill the county request is \$37.5 million.** Our request is **not** Alternative 4 (Paper #205). Our request is a doubling of the Governor's recommendation.

How does this work?

Counties receive their CFA allocation on a calendar year basis. However, counties receive only 25% of their annual allocation in the first six months of the calendar year. Therefore, only 25% of the CY20 increase is needed in FY20. The FY21 allocation funds the remainder of the CY20 increase, along with 25% of the CY21 increase.

	CY20	CY21	Total
FY20	\$7,500,000		\$7,500,000
FY21	\$22,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$30,000,000
Biennial Total			\$37,500,000

If you have any questions at all about this request, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you so much for your consideration of this desperately needed funding.