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House Passes FY 24-25 Budget (78-19)

Omnibus Amendment: Monday April 24

- Increase in funding for the new Broadband Pole Replacement Undergrounding Program up to \$50M per year
- Clarifies that direct care wage increases to \$17 in FY24 and \$18 in FY25 includes community behavioral health services
- Provides additional \$15M per year for the Ohio Association of Foodbanks
- \$10M in FY24 for the Greater Cleveland Foodbank
- Increases age limit for participation in Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)
- Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Community Health Centers
- Increases Medicaid reimbursement for Ambulance Transportation, Assisted Living, Dental, Nursing Facilities, Vision
- Continuous Medicaid coverage for eligible kids birth through age three (4 total years)
- Increases starting salary for teachers from \$30,000 to \$40,000
- State will cover the difference between reduced price breakfast & lunch and free breakfast & lunch for all students. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will receive them for free

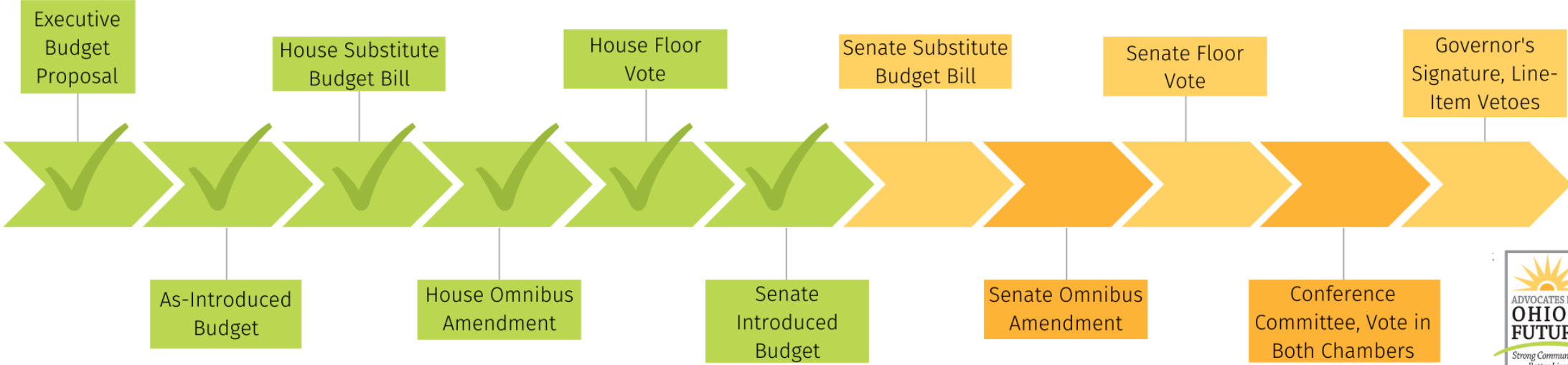
House Finance Accepted Omni & Vote: Tuesday April 25

Budget Passes House Floor 78-19 (17Rs, 2Ds)

[Executive vs. House Version Comparison Document](#)

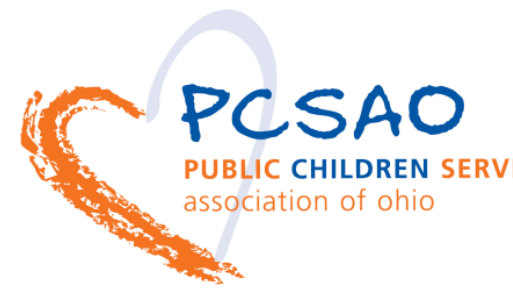


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Children Services Budget Recap

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ODJFS Line Items:

600523, Family and Children
Services

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Funds in a few other JFS lines



KID (Dept. of
Children & Youth)
Line Item:

830506, Family and Children
Services

KID Line Item 830506, Family and Children Services

SFY23	Intro. SFY24	Intro. SFY25	House SFY24	House SFY25
\$217.7M	\$280.2M	\$291.6M	\$252.2M	\$261.6M
	28.7%	34%	15.8%	20%

Kinship Caregiver Program - TANF Earmark

SFY23	Intro. SFY24	Intro. SFY25	House SFY24	House SFY25
\$10M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Possible Impacts

- Foster & Former Foster Youth: Bridges, Driver's Licenses, ETV match, Youth Navigator
- Adoptive Parents: Wendy's Wonderful Kids
- Kinship Caregivers: Kinnect to Family, Kinship Support Program, Kinship Guardianship Program
- Foster Caregivers: Tiered Foster Care
- SUD & Parenting Programs: Ohio START, Triple P
 - Ohio START also in MHAS XXXXX – received 10% cut

Also still pursuing solutions....



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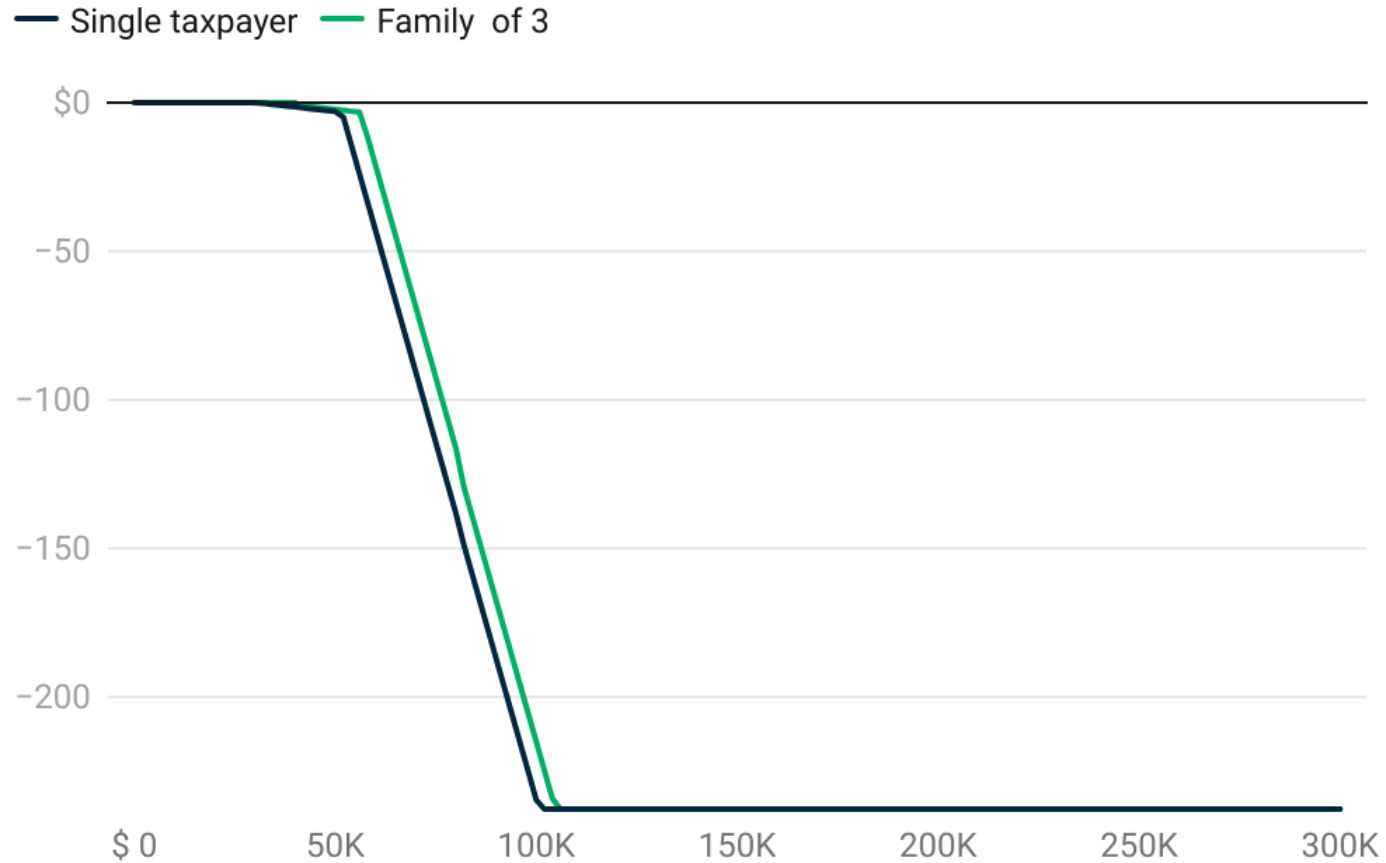
HB33 Income Tax Changes

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Impact of income tax cut

Tax liability shift by annual income and family size, does not consider impact of suspending bracket indexing



Includes exemptions and EITC, no other tax credits. Assumes a 7% GDP deflator.

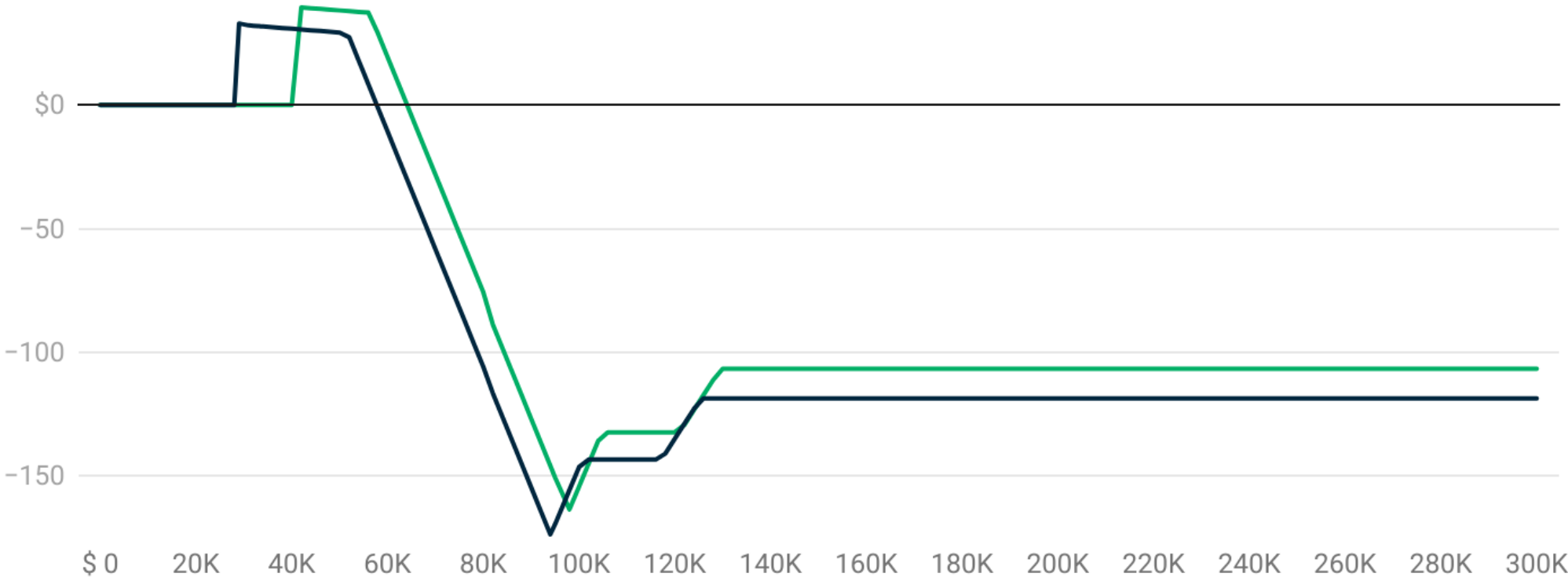
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Impact of HB33 income tax changes

Tax liability shift by annual income and family size

— Single taxpayer — Family of 3



Includes exemptions and EITC, no other tax credits. Assumes a 7% GDP deflator.

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HB 33 More tax cuts for the wealthy

- More than half the value of the tax cut (50.7%) benefits the wealthiest 20% of Ohio households (who make more than \$124,000 per year).
- Only about 5.3% of the value of the cut will go to the bottom 60% of Ohio households.
- On average, people making between \$23,000 and \$75,000 per year will see a small temporary tax increase.



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AOF Webinar: Run Down of House Budget Changes

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What We Do

We advance quality early childhood systems in Ohio by engaging, educating, and mobilizing diverse stakeholders and strategic partners to promote data-driven and evidence-based early childhood policies.



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Engagement in the State Budget

What are key provisions to watch and engage on in the maternal and infant health space in the budget?

Help Me Grow evidence-based home visiting, which provides crucial support to pregnant moms and new parents as they deal with the challenges of raising babies and young children.

- Executive: A \$43 million increase in funding for Help Me Grow evidence-based home visiting in the Executive Budget. This investment will also support capacity building and Family Connects.
 - \$54,982,907 FY 2024
 - \$64,380,802 FY 2025
- House: A decrease of nearly \$18 million over the biennium.
 - \$46,500,000 FY 2024 (15.43% decrease from Executive Budget)
 - \$55,000,000 FY 2025 (14.57% decrease from Executive Budget)

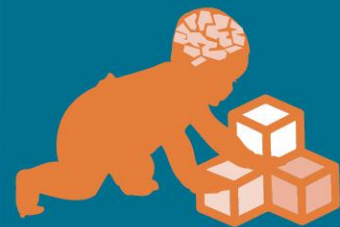
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Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, expanding access to currently under-resourced services that contribute to positive outcomes for children facing mental health challenges and promoting better mental health into adulthood.

- Executive: An increase of \$20 million over the biennium to support crucial ECMHC services.
 - \$11,250,000 FY 2024
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- House: A decrease of \$10 million over the biennium.
 - \$6,250,000 FY 2024 (44.44% decrease from Executive Budget)
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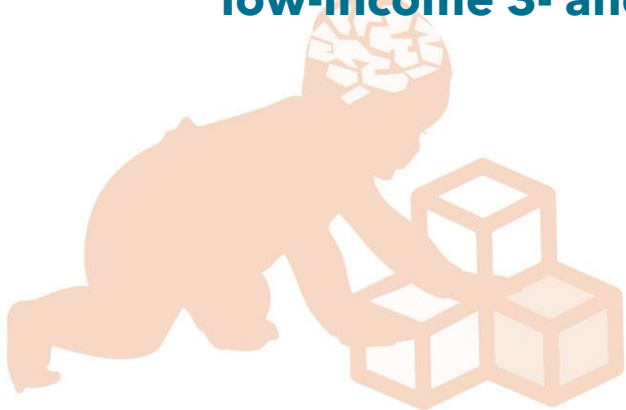
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Engagement in the State Budget: What are key provisions to watch and engage on in the early learning space?

(1) Early Childhood Education Grant – Increases the proposed additional funding in the Executive As-Introduced Budget for the Early Childhood Education grants by an additional \$15 per FY (\$30 million over the biennium).

These additional funds can support providing additional half-day preschool slots or for the piloting of full day preschool slots. **For every \$1 million added to this program, 250 more low-income 3- and 4-year-olds gain access to preschool**



Engagement in the State Budget: What are key provisions to watch and engage on in the early learning space?

(2) Infant & Toddler Child Care Infrastructure Grant: The House Budget appropriates an additional \$15 million in each fiscal year (\$30 million over the biennium) in the new Fund, Child Care Infrastructure, from FY23 ending GRF cash.

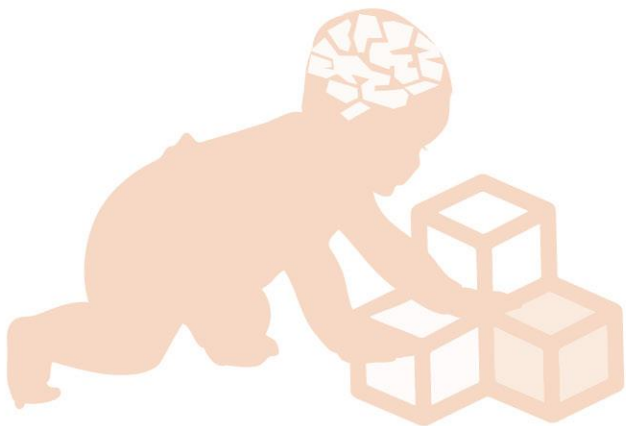
It requires the funds to be used to award child care infrastructure grants to provide safe and developmentally appropriate child care for infants and toddlers in Appalachian communities and communities with high infant mortality rates.

The current infant and toddler child care crisis is costing Ohio an estimated \$3.9 billion a year in lost earnings, productivity, and revenue.



Engagement in the State Budget: What are key provisions to watch and engage on in the early learning space?

(3) ARPA Funding to Support Child Care Infrastructure: The House Budget removes the \$150 million ARPA funds that the Governor included in his Executive As-Introduced Budget for child care scholarships and infant/toddler capacity building.





Maternal & Child Health Provisions in HB 33

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Prevention & Early Identification

New Department of Children and Youth

- To promote efficient and effective delivery of services to Ohio's children and their families with the goal of positive lifelong outcomes for Ohio kids at its core.
- The Department is maintained in the House but funding was decreased
 - Executive: \$802,097,881 FY 2024
\$809,862,836 FY 2025
 - House: \$760,182,000 FY 2024
\$769,550,000 FY 2025
 - Omnibus: decrease of \$48M from Exec. budget



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Prevention & Early Identification

Early Intervention

- Programs for infants and toddlers with or at risk for disabilities. Currently serves more than 25,000 children.
- Language expands access to these early interventions for premature infants
- House budget maintains the \$46.8M investment made in the Exec. Budget.
- The Omnibus bill added \$2M over the biennium - early intervention services and family support to children under the age of 3 with blindness or low vision.



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Prevention & Early Identification

Home Visiting

- Help Me Grow- Ohio's evidence-based home visiting program.
- Gov. DeWine has committed to growing this program.
- Current funding: \$33, 992,340- FY2022
\$41,393,299- FY2023
- Executive funding: \$54,982,907- FY 2024
\$64,380,802- FY 2025
- House funding: \$46,500,000- FY2024
\$55,000,000- FY2025



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Prevention & Early Identification Infant Vitality

- Infant vitality funding supports diverse resources for pregnant women and infants. Provides safe sleep cribs, smoking cessation programming, the Behavioral Health peer-to-peer model, and implementation of the Alliance for Innovation for Maternal (AIM) health safety bundles.
- Executive funding: \$16,861,356 FY 2024
\$18,729,230 FY 2025
- House funding: \$16,361,000 FY 2024
\$17,800,000 FY 2025



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Healthcare Access

Increased Coverage for Moms and Children

- This provision increases coverage for pregnant people and children to 300% FPL
- This coverage is maintained in the House budget

2021 ACS PUMS data:

- Approximately 24,900 uninsured children under 19 in the 212-300% FPL range (about 6.2% of children in this income group)
- Approximately 33,700 uninsured women between the ages of 19-44 in the 206-300% FPL range (about 10.8% of women in this age/income group)



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Healthcare Access

Pathways Community HUB & Doula Program

- Infant Health Grants- doula care
- Executive budget expands this program to additional communities serving Black high-risk pregnant women
- Language was added to House budget to provide Medicaid coverage of doula services
 - Executive budget: \$1,587,833 FY 2024
\$1,587,833 FY 2025
 - House budget: \$1,587,000 FY 2024
\$1,587,000 FY 2025



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Healthcare Access

Medicaid in Schools

- Modernizes Medicaid in Schools program to allow all Medicaid eligible children to access services
- Proposed by Gov. DeWine and maintained by the House
- Executive budget: \$324,529 FY 2024
\$326,459 FY 2025
- House budget: \$325,000 FY 2024
\$327,000 FY 2025



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Healthcare Access

Medicaid Continuous Eligibility 0-3

- Added by the House
- “Requires ODM to seek approval to provide continuous Medicaid enrollment for Medicaid-eligible children from birth through age three.”
- Costs will depend on the number of children impacted by the continuous enrollment and the extent to which these children would not have already been receiving continuous coverage.



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Family Stability

Safe, Stable Housing and Taxes

- \$17M over 2 yrs to expand the Healthy Beginnings at Home program to Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Dayton.
 - Proposed in Executive budget and maintained in House budget.
- Executive budget proposed both a \$2500 child tax deduction and elimination of sales tax on critical infant supplies.
 - House budget maintained the sales tax elimination, but removed the child tax deduction.



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Family Stability

Nutrition

- Executive budget expanded cooperation between WIC and the SNAP in order to increase participation.
 - House budget maintained the language.
- The omnibus bill provides funding to cover the costs of school breakfast and lunch for those students who qualify for reduced-priced meals



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Lead Poisoning Prevention: As Passed By House

By Tim Johnson

The Problem

- There is NO safe level of lead in the bloodstream.
- Lead dust from lead paint in old housing (built before lead paint was outlawed in 1978) is the number 1 source of child lead poisoning.
- 2/3 of Ohio's housing stock was built before 1980 and an estimated 427,875 children 6 and under live in this housing.
- Every county in Ohio has young children in housing with potential lead hazards.
- The percentage of Ohio children testing positive for elevated blood lead levels is double the national average. Ohio has the second highest rate of children testing positive for elevated blood lead levels in the country.

The Effect

- Lifelong impacts include:
 - Decreased bone and muscle growth
 - Damage to nervous system and/or kidneys
 - Speech and language problems
 - Hearing loss
- Effects include:
 - Developmental delay
 - Cognitive problems
 - Decreased IQ
 - Attention Deficit Disorder
- Study by CWRU on “Downstream Effects” findings include:
 - Children with EBLL 27% lower chance of being on track for kindergarten
 - 25-30% more likely to enter the juvenile justice system & 34% more likely to be incarcerated as adults
 - By age 23, 40% more likely to require homeless services (and other public aid)

What's Still In

- S-Chip Lead Abatement funding remains in the budget
- Funding for Cleveland's lead poisoning prevention efforts
- H2Ohio Funding for lead service lines
- Part-C Early Intervention
- RRP language still in the budget

What Got Cut

- Lead Abatement Line Item [440527]
- Cut from \$10.8 million in 2024 and \$11.65 million in 2025 to the current level of funding at \$6.5 million per year.
- Roll back of Governor DeWine's commitment to doubling lead poisoning prevention funding.
- Cut does not appear to be targeted toward lead specifically but part of an overall ODH reduction.

Effects of the Cuts

- Lead Safe Home Fund
 - Established by the General Assembly and Gov. DeWine last budget, it funds grant projects for local communities.
- Enforcement of RRP rule
 - RRP enforcement will need initial start-up funds that may not be available with cuts.
- Funding for Delegated Health Authorities
 - Ohio currently in process of lowering threshold for elevated blood levels. Additional funding is needed for probable increase in caseloads.



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