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Proposal to establish and transition to a Department of Children, Youth, and Families



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# Why a state agency centered on children, youth, and families?

## Establishing the Department of Children, Youth, and Families would enable:

- A clear front-door and a recognizable public face;
- Improved communication outlets focused on children and families;
- Coordinated and maximized funding;
- Aligned outcomes for children and families; and
- Improved access to services.

## Guiding Principles

- ❖ Whole family focus
- ❖ Focus on a child throughout their life, from intentional prevention to downstream services
- ❖ Consolidation of early childhood programs
- ❖ Services are easy to access / navigate (“front door”)
- ❖ Cross-agency coordination will still be needed (one agency can’t do everything)
- ❖ Improved and more equitable outcomes achieved for all races, incomes, economic statuses or place of being

# Proposed Department of Children, Youth, and Families

The Walz-Flanagan Administration proposes to create a Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) that reimagines our state government structures to elevate child, youth, and family priorities and funding needs by providing focused leadership in our executive branch and with the legislature.

## Core programs proposed to move to new agency:

- Child care and early learning programs
- Child Support, Child Safety and Permanency, and other family-focused community programs
- Economic support and food assistance programs
- Youth opportunity and older youth investments



## The 2023 Walz-Flanagan Budget Proposes Transition Office

- Obtains the authority and resources to support creation, alignment, and launch of a two-year process of moving core child, youth, and family support programs to the new agency that would begin July 2024.

# Bill to Create the Department of Children, Youth, and Families

The bill obtains the necessary authorities to establish and operate DCYF including by:

- Funding implementation team and transition fund;
- Establishing the Department effective July 1, 2024 with a Commissioner appointed on the same day;
- Adding the Department to existing authorities and establishing administrative controls of the Commissioner;
- Directing transfer of core programs between July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025;
- Providing employee protections;
- To the extent not prohibited by law, allows coordinating activities, improving service delivery, and implementing innovative practices, research, or evaluation;
- Creates a systems account (modeled after existing DHS system account) to enhance computer systems necessary for the efficient operation of the programs; and
- Providing instructions to the revisor.

		FY2023				FY2024				FY2025				FY2026					
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
2023 Session Changes				Proposal		Implementation Office Active													
						Leadership recruitment		New Agency Active											
						Agency Transition Fund Available													
						IT planning and infrastructure				Transfer Core Programs				Potential Transfer of Non-Core Resp; any continued Core transfers					
2024 Session Changes					Revisor bill development				Revisor Bill										

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Thank You!

