OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL

FISCAL YEAR 2027-28

BUDGET REQUEST

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OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL

November 1, 2026

To the Citizens and Legislators of the State of Colorado:

Like all state agencies, the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC) has spent the past year navigating a series of economic challenges. Federal legislation like the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, has rewritten the federal funding structure for all states, impacting many essential programs on which Coloradans rely. Gas and grocery prices continue to rise and economic uncertainty remains, straining essential programs as all services have become even more taxed. These reductions in federal funding and higher economic costs are being felt acutely by the indigent parents we serve in child welfare cases across the state.

In these economically uncertain times, it is more important than ever to maximize state supports for families. One such support is the ORPC's Pre-Filing Pilot Program. Launched in FY 2021-22, this program is designed to help indigent parents address child safety concerns and resolve civil legal issues that could otherwise contribute to the filing of a dependency and neglect court case. Through early legal assistance and advocacy, the program provides an interdisciplinary legal team to help stabilize families and prevent unnecessary court involvement and foster care placements.

As other family services are reduced, the Pre-Filing Program saw a 198% increase in parent referrals last year. For this reason, the ORPC is requesting only one Decision Item, which will permit us to sustainably grow this program by seeking access to an additional $300,000 exclusively from Reappropriated federal funds. This will allow us to continue serving our most vulnerable families without increasing our agency's reliance on General Fund.

Community Support for the ORPC Pre-Filing Program

"The Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative strongly supports efforts to sustain, evaluate, and expand the Colorado Pre-Filing Program. We believe this work complements hospital-based efforts to improve care for substance-exposed newborns and advances Colorado's broader commitment to ensuring that infants are safe, families receive the support they need, and systems respond to substance use with evidence informed, coordinated, and family-centered approaches."

- Sunah Hwang, MD MPH PhD
Professor of Pediatrics
Director, Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative

In addition to supporting programs that help families stay safely together, the ORPC advocates for the resources needed to recruit and retain high-quality attorneys. Last year, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) made the decision to postpone a meaningful attorney rate increase as required by Colorado SB23-227. This session, the ORPC respectfully requests that the legislature approve the $5 hourly rate increase for respondent parent counsel (RPC) attorneys as required by this legislation. It is challenging to recruit and retain experienced, skilled attorneys with an hourly rate that falls

well below market standards. The ORPC saw retention rates and recruitment increase due in large part to this legislation, and continued stagnation of the attorney rate could lead to attorneys leaving this vital work.

While the rate increase for contract attorneys is contemplated in the law, our non-attorney contractors who support attorneys providing high-quality interdisciplinary representation have not received any hourly rate increase in three years. This session, the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC) is submitting a Decision Item to request an increase to non-attorney contractor hourly rates. If the Joint Budget Committee votes to approve this request, the ORPC would request that the JBC take action to approve an equivalent adjustment for the same group of ORPC contractors, which includes Social Workers, Family Advocates, Parent Advocates, Paralegals, and Investigators.

> *"I have loved every part of being a contractor with ORPC and I can't thank this organization enough for all the support that has been provided to me... When I first got a contract with ORPC, I was fresh out of the Public Defender's office and only in private practice for about 6 months, and while I had a background litigating and fighting cases, this world was all very new to me. I felt supported and empowered every step of the way with a family of amazing contractors to work with and amazing staff at ORPC to lean on. This is an amazing organization run by amazing people, so thank you all for the opportunity to be a part of it. -RPC Contractor, October 2026*

Lastly, when the legislature created the Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA) through Senate Bill 24-417, it required the new office to submit a single, consolidated statewide compensation plan for the covered agencies. While waiting for OASIA to form, the ORPC could not conduct its own compensation study, resulting in many staff being paid under market for years and no mechanism or funding to address it. The ORPC must hire and retain experienced staff with specialized skills and expertise across a range of essential functions that support our family defender contractor community of more than 300 professionals. Through recruitment, training, oversight, consultation, observation, and timely payment for services, the ORPC's small staff provide mission critical services for the entire state. We support OASIA's Compensation Study Decision Item request and respectfully ask the Legislature to provide the funding necessary to bring agency compensation to competitive levels.

Thank you for your consideration of the ORPC's budget. The agency is grateful for Colorado's continued commitment to ensuring that families have access to skilled, compassionate legal representation and the support they need to remain safely together.

Sincerely,

Melissa Michaels Thompson

Melissa M. Thompson
Executive Director

Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel
FY 2027-28 Budget Summary

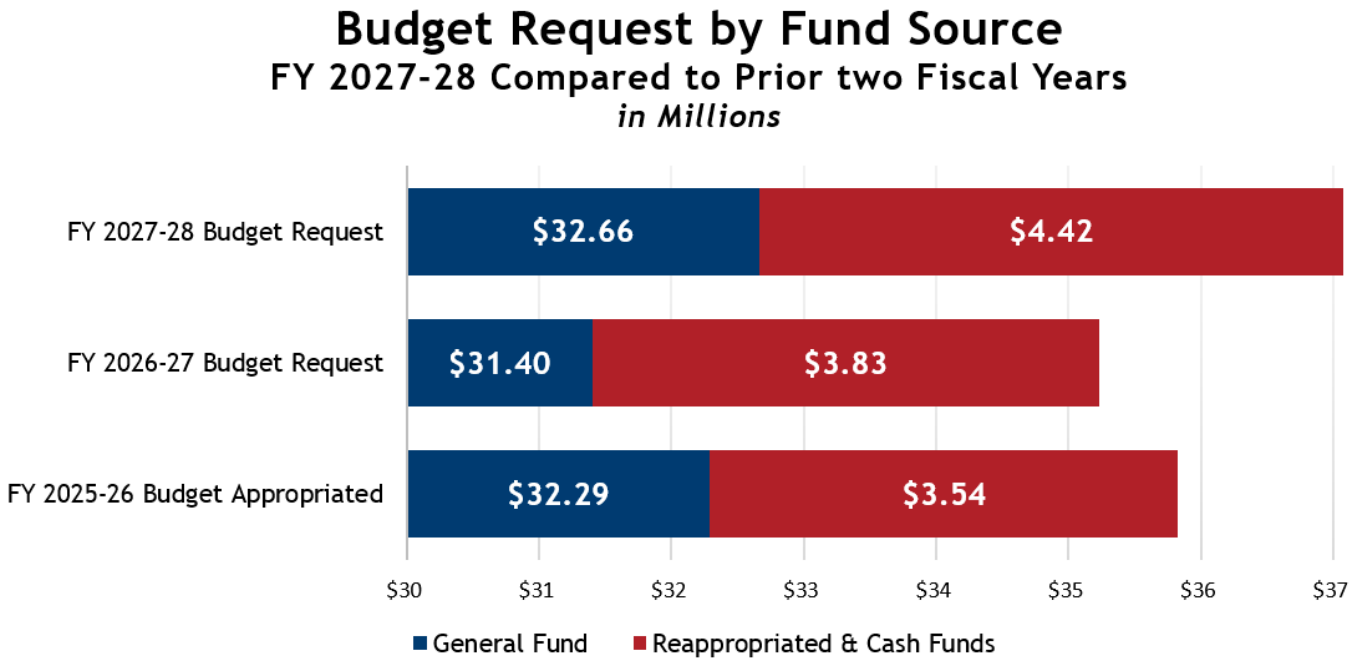
The total FY 2027-28 budget request for the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC) is $37,088,328 and 20 FTE.

The ORPC's base budget request utilizes general, cash and reappropriated fund sources while our decision item request utilizes reappropriated fund sources. Included in ORPC's FY 2027-28 request is a nonprioritized request for ORPC's portion of OASIA's Compensation Study request (OASIA R1).

FY 2027-28 Total Budget Request by Fund Source and Budget Element

	Base Request	ORPC Nonprioritized Decision Item NP1	ORPC Decision Item R1	**Total Request**
General Fund	32,474,073	188,889		**32,662,962**
Reappropriated & Cash Funds	3,943,885	181,481	300,000	**4,425,366**
Total FY 2027-28 Budget Request	**$36,417,958**	**$370,370**	**$300,000**	**$37,088,328**

This results in a 4% General Fund increase from FY 2026-27 and a 1% General Fund increase since FY 2025-26. General Fund growth is related to base budget items which have grown slowly due to the agency prioritizing the utilization of reappropriated federal Title IV-E funding.



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Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2027-2028 Budget Change Summary - by Fund Source

	FTE	Total	GF	CF	RF
Long Bill					
HB 26-1410, FY 2026-27 Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel	20.0	$35,248,462	$31,409,677	$6,000	$3,832,785
Total FY2026-27 Appropriation	**20.00**	**$35,248,462**	**$31,409,677**	**$6,000**	**$3,832,785**
Special Bill Annualizations					
S.B. 23-227, State Agency Attorney Hourly Rate	0.0	$955,435	$953,288	$0	$2,147
Total Special Bill Annualizations	**0.00**	**$955,435**	**$953,288**	**$0**	**$2,147**
Prior Year Budget Change Annualizations					
R-1, Annualization of Parent Advocate line	0.0	$4,529	$0	$0	$4,529
Total Prior Year Budget Change Annualizations	**0.0**	**$4,529**	**$0**	**$0**	**$4,529**
Salary Survey and Step-Like Pay Increase					
FY 2027-28 Salary Survey Increase	0.0	$46,184	$23,553	$0	$22,631
FY 2027-28 Step-Like Pay Increase	0.0	$62,081	$31,661	$0	$30,420
Total Salary Survey and Step-Like Pay	**0.0**	**$108,265**	**$55,214**	**$0**	**$53,051**
Common Policy Adjustments					
Health, Life and Dental Change	0.0	$119,074	$80,230	$0	$38,844
Short-term Disability Change	0.0	$72	$37	$0	$35
Paid Family and Medical Leave	0.0	$463	$234	$0	$229
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments Change	0.0	$9,533	$4,821	$0	$4,712
Total Common Policy Adjustments	**0.0**	**$129,142**	**$85,322**	**$0**	**$43,820**
Statewide Common Policy Allocations					
PERA Direct Distribution (was previously allocated to Judicial for entire branch)	0.0	$3,154	$1,601	$0	$1,553
Legal Services (Attorney General's Office FY28 Allocation)	0.0	$32,077	$32,077	$0	$0
Legal Services (Attorney General's Office FY27 Allocation)	0.0	($63,106)	($63,106)	$0	$0
Total Statewide Common Policy Allocations	**0.0**	**($27,875)**	**($29,428)**	**$0**	**$1,553**
Total FY 2027-28 Base Request	**20.00**	**$36,417,958**	**$32,474,073**	**$6,000**	**$3,937,885**
Non Prioritized Decision Items/Budget Amendments					
OASIA R1: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	0.0	$370,370	$188,889	$0	$181,481
Total Nonprioritized Decision Items	**0.0**	**370,370**	**188,889**	**0**	**181,481**
Decision Items/Budget Amendments					
ORPC R1: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services	0.0	$300,000	$0	$0	$300,000
Total Decision Items/Budget Amendments	**0.0**	**$300,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$300,000**
Total FY 2027-28 Budget Request	**20.00**	**$37,088,328**	**$32,662,962**	**$6,000**	**$4,419,366**
#/$$ change from FY 2026-27	**0.00**	**$1,839,866**	**$1,253,285**	**$0**	**$586,581**
% change from FY 2026-27	**0.0%**	**5.2%**	**4.0%**	**0.0%**	**15.3%**

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Judicial Branch - Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2027-28 Budget Request — Schedule 00 - Reconciliation Summary

	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel -						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$35,248,462	20.0	$31,409,677	$6,000	$3,832,785	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$35,248,462**	**20.0**	**$31,409,677**	**$6,000**	**$3,832,785**	**$0**
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$955,435	0.0	$953,288	$0	$2,147	$0
ORPC TA-02: FY28 Annualization Parent Advocates Mileage	$4,529	0.0	$0	$0	$4,529	$0
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$240,561	0.0	$142,137	$0	$98,424	$0
ORPC TA-05: Statewide Common Policy Legal Services Alloc	($31,029)	0.0	($31,029)	$0	$0	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$36,417,958**	**20.0**	**$32,474,073**	**$6,000**	**$3,937,885**	**$0**
ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$370,370	0.0	$188,889	$0	$181,481	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$37,088,328**	**20.0**	**$32,662,962**	**$6,000**	**$4,419,366**	**$0**

Judicial Branch - Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2027-28 Budget Request — Schedule 00 - Reconciliation Detail

	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel -						
Personal Services						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$3,070,326	20.0	$1,567,507	$0	$1,502,819	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$1,567,507**	**$0**	**$1,502,819**	**$0**
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	$30,261	0.0	$15,438	$0	$14,823	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**	**$1,582,945**	**$0**	**$1,517,642**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**	**$1,582,945**	**$0**	**$1,517,642**	**$0**
Health, Life, And Dental						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$392,354	0.0	$180,598	$0	$211,756	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$180,598**	**$0**	**$211,756**	**$0**
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$119,074	0.0	$80,230	$0	$38,844	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$511,428**	**0.0**	**$260,828**	**$0**	**$250,600**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$511,428**	**0.0**	**$260,828**	**$0**	**$250,600**	**$0**
Short-Term Disability						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,892	0.0	$965	$0	$927	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$965**	**$0**	**$927**	**$0**
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$72	0.0	$37	$0	$35	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,964**	**0.0**	**$1,002**	**$0**	**$962**	**$0**
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$210	0.0	$107	$0	$103	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$2,174**	**0.0**	**$1,109**	**$0**	**$1,065**	**$0**
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$12,163	0.0	$6,205	$0	$5,958	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$6,205**	**$0**	**$5,958**	**$0**
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$463	0.0	$234	$0	$229	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$12,626**	**0.0**	**$6,439**	**$0**	**$6,187**	**$0**
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$1,347	0.0	$687	$0	$660	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$13,973**	**0.0**	**$7,126**	**$0**	**$6,847**	**$0**
Unfunded Liability Amortization Payments						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$270,277	0.0	$137,882	$0	$132,395	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$137,882**	**$0**	**$132,395**	**$0**
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$9,533	0.0	$4,821	$0	$4,712	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$279,810**	**0.0**	**$142,703**	**$0**	**$137,107**	**$0**
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$29,949	0.0	$15,274	$0	$14,675	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$309,759**	**0.0**	**$157,977**	**$0**	**$151,782**	**$0**
PERA Direct Distribution						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$47,164	0.0	$24,061	$0	$23,103	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$47,164**	**0.0**	**$24,061**	**$0**	**$23,103**	**$0**
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$3,154	0.0	$1,601	$0	$1,553	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$50,318**	**0.0**	**$25,662**	**$0**	**$24,656**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	$50,318	0.0	$25,662	$0	$24,656	$0

Salary Survey						
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$46,184	0.0	$23,553	$0	$22,631	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$46,184**	**0.0**	**$23,553**	**$0**	**$22,631**	**$0**
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$338,864	0.0	$172,821	$0	$166,043	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$385,048**	**0.0**	**$196,374**	**$0**	**$188,674**	**$0**
Step Pay						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$30,261	0.0	$15,438	$0	$14,823	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$30,261**	**0.0**	**$15,438**	**$0**	**$14,823**	**$0**
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	($30,261)	0.0	($15,438)	$0	($14,823)	$0
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$62,081	0.0	$31,661	$0	$30,420	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$62,081**	**0.0**	**$31,661**	**$0**	**$30,420**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$62,081**	**0.0**	**$31,661**	**$0**	**$30,420**	**$0**
Operating Expenses						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$285,163**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$285,163**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$285,163**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**
Legal Services						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$63,106	0.0	$63,106	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$63,106**	**0.0**	**$63,106**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
ORPC TA-05: Statewide Common Policy Legal Services Alloc	($31,029)	0.0	($31,029)	$0	$0	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$32,077**	**0.0**	**$32,077**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$32,077**	**0.0**	**$32,077**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Training						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
Court-appointed Counsel						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$27,684,160	0.0	$27,684,160	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$27,684,160**	**0.0**	**$27,684,160**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$953,288	0.0	$953,288	$0	$0	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$28,637,448**	**0.0**	**$28,637,448**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$28,637,448**	**0.0**	**$28,637,448**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
ORPC Parent Advocates						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,476,255	0.0	$0	$0	$1,476,255	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,476,255**	**$0**
ORPC TA-02: FY28 Annualization Parent Advocates Mileage	$4,529	0.0	$0	$0	$4,529	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,480,784**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,480,784**	**$0**
ORPC Preventative Legal Services						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$50,704	0.0	$0	$0	$50,704	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,704**	**$0**
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$2,147	0.0	$0	$0	$2,147	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$52,851**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$52,851**	**$0**
ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Serv	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$352,851**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$352,851**	**$0**

Mandated Costs						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,414,592	0.0	$1,414,592	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Grants						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$31,095	0.0	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
Total For: 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel -						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$35,248,462	20.0	$31,409,677	$6,000	$3,832,785	$0
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ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$240,561	0.0	$142,137	$0	$98,424	$0
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ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$370,370	0.0	$188,889	$0	$181,481	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$37,088,328**	**20.0**	**$32,662,962**	**$6,000**	**$4,419,366**	**$0**

III. Agency Overview

A. Background

"There is no relationship more integral to a society than that of the family. And central to that institution is the relationship between parents and their children." *People In Int. of T.W., 519 P.3d 1071, 1075 (Colo. App. 2022)*. To protect those bonds in Colorado, the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC) ensures the availability of high-quality legal representation for parents in dependency and neglect (D&N) cases. See C.R.S. § 13-92-104(1)(a)(I). In creating the ORPC through

C.R.S. § 13-92-101, the Colorado General Assembly declared that a Respondent Parents' Counsel (RPC) "plays a critical role in helping achieve the best outcomes for children involved in dependency and neglect proceedings by providing effective legal representation for parents . . ."

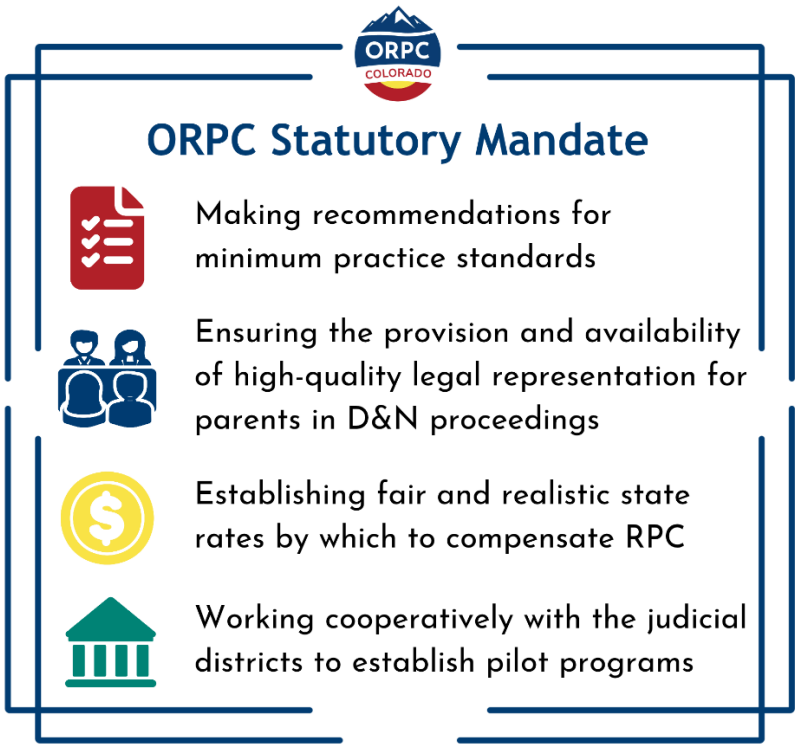
B. Mission Statement

The ORPC supports Colorado parents in the fight to preserve their families, their dignity, and the constitutional right to parent in D&N cases. The ORPC recruits, trains, and supports high-quality attorneys and interdisciplinary legal professionals statewide. The ORPC also advocates for family-centered policies and legislation, holds the state to its legal burden, and promotes equity and transparency in the system through data collection and analysis. As a result of the agency's work, more families are reunified and are stronger together.

To achieve this ideal, the ORPC has identified four essential pillars that inform its work. They are:

1. **Family Leading Change** - The ORPC prioritizes the leadership of families at the individual case level and in systemic efforts by ensuring that parents are actively involved, supported, and influential in every aspect of the family regulation system.
2. **Preventing Trauma and Supporting Resilience** – The ORPC confronts individual and generational trauma head-on, leveraging every tool available to advocate for families and communities and drive systemic change across oppressive systems.
3. **Supporting a Vibrant Family Defense Community** – The ORPC cultivates a strong, supportive family defense community dedicated to exceptional advocacy and team well-being through communication, compassion, and continuous growth.
4. **Transformative Justice** – The ORPC seeks transformative justice for families by advocating to dismantle the systemic causes of family separation and create conditions where families have their needs met and remain together.

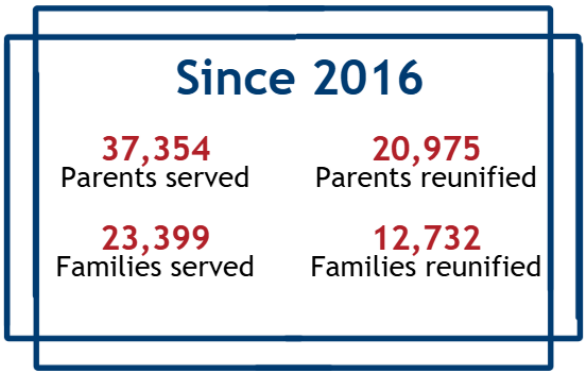
C. Statutory Mandate



For more than a decade prior to the creation of the ORPC, the legal community recognized the serious inadequacy of parents' representation in D&N cases in Colorado. Frequent were high caseloads, inadequate compensation, lack of resources and support, inadequate training, and lack of oversight. In 2007, the National Center for State Courts, National Association of Counsel for Children, and National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges published a Needs Assessment[1] for Respondent Parent representation in Colorado.

The legislature agreed with these recommendations[2] of the Respondent Parents' Counsel Work Group and established the ORPC as an independent agency within the judicial branch through Senate Bill 15-1149. This enabling legislation, codified at C.R.S. § 13-92-104, charges and entrusts the ORPC with critical oversight functions to protect and oversee the appointment of high-quality legal representation for indigent parents.

Additionally, the ORPC Contract, the Billing Policies and Procedure, and the Chief Justice Directive 16-02 (CJD 16-02) govern the appointment, practice standards, payment, and training of RPC. The ORPC accomplishes its statutory mandate by spending less than twelve percent of its overall allocation on its lean administrative structure. With a staff of just 20.0 FTE, the ORPC oversees and supports hundreds of contractors statewide. The results of these efficient efforts are:



[1] NAT'L CTR. FOR STATE CTS., COLORADO COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL TASK FORCE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT: FINAL REPORT (MARCH 2007), https://www.ncjfcj.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Colorado-CIP-Respondent-Parents-Counsel-Task-Force-Statewide-Needs-Assessment.pdf.

[2] RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNS. WORK GRP., FINAL REPORT TO THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR (Sept. 2014), https://www.coloradoorpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/RPC_Work_Group_Final_Report-1.pdf.

D. Overview of the Dependency and Neglect Case Cycle and RPC Appointments

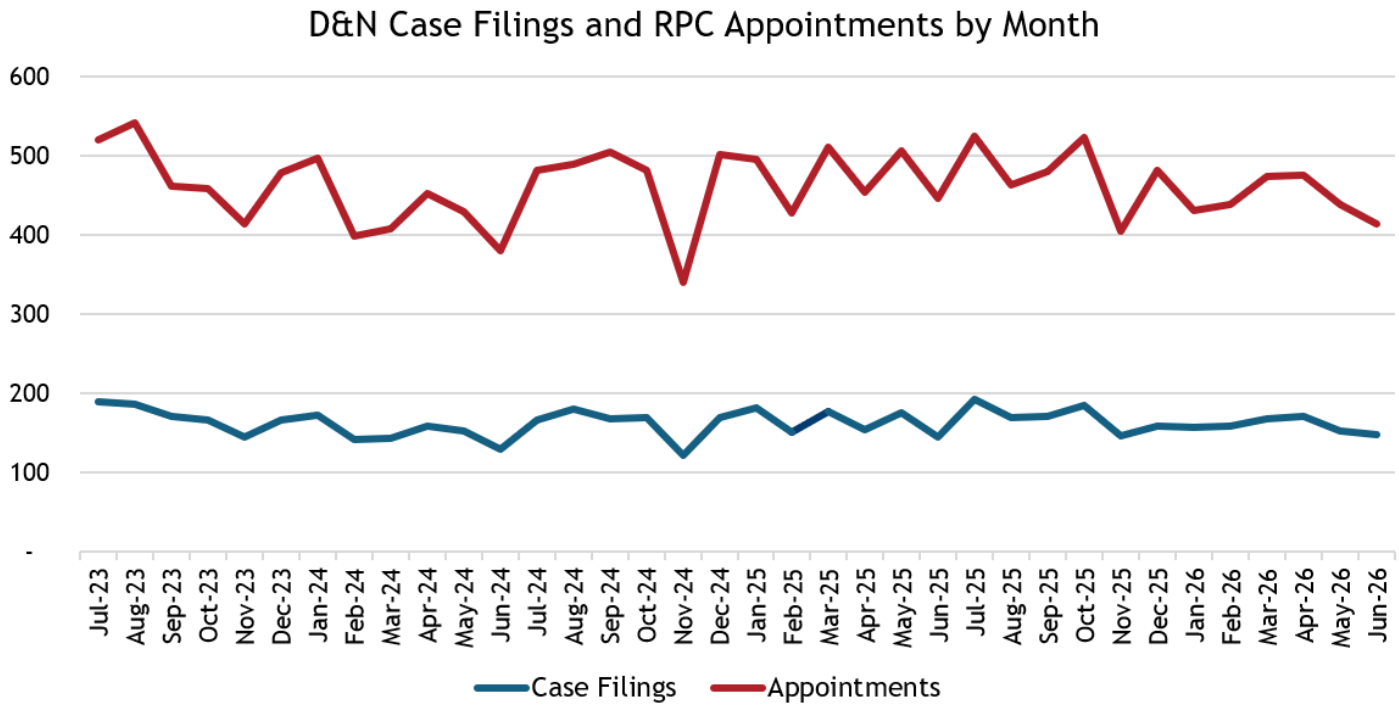
To understand the work done by ORPC contractors and how the agency supports them, it is important to understand how D&N cases proceed.

> The ORPC only provides representation to clients who are indigent. To qualify for RPC, a mother with two children would need to earn less than $42,688 annually. The Colorado Center on Law and Policy estimates that she would need to earn more than twice that amount, upwards of $85,459 annually in metro Denver, just to meet the basic needs of her family, much less afford a lawyer.

1. Appointment of Counsel

As required by state law and CJD 16-02, RPC are court-appointed for indigent respondent parents named by the county department of human services (the department) in a petition in D&N. Respondents are typically biological parents but can also be legal parents, such as adoptive parents, or legal guardians.

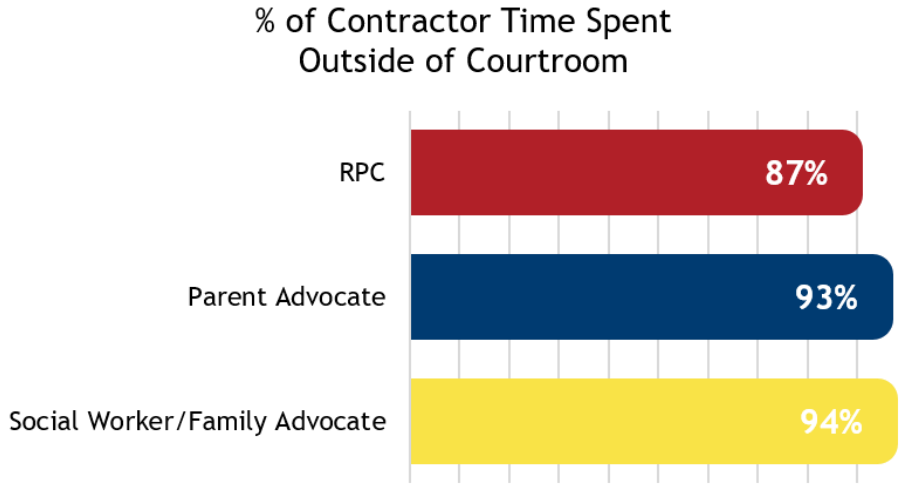
The number of RPC appointed in a D&N case is determined by the number of indigent parents named in the petition who request an attorney. Some D&N cases may involve only one parent and RPC appointment, while others may have five or six appointments because multiple children with different parents are involved. The chart below illustrates the number of RPC appointments versus the number of D&N case filings by month between July 2022 and September 2025.



Respondents are entitled to counsel throughout the D&N proceeding, including appeal, pursuant to C.R.S. § 19-3-202. The first hearing in a case is typically held within seventy-two hours of the emergency removal of a child or the entry of emergency orders. Thereafter, hearings generally occur at least every ninety days and often more frequently, particularly at the beginning of the case or in specialty courts, such as family treatment courts.

2. Activities of RPC

The court makes critical decisions throughout the life of a D&N case. These decisions may lead to contested evidentiary hearings, including a possible jury trial to determine whether the child is dependent or neglected. However, despite the volume of court appearances, most of the work conducted by RPC, Social Workers, Family Advocates, and Parent Advocates takes place outside of court. This work includes expert consultations, investigation, professional staffings, family meetings, hearing preparation, motions drafting, legal research, discovery and record review, and communication with the client, professionals, and family members.



RPC appointments continue until allocation of parental responsibilities, termination of parental rights, dismissal of the parent from the case, or issuance of a mandate by the appellate court if an appeal is filed. Appointments vary in length, but commonly last more than a year with the average appointment open for about sixteen months.

Parents may appeal certain orders, including orders that terminate their parental rights, allocate parental responsibilities, assign permanent legal custody, adjudicate children dependent or neglected, impose a treatment plan, or determine parentage. If the parent directs their trial counsel to file an appeal, the ORPC appoints a separate RPC who specializes in appeals and who has the independence and training to represent the parent effectively. In most appeals, Colorado Appellate Rule 3.4 requires the appellate RPC to request the record on appeal. This requires the ORPC to pay for transcripts for all hearings in a case. The ORPC pays per page for the transcripts, and there are often thousands of pages of transcripts that must be ordered.

3. Impacts of Budget Cuts on Parents

Dependency and neglect cases overwhelmingly involve families living in poverty. In nine out of ten cases, at least one respondent parent qualifies for court-appointed counsel based on income. As public benefits shrink, families face greater barriers to remaining safely together and reunifying, while ORPC contractors spend more time searching for increasingly scarce resources.

Child care cuts can increase public costs. Last year, every Colorado county stopped accepting families onto CCCAP waiting lists. Without child care, parents may struggle to maintain employment or to care safely for their children. Yet once a child enters foster care, child welfare dollars can pay for both the placement and, in many cases, the foster parent's child care. Lack of affordable child care can also delay reunification when parents must maintain employment to meet treatment plan requirements in order to reunify, but cannot do so without child care.

Cuts to Medicaid and other benefits can undermine reunification efforts. Treatment plans frequently require employment, stable housing, and behavioral health or substance use treatment. Most services for indigent parents are currently covered by Medicaid. With Medicaid work requirements taking effect in January 2027, it remains unclear whether parents temporarily separated from their children will qualify for caregiver exemptions. Coverage losses could disrupt services needed for safe reunification, shift costs to state and county governments, and increase litigation over access to necessary care. Eligible parents also risk losing SNAP and Medicaid due to recertification requirements rather than actual ineligibility.

> *"My well-being is impacted when reunification can't happen because parents can't afford child care and they have to maintain employment to meet their treatment plan objectives due to the wait list for CCCAP and the lack of funding."*
>
> *-2026 ORPC Contractor Survey*

Many treatment plans for parents require employment and stable housing. Parents who have lost custody of their children often struggle with their mental health or with Substance Use Disorder and these struggles can make finding employment difficult, particularly in a low hiring environment. Some parents found fulfilling and adequate employment as peer advocates when Medicaid funding for these programs increased. Unfortunately, it appears likely that this funding will be cut as the state faces a challenging budget year. Parents in these positions may struggle to continue to support their families.

Finally, the affordable housing crisis continues to impact families' ability to remain safely together. Advocates continually identify housing as one of the biggest barriers to reunification, with one experienced advocate referring to affordable housing as "non-existent." Over 80% of ORPC contractor survey respondents reported that budget cuts have impacted the availability of rental assistance and housing vouchers to a great extent. Advocates report that parents often must work multiple jobs and still must live in substandard housing or share housing with other families to afford rent.

For families at risk of permanent separation, these cuts can transform poverty-related hardship into family separation and prolonged foster care placement. They may shift, rather than reduce, public costs: governments pay for foster care and services after removal, while attorneys and advocates spend additional time locating resources and litigating access to services that could help keep families safely together.

E. Ensuring Availability of High-Quality Representation

As required by C.R.S. § 13-92-104(3), the ORPC provides legal representation to parents subject to D&N proceedings utilizing an independent contractor model. At the start of FY 2026-27, the ORPC had 191 RPC, 44 Social Workers/Family Advocates, and 23 Parent Advocates under contract across the state.

The ORPC ensures the availability of high-quality representation by engaging in the activities outlined below.



1. Practice Standards

The activities and expectations of RPC are set forth in the Practice Standards created by the ORPC and adopted in CJD 16-02 in 2022. For non-attorney contractors, the ORPC developed similar practice standards in 2024. The major Practice Standards for RPC include, at a minimum:

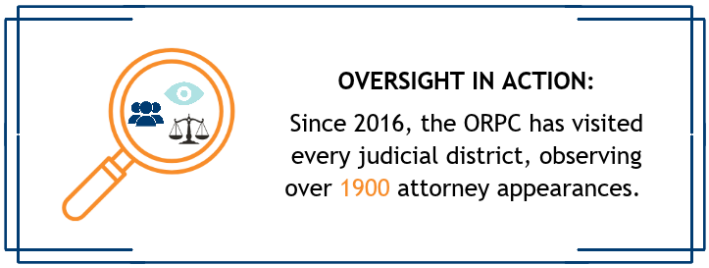
- **Client Advocacy**: Communicate regularly with client; address ancillary legal barriers to reunification; and locate missing clients.
- **Investigation and Discovery**: Conduct thorough, independent investigations at every stage and engage in formal and informal discovery.
- **Collaboration**: Attend family meetings and maintain regular communication with other professionals, advocates, and supports.
- **Litigation and Preparation**: Appear at and prepare for all hearings; timely file necessary motions; secure and prepare expert witnesses; and preserve client's appellate rights.
- **Practice Management**: Maintain a manageable caseload and keep accurate billing records

If attorneys do not follow the Practice Standards as required by the Colorado Supreme Court, they risk being found ineffective,[3] which may delay permanency for families. Additionally, attorneys who do not comply with Practice Standards risk non-compliance with Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys. The ORPC must provide adequate funding and resources to allow attorneys to comply with the Practice Standards.

2. Annual Contracting Cycle and Evaluation

The ORPC accepts attorney contractor applications on a year-round basis through a rigorous application and interviewing process. Once selected for a contract, attorneys are monitored and evaluated in multiple ways. For example, contractors must annually verify eligibility, including compliance with training and insurance requirements, and engage in the full reapplication and interview process every five years.

Further, the ORPC collects feedback from judges and court staff annually and reviews parent complaints to identify client concerns and recurring performance issues. The ORPC also analyzes billing data to assess attorney-client communication, preparation for hearings, motions practice, legal research, and use of experts, investigators, interpreters, Social Workers, Family Advocates, and Parent Advocates on their teams. These analyses ensure that ORPC contract renewal decisions are data informed.



The ORPC also conducts systematic court obervations using an objective measurement tool based on the ORPC Practice Standards, Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, and legislative mandates. ORPC staff observe renewing RPC contractors at least once annually and at least four times over a five-year contract. Observations guide contracting decisions, recruiting needs, training plans, and recruitment efforts while providing attorneys with research, case law, and practice tips to improve parent representation. Observations help prevent legal error by allowing the ORPC to identify systemic problems. State partners have identified a desire to conduct court observations together in order to increase understanding of the problems facing this system and collaborate on possible solutions. The ORPC invites other system partners such as the Colorado Judicial Department's Court Improvement Program to conduct joint court observations both to coordinate with judicial officers and other agencies and to address training and resource needs.

[3] Rules of the Colo. Sup. Ct., Chief Justice Directive 16-02 § III(d) (amended 2024), https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/CJD%2016-02%20%20Amended%20Nov.9%2C2022%2C%20Attachment%20B%20amended%20April%202024%20WEB%20.pdf

3. Resources

Since its inception, the ORPC has addressed some of the primary barriers to high-quality legal representation for parents by providing access to expert witnesses, investigators, discovery, and interdisciplinary team (IDT) representation.

i. Experts, Investigators, and Interpreters

The need for expert witnesses prior to the ORPC was particularly acute, with the Final Report of the Respondent Parents' Counsel Work Group noting that increased access to expert witnesses "leads to improved outcomes – shorter time in care for children and earlier, more effective treatment interventions for parents.

In FY 2025 - 26, RPC used expert witnesses on 186 cases, interpreters on 36 cases, and investigators on 237 cases. The ORPC pays for these resources from the Mandated Costs line.

Resources like investigators and interpreters greatly aid in trial preparation and obtaining client direction, while also significantly improving client communication. Investigators also reduce overall costs in cases by conducting activities such as locating clients or witnesses or doing witness interviews, all at a lower rate than activities billed by attorneys. In addition to live or virtual interpreters included in our yearly statistics above, the agency also offers Telelanguage, a telephonic interpretation service, for all contractors to allow efficient communication with clients with limited English proficiency.

ii. Discovery

RPC are required to engage in informal and formal discovery processes pursuant to the Practice Standards in CJD 16-02. Colorado Rule of Juvenile Procedure 4.9 sets out timelines and procedures for obtaining child welfare records, allowing RPC to efficiently obtain access to basic discovery tools that attorneys in criminal and civil cases have utilized for decades.

While C.R.J.P. 4.9 is a statewide mandate, each county department of human services sets its own pricing structure for the discovery records it produces, and these costs vary widely. Depending on the length of time a case has been open, there can be thousands of pages of records. Counties are beginning to implement the use of artificial intelligence (AI) products to record meetings and generate case records and court reports. These technologies are expected to increase the length of documents and the amount of discoverable material. AI use will increase the agency's costs for obtaining discovery and for contractor time in reviewing the increased discovery. Similar to the transcripts discussed above, discovery is considered a mandated cost the ORPC is required to pay.

iii. Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Model of Representation

Since its inception, the ORPC has piloted and studied intervention programs to improve the quality of legal representation for parents in Colorado, including the IDT model. The ORPC's IDT model of legal representation pairs an RPC with either a Social Worker, a Family Advocate, or a Parent Advocate with lived experience.

Family Advocates are members of interdisciplinary teams who have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a related field with at least two years of direct child welfare experience. Parent Advocates are parents who have personally navigated the child welfare system and reunited with their children. Drawing on the unique strengths of each member, the team works as a cohesive unit to support parents and families involved in dependency and neglect cases in and out of court and to protect the fundamental right to parent.

> *"Working as part of an interdisciplinary team ultimately leads to more informed decision making, improved communication, and better outcomes for families."*
> *-2026 ORPC Contractor Survey*

A 2019 independent evaluation conducted by Metropolitan State University confirmed the benefits of including social workers in this interdisciplinary legal team approach.[4] Since 2020, the ORPC has partnered with the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab (Colorado Lab) to rigorously build evidence for the IDT model of parent representation. The Colorado Lab found that IDT representation is essential to achieve positive outcomes for families with complex case needs across the continuum of parent representation. To increase fidelity to the evidence-based approach, the ORPC included Parent Advocates on IDTs in 2021. Parent Advocates are particularly well-suited to addressing barriers to parental engagement and access to community resources during a child welfare case.

The interdisciplinary representation approach continues to be implemented across the country. The American Bar Association integrated the model into its Standards of Practice for Attorneys Representing Parents in Abuse and Neglect Cases[5] and the federal Children's Bureau actively promotes and financially supports this model for parental representation.[6]

Based on the successful outcomes of interdisciplinary models, the ORPC is proud to have 43% of cases, including the most complex cases, staffed with an interdisciplinary team. This model allows RPC to focus more on the legal aspects of their representation while ensuring their clients have the support they need from their legal team. IDTs are funded through a combination of Court Appointed Counsel (CAC) and Title IV-E reappropriated funds.

> *"My advocates are the real MVPs of the cases. They help with coordinating client's social support needs - connecting them with services, supporting growing their natural support networks and communicating with caseworkers. Their advocacy is often what gets the parent where they need to be."*
> *-2026 ORPC Contractor Survey*

The ORPC shares some contractor types with other independent judicial agencies, including the Alternate Defense Counsel (ADC) and the Office of the Child's Representative (OCR). These

[4] Lori Darnel & Dawn Matera Basset, METRO. STATE UNIV. OF DENVER, DEP'T OF SOC. WORK, A Program Evaluation of Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel Social Work Program (2019), https://coloradoorpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ORPC-SWPP-Evaluation.pdf.
[5] ABA, STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING PARENTS IN ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES (2006), https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/ABA-Parent-Rep-Stds.pdf.
[6] Foster Care Legal Representation, 89 Fed. Reg. 40400 (codified at 45 C.F.R. 1356), https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/05/10/2024-09663/foster-care-legal-representation.

agencies strive to provide hourly pay parity to all contractor types. This year, ADC is making a prioritized request for an increase to non-attorney contractor hourly rates, which have remained stagnant for the past three years. If the JBC votes to approve this request, the ORPC would request that the JBC take action to approve an equivalent adjustment for the same group of ORPC contractors, which includes Social Workers, Family Advocates, Parent Advocates, Paralegals, and Investigators.

4. Training Program and Case Consults

The ORPC offered 31 trainings in FY 2025-26 and currently has 77 on-demand, recorded trainings available on its website for contractors. The agency supports its mission through primarily virtual training, with opportunities for several in-person trainings each year. Most trainings are open to the agency's statewide child welfare and judicial partners. When possible, the ORPC partners with other agencies to reduce the cost of training and provide multidisciplinary perspectives.

The agency also maintains a motions bank that contains over 300 motions and resources, with more added each week. Because trial schedules can be unpredictable, the ORPC also provides litigation support using experienced researchers to assist in legal research and motions drafting. Every other week, contractors receive a newsletter called the *Family Defender Digest* containing important legislative and case law updates as well as practice tips, agency updates, additional training opportunities, and shout outs to contractors for exceptional work. Contractors also have access to a statewide listserv connecting all contractors, as well as jurisdiction and specialty specific listservs.

> *"These trainings are so valuable and absolutely LOVE the fact I have the opportunity to have access to such a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. Each training from ORPC is very intentionally and strategically put together."*
> *-2026 ORPC Contractor Survey*

In addition, the ORPC meets regularly with contractors, judicial officers, and other professionals in each jurisdiction to be responsive to individualized needs. Assistance provided by the agency includes finding coverage for cases when needed, attending best practices meetings, connecting contractors with resources, developing resources for the jurisdiction, and providing data analysis of local practice trends. The ORPC is currently the only agency that collects, analyzes, and provides this unique data regarding parent representation.

Finally, ORPC staff attorneys and staff social workers engage in multiple case consultations each day with contractors to provide support, resources, and encouragement. With most of the agency's 258 contractors operating as solo practitioners, ORPC staff support is critical to retain talented and skilled contractors.

> *"The fact that when I reach out to ORPC with an issue or question, I get a prompt response that gives me clear direction on what can be done or who can be included to address the issue. Every single time."*
> *-2026 ORPC Contractor Survey*

5. Recruitment and Retention

To maintain enough qualified RPC across Colorado the agency actively recruits year-round by partnering with local and specialty bar associations, presenting at trainings and conferences, collaborating with law schools, hiring legal externs, and showcasing its vital work through networking and community events. These recruitment activities resulted in 41 new RPC applications submitted in FY 2025-2026. To enhance retention, the ORPC provides training resources and experienced mentors to new RPC and connects potential attorney associates to firms with experienced attorneys looking to hire.

> *"In smaller jurisdictions, there aren't enough ORPC contractors so there is an extra pressure to take cases that I don't have the time for. Some counties will appoint me to a case without reaching out first for conflict checks/availability.*
> *-2025 ORPC Contractor Survey*

Recruitment of RPC in rural jurisdictions also remains challenging due to the dearth of lawyers residing in the rural parts of Colorado. Indeed, there are no ORPC contractors residing in 27 of Colorado's 64 counties. As a result, contractors must travel long distances to represent clients in at least 50% of the state, creating inefficiencies and limiting access to justice. In the 2026 ORPC Contractor Survey, one RPC noted, "The low hourly rate makes it tough to take time off, because of the heavy case load you have to carry to meet overhead."

Given these and other challenges, retention of experienced, high-quality professionals is more important to the ORPC than ever. Onboarding activities for new contractors are costly to the agency, and more importantly, to parents who suffer real harm when they experience turnover in their legal representation. Maintaining annual rate increases for attorneys to better align state rates for attorneys representing indigent clients with federal and other public interest rates is a critical priority for the continued success of the ORPC.

Unfunded Costs:
Solo Practitioner Overhead

- $ Health and Dental Insurance
- $ Short and Long Term Disability Insurance
- $ Required Malpractice Insurance
- $ Student Loan Repayment
- $ Professional Memberships
- $ Office Supplies and Space
- $ Time Off (Sick Leave, Vacation, FAMLI, & Unemployment)
- $ Worker's Comp Insurance for Employees
- $ Software Licenses
- $ Bookkeeping and Tax Support
- $ Website and Email Hosting
- $ Digital Data Storage
- $ Client File Storage and Destruction
- $ Transportation
- $ Computer, Cell Phone, & Technical Equipment
- $ Retirement Savings

6. Compensation and Billing

The ORPC is entrusted with establishing fair state rates of compensation that are sufficient to attract and retain highly qualified attorneys. All ORPC contractors are small business owners who cover all their own overhead, including but not limited to the items listed on the left.

Prior to the establishment of the ORPC, many judicial districts paid RPC on a flat-fee basis, with RPC receiving $1,125 when they were appointed to a case, and then an additional $1,262 if a motion to terminate parental rights was filed. Within one year of the ORPC opening its doors, the

agency secured funding to convert all flat-fee cases to hourly billing to ensure RPC were being paid for the actual time spent working cases and to incentivize high-quality legal representation.

The passage of JBC-sponsored Senate Bill 23-227, which provides for regular and sustainable increases in the hourly rate, is crucial to recruit and retain qualified attorneys, who could easily earn more money doing less stressful work in other legal fields. In the agency's annual contractor survey, 90% of contractors were either somewhat or extremely satisfied with the planned hourly increases established by this important legislation. The availability of federal public service loan forgiveness for contractors following the passage of House Bill 24-1374 also assists contractors in reducing their expenses so they can continue to work at a lower hourly rate than they could earn in the private sector.

Unfortunately, the JBC made the hard decision to pause the annual $5 per hour increases contemplated by Senate Bill 23-227 in FY 2026-27, due to the state's budget shortfall. With inflation and rising costs, stagnant rates effectively reduces RPC compensation, rather maintaining the status quo. 80% of RPC respondents to ORPC's annual survey reported being negatively affected by the delayed increase.

RPC reported that stagnant rates have led them to accept fewer RPC appointments and may cause them to leave parent representation entirely if rates remain unchanged. Some have taken on additional work to cover rising living and transportation costs, increasing the risk of burnout. Others report being unable to expand their practices or hire and train associate attorneys, limiting the system's capacity to serve families.

RPC Contractors on the Current Rate of Pay

"For me to continue doing this work, a rate increase is very important because my own cost of living is not subject to a 'pause'--it keeps rising. I need the RPC rates to increase so that I can keep from switching to a different area of law or job that pays more."

"Our colleagues are being paid $500 per hour and more so incentivizing good attorney to work in this field is difficult. I would imagine we lose good people to the draw of private work."

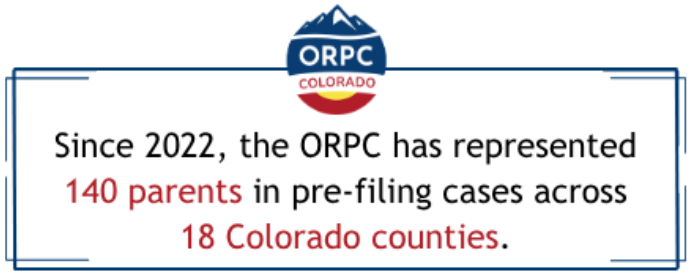
Experienced RPC earn only about 25% of what they could earn representing private clients. As predominantly solo practitioners, they lack access to state employee benefits. Some contractors purchasing insurance through the health insurance exchange marketplace reported

increases of $400 per month or more for their health insurance premiums without a corresponding increase in compensation.

Additionally, changes to student loan repayment programs and Public Service Loan Forgiveness at the federal level have public service legal careers less financially viable, particularly impacting recruitment of recent law school graduates. Higher monthly loan payments can push attorneys toward higher-paying private-sector jobs, even when they intend to pursue public service careers.

Fair compensation is essential to recruiting and retaining RPC. As federal student loan benefits become less accessible or favorable, the ORPC may face a shrinking pipeline of attorneys willing to provide parent representation at current rates. Insufficient attorney capacity could undermine the ORPC's ability to meet its statutory mandate and provide high-quality representation, while increasing caseloads and pressure on remaining contractors and further threatening retention.

7. Pilot Programs



The ORPC's statutory mandate requires the agency to work cooperatively with judicial districts to establish pilot programs. In FY 2021-22, the agency collaborated with the Jefferson County Department of Human Services and child welfare entities to develop the Preventative Legal Services Pre-Filing Pilot Program (Pre-Filing Program) in order to provide parents with legal representation during the initial child welfare assessment. Early legal support helps families stabilize without having to place children in foster care or pursue a court-involved case.[7] Dr. Sunah Hwang, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative, sent a letter to the ORPC detailing her support for the Pre-Filing Program, explaining that "We believe this work compliments hospital-based efforts to improve care for substance-exposed newborns and advances Colorado's broader commitment to ensuring that infants are safe, families receive the support they need, and systems respond to substance use with evidence informed, coordinated, and family-centered approaches."

Staring in 2024, the ORPC expanded its Pre-Filing Program to accept referrals statewide. Pre-filing legal services are tailored to address specific safety concerns, meet civil legal needs, and help families access to community-based resources designed to keep children safely with their parents and avoid costly court involvement. The ORPC has cultivated referral relationships with departments of human services, birthing hospitals, and community agencies serving families.

[7] CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS, How Can Pre-Petition Legal Representation Help Strengthen Families and Keep Them Together? (Updated Oct. 2024), https://www.casey.org/preventive-legal-aid/.

The ORPC's Pre-Filing Program is growing and in-demand. The agency is partnering with independent, third-party evaluators the Colorado Lab to continue building evidence for the program.

F. Bringing it All Together

The leading reason for child welfare involvement in Colorado is parental Substance Use Disorder. Recognized in state law as a chronic, relapsing brain disease, it is a condition from which parents can recover with appropriate treatment and support. This is the story of one Colorado Mother, who struggled with and is now in recovery from Substance Use Disorder, allowing her to safely and quickly reunify with her baby.

Shortly after giving birth, one Mother lost custody of her newborn due to concerns with substance use and homelessness. Her RPC quickly engaged an ORPC Parent Advocate who had successfully reunified with her own child. Drawing on her lived experience, the Parent Advocate helped Mother quickly enter inpatient residential substance abuse treatment. Meanwhile, the interdisciplinary defense team advocated for frequent family time to strengthen the mother-child bond and support her engagement in treatment, consistent with the Colorado Lab's *Best Practices for Family Time in Colorado*.

Following her successful completion of inpatient treatment, Mother's interdisciplinary defense team helped her identify a family member who could provide stable housing and support her in both recovering and parenting. In just three months, Mother completed treatment and reunified with her baby.

This safe, expedited reunification and use of kinship care not only saves the state money on court and out-of-home placement costs, but also makes reunification more likely to succeed long term. Mother had family support to navigate being a new parent while in recovery from substance use. Most importantly, both Mother and baby avoided the trauma of a prolonged separation during a critical period of bonding and recovery.

With earlier intervention, this family's separation might have been prevented altogether. ORPC's Pre-Filing Program allows RPC and an interdisciplinary advocate to provide early, limited representation and support to parents before a dependency and neglect case is filed. By connecting parents with advocacy, treatment, and family support earlier, the state has an opportunity to prevent unnecessary removals, reduce costly court and foster care involvement, and help more families remain safely together.

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FY 2027-28 Summary of Change Requests

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Request Name	Interagency Review	Requires Legislation	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappr	Federal
Non-Prioritized Request								
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	No Other Agency Impact	No	$370,370	0.0	$188,889	$0	$181,481	$0
Subtotal Non-Prioritized Request			**$370,370**	**0.0**	**$188,889**	**$0**	**$181,481**	**$0**
Prioritized Request								
ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services	Impacts Other Agency	No	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0
Subtotal Prioritized Request			**$300,000**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$300,000**	**$0**
Total for Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel			**$670,370**	**0.0**	**$188,889**	**$0**	**$481,481**	**$0**

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Department Priority: R-1
Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services

Summary of Funding Change for FY 2027-28			
	Base Request	Incremental Change	
	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28 Request	FY 2028-29 Request
Total Funds	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
General Fund	0	0	0
Cash Funds	0	0	0
Reappropriated Funds	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
Federal Funds	0	0	0
FTE	0	0	0

Summary of Request

Opportunity: In FY 2024-25, the Long Bill for the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC) was restructured to create separate line items for programs supported by federal Title IV-E reimbursements deposited into the Title IV-E Administrative Cost Cash Fund. As part of that restructuring, the Preventative Legal Services line item was established to support the ORPC's Preventative Legal Services Pre-Filing Pilot Program (Pre-Filing Program) for families at risk of child removal and involvement in dependency and neglect (D&N) proceedings.

Demand for the program has grown significantly and now exceeds available funding. Additional spending authority would allow the ORPC to utilize a greater share of available federal Title IV-E resources to expand program capacity and serve more eligible families. By helping families resolve legal issues before a D&N petition is filed, the program may reduce reliance on more costly court involvement while improving outcomes for children and families.

Proposed Solution: The ORPC requests an additional $300,000 Reappropriated Funds spending authority for the Preventative Legal Services line item to increase annual program capacity to approximately 175 families. Preliminary program data indicate that preventive legal services can be delivered at a substantially lower cost than court-appointed dependency and neglect representation, supporting further evaluation of potential system savings.

Fiscal Impact of Solution: The ORPC requests an increase of $300,000 Reappropriated Funds spending authority for the Preventative Legal Services line item and no General Fund appropriation.

Requires Legislation	Colorado for All Impacts	Revenue Impacts	Impacts Another Department?	Statutory Authority
No	Neutral	No	Yes Department of Human Services	Section 13-92-101 to 104 C.R.S.

Program, Opportunity, and Proposal

Program Background: The ORPC provides preventive legal assistance to eligible indigent parents before a D&N petition is filed. Through its Pre-Filing Program, the ORPC helps families address legal issues that contribute to child welfare involvement, including housing instability, custody disputes, guardianship, parentage, and protection orders. By resolving these issues early and connecting families with community-based services, the program seeks to stabilize families, prevent child removals, reduce unnecessary child welfare involvement, and help children remain safely with their families whenever possible.

The ORPC launched the Pre-Filing Program in Jefferson County in 2022 and has since expanded from a single-county pilot to a statewide referral program. To date, cases have spanned 18 counties across Colorado. Referrals come from multiple sources, including county departments of human services. Eligible parents must be indigent and subject to an active county child welfare assessment involving child safety concerns. The program also supports the ORPC's statutory responsibility to establish pilot programs designed to enhance the quality of respondent parent representation.

Through October 2026, ORPC attorneys (respondent parents' counsel, or RPC) and interdisciplinary teams have served 140 parents in its Pre-Filing Program. Nearly half of these cases included an interdisciplinary team (IDT) consisting of an attorney and a social worker or parent advocate. This model combines legal representation with practical support and community referrals, allowing professionals to address barriers to family stability from different angles while effectively managing program costs.

For FY 2027-28, the ORPC requests an additional $300,000 in Reappropriated Funds spending authority, increasing annual capacity from approximately 30 families under current funding levels to approximately 175 families. The ORPC has determined that sufficient federal Title IV-E resources are available to support this expansion without requiring General Fund support.

Opportunity: Demand for the ORPC's Pre-Filing Program has grown rapidly, while available spending authority has not kept pace. Annual referrals increased from 55 in FY 2024-25 to 164 in FY 2025-26, a 198% increase.

The current FY 2026-27 appropriation of $50,704 is insufficient to sustain services at the current referral rate, and the agency anticipates exhausting available funding approximately halfway through the fiscal year. The ORPC has served every eligible parent referred to the program to date, demonstrating both sustained demand and the agency's ability to deploy additional resources immediately.

The ORPC has established statewide intake, referral, and case assignment processes and can absorb additional referrals using existing administrative infrastructure. Approximately 90% of the requested funding will support direct legal representation and interdisciplinary services, with the remainder supporting program administration, case management systems, billing infrastructure, and outcome tracking. Additional cases can be assigned through the ORPC's existing network of contracted attorneys and interdisciplinary team members, allowing the program to expand without additional FTE or General Fund support.

The need for early legal intervention remains substantial. In Colorado, 69% of maltreatment allegations in 2025 involved neglect[8], which is often associated with housing instability, economic insecurity, and other challenges that may have legal dimensions. Both national organizations and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have identified preventive legal services as a promising strategy for strengthening family stability and reducing unnecessary system involvement. Preliminary program data also indicate that preventive legal services can be delivered at substantially lower cost than court-appointed D&N representation, suggesting the potential for more efficient use of public resources while improving access to early intervention.

Proposal: The ORPC requests $300,000 in additional Reappropriated Funds spending authority from the Title IV-E Administrative Cost Cash Fund for FY 2027–28 to expand the Pre-Filing Program. The requested funding will:

- Increase annual service capacity from approximately 30 families to approximately 175 families.
- Maintain statewide access to preventive legal services for eligible families throughout the fiscal year.
- Provide interdisciplinary legal assistance that addresses barriers affecting child safety and family stability before court involvement occurs.
- Continue independent evaluation of program implementation, outcomes, and cost-effectiveness in partnership with the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab (the Colorado Lab) pursuant to House Bill (HB) 24-1428.

The ORPC will administer the expanded program using existing agency staff and infrastructure. Cases will continue to be assigned through the agency’s network of contracted attorneys and

[8] COLO. DEP’T OF HUM. SERVS., Count of maltreatment allegations by maltreatment type (April 12, 2026). https://colorado.rom.socwel.ku.edu/reports/244

interdisciplinary team members, allowing services to expand without additional FTE or General Fund support.

Anticipated Outcomes: Through October 2026, the ORPC's Pre-Filing Program served 140 parents across 18 counties. Among completed cases, 74% closed without a D&N petition being filed.

Approximately 24% of completed cases ultimately resulted in a D&N court filing, and most of those cases maintained the same ORPC attorney through court proceedings, providing continuity of legal representation for the parents served.

The average cost of an open pre-filing case is approximately $1,800, compared with approximately $5,500 for a closed court-appointed D&N case. The average cost of a pre-filing case is approximately $1,800, compared with approximately $5,500 on average for a court-appointed D&N case. In addition, a pre-filing case remains open for an average of four months, compared with 15.8 months for a D&N case. Additional evaluation will help determine whether these differences translate into long-term cost savings across child welfare and judicial systems.

The ORPC is partnering with the Colorado Lab to independently evaluate program implementation, outcomes, and cost-effectiveness. The evaluation will examine the resolution of legal needs, subsequent child welfare involvement, out-of-home placements, and reunification outcomes using linked administrative data and Colorado's Steps to Building Evidence framework. The evaluation will provide policymakers with Colorado-specific evidence regarding program outcomes, cost-effectiveness, and long-term value.

Consequences if not Funded: Without an additional $300,000 in Reappropriated Funds spending authority for FY 2027-28, the ORPC will be unable to meet projected demand for preventive legal services.

As a result:

- Fewer eligible families will receive preventive legal assistance.
- Legal issues that could be resolved before court involvement may instead progress to D&N proceedings.
- The ORPC will be unable to maintain or expand service capacity in currently served counties.
- Colorado will lose an opportunity to further evaluate the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of preventive legal services.

Assumptions and Calculations

Evidence Designation: The Colorado Lab, the ORPC's independent evaluation partner, reviewed the best available research on preventive legal services, also known as pre-filing or pre-petition representation. National research shows promising preliminary results, including

improved family self-sufficiency, fewer subsequent D&N court filings, fewer out-of-home removals, and positive reunification outcomes when children are removed. These findings are primarily based on descriptive studies and administrative data and do not yet establish causal effects.

The Colorado Lab used the ORPC's 2025 pre-filing client outcome data from Jefferson County to inform its review of evidence supporting this request. Since that analysis, the Pre-Filing Program has expanded substantially in both the number of families served and the number of counties reached.

The Colorado Lab's initial reporting shows Colorado's early results are encouraging. In an initial Jefferson County evaluation, 75% of closed cases ended because the parent's legal issue was resolved. Children remained at home in 89% of closed cases with available placement data. The Colorado Lab and the ORPC are continuing to evaluate program implementation and outcomes. The Colorado Lab's Evidence Summary is provided below. Additional funding will allow ORPC to continue serving families while Colorado builds a stronger evidence base for preventive legal services.

Component	Description
Program Objective	The preventive legal services program has four main objectives: 1. Prevent children from being removed from the home and placed in foster care. 2. Prevent initial involvement and/or further penetration into the child welfare system. 3. Provide interdisciplinary client-centered representation. 4. Support continuity of representation for respondent parents, in cases for which a dependency and neglect petition is filed.
Outputs Being Measured	• Participant Reach: Number of parents reached and demographics; county and judicial district. • Program Referrals Received: Number of referrals received; number eligible; reason for referral (legal issues); referral source. • Staffing Approach: Attorney-only or interdisciplinary; time on activities. • Case Closure: Reason for case closure, including if the case resulted in a dependency and neglect finding.
Outcomes Being Measured	• None yet using qualifying study designs (i.e., trend analysis, quasi-experimental, or experimental)
Evidence Designation with Brief Justification	National evidence on pre-petition legal representation demonstrates preliminary evidence in: (1) increased self-sufficiency in the domains of employment, family/social relations, housing, and substance use; (2) low number of subsequent juvenile court (dependency and neglect) filings; (3) low number of out-of-home removals when a court filing does occur; and (4) high reunification rates for children who are removed. These outcomes are from descriptive studies or administrative data reports; there are no trend analyses, randomized controlled trials, or quasi-experimental designs conducted in any jurisdiction specific to pre-petition legal representation. As such, the preventive legal services program is currently **Ineligible** for an evidence designation, as there are no qualifying studies with outcomes data available. An evaluation is proposed to obtain Colorado-specific outcomes.

Promoting Colorado for All: The ORPC has designated this request as having a neutral impact because the Pre-Filing Program remains in pilot status, and sufficient evidence is not yet available to support a different designation. Ongoing evaluation with the Colorado Lab will help assess the program's impact on indigent families whose children are at risk of foster care placement or juvenile court involvement.

Assumptions: The requested increase in spending authority is based on three assumptions regarding projected program demand, available federal funding, and the historical cost of service delivery for the Pre-Filing Program.

Assumption 1: Demand for Pre-Filing Services Will Continue to Exceed Current Capacity Since the pilot began in 2022, the ORPC has served more than 140 parents through the Pre-Filing Program. Demand has increased substantially, with referrals growing from 55 in FY 2024-25 to 164 in FY 2025-26, representing a 198% increase. Program expenditures also increased 96% between FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, reflecting growth in both case volume and service utilization.

The ORPC is also developing additional referral partnerships with county departments of human services and community organizations. The Appendix includes a letter of support from the Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative, reflecting continued interest in the program and potential for additional referral growth.

Current referral trends and expanding relationships with county and community partners indicate continued growth in the demand and referral rate for pre-filing services. Based on anticipated referral volume and available funding capacity, the ORPC estimates that approximately 175 families can be served in FY 2027-28.

Pre-filing Program Referrals and New Cases			Increase from FY2024-25 to FY 2025-26	Case Estimates based on Referral Growth and Funding Capacity	
Intake Measures	FY 2024-25 *Actual*	FY 2025-26 *Actual*		FY 2026-27 *Projected*	FY 2027-28 *Projected*
Total Referrals	55	164	198%	325	644
New Case Opened	17	47	176%	83	175

Assumption 2: Federal Title IV-E Resources Are Sufficient to Support Program Expansion The Pre-Filing Program is supported by Reappropriated federal Title IV-E funds available through the Title IV-E Administrative Cost Cash Fund. The ORPC regularly reviews fund balances, projected revenues, and expenditures to assess the sustainability of programs supported by these resources.

Based on current revenue and expenditure projections, the ORPC has determined that the Title IV-E Administrative Cost Cash Fund can support an additional $300,000 in annual spending authority for the Pre-Filing Program while maintaining sufficient resources to support existing obligations.

The requested increase would provide approximately $352,851 in total funding for the Pre-Filing Program in FY 2027-28, including the existing base funding. Based on current projections, existing Title IV-E resources are sufficient to support the requested expansion without requiring additional General Fund appropriations or agency FTE.

Assumption 3: Actual Program Costs Support the Proposed Service Capacity
The ORPC analyzed historical expenditure and appointment data to estimate the cost of serving additional families through the Pre-Filing Program. Based on program expenditures to date, the agency estimates an average cost of approximately $1,800 per appointment.

Assuming approval of the anticipated FY 2026-27 supplemental request, the ORPC estimates that available funding would support approximately 83 appointments in FY 2026-27 and approximately 175 appointments in FY 2027-28 based on historical program costs. The ORPC will continue to refine these projections as additional program data becomes available.

Preventative Legal Services Requested Budget Anatomy					
FISCAL YEAR	**2024-25** *Actual*	**2025-26** *Actual*	**2026-27** *Projected*	**2027-28** *Projected*	**2028-29** *Projected*
Budget Carryforward fm Prior Year	50,000	50,000	50,704	50,704	352,851
Atty Rate Increase	-	704	-	2,147	14,114
Base Budget	50,000	50,704	50,704	52,851	366,965
Decision Item	-	-	-	300,000	-
Supplemental	-	-	100,000	-	-
Total Requested Budget	**$50,000**	**$50,704**	**$150,704**	**$352,851**	**$366,965**

Approval of this request will allow the ORPC to meet projected demand, expand annual service capacity to approximately 175 families, and continue evaluating the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of preventive legal services without requiring additional General Fund support or agency FTE.

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Schedule 13
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Funding Request for the FY 2027-28 Budget Cycle

Request Title:

ORPC R1: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Services

Dept. Approval By:	Melissa Thompson, Executive Director	Supplemental FY 2026-27
OSPB Approval By:		Budget Amendment FY 2027-28
	X	Change Request FY 2027-28

Summary Information	Fund	FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	FY 2026-27 Supplemental Request	FY 2027-28 Base Request	FY 2027-28 Elected Official	FY 2028-29 Budget Estimate
Total of All Line Items Impacted by Change Request	Total	$50,704	$0	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
	FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	GF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	CF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	RF	$50,704	$0	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
	FF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Line Item Information	Fund	FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	FY 2026-27 Supplemental Request	FY 2027-28 Base Request	FY 2027-28 Change Request	FY 2028-29 Continuation
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (1) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - ORPC Preventative Legal Services	Total	$50,704	$0	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
	FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	GF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	CF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	RF	$50,704	$0	$52,851	$300,000	$300,000
	FF	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Auxiliary Data

Requires Legislation?	NO		
Type of Request?	Judicial Branch Prioritized Request	Interagency Approval or Related Schedule 13s:	Impacts Other Agency - CDHS will need matching increased Spending Authority in the Child Welfare Legal Respresentation line to be able to transfer reappropriated funds from the Title IV-E Administrative Cost Cash Fund to the ORPC

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	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,						
Personal Services						
HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$2,786,853	19.9	$2,617,945	$0	$168,908	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	($1,218,292)	$0	$1,218,292	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$2,786,853**	**19.9**	**$1,399,653**	**$0**	**$1,387,200**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	$819,173	0.0	$398,185	$0	$420,988	$0
EA-02 Other Transfers	($129,250)	0.0	($74,775)	$0	($54,475)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$3,476,776**	**19.9**	$1,723,063	$0	$1,753,713	$0
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$3,457,363**	**19.9**	$1,723,062	$0	$1,734,301	$0
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$19,413**	**0.0**	$1	$0	$19,412	$0
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$3,457,363***	**19.9**	*$1,723,062*	*$0*	*$1,734,301*	*$0*
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$0***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
Health, Life, and Dental						
HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$384,471	0.0	$374,892	$0	$9,579	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	($195,521)	$0	$195,521	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$384,471**	**0.0**	**$179,371**	**$0**	**$205,100**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($384,471)	0.0	($179,371)	$0	($205,100)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Short-term Disability						
HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$3,797	0.0	$3,565	$0	$232	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	($1,656)	$0	$1,656	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$3,797**	**0.0**	**$1,909**	**$0**	**$1,888**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($3,797)	0.0	($1,909)	$0	($1,888)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance						
HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$11,389	0.0	$10,693	$0	$696	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	($4,968)	$0	$4,968	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$11,389**	**0.0**	**$5,725**	**$0**	**$5,664**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($11,389)	0.0	($5,725)	$0	($5,664)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Unfunded Liability AED Payments						
HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$253,116	0.0	$237,640	$0	$15,476	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	($110,382)	$0	$110,382	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$253,116**	**0.0**	**$127,258**	**$0**	**$125,858**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($253,116)	0.0	($127,258)	$0	($125,858)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Salary Survey

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$78,343	0.0	$73,430	$0	$4,913	$0
SB23-214 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$0	0.0	($33,918)	$0	$33,918	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$78,343**	**0.0**	**$39,512**	**$0**	**$38,831**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($78,343)	0.0	($39,512)	$0	($38,831)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Step Pay

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$88,057	0.0	$82,535	$0	$5,522	$0
SB23-214 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$0	0.0	($38,125)	$0	$38,125	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$88,057**	**0.0**	**$44,410**	**$0**	**$43,647**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($88,057)	0.0	($44,410)	$0	($43,647)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Operating Expenses

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$692,971	0.0	$162,021	$0	$530,950	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$692,971**	**0.0**	**$162,021**	**$0**	**$530,950**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	$129,250	0.0	$74,775	$0	$54,475	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$822,221**	**0.0**	**$236,796**	**$0**	**$585,425**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$822,220**	**0.0**	**$236,795**	**$0**	**$585,425**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$1**	**0.0**	**$1**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$620,338***	***0.0***	***$73,827***	***$0***	***$546,510***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$201,883***	***$0***	***$162,968***	***$0***	***$38,915***	***$0***

Legal Services

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$8,395	0.0	$8,395	$0	$0	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$8,395**	**0.0**	**$8,395**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$8,395**	**0.0**	**$8,395**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$8,395**	**0.0**	**$8,395**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$0***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$8,395***	***$0***	***$8,395***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***

Training

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$135,068**	**0.0**	**$29,962**	**$6,000**	**$99,107**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$2,932**	**0.0**	**$38**	**$0**	**$2,893**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$16,243***	***0.0***	***($2,538)***	***$3,000***	***$15,781***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$118,825***	***0.0***	***$32,499***	***$3,000***	***$83,326***	***$0***

Court-appointed Counsel

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$27,891,733	0.0	$21,482,404	$0	$6,409,329	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$0	0.0	$1,409,329	$0	($1,409,329)	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$27,891,733**	**0.0**	**$22,891,733**	**$0**	**$5,000,000**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	($73,570)	$0	($73,570)	$0	$0	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$27,818,163**	**0.0**	**$22,818,163**	**$0**	**$5,000,000**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$24,210,875**	**0.0**	$19,210,875	$0	$5,000,000	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$3,607,288**	**0.0**	**$3,607,288**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$23,537,034***	***0.0***	***$18,565,384***	***$0***	***$4,971,650***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$673,841***	***$0***	***$645,492***	***$0***	***$28,350***	***$0***

ORPC Parent Advocates

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$50,000	0.0	$0	$0	$50,000	$0
SB25-096 Judicial Department Supplemental (ORPC Portion)	$1,412,050	0.0	$0	$0	$1,412,050	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$1,462,050**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,462,050**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$1,462,050**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,462,050**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$1,252,961**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,252,961**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$209,089**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$209,089**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$1,138,374***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$1,138,374***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$114,587***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$114,587***	***$0***

ORPC Preventative Legal Services

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$50,000	0.0	$0	$0	$50,000	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$50,000**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$50,000**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$39,337**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$39,337**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$10,663**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$10,663**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$39,005***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$39,005***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$332***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$332***	***$0***

Mandated Costs

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$1,114,592	0.0	$1,114,592	$0	$0	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$1,114,592**	**0.0**	**$1,114,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	$73,570	0.0	$73,570	$0	$0	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$1,188,162**	**0.0**	$1,188,162	$0	$0	$0
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$1,188,162**	**0.0**	**$1,188,162**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$1,181,115***	***0.0***	*$1,181,115*	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$7,047***	***$0***	*$7,047*	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***

Grants

HB24-1430 FY 2024-25 Long Bill	$31,095	0.0	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2024-25 Final Appropriation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	**$25,042**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$25,042	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$6,053**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$6,053**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$550***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$550***	***$0***
FY 2024-25 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$24,492***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$24,492***	***$0***

Total For: 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2024-25 Final Expenditure Authority	$34,994,862	19.9	$26,004,579	$6,000	$8,984,283	$0
FY 2024-25 Actual Expenditures	$31,139,424	19.9	$22,397,251	$6,000	$8,736,173	$0
FY 2024-25 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	$3,855,438	0.0	$3,607,328	$0	$248,110	$0

	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,						
Personal Services						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$2,963,145	20.0	$1,520,393	$0	$1,442,752	$0
HB26-1158 Judicial Department Supplemental	$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$2,963,145**	**20.0**	**$1,520,393**	**$0**	**$1,442,752**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	$775,348	0.0	$569,940	$0	$205,408	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	$3,738,493	20.0	$2,090,333	$0	$1,648,160	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	$3,709,275	20.0	$2,079,416	$0	$1,629,859	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	$29,218	0.0	$10,917	$0	$18,301	$0
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$3,707,775***	**20.0**	*$2,077,916*	*$0*	*$1,629,859*	*$0*
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$1,500***	**0.0**	*$1,500*	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*
Health, Life, and Dental						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$389,024	0.0	$368,247	$0	$20,777	$0
HB26-1158 Judicial Department Supplemental	$8,675	0.0	$8,675	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$397,699**	**0.0**	**$376,922**	**$0**	**$20,777**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	($397,699)	0.0	($376,922)	$0	($20,777)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Short-term Disability						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$4,039	0.0	$2,064	$0	$1,975	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$4,039**	**0.0**	**$2,064**	**$0**	**$1,975**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfers	($4,039)	0.0	($2,064)	$0	($1,975)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$12,119	0.0	$6,195	$0	$5,924	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$12,119**	**0.0**	**$6,195**	**$0**	**$5,924**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	($12,119)	0.0	($6,195)	$0	($5,924)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Unfunded Liability AED Payments						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$269,310	0.0	$137,645	$0	$131,665	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$269,310**	**0.0**	**$137,645**	**$0**	**$131,665**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	($269,310)	0.0	($137,645)	$0	($131,665)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Salary Survey						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$73,816	0.0	$37,727	$0	$36,089	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$73,816**	**0.0**	**$37,727**	**$0**	**$36,089**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	($73,816)	0.0	($37,727)	$0	($36,089)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Step Pay						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$18,365	0.0	$9,387	$0	$8,978	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$18,365**	**0.0**	**$9,387**	**$0**	**$8,978**	**$0**
EA-01 Centrally Appropriated Line Item Transfer	($18,365)	0.0	($9,387)	$0	($8,978)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Operating Expenses						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$386,429	0.0	$155,479	$0	$230,950	$0
HB26-1158 Judicial Department Supplemental	$161,870	0.0	$111,870	$0	$50,000	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$548,299**	**0.0**	**$267,349**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	($25,000)	0.0	$0	$0	($25,000)	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$523,299**	**0.0**	**$267,349**	**$0**	**$255,950**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$494,748**	**0.0**	**$243,630**	**$0**	**$251,118**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$28,551**	**0.0**	**$23,719**	**$0**	**$4,832**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$242,928***	***0.0***	***$33,501***	***$0***	***$209,427***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$251,820***	***$0***	***$210,129***	***$0***	***$41,691***	***$0***

Legal Services						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$32,957	0.0	$32,957	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$32,957**	**0.0**	**$32,957**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$32,957**	**0.0**	**$32,957**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$32,957**	**0.0**	**$32,957**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2024-25 Personal Services Allocation	***$0***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$32,957***	***$0***	***$32,957***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***

Training						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
EA-05 Restrictions	($412)	**0.0**	$0	($412)	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$137,588**	**0.0**	$30,000	$5,588	$102,000	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$137,588**	**0.0**	$30,000	$5,588	$102,000	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	$0		$0	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$16,350***	***0.0***	***$4,054***	***$0***	***$12,296***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$121,238***	***0.0***	***$25,946***	***$5,588***	***$89,704***	***$0***

Court-appointed Counsel						
SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$28,884,159	0.0	$28,884,159	$0	$0	$0
HB26-1158 Judicial Department Supplemental	($1,200,000)	0.0	($1,200,000)	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$27,684,159**	**0.0**	**$27,684,159**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	($500,000)	$0	($500,000)	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$27,184,159**	**0.0**	$27,184,159	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$26,623,814**	**0.0**	$26,623,814	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$560,345**	**0.0**	$560,345	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$25,914,960***	***0.0***	***$25,914,960***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$708,854***	***$0***	***$708,854***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***

ORPC Parent Advocates

SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$1,469,153	0.0	$0	$0	$1,469,153	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$1,469,153**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,469,153**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	($1,443)	**0.0**	$0	$0	($1,443)	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$1,467,710**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$1,467,710	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$1,159,344**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$1,159,344	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$308,365**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$308,365	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$1,029,339***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$1,029,339***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$130,005***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$130,005***	***$0***

ORPC Preventative Legal Services

SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$50,704	0.0	$0	$0	$50,704	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,704**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	**$26,443**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$26,443**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$77,147**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$77,147**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$77,147**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$77,147**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$74,711***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$74,711***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$2,436***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$2,436***	***$0***

Mandated Costs

SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$1,114,592	0.0	$1,114,592	$0	$0	$0
HB26-1158 Judicial Department Supplemental	$300,000	0.0	$300,000	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	$1,414,592	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$1,189,782**	**0.0**	$1,189,782	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$224,810**	**0.0**	$224,810	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$1,178,977***	***0.0***	***$1,178,977***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$10,805***	***$0***	***$10,805***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***

Grants

SB 25-206 FY 2025-26 Long Bill	$31,095	0.0	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Appropriation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
EA-02 Other Transfers	$0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	**$31,095**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	**$31,095**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	**$0**	**0.0**	$0	$0	$0	$0
FY 2025-26 Personal Services Allocation	***$5,636***	***0.0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$5,636***	***$0***
FY 2025-26 Total All Other Operating Allocation	***$25,459***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$25,459***	***$0***

Total For: 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2025-26 Final Expenditure Authority	$34,607,040	20.0	$31,019,390	$5,588	$3,582,062	$0
FY 2025-26 Actual Expenditures	$33,455,751	20.0	$30,199,599	$5,588	$3,250,564	$0
FY 2025-26 Reversion (Overexpenditure)	$1,151,289	0.0	$819,791	$0	$331,498	$0

	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel						
Personal Services						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$3,070,326	20.0	$1,567,507	$0	$1,502,819	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$1,567,507**	**$0**	**$1,502,819**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$1,567,507**	**$0**	**$1,502,819**	**$0**
Health, Life, and Dental						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$392,354	0.0	$180,598	$0	$211,756	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$180,598**	**$0**	**$211,756**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$180,598**	**$0**	**$211,756**	**$0**
Short-term Disability						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,892	0.0	$965	$0	$927	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$965**	**$0**	**$927**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$965**	**$0**	**$927**	**$0**
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$12,163	0.0	$6,205	$0	$5,958	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$6,205**	**$0**	**$5,958**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$6,205**	**$0**	**$5,958**	**$0**
Unfunded Liability AED Payments						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$270,277	0.0	$137,882	$0	$132,395	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$137,882**	**$0**	**$132,395**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$137,882**	**$0**	**$132,395**	**$0**
Step Pay						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$30,261	0.0	$15,438	$0	$14,823	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$30,261**	**0.0**	**$15,438**	**$0**	**$14,823**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$30,261**	**0.0**	**$15,438**	**$0**	**$14,823**	**$0**
Operating Expenses						
HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$285,163**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$285,163**	**$0**	**$280,950**	**$0**

Legal Services

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$63,106	0.0	$63,106	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$63,106**	**0.0**	**$63,106**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$63,106**	**0.0**	**$63,106**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Training

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$30,000**	**$6,000**	**$102,000**	**$0**

Court-appointed Counsel

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$27,684,160	0.0	$27,684,160	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$27,684,160**	**0.0**	**$27,684,160**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$27,684,160**	**0.0**	**$27,684,160**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ORPC Parent Advocates

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,476,255	0.0	$0	$0	$1,476,255	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,476,255**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,476,255**	**$0**

ORPC Preventative Legal Services

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$50,704	0.0	$0	$0	$50,704	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,704**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,704**	**$0**

Mandated Costs

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$1,414,592	0.0	$1,414,592	$0	$0	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Grants

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$31,095	0.0	$0	$0	$31,095	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**

Total For: 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

HB26-1410 2026-27 Long Appropriations Bill	$35,248,462	20.0	$31,409,677	$6,000	$3,832,785	$0
FY 2026-27 Initial Appropriation	$35,248,462	20.0	$31,409,677	$6,000	$3,832,785	$0
Personal Services Allocation	$34,544,349	20.0	$31,094,514	$0	$3,449,835	$0
Total All Other Operating Allocation	$704,113	0.0	$315,163	$6,000	$382,950	$0

Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel FY 2027-28 **Schedule 4**
Funding Source **Summary**

Fiscal Year	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds
FY 2015-16 Actual	712,564	712,564	-	-	-
FY 2016-17 Actual	13,961,461	13,932,510	9,613	19,338	-
FY 2017-18 Actual	16,110,219	16,045,575	-	64,644	-
FY 2018-19 Actual	20,525,589	20,435,214	20,300	70,076	-
FY 2019-20 Actual	22,102,901	22,008,823	29,498	64,580	-
FY 2020-21 Actual	23,879,099	22,829,158	10,354	1,039,587	-
FY 2021-22 Actual	24,175,292	23,257,001	6,475	911,816	-
FY 2022-23 Actual	25,966,657	25,221,802	38,867	705,988	-
FY 2023-24 Actual	30,925,439	27,570,239	46,577	3,308,623	-
FY 2024-25 Actual	31,139,424	22,397,251	6,000	8,736,173	-
FY 2025-26 Actual	33,455,751	30,199,599	5,588	3,250,564	-
FY 2026-27 Appropriation	35,248,462	31,409,677	6,000	3,832,785	-
FY 2027-28 Request	37,088,328	32,662,962	6,000	4,419,366	-

Judicial Branch - Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel

FY 2027-28 Budget Request

Schedule 4

	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FUNDING SOURCE			
							General Fund	Cash	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	Reappropriated Funds - Judicial CIP Grant Funds
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - Personal Services										
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$1,567,507**	**$0**	**$1,502,819**	**$0**	**$1,567,507**		**$1,502,819**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	$30,261	0.0	$15,438	$0	$14,823	$0	$15,438		$14,823	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**	**$1,582,945**	**$0**	**$1,517,642**	**$0**	**$1,582,945**		**$1,517,642**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**	**$1,582,945**	**$0**	**$1,517,642**	**$0**	**$1,582,945**		**$1,517,642**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Personal Services Allocation	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**	**$1,582,945**	**$0**	**$1,517,642**	**$0**	**$1,582,945**		**$1,517,642**	
Health, Life, And Dental										
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$180,598**	**$0**	**$211,756**	**$0**	**$180,598**		**$211,756**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$119,074	0.0	$80,230	$0	$38,844	$0	$80,230		$38,844	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$511,428**	**0.0**	**$260,828**	**$0**	**$250,600**	**$0**	**$260,828**		**$250,600**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$511,428**	**0.0**	**$260,828**	**$0**	**$250,600**	**$0**	**$260,828**		**$250,600**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Personal Services Allocation	**$511,428**	**0.0**	**$260,828**	**$0**	**$250,600**	**$0**	**$260,828**		**$250,600**	
Short-Term Disability										
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$965**	**$0**	**$927**	**$0**	**$965**		**$927**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$72	0.0	$37	$0	$35	$0	$37		$35	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,964**	**0.0**	**$1,002**	**$0**	**$962**	**$0**	**$1,002**		**$962**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$210	0.0	$107	$0	$103	$0	$107		$103	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$2,174**	**0.0**	**$1,109**	**$0**	**$1,065**	**$0**	**$1,109**		**$1,065**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Personal Services Allocation	**$2,174**	**0.0**	**$1,109**	**$0**	**$1,065**	**$0**	**$1,109**		**$1,065**	
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance										
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$6,205**	**$0**	**$5,958**	**$0**	**$6,205**		**$5,958**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$463	0.0	$234	$0	$229	$0	$234		$229	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$12,626**	**0.0**	**$6,439**	**$0**	**$6,187**	**$0**	**$6,439**		**$6,187**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$1,347	0.0	$687	$0	$660	$0	$687		$660	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$13,973**	**0.0**	**$7,126**	**$0**	**$6,847**	**$0**	**$7,126**		**$6,847**	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Personal Services Allocation	**$13,973**	**0.0**	**$7,126**	**$0**	**$6,847**	**$0**	**$7,126**		**$6,847**	

Schedule 4 - Funding Source

Unfunded Liability Amortization Payments

							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$137,882**	**$0**	**$132,395**	**$0**	**$137,882**	**$132,395**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$9,533	0.0	$4,821	$0	$4,712	$0	$4,821	$4,712
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$279,810**	**0.0**	**$142,703**	**$0**	**$137,107**	**$0**	**$142,703**	**$137,107**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$29,949	0.0	$15,274	$0	$14,675	$0	$15,274	$14,675
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$309,759**	**0.0**	**$157,977**	**$0**	**$151,782**	**$0**	**$157,977**	**$151,782**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
Personal Services Allocation	**$309,759**	**0.0**	**$157,977**	**$0**	**$151,782**	**$0**	**$157,977**	**$151,782**

PERA Direct Distribution

							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$47,164**	**0.0**	**$24,061**	**$0**	**$23,103**	**$0**	**$24,061**	**$23,103**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$3,154	0.0	$1,601	$0	$1,553	$0	$1,601	$1,553
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$50,318**	**0.0**	**$25,662**	**$0**	**$24,656**	**$0**	**$25,662**	**$24,656**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$50,318**	**0.0**	**$25,662**	**$0**	**$24,656**	**$0**	**$25,662**	**$24,656**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
Personal Services Allocation	**$50,318**	**0.0**	**$25,662**	**$0**	**$24,656**	**$0**	**$25,662**	**$24,656**

Salary Survey

							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$46,184	0.0	$23,553	$0	$22,631	$0	$23,553	$22,631
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$46,184**	**0.0**	**$23,553**	**$0**	**$22,631**	**$0**	**$23,553**	**$22,631**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$338,864	0.0	$172,821	$0	$166,043	$0	$172,821	$166,043
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$385,048**	**0.0**	**$196,374**	**$0**	**$188,674**	**$0**	**$196,374**	**$188,674**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
Personal Services Allocation	**$385,048**	**0.0**	**$196,374**	**$0**	**$188,674**	**$0**	**$196,374**	**$188,674**

Step Pay

							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$30,261**	**0.0**	**$15,438**	**$0**	**$14,823**	**$0**	**$15,438**	**$14,823**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	($30,261)	0.0	($15,438)	$0	($14,823)	$0	($15,438)	($14,823)
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$62,081	0.0	$31,661	$0	$30,420	$0	$31,661	$30,420
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$62,081**	**0.0**	**$31,661**	**$0**	**$30,420**	**$0**	**$31,661**	**$30,420**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$62,081**	**0.0**	**$31,661**	**$0**	**$30,420**	**$0**	**$31,661**	**$30,420**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
Personal Services Allocation	**$62,081**	**0.0**	**$31,661**	**$0**	**$30,420**	**$0**	**$31,661**	**$30,420**

Operating Expenses

							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0	$285,163		$280,950	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0	$285,163		$280,950	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0	$285,163		$280,950	
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Total All Other Operating Allocation	$566,113	0.0	$285,163	$0	$280,950	$0	$285,163		$280,950	

Legal Services

							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	$63,106	0.0	$63,106	$0	$0	$0	$63,106			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
ORPC TA-05: Statewide Common Policy Legal Services Alloc	$31,029	0.0	$31,029	$0	$0	$0	$31,029			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Base Request	$29,992	0.0	$29,992	$0	$0	$0	$29,992			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	$29,992	0.0	$29,992	$0	$0	$0	$29,992			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
Personal Services Allocation	$63,106	0.0	$63,106	$0	$0	$0	$63,106			
Total All Other Operating Allocation	($31,029)	0.0	($31,029)	$0	$0	$0	($31,029)			

Training

							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Base Request	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
Total All Other Operating Allocation	$138,000	0.0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	$0	$30,000	$6,000	$102,000	

Court-appointed Counsel

							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	$27,684,160	0.0	$27,684,160	$0	$0	$0	$27,684,160			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$953,288	0.0	$953,288	$0	$0	$0	$953,288			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Base Request	$28,637,448	0.0	$28,637,448	$0	$0	$0	$28,637,448			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	$28,637,448	0.0	$28,637,448	$0	$0	$0	$28,637,448			
							General Fund - Unrestricted			
Personal Services Allocation	$28,637,448	0.0	$28,637,448	$0	$0	$0	$28,637,448			

ORPC Parent Advocates

FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,476,255**	**$0**
ORPC TA-02: FY28 Annualization Parent Advocates Mileage	$4,529	0.0	$0	$0	$4,529	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,480,784**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,480,784**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,476,255**	**$0**
Total All Other Operating Allocation	**$4,529**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$4,529**	**$0**

Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$1,476,255
Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$4,529
Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$1,480,784
Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$1,476,255
$4,529

ORPC Preventative Legal Services

FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$50,704**	**$0**
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$2,147	0.0	$0	$0	$2,147	$0
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$52,851**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$52,851**	**$0**
ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Serv	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$352,851**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$352,851**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$352,851**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$352,851**	**$0**

Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$50,704
Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$2,147
Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
$52,851
General Fund - Unrestricted
$300,000
General Fund - Unrestricted
$352,851
General Fund - Unrestricted
$352,851

Mandated Costs

FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E
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Grants

FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**
Personal Services Allocation	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$31,095**	**$0**

Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
$31,095
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Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
$31,095
Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
$31,095

Total For: 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel - (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel -										
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
FY 2027-28 Starting Base	**$35,248,462**	**20.0**	**$31,409,677**	**$6,000**	**$3,832,785**	**$0**	**$31,409,677**	**$6,000**	**$3,801,690**	**$31,095**
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
ORPC TA-01: FY28 Annualization SB23-227 Attorney Rate Adj.	$955,435	0.0	$953,288	$0	$2,147	$0	$953,288		$2,147	
ORPC TA-02: FY28 Annualization Parent Advocates Mileage	$4,529	0.0	$0	$0	$4,529	$0	$0		$4,529	
ORPC TA-03: Annualize FY27 Step Pay to FY28	$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	
ORPC TA-04: Common Policy POTS & PERA DD Increase	$240,561	0.0	$142,137	$0	$98,424	$0	$142,137		$98,424	
ORPC TA-05: Statewide Common Policy Legal Services Alloc	($31,029)	0.0	($31,029)	$0	$0	$0	($31,029)		$0	
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
FY 2027-28 Base Request	**$36,415,873**	**20.0**	**$32,471,988**	**$6,000**	**$3,937,885**	**$0**	**$32,471,988**	**$6,000**	**$3,906,790**	**$31,095**
							General Fund - Unrestricted		Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study	$370,370	0.0	$188,889	$0	$181,481	$0	$188,889		$181,481	
ORPC R01: Title IV-E Enhancement of Preventative Legal Serv	$300,000	0.0	$0	$0	$300,000	$0	$0		$300,000	
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
FY 2027-28 Elected Official Request - Nov 1	**$37,086,243**	**20.0**	**$32,660,877**	**$6,000**	**$4,419,366**	**$0**	**$32,660,877**	**$6,000**	**$4,388,271**	**$31,095**
							General Fund - Unrestricted	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds - federal Title IV-E	Reappropriated Funds - CIP Grant Funds
Personal Services Allocation	**$36,410,715**	**20.0**	**$32,378,828**	**$0**	**$4,031,887**	**$0**	**$32,378,828**	**$0**	**$4,031,887**	0
Total All Other Operating Allocation	**$675,528**	**0.0**	**$282,049**	**$6,000**	**$387,479**	**$0**	**$282,049**	**$6,000**	**$356,384**	**$31,095**

Schedule 4 - Funding Source

FY 2027-28 Common Policy Summary - Judicial - Office of Resondent Parents' Counsel

Schedule 8

		Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds
FY 2024-25							
Salary Survey							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$78,343	0.0	$39,512	$0	$38,831	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Salary Survey	($78,343)	0.0	($39,512)	$0	($38,831)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Health, Life and Dental (HLD)							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$384,471	0.0	$179,371	$0	$205,100	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Health, Life, And Dental	($384,471)	0.0	($179,371)	$0	($205,100)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Short-term Disability (STD)							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$3,797	0.0	$1,909	$0	$1,888	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Short-Term Disability	($3,797)	0.0	($1,909)	$0	($1,888)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$11,389	0.0	$5,725	$0	$5,664	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Paid Family and Medical Leave Ir	($11,389)	0.0	($5,725)	$0	($5,664)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Unfunded Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$253,116	0.0	$127,258	$0	$125,858	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Unfunded Liability AED Payments	($253,116)	0.0	($127,258)	$0	($125,858)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Step Pay							
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$88,057	0.0	$44,410	$0	$43,647	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Step Pay	($88,057)	0.0	($44,410)	$0	($43,647)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

FY 2025-26

Salary Survey

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$73,816	0.0	$37,727	$0	$36,089	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Salary Survey	($73,816)	0.0	($37,727)	$0	($36,089)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Health, Life and Dental (HLD)

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$397,699	0.0	$376,922	$0	$20,777	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Health, Life, And Dental	($397,699)	0.0	($376,922)	$0	($20,777)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Short-term Disability (STD)

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$4,039	0.0	$2,064	$0	$1,975	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Short-Term Disability	($4,039)	0.0	($2,064)	$0	($1,975)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$12,119	0.0	$6,195	$0	$5,924	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Paid Family and Medical Leave Ir	($12,119)	0.0	($6,195)	$0	($5,924)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Unfunded Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$269,310	0.0	$137,645	$0	$131,665	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Unfunded Liability AED Payments	($269,310)	0.0	($137,645)	$0	($131,665)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Step Pay

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Personal Services	$18,365	0.0	$9,387	$0	$8,978	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Step Pay	($18,365)	0.0	($9,387)	$0	($8,978)	$0
Total		$0	0.0	$0	$0	$0	$0

FY 2026-27

Centrally Appropriated Personal Services Line Items

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Health, Life, And Dental	$392,354	0.0	$180,598	$0	$211,756	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Short-Term Disability	$1,892	0.0	$965	$0	$927	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Paid Family and Medical Leave Ir	$12,163	0.0	$6,205	$0	$5,958	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Unfunded Liability AED Payments	$270,277	0.0	$137,882	$0	$132,395	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Step Pay	$30,261	0.0	$15,438	$0	$14,823	$0
Total		**$706,947**	**0.0**	**$341,088**	**$0**	**$365,859**	**$0**

FY2027-28 ELECTED OFFICIAL NOVEMBER 1ST REQUEST - OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL

FY 2027-28

Centrally Appropriated Personal Services Line Items

08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Health, Life, And Dental	$511,428	0.0	$260,828	$0	$250,600	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Short-Term Disability	$2,174	0.0	$1,109	$0	$1,065	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Paid Family and Medical Leave Ir	$13,973	0.0	$7,126	$0	$6,847	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Unfunded Liability AED Payments	$309,759	0.0	$157,977	$0	$151,782	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Salary Survey	$385,048	0.0	$196,374	$0	$188,674	$0
08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,	Step Pay	$62,081	0.0	$31,661	$0	$30,420	$0
Total		**$1,284,463**	**0.0**	**$655,075**	**$0**	**$629,388**	**$0**

(8) Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel

Line Item Position Detail Information ($ Amounts are for Object Code 1110, 1111, 1210, and 1211 only)

Schedule 14A

Position Wages Paid in a Fiscal Year (July - June)

Job Class #	Position Type	FY25 FTE	FY25 Wages	FY26 FTE2	FY26 Wages2
n/a	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-ORPC	1.0	198,798	1.0	203,768
n/a	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	3.0	523,968	3.0	540,527
n/a	PROFESSIONAL STAFF	9.1	1,220,180	9.9	1,410,920
n/a	ADMINISTRATIVE & ACCOUNTING STAFF	5.3	438,285	6.0	526,511
	Total Wages Paid in the Fiscal Year	**18.4**	**$ 2,381,231**	**19.9**	**$2,681,726**
	Paydate Shift Adjustment	***0.0***	***$ 78,702***	***0.0***	***($18,216)***
	Total Wages Paid Adj. for Budget Fiscal Year *(Schedule 14.B)*	**18.4**	**$ 2,459,933**	**19.9**	**$2,663,510**

Line Item Object Code Detail	Object Group Name	FY 24-25 Actual Exp	FY 24-25 FTE	FY 25-26 Actual Exp2	FY 25-26 FTE2	FY 26-27 Approp Budget	FY 26-27 FTE	FY 27-28 EO Request Budget	FY28 FTE
Personal Services - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel									
Personal Services - Employees									
Object Group	**Object Group Name**								
FTE	Total FTE		18.4		19.9		20.0		20.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$3,421,240		$3,682,868		$3,070,326		$3,100,587	
Object Code	**Object Name**								
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$3,070,326		$3,100,587	
1110	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Regular Full-Time Wages	$0		$0		$0		$0	
1210	Contractual Employee Regular Full-Time Wages	$2,459,933		$2,663,510		$0		$0	
1220	Contractual Employee Temporary Full-Time Wages	$4,440		$0		$0		$0	
1240	Contractual Employee Annual Leave Payments	$5,798		$0		$0		$0	
1340	Employee Cash Incentive Awards	$17,500		$0		$0		$0	
1360	Non-Base Building Performance Pay	$7,928		$0		$0		$0	
1510	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Dental Insurance	$14,284		$15,025		$0		$0	
1511	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Health Insurance	$321,959		$367,043		$0		$0	
1512	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Life Insurance	$2,145		$2,170		$0		$0	
1513	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Disability	$3,669		$1,941		$0		$0	
1514	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Vision Insurance	$1,459		$1,334		$0		$0	
1515	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System - FAMLI	$9,523		$11,225		$0		$0	
1520	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System FICA-Medicare Contrib.	$35,167		$38,161		$0		$0	
1522	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System PERA	$282,207		$306,340		$0		$0	
1524	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System PERA - AED	$121,443		$131,599		$0		$0	
1525	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Pera - Supplemental AED	$121,443		$131,599		$0		$0	
1530	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Other Employee Benefits	$1,040		$1,350		$0		$0	
1532	Statutory Personnel & Payroll System Unemployment Comp.	$21		$0		$0		$0	
1630	Contractual Employee Other Employee Benefits	$11,281		$11,571		$0		$0	
Personal Services - Contract Services									
Object Group	**Object Group Name**								
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$36,123		$24,908		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**								
1910	Personal Services - Temporary	$0		$0		$0		$0	
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$17,261		$24,907		$0		$0	
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$18,862		$0		$0		$0	
1960	Personal Services - Information Technology	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$3,457,363**	**18.3**	**$3,707,775**	**19.9**	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures									
Object Group	**Object Group Name**								
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$0		$0		$0		$0	
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$0		$1,500		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**								
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$0		$1,500		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$1,500**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$3,457,363**	**18.4**	**$3,709,275**	**19.9**	**$3,070,326**	**20.0**	**$3,100,587**	**20.0**

Health, Life, And Dental - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$392,354		$511,428	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$392,354		$511,428	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$511,428**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$392,354**	**0.0**	**$511,428**	**0.0**

Short-Term Disability - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$1,892		$2,174	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$1,892		$2,174	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$2,174**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$1,892**	**0.0**	**$2,174**	**0.0**

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$12,163		$13,973	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$12,163		$13,973	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$13,973**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$12,163**	**0.0**	**$13,973**	**0.0**

Unfunded Liability AED Payments - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0				0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$270,277		$309,759	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$270,277		$309,759	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$309,759**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$270,277**	**0.0**	**$309,759**	**0.0**

PERA Direct Distribution - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0				0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$47,164		$50,318	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$47,164		$50,318	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$47,164**	**0.0**	**$50,318**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$47,164**	**0.0**	**$50,318**	**0.0**

Salary Survey - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0				0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$385,048	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$0		$385,048	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group								
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$385,048**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$385,048**	

Step Pay - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0				0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$30,261	$62,081	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1000	Personal Services	$0		$0		$30,261	$62,081	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0	$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0	$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$30,261**	**$62,081**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$0**		**$0**		**$0**	**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$30,261**	**$62,081**	**0.0**

Operating Expenses - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0	$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A							
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$620,338		$242,928		$0	$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$115,000		$125,395		$0	$0	
1960	Personal Services - Information Technology	$505,338		$117,533		$0	$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$620,338**	**0.0**	**$242,928**	**0.0**	**$0**	**$0**	**0.0**

All Other Operating Expenditures

Object Group	Object Group Name				
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$188,606	$222,272	$566,113	$566,113
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$4,186	$12,270	$0	$0
4000	Total Other Operating Expenses	$9,090	$17,278	$0	$0

Object Code	Object Name				
2000	Operating Expense	$0	$0	$566,113	$566,113
2231	Information Technology Maintenance	$257	$0	$0	$0
2250	Miscellaneous Rentals	$0	$109	$0	$0
2252	Rental/Motor Pool Mile Charge	$180	$0	$0	$0
2253	Rental of Equipment	$1,111	$7,136	$0	$0
2255	Rental of Buildings	$9,122	2,673.00	$0	$0
2258	Parking Fees	$0	585.00	$0	$0
2259	Parking Fee Reimbursement	$64	73.00	$0	$0
2260	Rental - Information Technology	$16,019	12,073.00	$0	$0
2510	In-State Travel	$1,082	$3,069	$0	$0
2511	In-State Common Carrier Fares	$0	$0	$0	$0
2512	In-State Personal Travel Per Diem	$717	$2,553	$0	$0
2513	In-State Employee Mileage Reimbursement	$1,329	$2,823	$0	$0
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$0	$2,865	$0	$0
2521	In-State/Non-Employee - Common Carrier	$0	$861	$0	$0
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$0	$99	$0	$0
2530	Out-of-State Travel	$0	$0	$0	$0
2531	Out-of-State Common Carrier Fares	$788	$0	$0	$0
2532	Out-of-State Personal Travel Per Diem	$270	$0	$0	$0
2541	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Common Carrier	$0	$0	$0	$0
2610	Advertising and Marketing	$280	$0	$0	$0
2631	Communication Charges - External	$16,815	$14,513	$0	$0
2680	Printing and Reproduction Services	$1,766	$1,171	$0	$0
2681	Photocopy Reimbursement	$187	$0	$0	$0
2810	Freight	$0	$244	$0	$0
2820	Purchased Services	$3,099	$6,393	$0	$0
3110	Supplies and Materials	$840	$8,723	$0	$0
3118	Food and Food Service Supplies	$768	$7,919	$0	$0
3120	Books/Periodicals/Subscriptions	$39	$393	$0	$0
3121	Office Supplies	$1,248	$1,347	$0	$0
3123	Postage	$740	$526	$0	$0
3128	Noncapitalizable Equipment	$290	$0	$0	$0
3132	Noncapitalizable Furniture and Office Systems	$455	$0	$0	$0
3140	Noncapitalizable Information Technology	$22,258	$29,704	$0	$0
3145	Software Subscriptions	$113,068	$128,576	$0	$0
3950	Gasoline	$0	$49	$0	$0
4100	Other Operating Expenses	$349	$65	$0	$0
4140	Dues and Memberships	$810	$6,236	$0	$0
4180	Official Functions - Nontaxable	$0	$6,633	$0	$0
4220	Registration Fees	$7,096	$3,871	$0	$0
4222	Registration Fee Reimbursement	$835	$538	$0	$0

Subtotal All Other Operating	**$201,882**		**$251,820**		**$566,113**		**$566,113**	
Total Line Item Expenditures	**$822,220**	**0.0**	**$494,748**	**0.0**	**$566,113**	**0.0**	**$566,113**	**0.0**

Legal Services - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$0		$0		$63,106		$32,077	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$63,106**	**0.0**	**$32,077**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$8,395		$32,957		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2000	Operating Expense	$0		$0		$0		$0	
2690	Legal Services	$8,395		$32,957		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$8,395**		**$32,957**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$8,395**	**0.0**	**$32,957**	**0.0**	**$63,106**	**0.0**	**$32,077**	**0.0**

Training - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A								
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$16,243		$16,350		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1310	Honorarium	$11,575		$11,950		$0		$0	
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$4,500		$4,400		$0		$0	
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$168		$0		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$16,243**	**0.0**	**$16,350**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**	**$0**	**0.0**

All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$62,043		$78,758		$138,000		$138,000
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$52,361		$37,835		$0		$0
4000	Total Other Operating Expenses	$4,421		$4,645		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2000	Operating Expense	$0		$0		$138,000		$138,000
2250	Miscellaneous Rentals	$11		$0		$0		$0
2253	Rental of Equipment	$0		$5,228		$0		$0
2254	Rental of Motor Vehicles	$0		$829		$0		$0
2255	Rental of Buildings	$2,038		$0		$0		$0
2258	Parking Fees	$1,120		$0		$0		$0
2259	Parking Fee Reimbursement	$370		$370		$0		$0
2260	Rental - Information Technology	$3,833		$0		$0		$0
2510	In-State Travel	$13,565		$15,532		$0		$0
2511	In-State Common Carrier Fares	$288		$30		$0		$0
2512	In-State Personal Travel Per Diem	$3,786		$4,200		$0		$0
2513	In-State Employee Mileage Reimbursement	$2,306		$2,249		$0		$0
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$13,234		$11,969		$0		$0
2521	In-State/Non-Employee - Common Carrier	$2,334		$1,202		$0		$0
2522	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Per Diem	$653		$479		$0		$0
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$1,946		$98		$0		$0
2530	Out-of-State Travel	$2,911		$521		$0		$0
2531	Out-of-State Common Carrier Fares	$2,731		$965		$0		$0
2532	Out-of-State Personal Travel Per Diem	$852		$590		$0		$0
2540	Out-of-State Travel/Non-Employee	$1,262		$0		$0		$0
2541	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Common Carrier	$6,045		$0		$0		$0
2542	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Personal Per Diem	$448		$0		$0		$0
2680	Printing and Reproduction Services	$2,310		$1,655		$0		$0
2810	Freight	$0		$158		$0		$0
2820	Purchased Services	$1,300		$8,210		$0		$0
3110	Supplies and Materials	$208		$8,578		$0		$0
3118	Food and Food Service Supplies	$29,206		$46,755		$0		$0
3120	Books/Periodicals/Subscriptions	$0		$1,800		$0		$0
3121	Office Supplies	$17,086		$0		$0		$0
3128	Noncapitalizable Equipment	$92		$0		$0		$0
3145	Software Subscriptions	$4,469		$5,114		$0		$0
3950	Gasoline	$0		$61		$0		$0
4100	Other Operating Expenses	$875		$710		$0		$0
4220	Registration Fees	$3,546		$3,935		$0		$0
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$118,825**		**$121,238**		**$138,000**		**$138,000**
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$135,068**	**0.0**	**$137,588**	**0.0**	**$138,000**	**0.0**	**$138,000**	**0.0**

Court-appointed Counsel - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$23,537,034		$25,914,960		$27,684,160		$28,637,448
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1622	Contractual Employee PERA	$1,019		$62		$27,684,160		$28,637,448
1624	Contractual Employee PERA-AED	$439		$27		$0		$0
1625	Contractual Employee Pera - Supplemental AED	$439		$27		$0		$0
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$0		$0		$0		$0
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services (Current Year Activity)	$23,535,138		$25,914,844		$0		$0
1935	* Personal Services - Legal Services (Associated with FY 2022-23 activity)	$0		$0		$0		$0
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$23,537,034**	**0.0**	**$25,914,960**	**0.0**	**$27,684,160**	**0.0**	**$28,637,448**	**0.0**

All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$0		$0		$0		$0	
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$546,921		$634,772		$0		$0	
4000	Total Other Operating Expenses	$126,921		$74,082		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$4,064		$14,997		$0		$0	
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$535,495		$609,163		$0		$0	
2540	Out-of-State Travel/Non-Employee	$238		$1,542		$0		$0	
2543	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$7,124		$9,070		$0		$0	
2820	Purchased Services	$0		$0		$0		$0	
4260	Nonemployee Reimbursements	$126,921		$74,082		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$673,842**		**$708,854**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$24,210,876**	**0.0**	**$26,623,814**	**0.0**	**$27,684,160**	**0.0**	**$28,637,448**	**0.0**

ORPC Parent Advocates - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$1,138,374		$0		$1,476,255		$1,480,784	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$0		$0		$1,476,255		$1,480,784	
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$1,138,374		$1,029,339		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$1,138,374**	**0.0**	**$1,029,339**	**0.0**	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$114,587		$130,005		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2000	Operating Expense	$0		$0		$0		$0	
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$0		$262		$0		$0	
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$113,571		$128,571		$0		$0	
2543	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$1,016		$1,172		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$114,587**		**$130,005**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$1,252,961**	**0.0**	**$1,159,344**	**0.0**	**$1,476,255**	**0.0**	**$1,480,784**	**0.0**

ORPC Preventative Legal Services - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0	
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$39,005	0.00	$74,711	0.00	$50,704	0.00	$352,851	0.00
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$0		$0		$50,704		$352,851	
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$39,005		$74,711		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$39,005**	**0.0**	**$74,711**	**0.0**	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$352,851**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$296		$2,390		$0		$0	
4000	Total Other Operating Expenses	$36		$46		$0		$0	
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$296		$2,386		$0		$0	
2543	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$0		$4		$0		$0	
4260	Nonemployee Reimbursements	$36		$46		$0		$0	
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$332**		**$2,436**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$39,337**	**0.0**	**$77,147**	**0.0**	**$50,704**	**0.0**	**$352,851**	**0.0**

Mandated Costs - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$1,181,114		$1,178,977		$1,414,592		$1,414,592
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$0		$0		$1,414,592		$1,414,592
1622	Contractual Employee PERA	$1,499		$877		$0		$0
1624	Contractual Employee PERA-AED	$645		$377		$0		$0
1625	Contractual Employee Pera - Supplemental AED	$645		$377		$0		$0
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$0		$0		$0		$0
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$1,178,325		$1,177,346		$0		$0
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$1,181,114**	**0.0**	**$1,178,977**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Operating Expense	$4,153		$7,575		$0		$0
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$2,895		$3,230		$0		$0
4000	Total Other Operating Expenses	$0		$0		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$1,184		$824		$0		$0
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$1,681		$1,945		$0		$0
2543	Out-of-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$30		$461		$0		$0
2820	Purchased Services	$4,153		$7,575		$0		$0
4260	Nonemployee Reimbursements	$0		$0		$0		$0
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$7,048**		**$10,805**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$1,188,162**	**0.0**	**$1,189,782**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**	**$1,414,592**	**0.0**

Grants - 08. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, (A) Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel,

Personal Services - Employees								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
FTE	Total FTE		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
1000	Total Employee Wages and Benefits	$0		$0		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
N/A	N/A	$0		$0		$0		$0
Personal Services - Contract Services								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
1100	Total Contract Services (Purchased Personal Services)	$550		$0		$31,095		$31,095
Object Code	**Object Name**							
1100	Purchased Service - Personal Services	$0		$0		$31,095		$31,095
1310	Honorarium	$550		$5,636		$0		$0
1920	Personal Services - Professional	$0		$0		$0		$0
1935	Personal Services - Legal Services	$0		$0		$0		$0
Subtotal All Personal Services		**$550**	**0.0**	**$5,636**	**0.0**	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$31,095**	**0.0**
All Other Operating Expenditures								
Object Group	**Object Group Name**							
2000	Total Operating Expenses	$6,010		$4,611		$0		$0
3000	Total Travel Expenses	$18,482		$20,848		$0		$0
Object Code	**Object Name**							
2253	Rental of Equipment	$0		$2,500		$0		$0
2513	In-State Employee Mileage Reimbursement	$0		$257		$0		$0
2520	In-State Travel/Non-Employee	$18,482		$18,811		$0		$0
2522	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Per Diem	$0		$273		$0		$0
2523	In-State/Non-Employee - Personal Vehicle Reimbursement	$0		$1,507		$0		$0
2820	Purchased Services	$776		$0		$0		$0
3110	Supplies and Materials	$0		$61		$0		$0
3118	Food and Food Service Supplies	$2,959		$2,050		$0		$0
3121	Office Supplies	$2,275		$0		$0		$0
Subtotal All Other Operating		**$24,492**		**$25,459**		**$0**		**$0**	
Total Line Item Expenditures		**$25,042**	**0.0**	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$31,095**	**0.0**	**$31,095**	**0.0**

Request For Information with Budget Request FY 2027-28

Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel FY 2025-26
Spending Authority Transfers

Long Bill Line Item	Spending Authority Before Transfers	Bill Footnote 63 Transfer Authority	Transfer to ADC	Spending Authority After Transfers	Footnote
Transfer Funding Source		*Reappropriated Funds*	*General Fund*		
Operating	548,299	(25,000)	-	523,299	1
Parent Advocates	1,469,153	(1,443)	-	1,467,710	2
Preventative Legal Services	50,704	26,443	-	77,147	1, 2
Court-appointed Counsel (CAC)	27,684,159		(500,000)	27,184,159	3
All Other Long Bill Line Items	5,354,725	-	-	5,354,725	
FY 2025-26 Spending Authority	**35,107,040**	**$ -**	**$ (500,000)**	**34,607,040**	

Percentage of appropriation allowed as additional transfer authority per Long Bill footnote (SB25-206 footnote 61)	**5.0%**
Long Bil (SB25-206 Footnote 61) Transfer Authority allowed	**$ 1,755,352**
Long Bil (SB25-206 Footnote 61) Transfer Authority used	**$ 26,443**
Percentage transferred based on Total appropriation	**0.08%**

1) In FY26 the ORPC received additional reappropriated funds in its operating line intended for the implementation of pilot programs utilizing Title IV-E reappropriated federal funding. The ORPC received these funds during the supplemental process, since this was late in the fiscal year the ORPC was unable to utilize all of these funds where authorized in FY26. Therefore the ORPC transferred $25,000 of this spending authority to one of its current pilot programs (Preventative Legal Services) operating in its own line item. This transfer allowed the program to continue operations throughout FY26 without stopping services leading toward better outcome assessment.

2) In FY26 the ORPC continued to execute it Preventative Legal Services pilot program. This line was initially appropriated $50,704 in reappropriated funds. Towards the end of FY26 it was seen that the program was trending to spend around $75,000 so $25,000 of spending authority was transferred from new pilot program funding awarded to the Operating line during the supplemental process. However, at the end of the fiscal year the line ended up spending $77,147 and therefore required $1,443 in additional spending authority to break even. There were excess reappropriated funds available in the Parent Advocates line, so $1,443 of excess reappropriated Title IV-E spending authority was transferred from the Prent Advocates line to the Preventative Legal Services line to cover the shortfall.

3) In FY26 the Office of the Child Representative (OCR) and ORPC transferred $500,000 each of spending authority from their respective “Court appointed Counsel” appropriations to the Alternate Defense Council (ADC) due to a budget shortfall in their "Conflict of Interest Contracts" appropriation due to higher than anticipated costs. State statute (CRS 24-75-108 and 24-75-110) and the annual Long Bill provide Executive Branch and Judicial agencies the authority to make budget transfers (up to a limit of $1 million) to address these shortfalls.

Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel FY 2027-28

Salary Pots Request Template

DPA POTS Template

	TOTAL FUNDS/FTE FY 2027-28	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
I. Continuation Salary Base		FUND SPLITS - From Position-by-Position Tab			
Sum of Filled FTE as of July 31, 2026	20.00	Total GF	Total CF	Total RF	Total FF
Salary X 12	$2,709,368	$1,381,778	$0	$1,327,590	$0
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$316,996	$161,668	$0	$155,328	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$39,286	$20,036	$0	$19,250	$0
Subtotal Continuation Salary Base =	$3,065,650	$1,563,482	$0	$1,502,168	$0
II. Salary Survey Adjustments					
System Maintenance Studies	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Cost of Living Adjustment - Base Building	$33,867	$17,272	$0	$16,595	$0
Cost of Living Adjustment - Non-Base Building	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Movement to Statewide Minimum Wage - Base Adjustment	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Subtotal - Salary Survey Adjustments	***$33,867***	***$17,272***	***$0***	***$16,595***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$3,963	$2,021	$0	$1,942	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$491	$250	$0	$241	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$38,321***	***$19,543***	***$0***	***$18,778***	***$0***
III. Step Pay Adjustments					
Step Increase - Base Adjustment - Classified, Step Eligible	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Step-Like Increase - Base Adjustment - Step-Ineligible	$54,865	$27,981	$0	$26,884	$0
Subtotal - Step Pay Adjustments	***$54,865***	***$27,981***	***$0***	***$26,884***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$6,420	$3,274	$0	$3,146	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$796	$406	$0	$390	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$62,081***	***$31,661***	***$0***	***$30,420***	***$0***
III. Total State Service Awards - non base (BNS not PERA includable)					
TSS Awards - non base building - all employees	$7,751	$3,953	$0	$3,798	$0
Subtotal - Awards	***$7,751***	***$3,953***	***$0***	***$3,798***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$112	$57	$0	$55	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$7,863***	***$4,010***	***$0***	***$3,853***	***$0***
IV. Shift Differential					
FY 2025-26 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES for All Occupational Groups	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Actual and Adjustments @ 100%	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
V. Revised Salary Basis for Remaining Request Subtotals					
Total Continuation Salary Base, Adjustments, & Shift (PERA Includable)	$2,798,100	$1,427,031	$0	$1,371,069	$0
Total Continuation Salary Base, Adjustments, TSS Awards & Shift (PERA Includable and non)	$2,805,851	$1,430,984	$0	$1,374,867	$0
VI. Unfunded Liability Amortization Payments					
Revised Salary Basis * 10.00%	$279,810	$142,703	$0	$137,107	$0
VII. Short-term Disability					
Revised Salary Basis * 0.15%	$1,964	$1,002	$0	$962	$0
VIII. Health, Life, and Dental (with Vision)					
Funding Request	$511,428	$260,828	$0	$250,600	$0
IX. Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Premiums	$12,626	$6,439	$0	$6,187	$0

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Salary Pots Summary
DPA POTS Template

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2026-27 Appropriation	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ -				
Step Pay	$ 30,261	$ 15,438		$ 14,823	
PERA Direct Distribution	$ 47,164	$ 24,061		$ 23,103	
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ 12,163	$ 6,205		$ 5,958	
Shift	$ -				
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ 270,277	$ 137,882		$ 132,395	
Short-term Disability	$ 1,892	$ 965		$ 927	
Health, Life and Dental	$ 392,354	$ 180,598		$ 211,756	
TOTAL	$ 754,111	$ 365,149	$ -	$ 388,962	$ -

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2027-28 Total Request	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ 46,184	$ 23,553	$ -	$ 22,631	$ -
Step Pay	$ 62,081	$ 31,661	$ -	$ 30,420	$ -
PERA Direct Distribution	$ 50,318	$ 25,662	$ -	$ 24,656	$ -
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ 12,626	$ 6,439	$ -	$ 6,187	$ -
Shift	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ 279,810	$ 142,703	$ -	$ 137,107	$ -
Short-term Disability	$ 1,964	$ 1,002	$ -	$ 962	$ -
Health, Life and Dental	$ 511,428	$ 260,828	$ -	$ 250,600	$ -
TOTAL	$ 964,411	$ 491,848	$ -	$ 472,563	$ -

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2027-28 Incremental	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ 46,184	$ 23,553	$ -	$ 22,631	$ -
Step Pay	$ 62,081	$ 31,661	$ -	$ 30,420	$ -
PERA Direct Distribution	$ 3,154	$ 1,601	$ -	$ 1,553	$ -
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ 463	$ 234	$ -	$ 229	$ -
Shift	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ 9,533	$ 4,821	$ -	$ 4,712	$ -
Short-term Disability	$ 72	$ 37	$ -	$ 35	$ -
Health, Life and Dental	$ 119,074	$ 80,230	$ -	$ 38,844	$ -
TOTAL	$ 240,561	$ 142,137	$ -	$ 98,424	$ -

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Salary Pots Request Template

OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study

	TOTAL FUNDS/FTE FY 2027-28	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
I. Continuation Salary Base		FUND SPLITS - From Position-by-Position Tab			
Sum of Filled FTE as of July 31, 2026	20.00	Total GF	Total CF	Total RF	Total FF
Salary X 12	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Subtotal Continuation Salary Base =	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
II. Salary Survey Adjustments					
System Maintenance Studies	$299,482	$152,736	$0	$146,746	$0
Cost of Living Adjustment - Base Building	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Cost of Living Adjustment - Non-Base Building	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Movement to Statewide Minimum Wage - Base Adjustment	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Subtotal - Salary Survey Adjustments	***$299,482***	***$152,736***	***$0***	***$146,746***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$35,039	$17,870	$0	$17,169	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$4,343	$2,215	$0	$2,128	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$338,864***	***$172,821***	***$0***	***$166,043***	***$0***
III. Step Pay Adjustments					
Step Increase - Base Adjustment - Classified, Step Eligible	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Step-Like Increase - Base Adjustment - Step-Ineligible	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Subtotal - Step Pay Adjustments	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
III. Total State Service Awards - non base (BNS not PERA includable)					
TSS Awards - non base building - all employees	$7,751	$3,953	$0	$3,798	$0
Subtotal - Awards	***$7,751***	***$3,953***	***$0***	***$3,798***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$112	$57	$0	$55	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$7,863***	***$4,010***	***$0***	***$3,853***	***$0***
IV. Shift Differential					
FY 2025-26 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES for All Occupational Groups	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Actual and Adjustments @ 100%	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
PERA (Standard, Trooper, and Judicial Rates) at FY 2027-28 PERA Rates	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Medicare @ 1.45%	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Request Subtotal =	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***	***$0***
V. Revised Salary Basis for Remaining Request Subtotals					
Total Continuation Salary Base, Adjustments, & Shift (PERA Includable)	$299,482	$152,736	$0	$146,746	$0
Total Continuation Salary Base, Adjustments, TSS Awards & Shift (PERA Includable and non)	$299,482	$152,736	$0	$146,746	$0
VI. Unfunded Liability Amortization Payments					
Revised Salary Basis * 10.00%	$29,949	$15,274	$0	$14,675	$0
VII. Short-term Disability					
Revised Salary Basis * 0.15%	$210	$107	$0	$103	$0
VIII. Health, Life, and Dental (with Vision)					
Funding Request	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
IX. Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Premiums	$1,347	$687	$0	$660	$0

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Salary Pots Summary
OASIA R01: ORPC's Portion of OASIA's Compensation Study

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2026-27 Appropriation	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Step Pay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Merit Pay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
PERA Direct Distribution	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Shift	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Short-term Disability	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Health, Life and Dental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2027-28 Total Request	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ 338,864	$ 172,821	$ -	$ 166,043	$ -
Step Pay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
PERA Direct Distribution	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ 1,347	$ 687	$ -	$ 660	$ -
Shift	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ 29,949	$ 15,274	$ -	$ 14,675	$ -
Short-term Disability	$ 210	$ 107	$ -	$ 103	$ -
Health, Life and Dental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ 370,370	$ 188,889	$ -	$ 181,481	$ -

Common Policy Line Item	FY 2027-28 Incremental	GF	CF	RF	FF
Salary Survey	$ 338,864	$ 172,821	$ -	$ 166,043	$ -
Step Pay	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
PERA Direct Distribution	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program	$ 1,347	$ 687	$ -	$ 660	$ -
Shift	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	$ 29,949	$ 15,274	$ -	$ 14,675	$ -
Short-term Disability	$ 210	$ 107	$ -	$ 103	$ -
Health, Life and Dental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ 370,370	$ 188,889	$ -	$ 181,481	$ -

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August 19, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for the Colorado Pre-Filing Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the **Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative**, we are pleased to express our strong support for the **Colorado Pre-Filing Program** and its continued implementation and expansion as an innovative approach to supporting infants and families affected by prenatal substance exposure.

Our Collaborative brings together hospitals and multidisciplinary partners across Colorado with a shared goal of improving the care of substance-exposed newborns and their families. Through this work, we have seen firsthand that optimal outcomes require more than excellent medical care. Families benefit most when healthcare, behavioral health, child welfare, legal, and community systems work together to provide coordinated, compassionate, and family-centered support.

The Colorado Pre-Filing Program advances these goals by creating an opportunity to engage families **before the filing of a dependency and neglect case**, when appropriate. This early, collaborative approach can help families understand expectations, connect with needed services, address safety concerns, and develop plans that support both infant well-being and family stability. Importantly, the program provides an alternative to relying exclusively on formal court involvement as the mechanism for coordinating services and ensuring infant safety.

This approach is particularly important for families affected by substance use during pregnancy. These families often interact simultaneously with multiple systems and may experience stigma, fear, and uncertainty about how seeking treatment or disclosing substance use will affect their family. Approaches that emphasize early engagement, transparency, procedural fairness, and meaningful participation can strengthen trust and make it more likely that families will remain engaged with healthcare and community-based services.

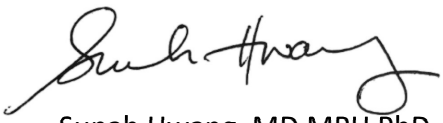
The Pre-Filing Program is also well aligned with the principles underlying **Plans of Safe Care** for substance-exposed infants. Effective Plans of Safe Care should be individualized, family-centered, and focused on the health and well-being of both the infant and caregiver. When healthcare providers, families, child welfare professionals, legal partners, and community organizations collaborate early, there is greater opportunity to identify needs, coordinate services, reduce fragmentation, and create sustainable supports for families.

From a quality-improvement perspective, the Colorado Pre-Filing Program represents an important systems-level innovation. Rather than waiting for families to experience escalating risk or adversarial system involvement, it creates a structure for earlier problem-solving and shared accountability. It also offers Colorado an important opportunity to evaluate whether a more preventive and collaborative approach can improve family engagement, strengthen Plans of Safe

Care, reduce unnecessary court involvement, and ultimately improve outcomes for infants and families.

The Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative strongly supports efforts to sustain, evaluate, and expand the Colorado Pre-Filing Program. We believe this work complements hospital-based efforts to improve care for substance-exposed newborns and advances Colorado's broader commitment to ensuring that infants are safe, families receive the support they need, and systems respond to substance use with evidence-informed, coordinated, and family-centered approaches.
We appreciate the leadership of those who have developed and implemented this innovative model and are pleased to support its continued advancement in Colorado.

Sincerely,



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