

Kentucky

Department for Community Based Services

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Our Mission

To build an effective and efficient system of care with Kentucky's citizens and communities to:

- Reduce poverty, adult and child maltreatment, and their effects;
- Advance person and family self-sufficiency, recovery, and resiliency;
- Assure all children have safe and nurturing homes and communities; and
- Recruit and retain a workforce and partners that operate with integrity and transparency



Our Organization

DCBS is comprised of more than 4,400 employees in five divisions with offices in every county and one central office leadership team managing staff and operations.

Division of Family Support

The Division of Family Support administers Medicaid eligibility, the State Supplementation program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Home Energy, and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Division of Protection and Permanency

The Division of Protection and Permanency coordinates the state's child welfare, adult protection, and family violence prevention efforts. The division coordinates more than 180 contracts with vendors that provide services statewide, provides consultative services and technical assistance, coordinates permanency services, develops standards of practice and federally-required state plans, and analyzes data and creates reports to monitor the state's progress towards child welfare goals.

Division of Child Care

The Division of Child Care oversees the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), the child care quality rating and improvement system, professional development, and child care contracts.

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Division of Administration and Financial Management

The Division of Administration and Financial Management is composed of budget and fiscal staff, contract procurement, resource management, and records management.

Division of Service Regions

The Division of Service Regions includes nine service areas and nine branches that assist clients with direct services in each of Kentucky's 120 counties.

Our Commitment to Child Welfare

Our Child Welfare Transformation, with the goals of safely reducing the number of children entering out of home care, improving timeliness to permanency, and reducing staff caseloads, has intensified with the implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act. The hard work of many DCBS staff and stakeholders has resulted in improved options and resources for Kentucky families and children. Child welfare belongs to all of us.



Our Commitment to Assisting Families

Statistics for the month of April 2020 (during the COVID-19 pandemic)

Families Receiving Child Care Subsidy: 13,409

Households Receiving SNAP: 265,158

Families on K-TAP: 13,729

Families on Kinship Care: 1,997

Children in Out-of-Home Care: 10,047 (May 3, 2020)

State Supplemental Assistance to Aged, Blind, or Disabled Individuals: 4,036

Children w/ Substantiated Reports or Services Needed: 28,462
(4/1/2019 - 3/31/2020)