



NEW HAMPSHIRE
DHHS
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

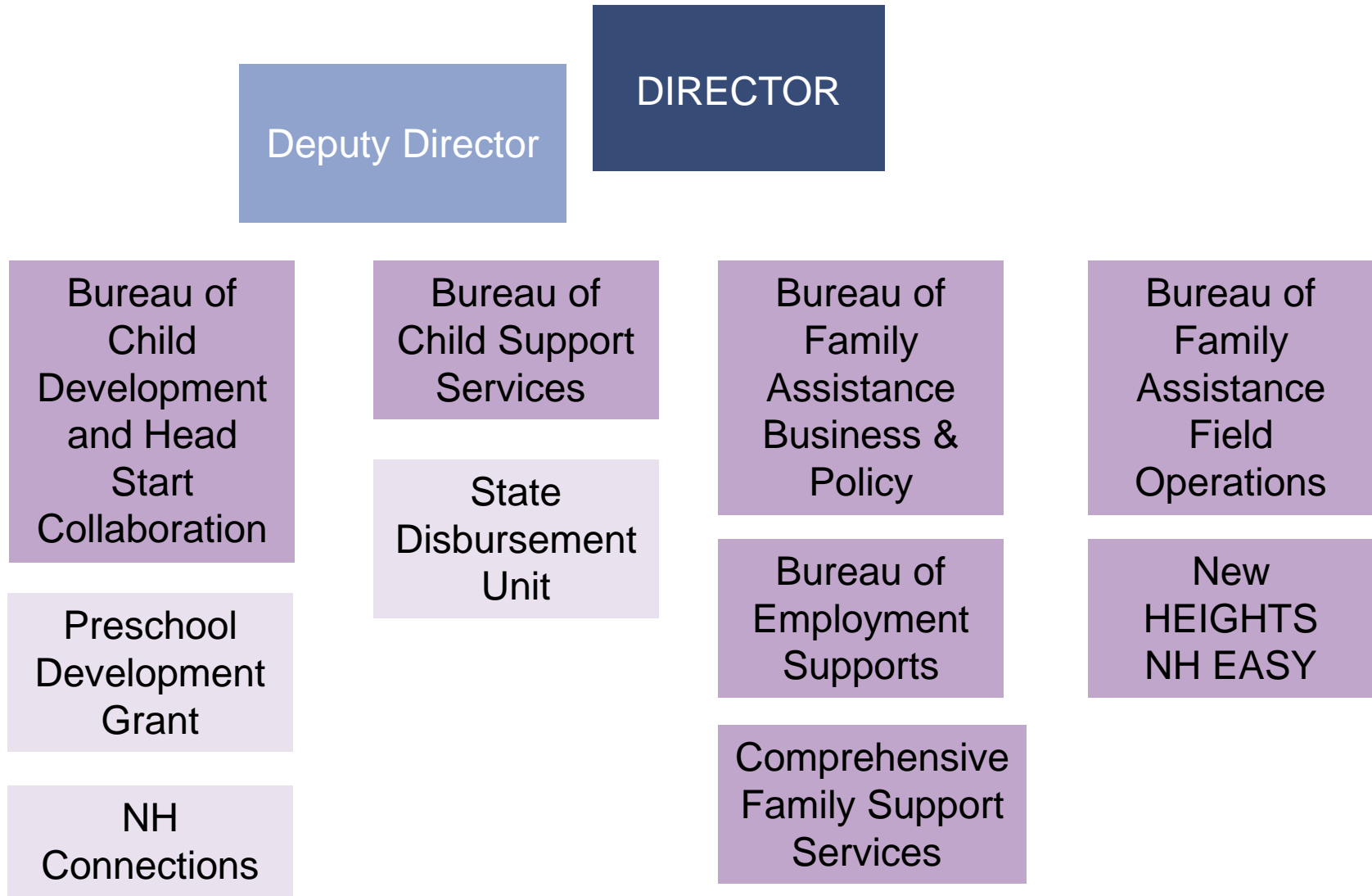
Division of Economic Stability

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Mission

To advance the health, economic
and social well-being of
individuals, families and communities.



Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration

- Administers the NH Child Care Scholarship Program (child care assistance)
- Strengthens the Child Care system in NH to support business and economic development
- Provides support and professional development opportunities to child care providers
- Helps parents make informed choices to support their child's development
- Enhances the quality of child care to improve the child's readiness for and success in school

Bureau of Child Support Services

- Services for families of children whose parents (or parent/caretaker) do not reside in the same household
- Establishes paternity and legal orders of child and medical support
- Engaging and assisting parents who are willing and able (or unable) to support their children; When necessary, enforcing the responsibility with parents who are unwilling
- Process approximately \$76 million/year in support. Payments distributed and disbursed within 48 business hours of receipt, lessening the need for government assistance benefits

Bureau of Family Assistance – Director’s Office

- Administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and multiple state supplemental programs through policy and business oversight, ensuring access to and services delivery of medical and economic assistance programs
- Collaborates across DHHS and with community programs for human services, healthcare services, navigation and homelessness to meet the needs of vulnerable populations
- Administers the Comprehensive Family Support Services program through Family Resource Centers statewide, and the Kinship Navigation program

Bureau of Employment Supports - Identified under Bureau of Family Assistance

- Administers the NH Employment Program (NHEP) which provides work participation services for TANF recipients to attain self-sufficiency.
- Administers SNAP Employment and Training Program (E&T) which helps recipients gain skills, education or work experience.
- Relationships with employers and educational/training organizations to address labor market needs through training and education.
- Meets family and business needs through credential attainment and workforce skill building

Bureau of Family Assistance – Field Activities

- Assists individuals and families access medical and economic assistance programs, including Medicaid, TANF, SNAP and the Childcare Scholarship, and determines eligibility for all programs
- Maintains and enhances the DHHS Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment system known as New HEIGHTS
- Maintains and enhances customer self-service web portal known as NH EASY
- Determines medical eligibility for disability benefits

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Senate Finance

	SFY2022 Actual	SFY2023 Adjusted Authorized	SFY2024 Governor Budget	SFY2024 House Budget	SFY2025 Governor Budget	SFY2025 House Budget
Activity 4211: Child Development						
General Funds	\$12,230,475	\$13,335,050	\$13,674,421	\$13,674,421	\$13,674,421	\$13,674,421
TOTAL FUNDS	\$33,013,817	\$33,364,191	\$41,003,390	\$41,003,390	\$41,400,418	\$41,400,418
Activity 4270: Child Support Services						
General Funds	\$3,505,947	\$4,829,411	\$4,728,090	\$4,728,090	\$4,844,907	\$4,844,907
TOTAL FUNDS	\$13,607,523	\$16,275,736	\$17,444,257	\$17,444,257	\$17,794,074	\$17,794,074
Activity 4500: Family Assistance B&P Employment Supports CFSS						
General Funds	\$26,497,798	\$38,395,917	\$36,055,768	\$36,029,886	\$36,130,298	\$36,130,298
TOTAL FUNDS	\$57,749,147	\$76,887,988	\$68,716,597	\$68,380,597	\$68,902,575	\$68,620,575
Activity 4510: Family Assistance Field Op						
General Funds	\$13,152,190	\$15,705,139	\$14,359,639	\$15,198,141	\$14,814,260	\$14,814,260
TOTAL FUNDS	\$32,129,158	\$37,998,453	\$35,815,294	\$36,653,796	\$36,450,864	\$36,450,864
TOTAL - ALL	\$136,499,645	\$164,526,368	\$162,979,538	\$163,482,040	\$164,547,931	\$164,265,931

House Changes

- **HB1, AU 6127:** Net decrease of \$336k to account for reduction training and contract needs.
- **HB1, AU 7214:** Addition of \$838,502 General Funds to pay for required audit of the Integrated Eligibility System.
- **HB2, Section 437:** Family Resource Centers: \$1 million annually General Funds).
- **HB2 386:** Requires DHHS adjust child care eligibility to 85% of state median income for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. Estimated \$8.6 million annually with authorization to utilize TANF funds.
- **HB2 388:** Requires child care service reimburse rates to match 75th percentile of market rate survey for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. Estimated \$2.9 million annually, with authorization to utilize TANF funds.
- **HB2 387:** Allows DHHS to utilize TANF funds to fund employment-related child care services to avoid a wait list. Included in current law (Chapter Law 91, Laws of 2021)

HB1 Budget Areas For Consideration

Description	SFY 24				SFY 25			
	General	Federal	Other	Total	General	Federal	Other	Total
New Part time position to support Medicaid Unwind activities.	\$21,103	\$27,067		\$48,170	\$21,103	\$27,067		\$48,170
E-Mars – Reduce GF and add FF match to accurately reflect contracted price limitation.	(\$670,802)	\$1,509,304		\$838,502				
Reclass of 278 Family Service Specialists to align with current required duties.	\$396,648	\$527,720		\$924,368	\$580,846	\$772,788		\$1,353,634

HB2 Budget Areas for Consideration

Section	Title	Description
227	Temporary Assistance For Needy Families; Maintenance of Effort	HB2 as Amended by the House appropriates \$2.5 Million General Funds each year of the biennium. The Governor's Budget included \$3 Million General for the purpose of ensuring sufficient are available for the Department to meet the required \$32 million Maintenance of Effort Requirement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). DHHS is requesting an additional \$500k each year to ensure sufficient funds are available to avoid any reduction or penalties to the \$38 million of federal funds annually.