

Pennsylvania FY 2003-04 Enacted Budget

A Review of Major Children's Programs

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

Program	(F)ederal or (S)tate Funding	Available 2002-03	Proposed 2003-04	Enacted 2003-04	Percent Change
Child Care Start-Up Challenge Grants-TANF Part of Gov's Early Childhood Initiative To provide challenge grants to increase the capacity of child care centers in areas with unmet need. For equipment, furnishings, materials, but not new construction.	(F)	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	0.0%
CyberStart To develop a program of free hardware, Internet access, and specialized software + training to DPW licensed child care centers and group homes. Also developing Internet-based programs for child care teachers to use with preschoolers and net resource directories.	(S)	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-37.5%
CyberStart Infrastructure Development - CCDF Eliminated CCDF funding for program.	(F)	\$8,400,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
Bridging the Digital Divide-TANF Program eliminated. Provided low-income families access to computers in community-based settings including housing projects and community centers.	(F)	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
Family Savings Accounts Government aid to promote savings by lower-income families. FSA matches savings dollar for dollar of families below 200% poverty in FSA program up to \$1,000 each year for up to 2 years, based on an agreement that includes a specific savings goal. Savers' and matched funds are paid to vendor (not the saver) for home ownership, education, self-employment or other allowable goals. To achieve the dollar match per dollar saved, the state funds here provide 50 cents and federal Assets for Independence and/or PA TANF allocation provide the other 50 cents.	(S)	\$1,076,000	\$826,000	\$826,000	-23.2%

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Family Savings Account-TANF TANF allows more types of savings goals as well as expanded the families served.	(F)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.0%
Assets for Independence - complements and matches state program.	(F)	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	0.0%
Programs Administering Tax Credits Educational Improvement Tax Credits - Act 4 of 2001 granted up to \$30 million in tax credits for corporations, financial institutions and insurance companies on their corporate net income or similar taxes. Act 48 of 2003 increased this amount to \$40 million. Business contributions of cash, property, or in-kind services (a) to scholarships for low and middle income students to attend non-public schools or (b) for innovative public school advanced academic programs. Eligible on a DCED-approved and first-come, first-served basis. Credits of 75% of contribution for one year or 90% of the annual amount for each of two years, with a maximum of \$100,000 credit per business per year.	(S)	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000	33.3%
Neighborhood Assistance -- Business tax credits for impoverished areas. A long-standing program; total credits capped at \$18 million since 1999-00. DCED approves neighborhood programs within criteria and cap. Then the local agencies solicit business contributions of cash, technical assistance, or other in-kind donations.	(S)	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	0.0%