



Georgia Department of Human Services

Joint Appropriations Budget Hearing

Amended Fiscal Year 2026 & Fiscal Year 2027

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Summary of Governor's Recommendations

	<u>AFY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Current Budget (State Funds)	\$1,059,937,900	\$1,059,937,900
Statewide Adjustments (Common Changes)	\$22,356,752	(\$24,065,534)
Workload Adjustments	\$50,278,655	\$81,160,312
Other Adjustments	-	-
Total Adjustments	\$72,635,407	\$57,094,778
DHS Recommended Budget (Includes Attached Entities)	\$1,132,573,307	\$1,117,032,678



Governor's Recommendations

Governor's Budget Report	State Fund Changes (Workload Changes)	AFY 2026
Page 214	Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe. (Total Funds: \$7,573,078) [Child Support Services]	\$2,633,924
Page 214	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures. [Child Welfare Services]	\$371,500
Page 214	Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures. [Child Welfare Services]	(\$50,000)
Page 215	Increase funds for Gateway system modifications to reduce the SNAP payment error rate and ensure federal compliance. (Total Funds: \$19,187,543) [Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]	\$6,207,774
Page 215	Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care. [Out-of-Home Care]	\$41,543,336



Governor's Recommendations

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Page 215	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures. [Out-of-Home Care]	(\$371,500)

Total State Funds

\$50,335,034



Governor's Recommendations

Governor's Budget Report	State Fund Changes (Workload Changes)	FY 2027
Page 218	Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session). [Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention]	(\$35,348)
Page 218	Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe. [Child Support Services]	\$3,637,354
Page 218	Increase funds for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions. [Child Support Services]	\$456,374
Page 218	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures. [Child Welfare Services]	\$371,500
Page 218	Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures. [Child Welfare Services]	(\$50,000)



Governor's Recommendations

Governor's Budget Report	State Fund Changes (Workload Changes)	FY 2027
Page 219	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%. [Departmental Administration]	\$5,925,437
Page 220	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%. [Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]	\$40,428,968
Page 220	Increase funds for a SNAP payment accuracy innovation effort to reduce the SNAP payment error rate. [Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]	\$12,000,000
Page 220	Eliminate funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. [Out-of-Home Care]	(\$300,000)
Page 220	Eliminate funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families. [Out-of-Home Care]	(\$250,000)



Governor's Recommendations

Governor's Budget Report	State Fund Changes (Workload Changes)	FY 2027
Page 220	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures. [Out-of-Home Care]	(\$371,500)
Page 220	Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds (Total Funds: \$8,121,840). [Out-of-Home Care]	\$6,229,492
Page 220	Increase funds (\$19,401,801) for utilization growth and increased costs of care and transfer funds from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission (\$1,892,348) to recognize savings from federal match for the above referenced CSERC. [Out-of-Home Care]	\$21,294,149
Total State Funds		\$89,232,668



Entities Attached for Administrative Purposes

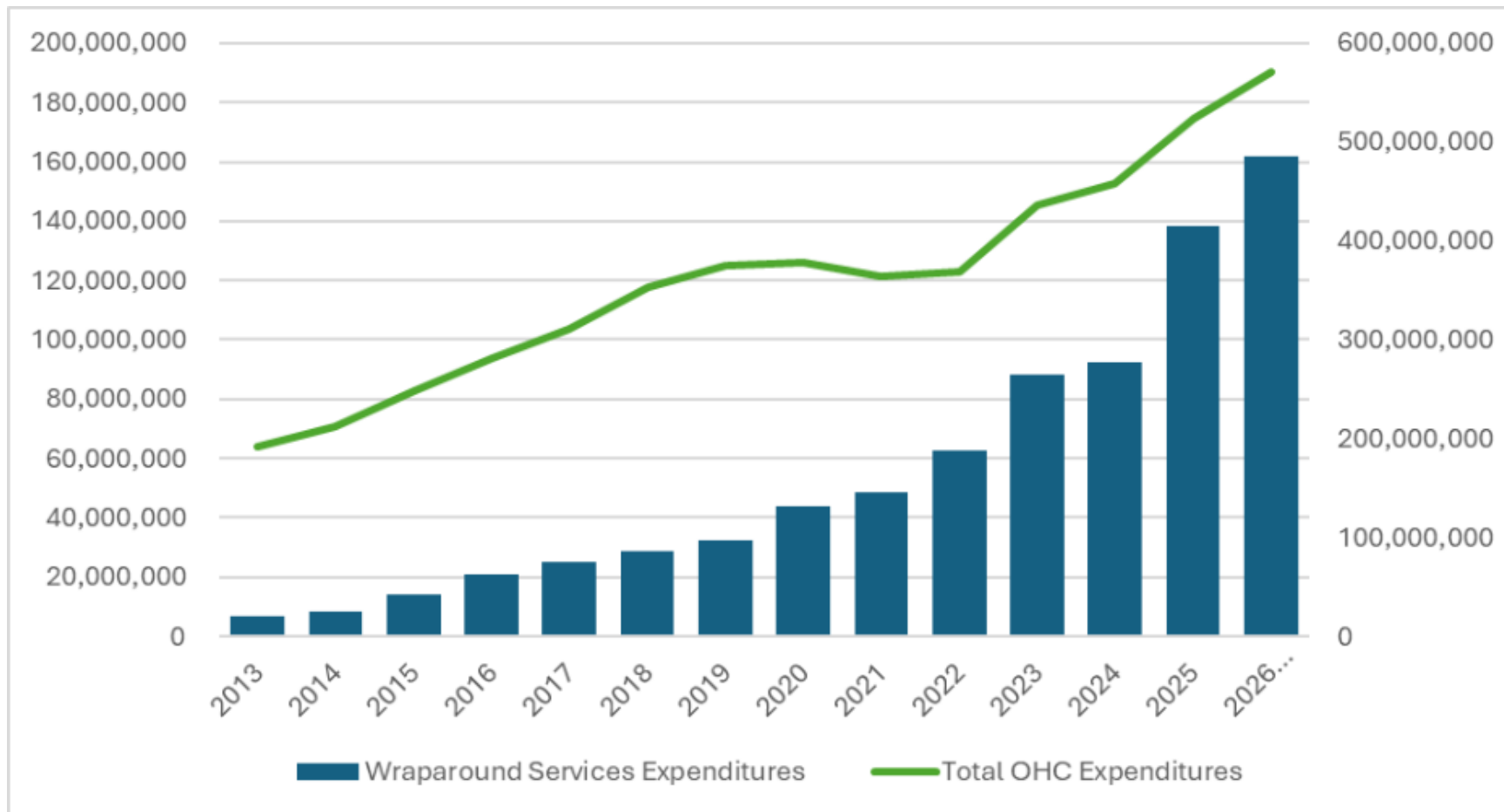


Governor's Recommendations

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Pages 216 & 221	Reduce funds for personal services. (HB68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor) [Council on Aging]	(\$56,379)	(\$56,379)
Page 221	Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds. [Safe Harbor]	-	(\$8,121,840)
Page 221	Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209. [Safe Harbor]	-	\$2,105
Total State Funds		(\$56,379)	(\$8,176,114)



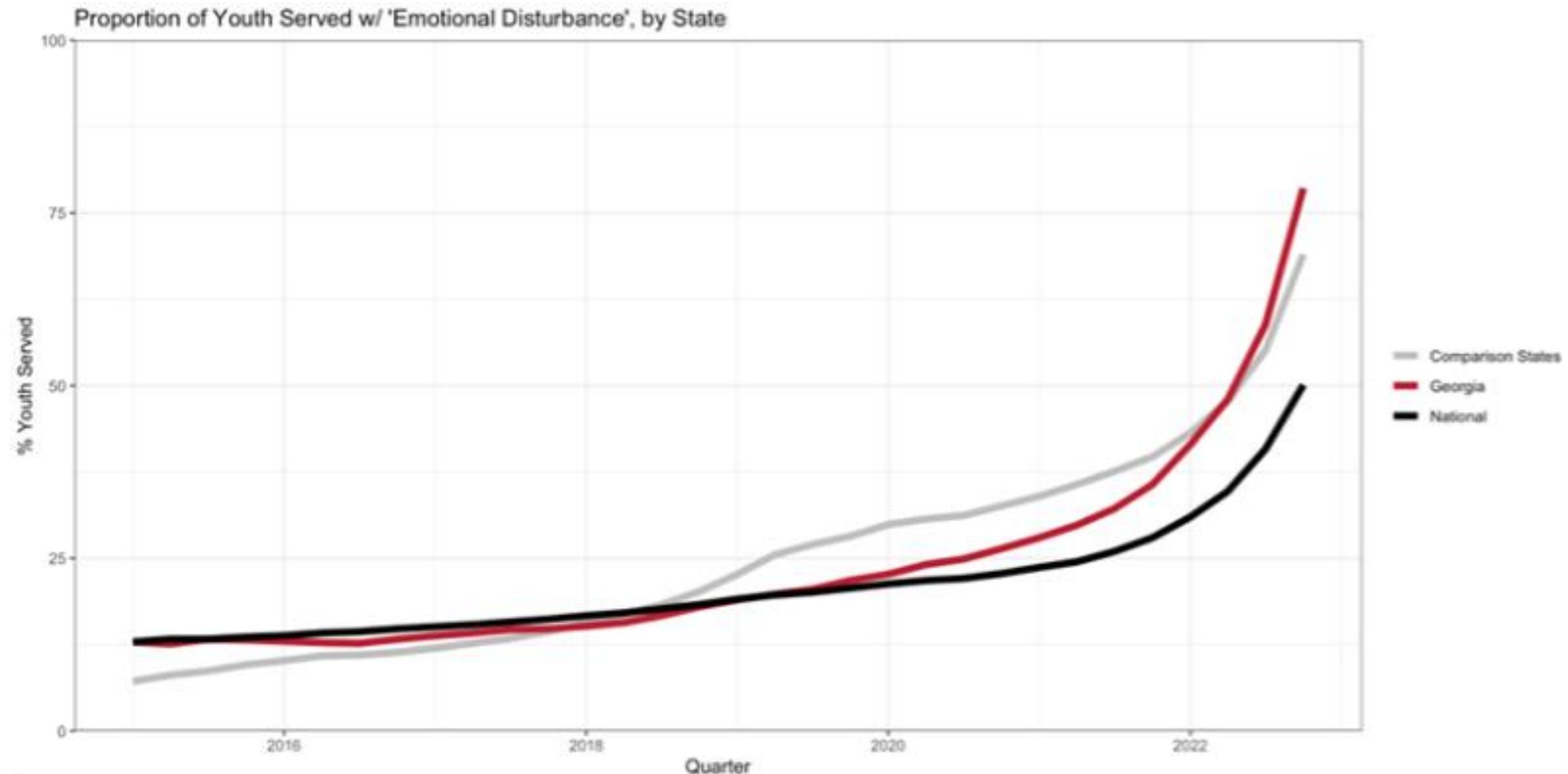
Out of Home Care (OHC)



FY 2026 projection assumes no cost-cutting measures implemented by DHS
DHS utilizes mix of state and federal IV-E, TANF to fund OHC (\$380.7M state, \$31M IV-E, \$109.8M TANF)



OHC Cost Escalators



Gibbs, Daniel J. "Extended Care, Escalating Needs: A Data-Driven Portrait of Georgia Foster Youth with Complex Needs." *Child Welfare Summit*, 4 December 2025. Alpharetta Conference Center, Alpharetta, GA. Workshop Session B.



Questions

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