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Presentation Highlights

- » **Social Services Department & System Overview**
- » **The DSS Budget**
- » **Governor's Budget Proposals**
- » **Medicaid Renewal Backlog with the End of the PHE**
- » **The TANF Block Grant/Unemployed Parent (UP) Program**

Social Services Department & System Overview

»» State Supervised/Locally Administered

- Family Services (prevention, kinship care, foster care, adoption, family stabilization)
- SNAP (benefits, workforce services, nutrition education)
- TANF/UP (benefits, workforce services, other services)
- Child Care Subsidy (in partnership with DOE)
- Medicaid Eligibility (in partnership with DMAS)
- Utility Assistance (Energy/Water)
- Community Action Agencies (anti-poverty)

»» State Administered

- Child Support Enforcement
- Adult and Child Welfare Licensing
- Refugee Resettlement (through contracts) and Repatriation Efforts
- State Emergency Sheltering
- Statewide Child Protective Services/Adult Protective Services Hotline
- Office of Background Investigation (OBI)
- 211

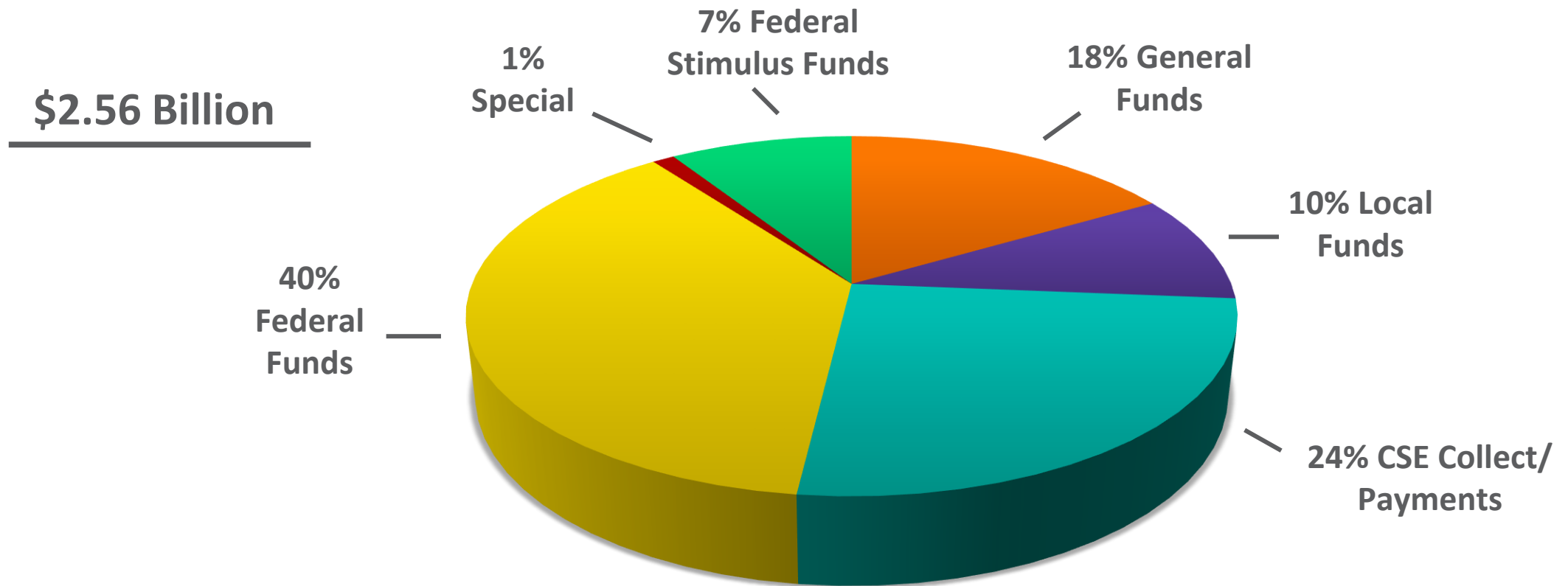
Statewide Economic Impact

SFY 2022 Social Services Spending Including Benefits ~\$21 Billion

76%	Medicaid /FAMIS Benefits	\$ 16.0B
11%	SNAP Benefits	\$ 2.4B
4%	TANF, Child Care, CSA & Energy Assist	\$ 859M
3%	Local Staff and Operations	\$ 693M
3%	Child Support Enforcement	\$ 688M
1%	Locally Generated Benefit Payments	\$ 226M
>1%	Local Government Central Services	\$ 50M
>1%	Local Procured Client Services	\$ 24M

Department Funding Sources

SFY 2022 Total Spending by Funding Source



Department GF Spending

SFY 2022 General Fund Spending By Program Area

Local Department Operations	\$147.1M	32.0%
Family Services	\$103.2M	22.4%
Benefit Programs	\$ 85.0M	18.5%
Administration and Support*	\$ 52.9M	11.5%
Adult Programs	\$ 24.4M	5.3%
Program Management	\$ 18.3M	4.0%
Child Support Enforcement	\$ 12.8M	2.8%
Non-state entities	\$ 8.1M	1.8%
Licensing/Facility Regulation	\$ 7.7M	1.7%
Supplemental Assistance	\$.3M	0.1%
Totals	\$459.7M	100%

*includes ~\$18M in VITA service payments

Governor's Proposed Budget 2023 Session Amendment Totals

Appropriation per State Fiscal Year (in Millions)							
Proposal Category	2023 GF	2023 NGF	Total	2024 GF	2024 NGF	2024 Total	MEL
Increase Kinship Care and Reduce Congregate Care	-	-	-	3.2	2.0	5.2	-
Invest in Information Technology Transformation	-	-	-	3.8	13.8	17.6	-
Address Local Workforce Challenges and Support the LDSS	-	-	-	8.4	10.1	18.5	23
Technical Amendments	2.3	23.6	25.9	(.4)	13.4	13.0	-
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Proposal	2023 GF	2023 NGF	Total	2024 GF	2024 NGF	2024 Total	MEL
Sustain and Expand the Kinship Navigator Programs	-	-	-	0.9	-	.9	-
Fund Foster Care and Adoption Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) by 5%	-	-	-	2.3	2.0	4.3	-
Total Requests For Increase Kinship Care and Reduce Congregate Care	-	-	-	3.2	2.0	5.2	-

Invest in Information Technology Transformation

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Proposal	2023 GF	2023 NGF	Total	2024 GF	2024 NGF	2024 Total	MEL
Adjust Child Support Information System Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	-
Fund Technology to Transform LDSS Shared Support Sites to Conform to Commonwealth's Security Standards	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	7.6	-
Rollover Unspent CCWIS Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Address State Inspector General's CPS System Recommendations	-	-	-	8.3	.03	8.3	18
Convert Part-Time SNAP Management Evaluation Reviewer Positions to Full-Time Positions	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	5
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COVID-19 Impact on Families

Program	March 2020	December 2022	Percent Change
Medicaid Enrollees	1,521,411	2,118,485	39% Increase
SNAP Households	337,891	464,478	37% Increase
SNAP Participants	687,984	909,305	32% Increase
TANF Cases	15,117	18,172 (Nov. 2022)	20% increase
TANF UP Cases	721	2,130 (Nov. 2022)	195% Increase
Unduplicated Children – Childcare Subsidy	21,491	36,157	68% Increase

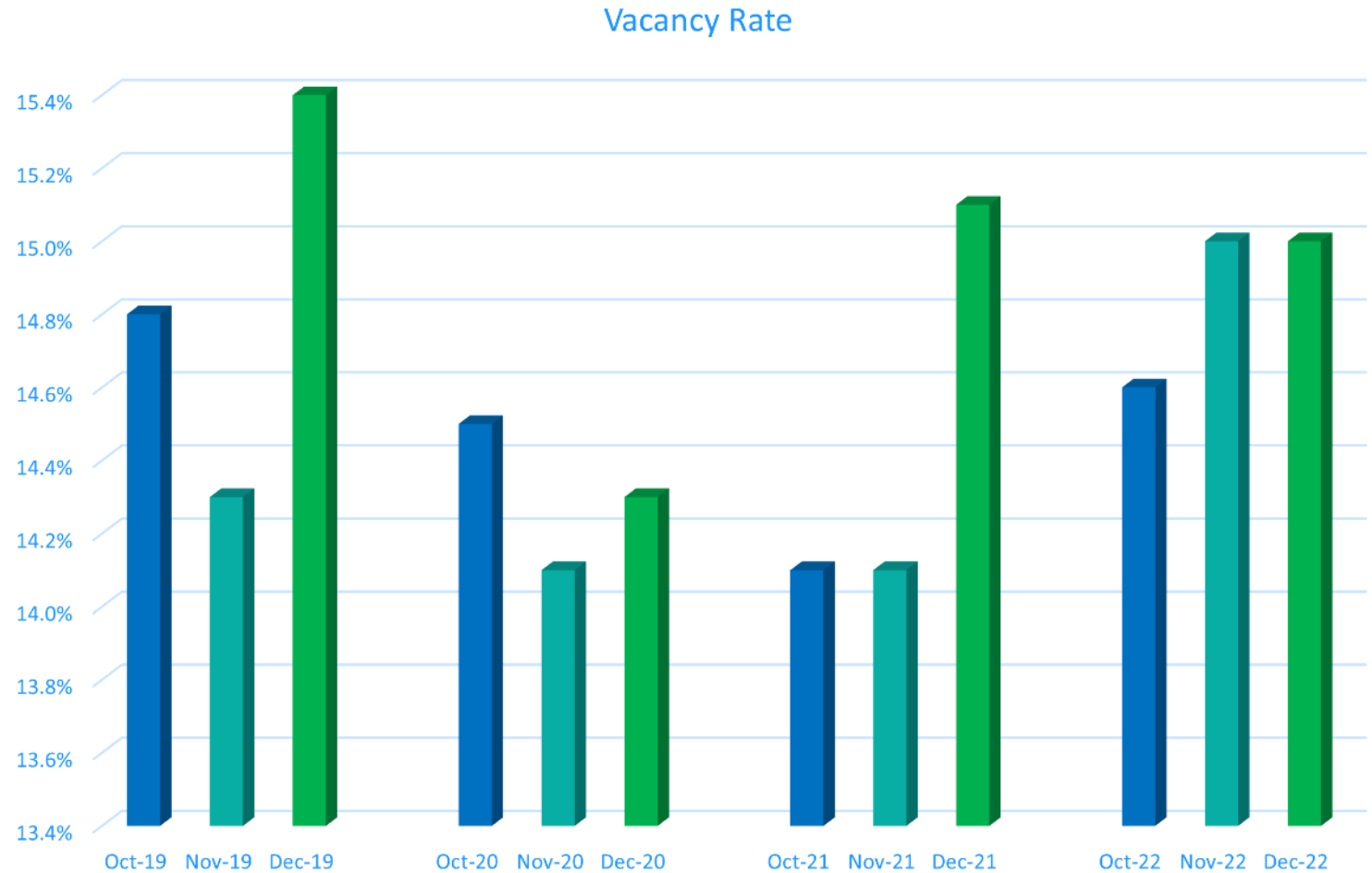
Medicaid Unwinding Readiness

- » Communications
- » Data
- » Fiscal
- » Staffing
- » Systems
- » Training



LDSS Benefit Program Vacancies

	Benefit Programs Vacancy			
	Vacant	Filled	Total	Vacancy Rate
Oct-19	594	3,425	4,019	14.8%
Nov-19	572	3,430	4,002	14.3%
Dec-19	610	3,363	3,973	15.4%
Oct-20	577	3,386	3,963	14.5%
Nov-20	559	3,412	3,971	14.1%
Dec-20	565	3,396	3,961	14.3%
Oct-21	542	3,339	3,881	14.1%
Nov-21	547	3,333	3,880	14.1%
Dec-21	591	3,313	3,904	15.1%
Oct-22	566	3,306	3,872	14.6%
Nov-22	584	3,313	3,897	15.0%
Dec-22	586	3,314	3,900	15.0%



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Technical Amendments

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Appropriate NGF for LDSS Raises	-	14.4	14.4	-	15.1	15.1	-
Rebase Agency Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund the Child Welfare Forecast	(14.3)	(0.6)	(14.9)	(5.6)	(5.9)	(11.5)	-
Fund the TANF/VIEW Child Care Forecast	10.5	9.8	20.3	5.2	4.2	9.4	-
Provide Funding for SNAP Over-issuance Repayment	6.1	-	6.1	-	-	-	-
Total Requests for Technical Amendments	2.3	23.6	25.9	(0.4)	13.4	13.0	-

TANF Block Grant

- » With SB800/HB1400 the TANF Block Grant balance is projected to be in deficit in FY 2025
- » Annual obligations are \$204M in FY 2023 and \$200M in FY24; the TANF grant is \$158M. Annual obligations are higher than the grant total by \$46M in FY 2023 and \$42M in FY 2024
- » Mandated services, benefits, and administrative funding is \$132M in FY 2023 and \$128M in FY 2024
- » Discretionary TANF funding is \$56M in FY 2023/24

TANF-Unemployed Parent (TANF-UP) Program Increases

» Public Assistance Benefits for 2-Parent Families

- The monthly caseload increased from 721 in March 2020 to 2,130 in December 2022, a 195% increase
- Increases were driven by impacts of the pandemic, the waiver of work and education requirements, and allowing hardship extensions of time limits
- Virginia implemented a VIEW participation waiver due to the public health emergency. TANF-UP participants also waived from work/education requirements (waiver ended 1/1/23)
- GA increased the benefits Standards of Assistance by 15% in FY 2020, 10% in FY 2021, and 5% in FY 2023. (Payments were only increased one time between 1985 and 2015.)
- FY 2023 will have ~13 payments due to July 1 being on a weekend. The majority of the July UP payments will be made on June 30 (FY 2023)

