

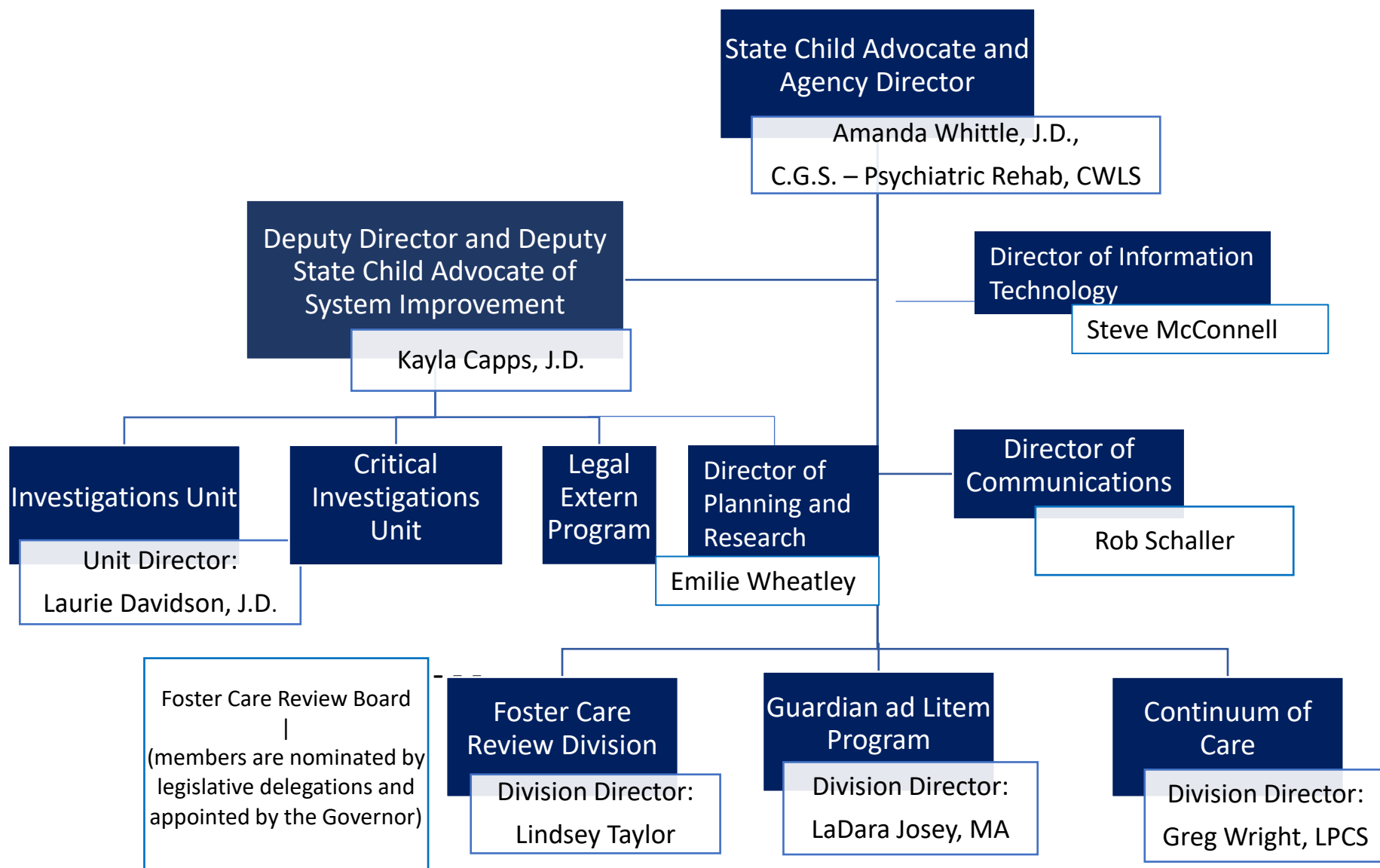
Reference Material

Healthcare Subcommittee
FY25 Budget Hearing



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Organizational Chart





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FTE Breakdown

Dept Of Children's Advocacy - L080 FTE Count by Office and Funding December 2023

Division	Filled FTEs				Vacant FTEs				Grand Total
	State	Other	Federal	Total	State	Other	Federal	Total	
Department of Children's Advocacy	106.0040	91.9960	0.0000	198.0000	22.4250	10.5750	0.0000	33.0000	231.0000
Total	106.0040	91.9960	0.0000	198.0000	22.4250	10.5750	0.0000	33.0000	231.0000
Percentage	53.54%	46.46%	0.00%		67.95%	32.05%	0.00%		

- There are 21 vacancies (a 33.8% vacancy rate) within the Continuum of Care division. Children's Advocacy has committed to filling vacancies within the Continuum of Care Division as outlined in the Annual Accountability Report.
- There is a 13% vacancy rate within the Guardian ad Litem Program as of November 30, 2023. There are approximately 20 TLE positions within the Guardian ad Litem Program. This program needs additional FTEs.
- The Foster Care Review Division (including Heart Gallery), Investigations Unit, Critical Investigations Unit and Administration are fully staffed with no vacancies as of December 31, 2023. Additional FTEs are needed for the Heart Gallery (1 FTE) and the Investigations Units.



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Carryforward Summary

Department of Children's Advocacy				
Carryforward Summary Report				
			Source of	FY 2023 Ending
Fund	Fund Description	Program	Revenue	Balance
10010000	General Fund	All Programs	State funds received through the Appropriations Act.	2,214,404
10050023	Non-Recurring General Fund	All Programs	Non-recurring State funds received through the Appropriations Act.	175,000
30980000	Donations	Guardian Ad Litem	Donations received from individuals or other entities.	5,362
34770000	COC Patient Fees DMH	Continuum of Care	Transfers from the SC Dept of Mental Health pursuant to DMH Proviso 35.1	1,200,000
37600000	Foster Care Medicaid	Foster Care Review Bd	Title IV-E funds received through a contractual agreement with DSS.	561,047
37640000	Medicaid Assist Payments	Continuum of Care	Medicaid Targeted Case Management (MTCM) billings for Wraparound Care coordination.	479,447
37850000	GAL Operating Revenue	Guardian Ad Litem	Title IV-B funds received through a contractual agreement with DSS for the payment of attorneys representing GAL volunteers in child abuse and neglect cases.	1,838,168
37850001	GAL 4E Training Contract	Guardian Ad Litem	Title IV-E funds received through a contractual agreement with DSS to provide training to GAL volunteers.	708,024
39580000	Sale of Assets	All Programs	Proceeds from sale of surplus assets	4,774
47J77000	Guardian Ad Litem Trust	Guardian Ad Litem	Transfers from the Department of Revenue pursuant to Proviso 41.2.	10,091,399
			Total Carryforward	17,277,624

The majority of the agency's carryforward funds are part of the Guardian ad Litem Program's budget. These funds are being used to supplement the Guardian ad Litem Program's state allocations for salaries, advertising, attorney contracts, leases, and other operational expenses. For example, the Guardian ad Litem Program procured a new case management system in FY23 with carryforward funds.

Cost Savings Plan

- A general fund reduction would be achieved by maintaining five (5) vacancies within the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program.
- Children's Advocacy is taking measures to prevent a deficit due to mid-year reductions or reduced revenues.
- In FY21, a proviso modification was granted to allow DCA greater flexibility with Guardian ad Litem Program Trust funds. This would be significant for the agency as a whole if there are budget cuts.
- The GAL Program applies for a VOCA grant each year and offsets state allocation requests through federal funding for contract attorneys and training.
- DCA will continue to explore ways to reduce costs and reinvest those savings within the agency to better serve the citizens of South Carolina.



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