

# Prevention

## 2023-25 Decision Package

The Prevention Decision Package provides an investment in prevention services and interventions to reduce the number of families entering into child welfare and promote child and family well-being.

### Overview:

- ✓ The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is charged with preventing harm to children and youth and implementing services and supports upstream.
- ✓ Changing the trajectory of rates of child maltreatment and promoting well-being for children and families requires universal, targeted, and individualized approaches.
- ✓ Parental substance use is a major contributing factor of out-of-home placements for children, contributing to 71% of infant removals across the state. Native American and Black infants are removed due to parental substance use at disproportionately high rates.

### Components:

#### SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT - \$3M

- ✓ Expanding Plan of Safe Care statewide, which connects families of infants with prenatal substance exposure to treatment resources and other services through Help Me Grow
- ✓ Create additional access to treatment services and other resources by:
  - Expanding Plan of Safe Care statewide
  - Expanding Pregnant and Parenting Intake Pilot
- ✓ Network of 12 Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDPs) across the state
- ✓ Support for Health Care Authority DPs:
  - Increase in Pregnant and Parenting Women Substance Use Treatment beds for families to remain together while seeking treatment
  - Double the amount of child welfare-specific Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) slots from 56 to 112

#### HOME VISITING EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS - \$15.6M

- ✓ Workforce investments to provide increased salaries and benefits to the home visiting workforce
- ✓ Expansion of 325-400 additional home visiting slots
- ✓ Investments in professional development opportunities, data system improvements, and community engagement strategies

#### CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY (SFL) - \$6M

- ✓ SFL is a community-based prevention initiative aimed at engaging communities to reduce child maltreatment. Expansion will reach 4 to 6 new communities

#### DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care

#### COST:

2023-25 Biennium – \$24.6M

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