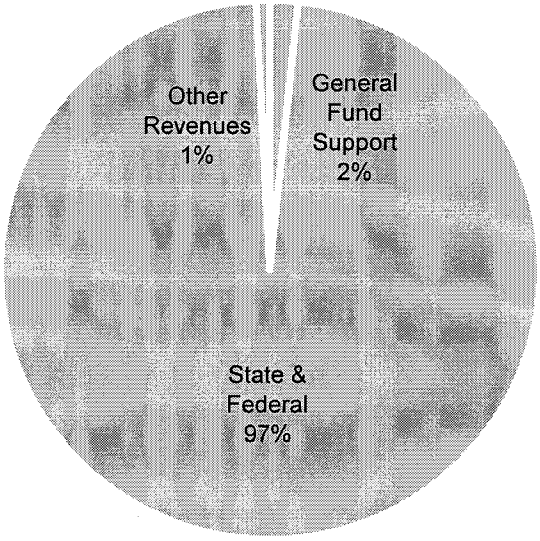
MISSION STATEMENT

We partner with the community to enhance self-sufficiency while ensuring that safety and basic human needs are met for the people of San Luis Obispo County.

Financial Summary	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Projected	2007-08 Requested	2007-08 Recommended	Change From 2006-07
Revenues	$ 14,837,934	$ 14,742,236	$ 15,460,131	$ 15,460,131	$ 622,197
Other Charges	15,013,767	14,913,575	15,714,661	15,714,661	700,894
**Gross Expenditures	$ 15,013,767	$ 14,913,575	$ 15,714,661	$ 15,714,661	$ 700,894
General Fund Support (G.F.S.)	$ 175,833	$ 171,339	$ 254,530	$ 254,530	$ 78,697

Source of Funds



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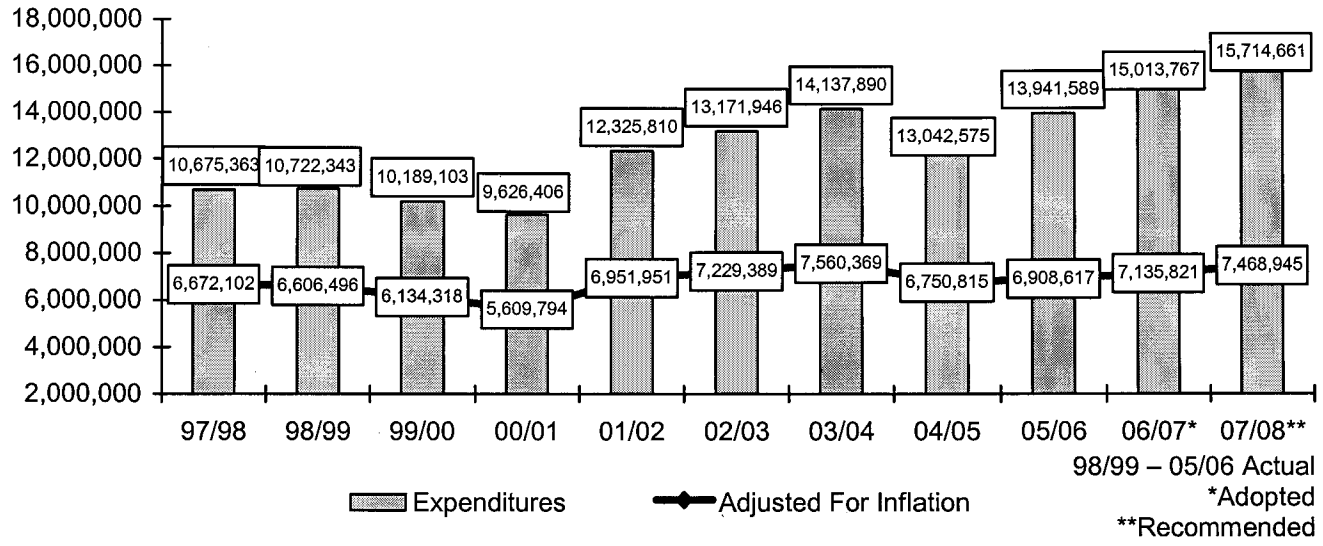

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Foster Care

To provide foster care for children who enter the foster care system through the Social Services Department or the Probation Department. Social Services Department dependent children are placed in foster care as a result of abuse or neglect. Probation Department dependent children are placed in foster care as a result of criminal charges.

Total Expenditures: $10,739,511 Total FTE: 0.0*

Adoptions

The Adoptions Assistance Program provides ongoing support to families who have adopted children.

Total Expenditures: $4,538,471 Total FTE 0.0*

Transitional Housing Program – Plus (THP Plus)

The Transitional Housing Program-Plus provides stable housing and supportive program services to Emancipated Foster Youth between the ages to 18 and 21, facilitating their transition to adulthood.

Total Expenditures: $463,680 Total FTE 0.0*

*Staffing is reflected in Fund Center 180 - Department of Social Services

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Foster Care (Social Services) is the system of shelter homes for children who are at risk of abuse or neglect and cannot remain safely in their own homes. Foster Care (Probation) provides similar shelter services for children who have been placed outside of their own home as a result of criminal charges, typically because the parent is unable to provide the necessary supervision to control the minor. The Adoption Assistance Program provides ongoing support to families who have adopted children. The Wraparound Services Program provides a comprehensive scope of services to families in order to avoid placement of one or more children in out-of-home care.

Both the Probation and Social Services Departments have worked to limit placements by emphasizing preventive social services.

The Department, in conjunction with other agencies, the State and the community at large, continues on its mission to overhaul the Foster Care program. We are changing our approach to Foster Care, limiting the incidence of placement, the frequency of multiple placements and the length-of-stay.

A new program, Transitional Housing Program-Plus, provides stable housing and supportive program services to emancipated Foster Youth between the ages of 18 and 21, facilitating their transition to adulthood. The capacity of this program is 10 youth per month and is funded 100% by the State.

This fund center is an assistance expenditure account only; please refer to the narrative for fund center 180, Social Services Administration for a discussion of departmental results and activities.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This budget is recommended as requested. The primary reason for the increase in expenditures is the new Transitional Housing Program-Plus, which is noted above in the department narrative. The cost of this program is $436,680 and is 100% State funded. The other increases in this fund center are related to caseload growth and general inflationary increases.