



Fiscal Analysis of LR514 Extended Supports and Services
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A young person’s involvement with the juvenile justice system in Nebraska ends when he or she reaches the age of majority. Yet, much like their peers in the child welfare system, young people involved in the juvenile justice system depend on the Office of Probation to address the underlying behavioral health, mental health, and other factors leading to delinquency. Efficient and effective service provision is critical for older youth leaving the juvenile justice system as they attempt to navigate a successful path to a crime-free adulthood.¹

Legislative Resolution 514 required an interim study to examine the availability of transition services for youth who will leave the juvenile justice system while in an out-of-home placement and to determine whether additional transition services are needed. To develop recommendations, the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee asked Mainspring Consulting to develop an analysis of the costs of extending supports to the eligible population.

Projections of the Fiscal Impact of Extending Supports and Services

Detailed cost assumptions are included on the attached table. Costs for the extended supports and services program, based on these assumptions, are estimated at \$1.26 million in 2017 and increase to \$2.78 million by 2019.

Fiscal Impact of Extending Supports and Services

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Estimated Costs	\$1,264,316	\$2,615,787	\$2,781,046

Extending IV-E eligibility to young adults leaving the Office of Probation and entering into B2I leverages approximately \$113,000 of new federal funds in the first year of implementation and grows to approximately \$248,000 in the third year of implementation. Young adults who are IV-E eligible are eligible for Medicaid through age 21 under the Fostering Connections Act.² The IV-E revenue and Medicaid costs are detailed in the table below. With these additional revenues and costs the estimated state cost to extend B2I services to the probation population declines slightly, estimated at \$1.18 million in 2017 and \$2.61 million in 2019.

Costs and Revenues For Extended Supports with IV-E Revenue

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Costs of Extended Foster Care Supports	\$1,264,316	\$2,615,787	\$2,781,046
Estimated Medicaid Costs for B2I Participants (State Share Only)	\$31,140	\$66,287	\$72,680
Total Estimated Costs	\$1,295,456	\$2,682,074	\$2,853,726
Estimated Title IV-E Revenue	\$112,881	\$233,564	\$248,341
Estimated State Cost	\$1,182,575	\$2,448,510	\$2,605,385

¹ Altschuler, D., Stangler, G., Berkley, K., and Burton, L. (2009). *Supporting Youth in Transition to Adulthood: Lessons Learned from Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice*. Retrieved on October 19, 2015 from <http://www.jimcaseyouth.org/sites/default/files/documents/Georgetown%20child%20welfare%20and%20juvenile%20justice.pdf>

² Young adults who are in extended foster care to age 21 may also be eligible for Medicaid through age 26.



<i>Programs</i>	2017	2018	2019
Description - Costs of Extending Care to 21			
Estimated number of JJ youth in voluntary care per month at age 19	85	89	94
Estimated number of JJ youth in voluntary care per month at age 20		85	89
Average monthly maintenance cost - direct stipends	\$760	\$760	\$760
Number of youth expected to receive direct stipends	85	174	183
Total Average monthly cost - direct stipends	\$64,600	\$132,240	\$139,080
Total annual maintenance cost	\$775,200	\$1,586,880	\$1,668,960
Total Monthly Administrative Cost for Direct Stipends	\$38,760	\$79,344	\$83,448
Foster Care Review Office Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Public caseworker average salary and benefits	\$49,722.40	\$51,214.07	\$52,750.49
Number of youth per caseworker	16	16	16
Public caseworker total cost	\$264,150.25	\$556,953.03	\$603,333.78
Public supervisor average salary and benefits	\$64,978	\$66,927	\$68,935
Number of youth per supervisor	96	96	96
Supervisor Total Cost	\$57,532.66	\$121,306	\$131,408
Total annual case management costs	\$321,683	\$678,259	\$734,742
Total Operating Costs	\$128,673	\$271,304	\$293,897
Total Estimated Expenses - Extending Supports and Services	\$1,264,316	\$2,615,787	\$2,781,046
<i>Title IV-E Eligible Program Costs</i>			
FC IV-E Penetration Rate	0.1800	0.1800	0.1800
FMAP rate	0.5185	0.5185	0.5185
Total Annual IV-E Maintenance Revenue	\$72,349	\$148,104	\$155,764
IV-E Administrative Rate	0.50	0.50	0.50
Total Annual IV-E Administrative Revenue	\$40,532	\$85,461	\$92,577
Estimated Total Annual Title IV-E Revenue	\$112,881	\$233,564	\$248,341
Average Monthly Medicaid Expenditure Per Youth (STATE SHARE ONLY)	\$173	\$178	\$184
Total Annual Additional Medicaid Expenditures for B2I Participants	\$31,140	\$66,287	\$72,680
Total Estimated Expenses (IV-E Program)	\$1,182,575	\$2,448,509	\$2,605,385