

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION**



Family Hardship

2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	(\$160,000)
Total	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	(\$160,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate funding for the family hardship funds used to support youth and their families to participate in residential treatment. The funds have been used to help cover the cost of transportation to and from the treatment facility and for lodging. By implementing this reduction, BHSIA expects 171 families to be impacted annually which is likely to result in youth residential treatment being delayed and a lack of family participation in residential treatment.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

Currently family hardship funds are allocated to all of the youth residential treatment programs to support low income families with transportation and lodging costs associated with getting their child to treatment and in support of their participation in therapeutic family counseling and education while the youth is in treatment. Approximately 171 families access family hardship funds annually.

This proposal will eliminate all of the family hardship funding resulting in 171 families likely not being able to access residential services including the therapeutic resources associated with family therapy and substance abuse education. Since this is a contracted program, no state FTEs are associated with this reduction.

Reduction in the hardship funds would result in elimination of this program.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

The counties, tribes, residential providers, outpatient providers, youth and their families would be impacted by this reduction.



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