



**04/09 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT SESSION
FOCUS: CFSA, OSSE, DYRS, DCPS**

Issued: 23 April 2024

Purpose	Opportunities for Engaging ICH Member Agencies on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.		
Details	Date: 09 April 2024	Time: 1:30 – 3 PM	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 45	Organizations: 24	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	■ Budget & Funding	■ Priorities, Policies, Procedures	■ Performance Management

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) officially opened the meeting and started the recording in compliance with requirements of the Open Meetings Act. She greeted participants and reviewed the meeting agenda, introducing the purpose – the legislative mandate to comment on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.

The government representatives of the ICH Full Council presenting agency details of the Mayor’s Proposed FY25 Budget introduced themselves. They included:

- Robert Matthews (Director, CFSA),
- Nikki Stewart (Assistant Superintendent, OSSE),
- Lewis Ferebee (Chancellor, DCPS) and Briana Huggins (Business Operations Manager, DYRS),

Director Silla also acknowledged the Community Representatives from the ICH Full Council in attendance.



















Finally, she highlighted comments about the budget captured from prior Executive and Full Council meetings in anticipation of the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agenda • Level Setting • ICH Full Council – DC Gov & Community Representatives • Comments – Compiling & Received To Date • Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review 	2 – 11

II. CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY (CFSA)

Director Robert Matthews presented CFSA’s FY25 Proposed Budget, focusing first on the agency's overall mission and vision, then on housing support and the budget.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 25-26. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:








-    Adopting, tracking, and reporting protection measures against predatory staff.
-    Prioritizing reunification programs and outcomes; leaning on adoption as a last resort.
-    Concern that poverty and systemic racism are critical factors in interactions/involvement.
-  Transparency around fatality reporting.
-   Increasing resources towards vetting and training of foster parents.
-   Improving utilization of FUP vouchers to access Foster Youth to Independence vouchers.
-  Tracking exits from foster care that result in entries into homeless services.
-  Supporting unhoused students in low-barrier shelters.
-  Question about funding for Wayne Place. Clarification around CFSA involvement at Wayne Place.
-  Eligibility requirements for FUP voucher.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFAS’s Proposed FY25 Budget • Agenda • Mission • DC’s Child and Family Well-Being System • Placement • Emergency Flexible Funds • Community Partnerships & Prevention • Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers • Rapid Housing • Housing Supports 	13 – 24

III. OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION (OSSE)

Ms. Stewart presented OSSE’s FY25 budget highlights and planned activities, then focused on FY25 proposed budget for homeless education. Additionally, the presentation covered how the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant supports families and youth experiencing homelessness.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 36-37. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

-  Eligibility and selection for high-impact tutoring.
-  Data on students experiencing homelessness.
-  Breakdown of allowable expenditures for families.
-  Parameters for awarding funding to local education agencies.
-    Concern that systemic racism is a root factor in youth experiencing homelessness.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE FY25 Homeless Education Investments 	28 – 35

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY24 Accomplishments Highlights • FY25 Proposed OSSE Budget Highlights • FY25 Planned Activities Highlights • FY25 Proposed Budget for Homeless Education • McKinney-Vento (MKV) Homeless Assistance Grant • MKV Supports for Youth Experiencing Homelessness 	
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IV. DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES (DYRS)

Ms. Huggins presented the FY25 budget overview for DYRS, focusing on investments and reductions.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 43. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Interest in gun violence prevention programs, including credible messenger program.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYRS FY25 Budget Overview • Agency Overview • FY25 Budget Summary • FY25 Budget Impacts 	39 – 42

V. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS (DCPS)

Chancellor Ferebee and his team presented the DCPS Strategic Plan and budget engagement process before diving deeper into how DCPS works with homeless and transitional youth.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 61-62. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Importance of maintaining an updated listing of liaisons for Charter and Public Schools.
- ■ Understanding the impact of Medicaid revenue funding.
- ■ ■ Prioritizing funding/programming for black and brown children.
- ■ ■ Definition and count of children experiencing homelessness maintained by OSSE and DCPS.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Public Schools FY25 Budget Engagement • FY25 Feedback • Strategic Plan Engagement: Feedback Themes • Strategic Plan Highlights: 1 – 2 – 3! • The Dream • Middle School Enhancements: 6th Grade Academy • 6th Grade Academy Results • Families & Youth in Transition Program: By the Numbers • Serving our Homeless and Transitional Students • An Overview of the FY25 DCPS Budget Engagement Process • Funding Model 	45 – 60

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY25 Funding Model Weights • At Risk Dollars 	
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VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Director Silla quickly scanned the variety of announcements included in the PPT deck. Slide details below.

Reference Materials		
PPT	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Council Budget Hearings • DHCD: Fair Housing Fridays • DHCF: 1115 Renewal Application Public Comments • DOC: READY Center • DPR: Summer Jobs • ICH: Budget Engagement Sessions • NHLC: Housing Not Handcuffs: Johnson v. Grants Pass Supreme Court Rally • Youth Homelessness Matters Day Event: Save the Date 	63 – 74

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla adjourned the meeting after reminding participants of upcoming Budget Engagement Sessions.

Participant List (45 Attendees, 24 Orgs)		
ICH Full Council- DC Gov Reps Briana Huggins (DCPS) Carl Filler (DOH) Curtis Smith (DCPS) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Jill Carmichael (ICH) Milo A. Howard (DCPS) Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE) Nikki Stewart (OSSE) Paige Hoffman (DCPS) Patrick Ashley (DCPS) Robert L. Matthews (CFSA) Sarah Parker (DCPS) Synina Pugh (ICH) Tasheen Stallings (OSSE) Theresa Silla (ICH) Lewis Ferebee (DCPS) LaShunda Hill (DYRS)	ICH Full Council- Community Reps Daniel Rico (Sasha Bruce) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Nikila Smith (Street Sense Vendor) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC) Robert Warren (PFFC) Roxanne Murray (Echelon) Reggie black (Serve Your City) Rico Harris (CCNV) Fred Swan (TCP)	Stakeholders Beth Johnson (PFFC) Chibundo Egwuatu (DCCADV) Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies) Deborah Jones (Housing Up) Erika Roberson (DCFPI) Gary Hines (Thrive DC) Jakia Carroll (PFFC) Joshua Drumming (WLCH) Kally Canfield (Community Solutions) Lauren Markovich (TCP) Ms. Naomi (PFFC) Ms. Umi (CEWG) Rachel White (DC Kids) Rebecca Kellett (GMCCT) Regine Elie (Healthy Babies) Samantha LeBlanc (TCP) Chapman Todd (Jaydot) Queenie Featherstone (PFFC)