



Sowing Seeds of Support for Child Safety Cultivating Community Protection

This packet contains
edible sunflower seeds.



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The united voice of the private provider community for children and families



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Legislative intent in FY 08-09 for a 1% COLA for services purchased by county children and youth agencies is not being followed.
- Many counties did not adhere to legislative intent and have not used COLA funds to increase rates for services purchased from private providers.
- The majority of purchased services are mandated by law, court order, or regulations and must be supported by public dollars.
- Costs of mandated services have increased considerably given inflation, especially transportation, food, insurance, and wages.
- The FY 09-10 Budget Bill should reference that the COLA is "ONLY" for purchased services and be calculated at a reality-based level—a minimum of 5% due to no rate increase for FY 08-09.
- The long-term solution rests with statutory amendment to Act 30 of 1991 and/or Act 148 of 1976.
- Private provider employees must also have access to loan forgiveness to recruit and retain competent, trained, and committed staff.

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