

**Federal Costs for Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Guardianship  
CBO January 2010 Baseline**

(by fiscal year, in millions of dollars)

|  | 2010         | 2011         | 2012         | 2013         | 2014         | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Foster Care</b>                             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Maintenance Payments                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 1,636        | 1,413        | 1,365        | 1,354        | 1,285        | 1,211        | 1,149        | 1,089        | 1,029        | 967          | 907          |
| Outlays  | 1,662        | 1,449        | 1,376        | 1,357        | 1,294        | 1,223        | 1,160        | 1,099        | 1,038        | 977          | 917          |
| Administrative Services                        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 2,196        | 2,264        | 2,461        | 2,701        | 2,737        | 2,760        | 2,792        | 2,823        | 2,851        | 2,875        | 2,900        |
| Outlays  | 2,190        | 2,254        | 2,433        | 2,664        | 2,725        | 2,756        | 2,787        | 2,818        | 2,847        | 2,871        | 2,896        |
| Training                                       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 228          | 239          | 267          | 302          | 297          | 292          | 288          | 283          | 278          | 273          | 269          |
| Outlays  | 227          | 237          | 263          | 297          | 297          | 293          | 289          | 284          | 279          | 274          | 269          |
| Demonstrations                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 506          | 515          | 424          | 131          | 133          | 135          | 137          | 140          | 142          | 145          | 148          |
| Outlays  | 529          | 519          | 435          | 172          | 141          | 134          | 137          | 139          | 142          | 145          | 148          |
| Technical Assistance Grants                    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| Outlays  | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| Foster Care Subtotal                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 4,568        | 4,434        | 4,519        | 4,491        | 4,455        | 4,401        | 4,369        | 4,338        | 4,304        | 4,263        | 4,227        |
| Outlays  | 4,611        | 4,462        | 4,510        | 4,492        | 4,460        | 4,409        | 4,375        | 4,343        | 4,309        | 4,270        | 4,233        |
| <b>Guardianship</b>                            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Maintenance Payments                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 35           | 89           | 163          | 238          | 309          | 377          | 438          | 495          | 553          | 615          | 678          |
| Outlays  | 32           | 82           | 152          | 226          | 298          | 366          | 428          | 486          | 544          | 605          | 668          |
| Administrative Services                        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 2            | 4            | 6            | 8            | 9            | 10           | 12           | 13           | 14           | 16           | 17           |
| Outlays  | 2            | 4            | 6            | 8            | 9            | 10           | 11           | 13           | 14           | 15           | 17           |
| Guardianship Subtotal                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 36           | 93           | 170          | 246          | 318          | 388          | 449          | 508          | 567          | 631          | 696          |
| Outlays  | 33           | 85           | 158          | 234          | 307          | 377          | 439          | 499          | 558          | 621          | 685          |
| <b>Adoption Assistance</b>                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Maintenance Payments                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 2,199        | 2,110        | 2,162        | 2,296        | 2,425        | 2,579        | 2,766        | 2,993        | 3,256        | 3,542        | 3,853        |
| Outlays  | 2,206        | 2,127        | 2,160        | 2,281        | 2,408        | 2,560        | 2,743        | 2,965        | 3,223        | 3,507        | 3,814        |
| Administrative Services                        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 390          | 398          | 406          | 414          | 425          | 439          | 457          | 481          | 507          | 536          | 566          |
| Outlays  | 389          | 397          | 405          | 413          | 424          | 437          | 455          | 478          | 504          | 532          | 562          |
| Training                                       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 24           | 24           | 24           | 25           | 25           | 26           | 27           | 28           | 29           | 30           | 32           |
| Outlays  | 24           | 24           | 24           | 25           | 25           | 26           | 27           | 28           | 29           | 30           | 31           |
| Demonstrations                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| Outlays  | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| Adoption Assistance Subtotal                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 2,615        | 2,534        | 2,594        | 2,737        | 2,877        | 3,046        | 3,252        | 3,504        | 3,794        | 4,111        | 4,452        |
| Outlays  | 2,620        | 2,550        | 2,591        | 2,721        | 2,860        | 3,026        | 3,227        | 3,473        | 3,759        | 4,071        | 4,410        |
| <b>Independent Living</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Budget Authority                               | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          |
| Outlays  | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          | 140          |
| <b>Total Budget Authority</b>                  | <b>7,359</b> | <b>7,201</b> | <b>7,423</b> | <b>7,615</b> | <b>7,790</b> | <b>7,976</b> | <b>8,211</b> | <b>8,490</b> | <b>8,805</b> | <b>9,144</b> | <b>9,515</b> |
| <b>Total Outlays</b>                           | <b>7,404</b> | <b>7,237</b> | <b>7,399</b> | <b>7,587</b> | <b>7,766</b> | <b>7,952</b> | <b>8,181</b> | <b>8,455</b> | <b>8,765</b> | <b>9,102</b> | <b>9,468</b> |
| <b>Memorandum</b>                              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Average Monthly Caseload (in thousands)</b> |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster Care                                    | 177          | 168          | 167          | 164          | 154          | 143          | 133          | 124          | 115          | 107          | 99           |
| Adoption Assistance                            | 430          | 445          | 461          | 479          | 493          | 509          | 529          | 552          | 580          | 609          | 639          |
| Guardianship                                   | 6            | 14           | 26           | 37           | 47           | 56           | 63           | 69           | 75           | 81           | 87           |