



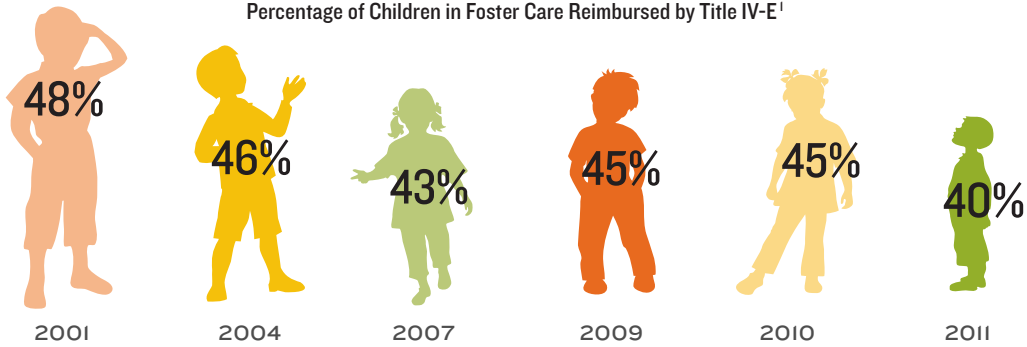
THE COST OF DOING NOTHING

Over the past decade, two key federal funding sources for child welfare agencies have been shrinking. Without legislative change, these sources will continue to decline precipitously over the next ten years, providing states even less support for the needs of vulnerable children and families than they do today.

TITLE IV-E FUNDING

STATES ARE LOSING DOLLARS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Percentage of Children in Foster Care Reimbursed by Title IV-E¹

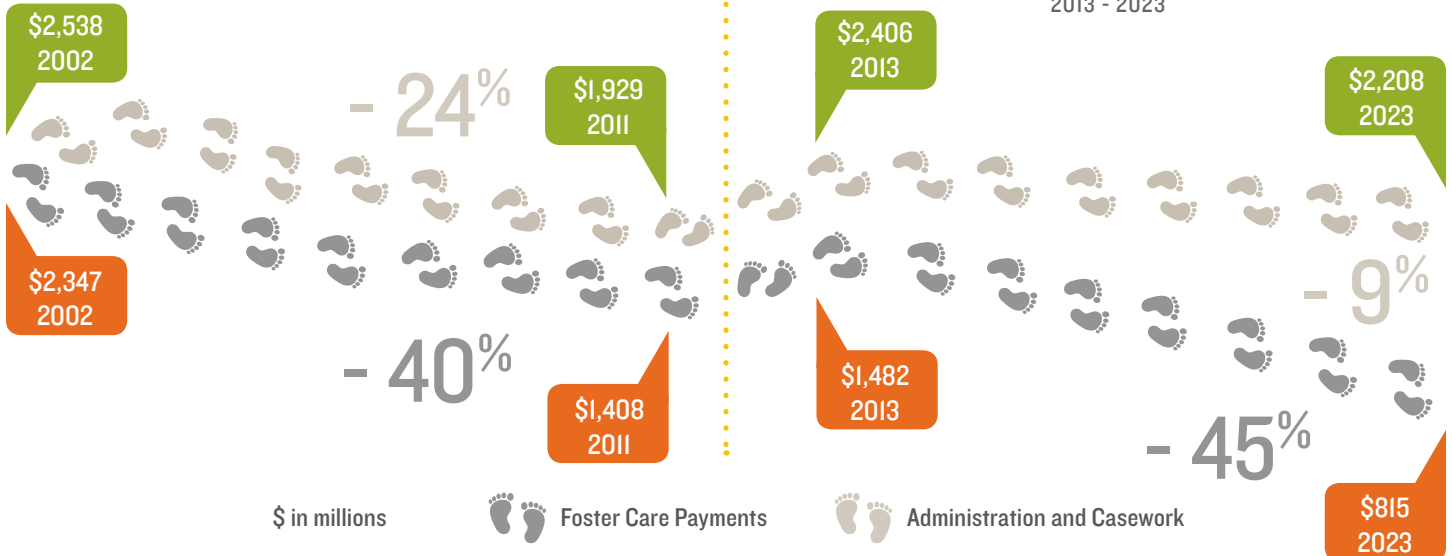


FOSTER CARE SPENDING

Federal spending on foster care payments will decline by another 45 percent in the next ten years.²

ACTUAL SPENDING IN CONSTANT 2011 DOLLARS

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PROJECTION
2013 - 2023



\$ in millions



Foster Care Payments



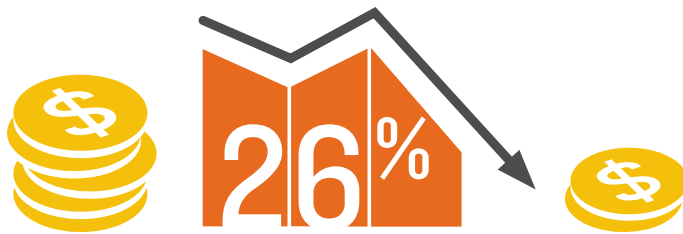
Administration and Casework

\$815
2023

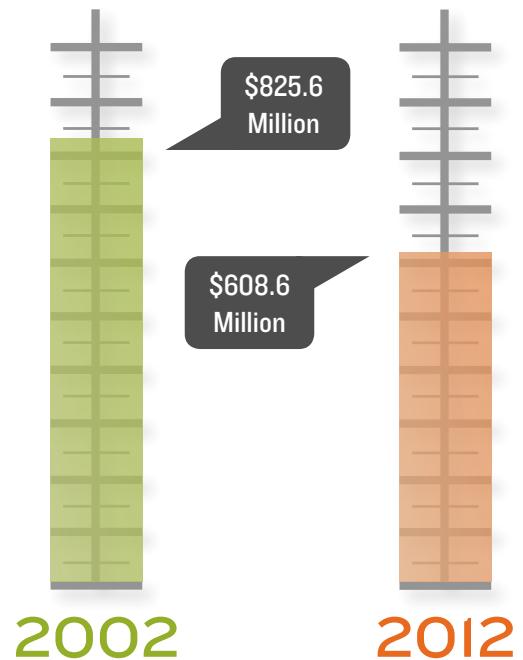
TITLE IV-B FUNDING

(Constant FY2012 Dollars)

Federal TITLE IV-B funds available for a variety of services that preserve and support vulnerable families and help keep children safe have also declined, by more than **26 PERCENT** over the past decade.³



The cost of doing nothing about these trends is high, and kids and families pay the price.



If we do nothing about our antiquated federal financing system for child welfare:

- Less support will be available to states to care for vulnerable children and families.
- Federal support for the child welfare workforce will continue to decline.

But the federal financing system can be restructured to preserve today's level of funding and provide incentives for more states to implement best practices that help more children grow up in stable, secure families. Learn more about a proposal to finance best practices for child welfare at <http://www.aecf.org/costofdoingnothing>.

CITATIONS:

¹ Congressional Research Service. 2012. Child Welfare: A Detailed Overview of Program Eligibility and Funding for Foster Care, Adoption Assistance and Kinship Guardianship Assistance under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act; TABLE 11-13 – Estimated Share of Children in Foster Care Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments, By State, Selected Years: 2001-2007

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³ Congressional Research Service. 2012. Child Welfare: Funding for Child and Family Services Authorized Under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act.