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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-3-06

SPONSOR Fox-Young LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 548

SHORT TITLE SOUTH VALLEY CHILDREN'S SERVICES SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Lucero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB759

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

Children, Youth and Families (CYF)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill appropriates 100.0 from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for the purpose of providing child care, health care and homeless services for children in the south valley of Albuquerque.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CYFD enjoys a strong working relationship with Cuidando los Ninos, a contract provider serving the South Valley community in Albuquerque. Cuidando los Ninos has special expertise and established history in providing child care, support and other services to low-income and homeless families.

Some of the individuals who would benefit from the services outlined under HB548 could potentially be Medicaid eligible and those services would therefore be eligible for a federal Medicaid match.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill could positively impact the percent of families reunited within one year of a child entering custody; the number of substantiated child victims; and the percent of children with repeat maltreatment in this high-need community.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

It is unknown how many of the individuals receiving services would be Medicaid eligible. Therefore, the administrative impact to HSD is not known.

CYFD would absorb any additional administrative impact associated with passage of this bill.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to HB 759

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The bill does not specify if the child care, health care and homeless services are bundled together. If bundled, then the number of providers might be limited who can qualify for this expenditure by CYFD. If unbundled, what is the allocation to each service?

The bill does not mention eligibility requirements. Is the childcare limited to 150% of the federal poverty level and is the health care limited to the Medicaid eligible.

Homeless children should be in the custody of CYFD's protective services.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The South Valley of Albuquerque is an area of high need among children. Twenty-five percent of residents are under the age of 15. The population is 75% Latin or Hispanic origin. The area has the highest unemployment in the city, at 8.19%, and 42% of families with children under age 18 are below 186% of the federal poverty level. (US Census, 2000).

The Department of Health (DOH) Rural Primary Health Care Act Program provides funding for primary care services in the South Valley through the First Choice Community Health Center and Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless. In addition, while the Healthier Kids Fund provides primary care for school-age children, no new clients are being enrolled due to funding limitations.

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