

Ohio

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Child Welfare Funding in Ohio

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Ohio's Makeup

- State Supervised/County Administered
 - ODJFS is the single state agency responsible for overseeing the federal child welfare programs.
 - ODJFS receives all federal grant awards from DHHS (Dept. of Health & Human Services)
 - ODJFS sends state and federal allocations to county agencies, via county allocation letter, to support county programs in Ohio
 - ODJFS is a pass thru for other federal reimbursement to county agencies and other state agencies who implement the federal programs.

Ohio's Makeup

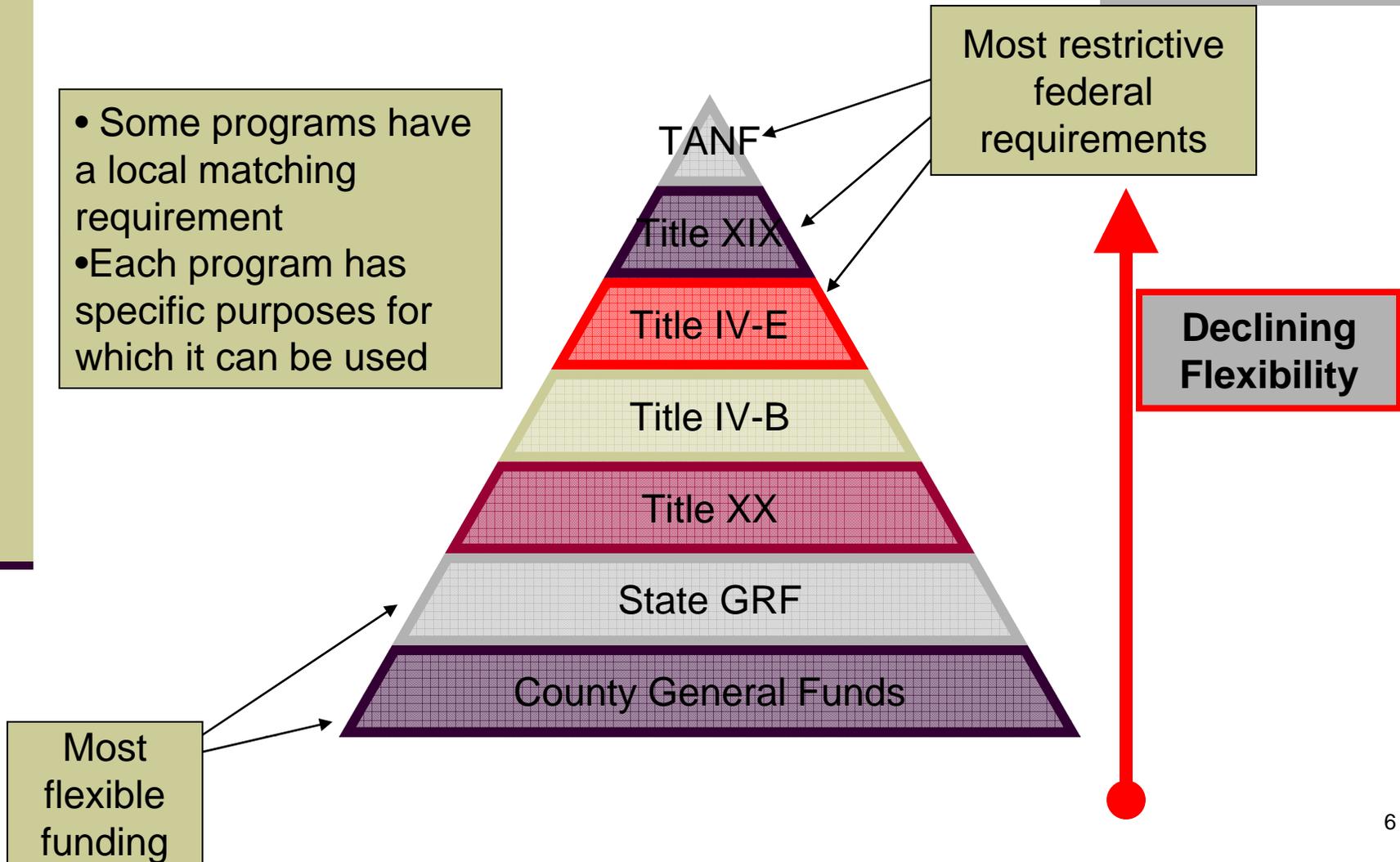
- Stand Alone Agencies
 - County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS)
 - Workforce Development Agency (WDA)
 - Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA)
 - Public Children Services Agency (PCSA)

Ohio's Makeup

- Combined Agencies
 - Combined CDJFS/CSEA
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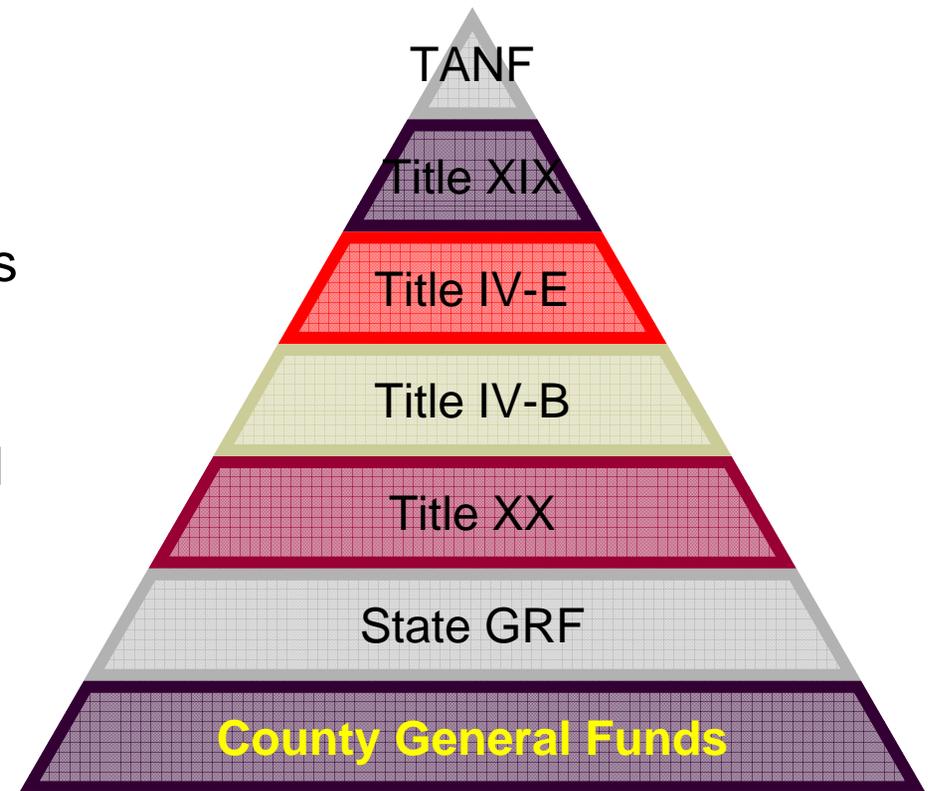
Funding

- Some programs have a local matching requirement
- Each program has specific purposes for which it can be used



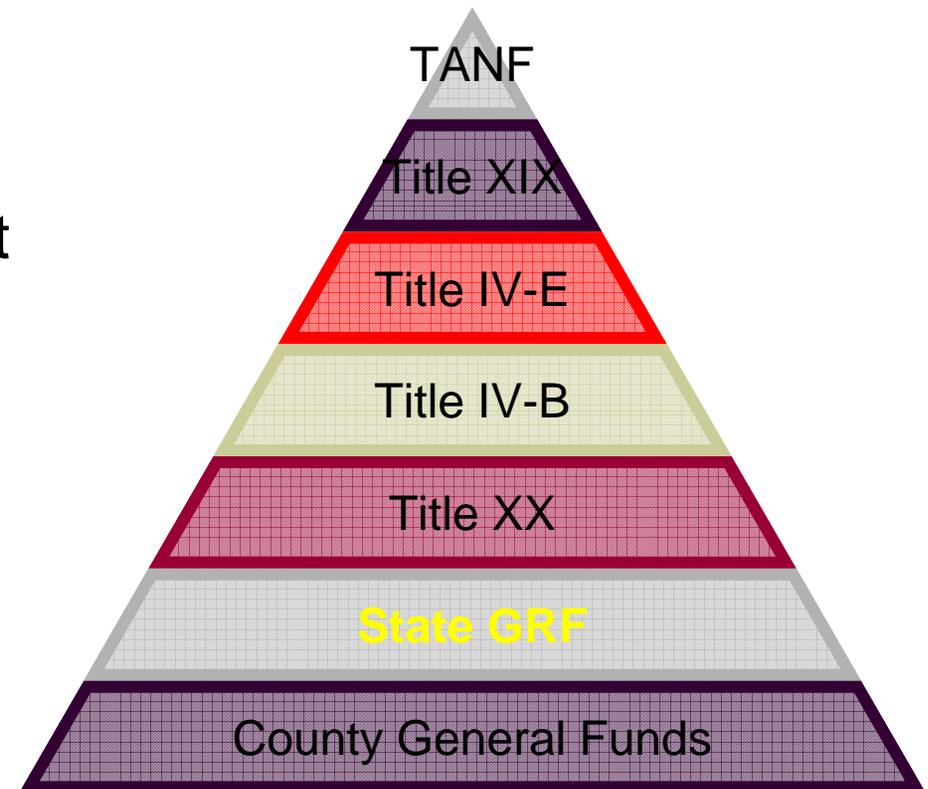
County General Funds

- Most flexible of all child welfare funds
- Varies significantly from county to county
- Is based on county tax levies and county commissioner appropriations
- These funds should be used last after drawing down all applicable federal funds.
- Counties may use these funds to pay for non-eligible children and non-allowable services and to match federally funded programs



State General Revenue Fund Allocations

- State Child Protection Allocation
- Feisel Allocation
- Child, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation



State Child Protection Allocation (SCPA)

- SFY 2012 = \$43,905,320
- State Child Protection Allocation (SCPA) - funding must be used for child welfare purposes
- Can be used for non-eligible children and non-allowable services and to match federally funded programs
- County agencies should utilize these funds for non-eligible children, non-allowable services and as match for drawing down federal funds prior to utilizing County General Funds

Feisel Allocation

- SFY 2011 = \$6,769,602
- SFY 2012 is included with the SCPA allocation
- Feisel Allocation – Was established to support Senate Bill 163 and House Bill 214
- Can be used for non-eligible children and non-allowable services and to match federally funded programs
- County agencies should utilize these funds for non-eligible children, non-allowable services and as match for drawing down federal funds prior to utilizing County General Funds

Children, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation

- SFY 2011 = \$13,500,000
- A CDJFS may also provide all or a portion of its allocation to a stand alone child support enforcement agency (CSEA) or public children services agency (PCSA) through an interagency agreement. The CSEA and PCSA shall use the funding to provide services for any of the following purposes, or use the funding as state or local match for costs associated with these purposes.
 - (1) To assist individuals to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency, including by reducing or preventing dependency among individuals with family income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines;

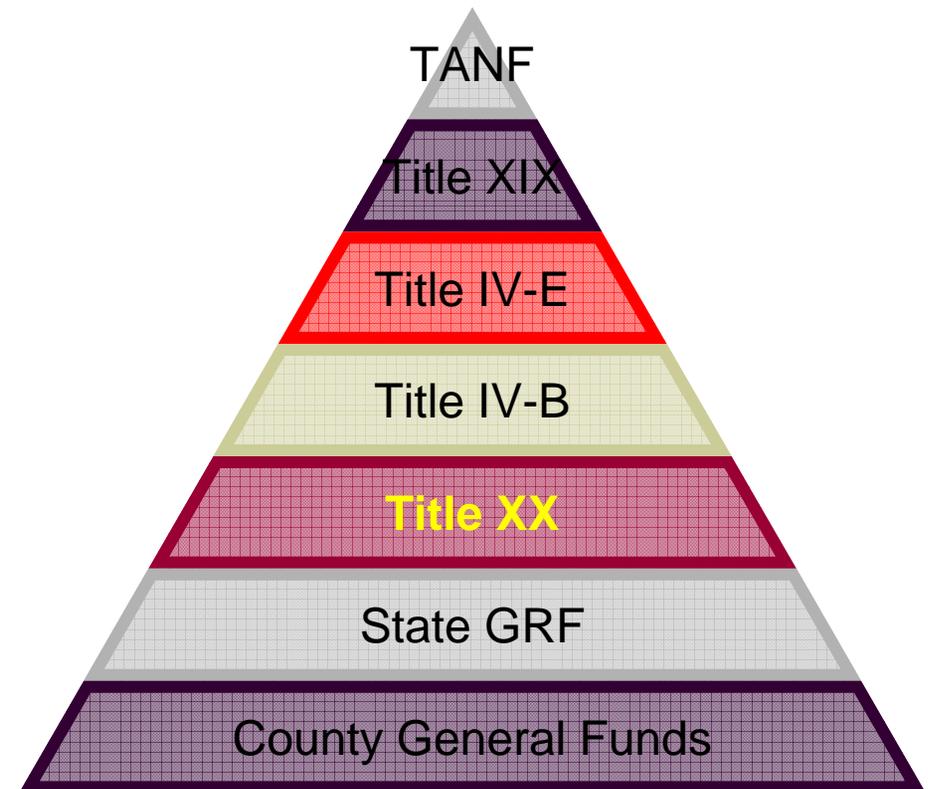
Child, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation

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- 2) To provide outreach and referral services regarding home and community-based services to individuals at risk of placement in a group home or institution, regardless of the individual's family income and without need for a written application;
- (3) To provide outreach, referral, application assistance, and other services to assist individuals to receive assistance, benefits, or services under Medicaid; Title IV-A programs, as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code; food assistance issued under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); and other public assistance (PA) programs; and,
- (4) To provide protective services to a child or adult as part of a response to a report of abuse, neglect or exploitation without regard to income or need for a written application.

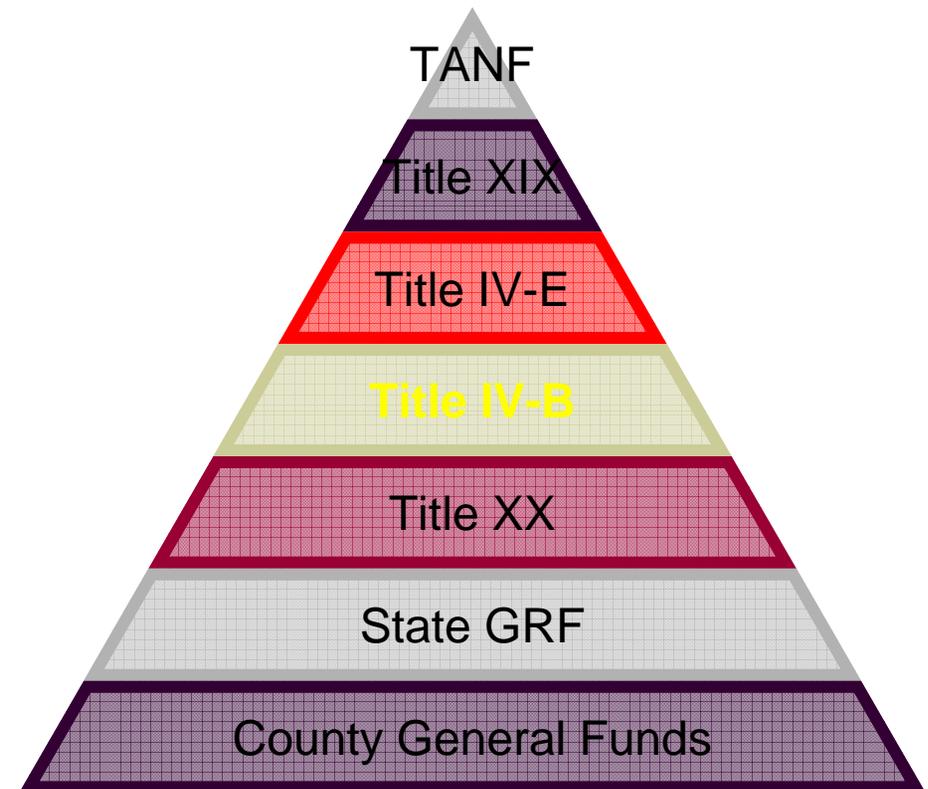
Title XX Funds

- The spending criteria focuses on 28 services that can be provided and paid for with this money
- ODJFS allocates this directly to CDJFS
- 0% match
- No required eligibility criteria – only county imposed eligibility criteria
- PCSA's must have an agreement with their CDJFS to access these funds
- Can be used for placement costs only if it is short term and the placement is secondary to the needs of the child and so documented in the child's case plan (not recommended for placement)



Title IV-B Funds – Part I

- Child Welfare SFY 2012 = \$10,382,617
- As of Oct.1, 2007, Part 1 was capped at 10% for admin costs
- IV-B Caseworker Visits SFY 2012 = \$768,537
- 75% federally reimbursable
- No eligibility criteria
- Not available for placement costs



Title IV-B Part I - Purpose

- The purpose of this subpart is to promote State flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by—
 - (1) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
 - (2) preventing the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
 - (3) supporting at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner;
 - (4) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
 - (5) providing training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

Title IV-B Part I – Administration

Allocation

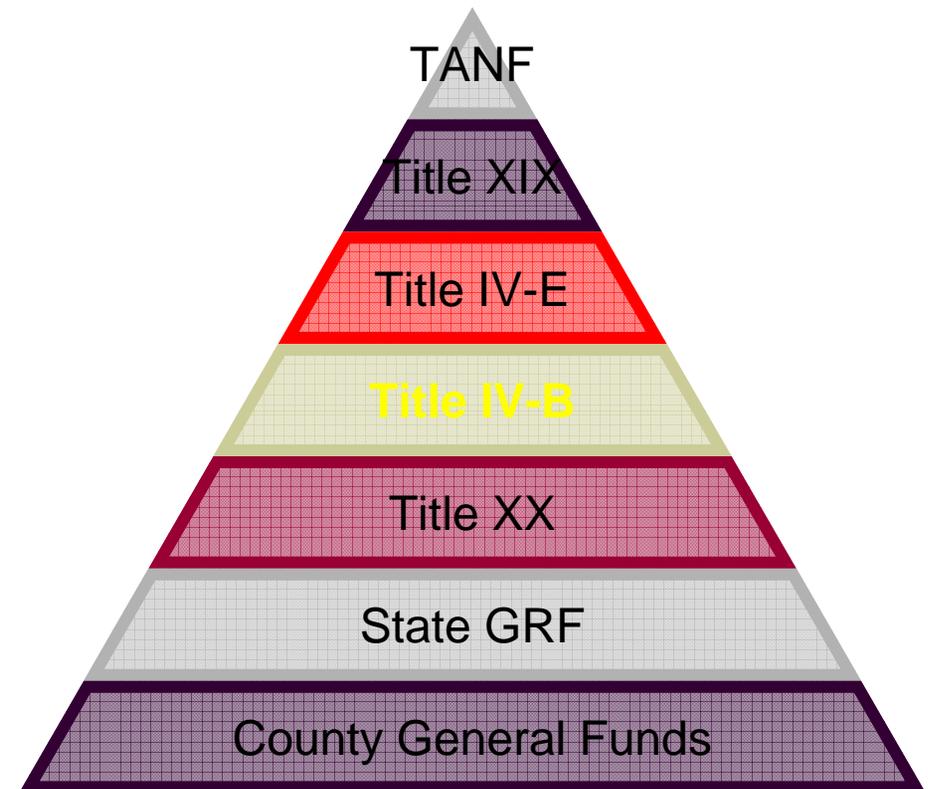
- A payment may not be made to a State under this section with respect to expenditures during a fiscal year for administrative costs, to the extent that the total amount of the expenditures exceeds 10 percent of the total expenditures of the State during the fiscal year for activities funded from amounts provided under this subpart.
- The term “administrative costs” means costs for the following, but only to the extent incurred in administering the State plan developed pursuant to this subpart: procurement, payroll management, personnel functions (other than the portion of the salaries of supervisors attributable to time spent directly supervising the provision of services by caseworkers), management, maintenance and operation of space and property, data processing and computer services, accounting, budgeting, auditing, and travel expenses (except those related to the provision of services by caseworkers or the oversight of programs funded under this subpart).

IV-B Caseworker Visits

- By October 1, 2011, that at least 90 percent of the children in foster care under the responsibility of the State are visited by their caseworkers on a monthly basis, and that the majority of the visits occur in the residence of the child. The outline shall include target percentages to be reached each fiscal year, and should include a description of how the steps will be implemented. The steps may include activities designed to improve caseworker retention, recruitment, training, and ability to access the benefits of technology.
- Penalty for not meeting the 90 percent 1%, 3% and 5% depending on how far away from 90% you are.

Title IV-B Funds - Part II

- Total SFY 2012 = \$12,942,394
- Family Preservation = \$3,230,218
- Family Reunification = \$2,825,247
- Adoption Promotion and Support Services = \$2,636,250
- Family Support = \$2,952,481
- Part II – Operating (10% Admin Cap) = \$1,294,239
- 75% federally reimbursable
- No Eligibility Criteria



Family Preservation - Services

- Family preservation services.—The term “family preservation services” means services for children and families designed to help families (including adoptive and extended families) at risk or in crisis, including—
 - (A) service programs designed to help children—
 - (i) where safe and appropriate, return to families from which they have been removed; or
 - (ii) be placed for adoption, with a legal guardian, or, if adoption or legal guardianship is determined not to be safe and appropriate for a child, in some other planned, permanent living arrangement;
 - (B) preplacement preventive services programs, such as intensive family preservation programs, designed to help children at risk of foster care placement remain safely with their families;

Family Preservation Services – Continued

- (C) service programs designed to provide follow up care to families to whom a child has been returned after a foster care placement;
- (D) respite care of children to provide temporary relief for parents and other caregivers (including foster parents);
- (E) services designed to improve parenting skills (by reinforcing parents' confidence in their strengths, and helping them to identify where improvement is needed and to obtain assistance in improving those skills) with respect to matters such as child development, family budgeting, coping with stress, health, and nutrition; and
- (F) infant safe haven programs to provide a way for a parent to safely relinquish a newborn infant at a safe haven designated pursuant to a State law.

Family Reunification Services

- (A) In general.—The term “time-limited family reunification services” means the services and activities described in subparagraph (B) that are provided to a child that is removed from the child's home and placed in a foster family home or a child care institution and to the parents or primary caregiver of such a child, in order to facilitate the reunification of the child safely and appropriately within a timely fashion, but only during the 15-month period that begins on the date that the child, pursuant to section [475\(5\)\(F\)](#), is considered to have entered foster care.

Family Reunification Services - Continued

- (B) Services and activities described.—The services and activities described in this subparagraph are the following:
 - (i) Individual, group, and family counseling.
 - (ii) Inpatient, residential, or outpatient substance abuse treatment services.
 - (iii) Mental health services.
 - (iv) Assistance to address domestic violence.
 - (v) Services designed to provide temporary child care and therapeutic services for families, including crisis nurseries.
 - (vi) Transportation to or from any of the services and activities described in this subparagraph.

Adoption Promotion and Support Services

- .—The term “adoption promotion and support services” means services and activities designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoptions promote the best interests of children, including such activities as pre- and post-adoptive services and activities designed to expedite the adoption process and support adoptive families.

Family Support Services

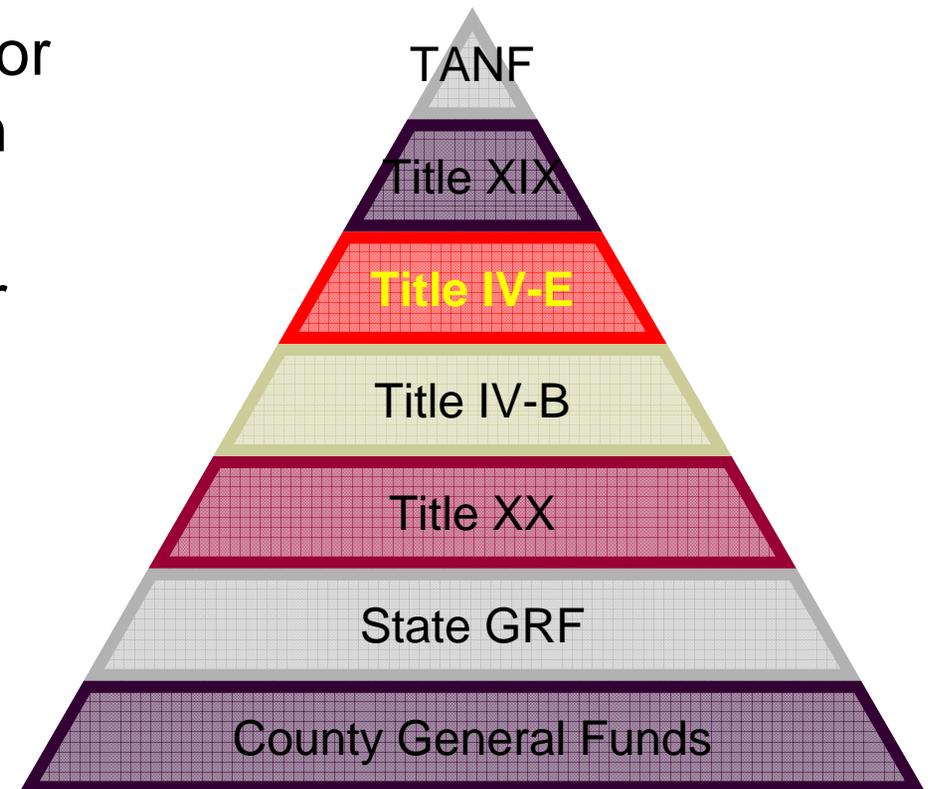
- Means community based services to promote the well-being of children and families designed to increase the strength and stability of families (including adoptive, foster, and extended families), to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, to afford children a stable and supportive family environment, and otherwise to enhance child development.

IV-B Part II - Operating

- Operating (10% Admin Cap) – Allocated funds are used to support administrative costs for providing Family Preservation and Family Reunification services.

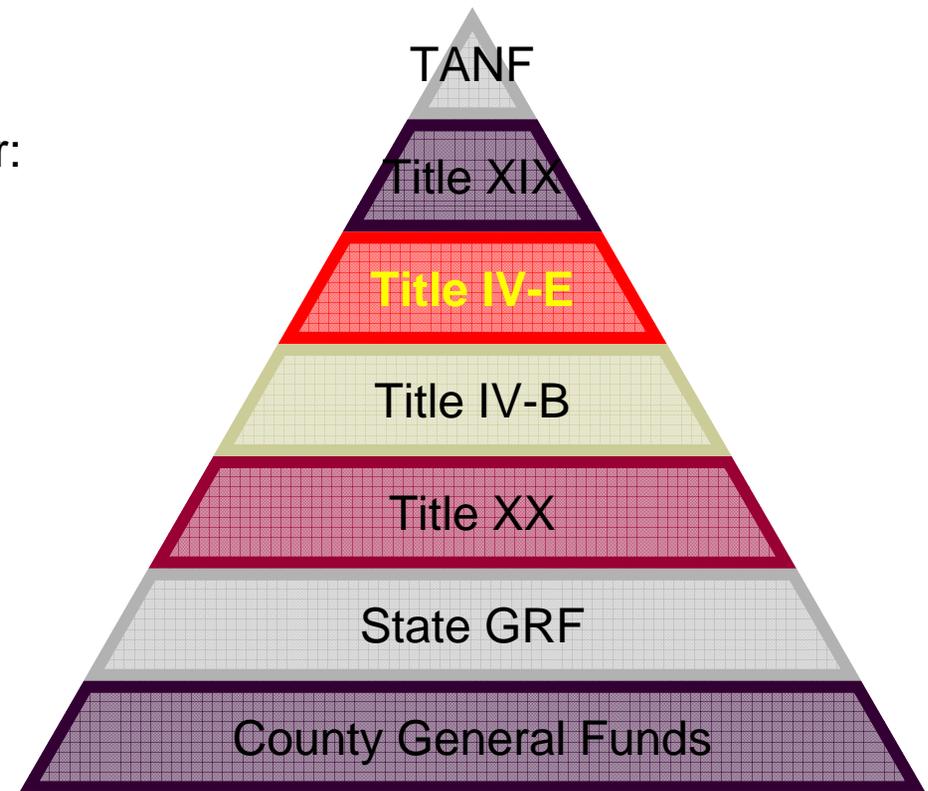
Title IV-E Funds

- IV-E is the principle federal reimbursement for foster care and adoption assistance
- Title IV-E reimburses for placement, adoption assistance, administration, and training
- ProtectOhio



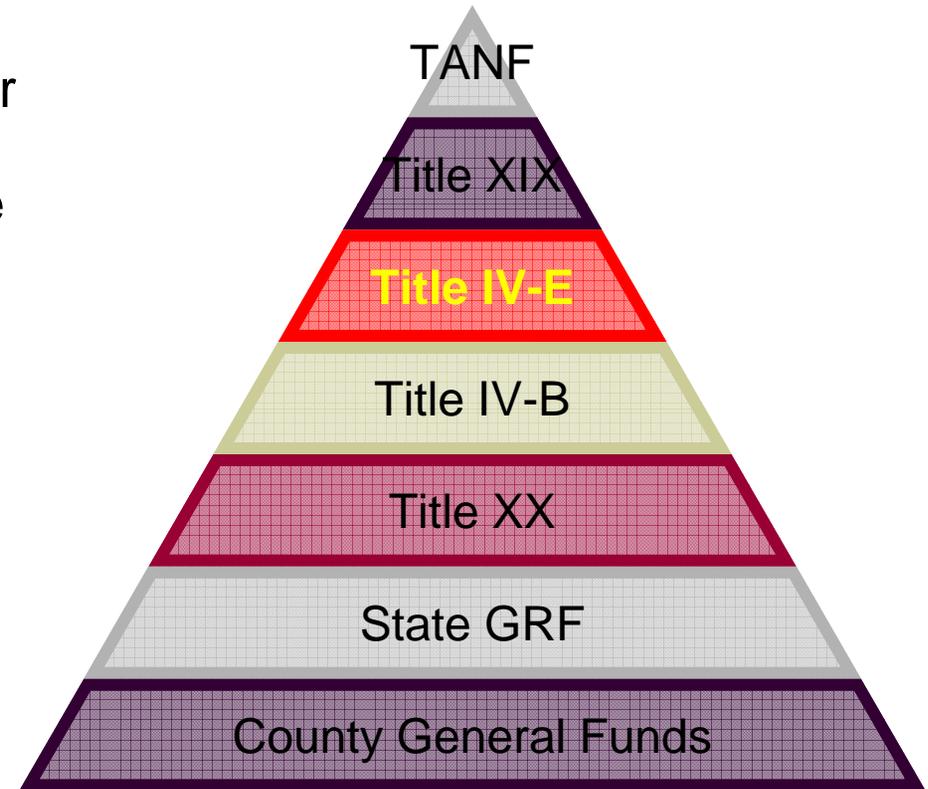
Title IV-E Funds Cont.

- Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance is reimbursable at FMAP (currently 63.69%)
- Title IV-E Maintenance Pays for:
 - Room/Board
 - Daily Supervision
 - Basic living and support
 - Child's personal incidentals
 - Clothing
 - Graduation Expenses
 - Liability Insurance
 - Travel to Home Visits
 - Travel to School



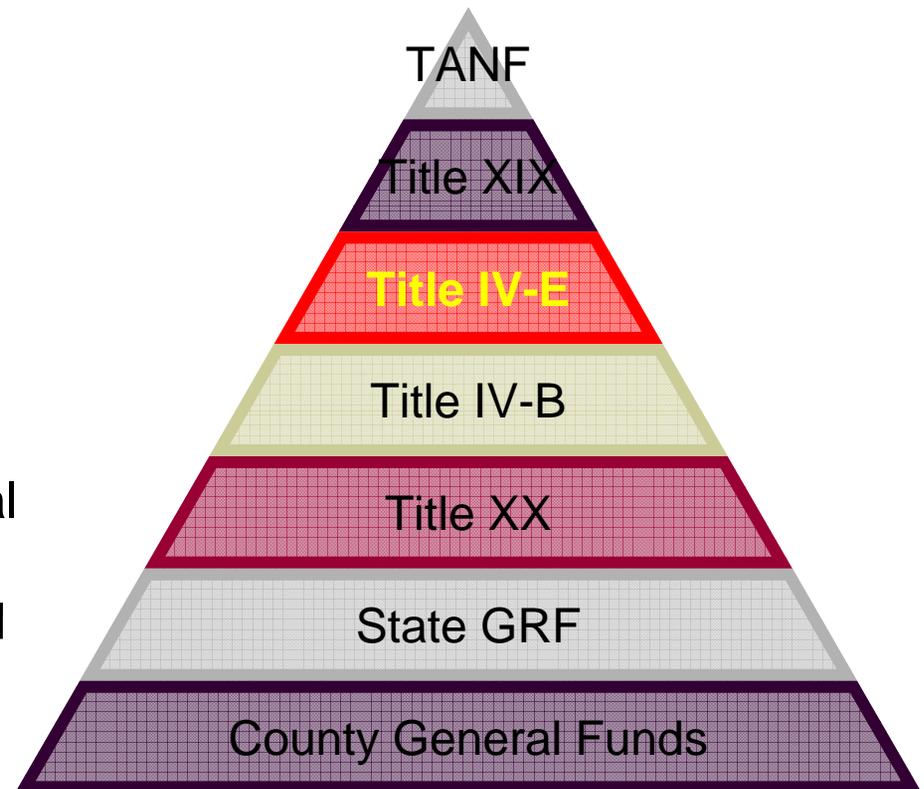
Title IV-E Funds Cont.

- Title IV-E Adoption Assistance:
 - ODJFS currently pays for the federal share of the total adoption assistance payment and the state share of adoption assistance UP TO \$250 per month.
 - Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) Up to \$10,000 or in special cases \$15,000
- Non-Recurring Adoption Assistance up to \$1,000



Title IV-E Funds Cont.

- Title IV-E Administration is reimbursable at 50% of the combined eligibility ratio.
- Title IV-E Administration pays for:
 - The administrative cost of candidates for foster care and placement, to include:
 - Case Management
 - Transportation to Judicial Reviews
 - Administrative Overhead
 - County Administrative Costs are reimbursed through the SSRMS/Cost Pool Process (JFS 02820)

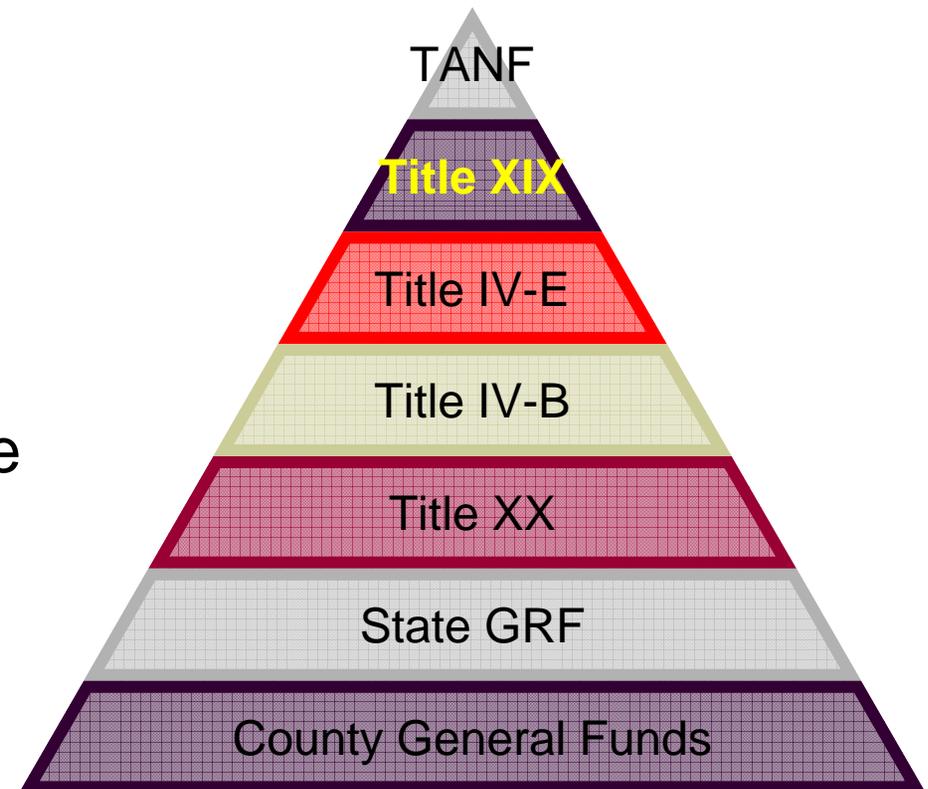


Title IV-E - Continued

- Chaffee Independent Living SFY 2012 Allocation = \$3,847,835. Pays for Independent Living Services for youth ages 15-21 where the agency has custody or continues to serve emancipated youth to assist them with their independence.
- Education Training Voucher Program – \$2,030,283
Pays for emancipated foster youth or children adopted at age 16 or older to attend higher education. Pays up to \$5K per year per eligible youth to offset the cost of tuition, books, room and board, etc.

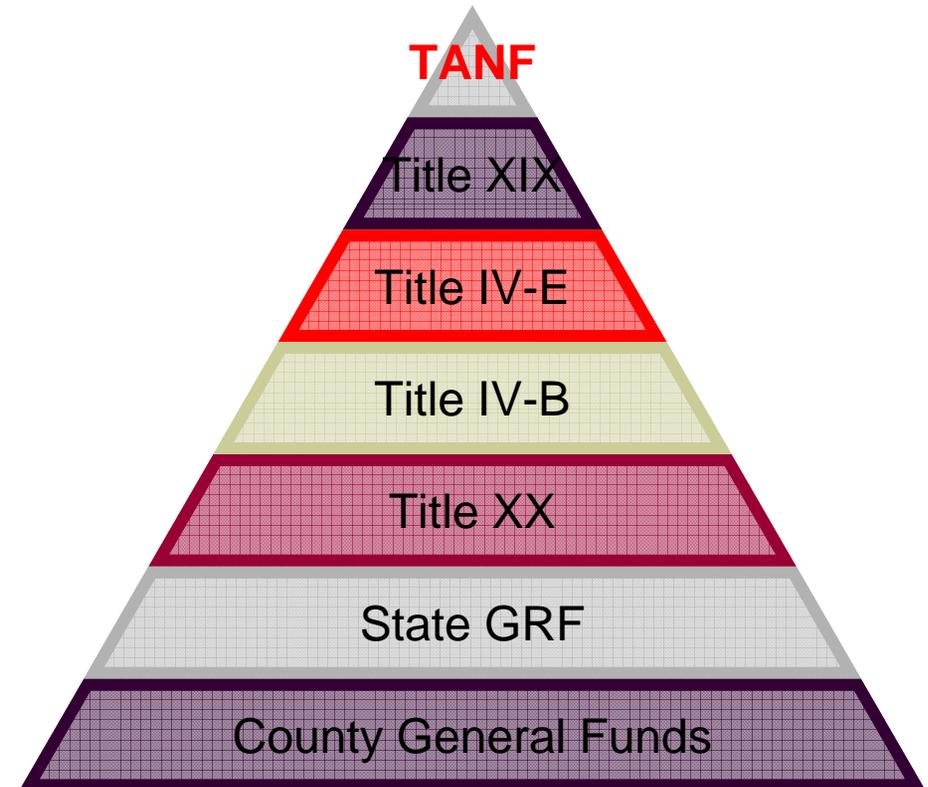
Medicaid Title XIX Funds

- Medicaid funding is available for eligible treatment services through private Medicaid certified providers
- Reimbursed through the SSRMS/Cost Pool Process (JFS 02820)



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Federal funding through CDJFS for public assistance purposes
- PCSA's must have an agreement with the CDJFS to access these funds
- Must be for a TANF Allowable Purpose
- Must be 200% of poverty
- 0% match
- TANF Title XX Transfer - \$66,122,939
- TANF IL - \$2,000,000



Other Programs

- Kinship Permanency Incentive Program - \$3,700,000 set aside from State General Revenue funds (\$2.5M) and TANF funds (\$1.2M) to support children being placed in the custody of relatives - 2012 No admin allocation.
- Ohio Child Welfare Training Program – Includes statewide trainer contract, regional training centers, University Partnership Programs, Organizational excellence expenses. Total all funds \$11,934,021
- Foster Parent Training Stipend and Allowance Programs
- System of Care - \$2,952,481
- Alternative Response Experiential Learning (AREL) OAC 5101:9-6-33. (\$50,000)
- Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Allocation OAC 5101:9-6-39. (\$65,000)

Flexibility

- Amended and new RMS codes
- Flexible Funding Concept
- Public Assistance Fund Transfer ORC 5105.14 in HB 153 – Allows transfers of funds for the public assistance fund to the children services fund.

Administrative Claiming

- Penetration Rate Calculation, Title XX TANF Transfer, IV-B Program and Administration
- SSRMS Reconciliation
- Certification of Funds Worksheet

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