

# State of Alaska Department of Health

Presentation to Children's Caucus

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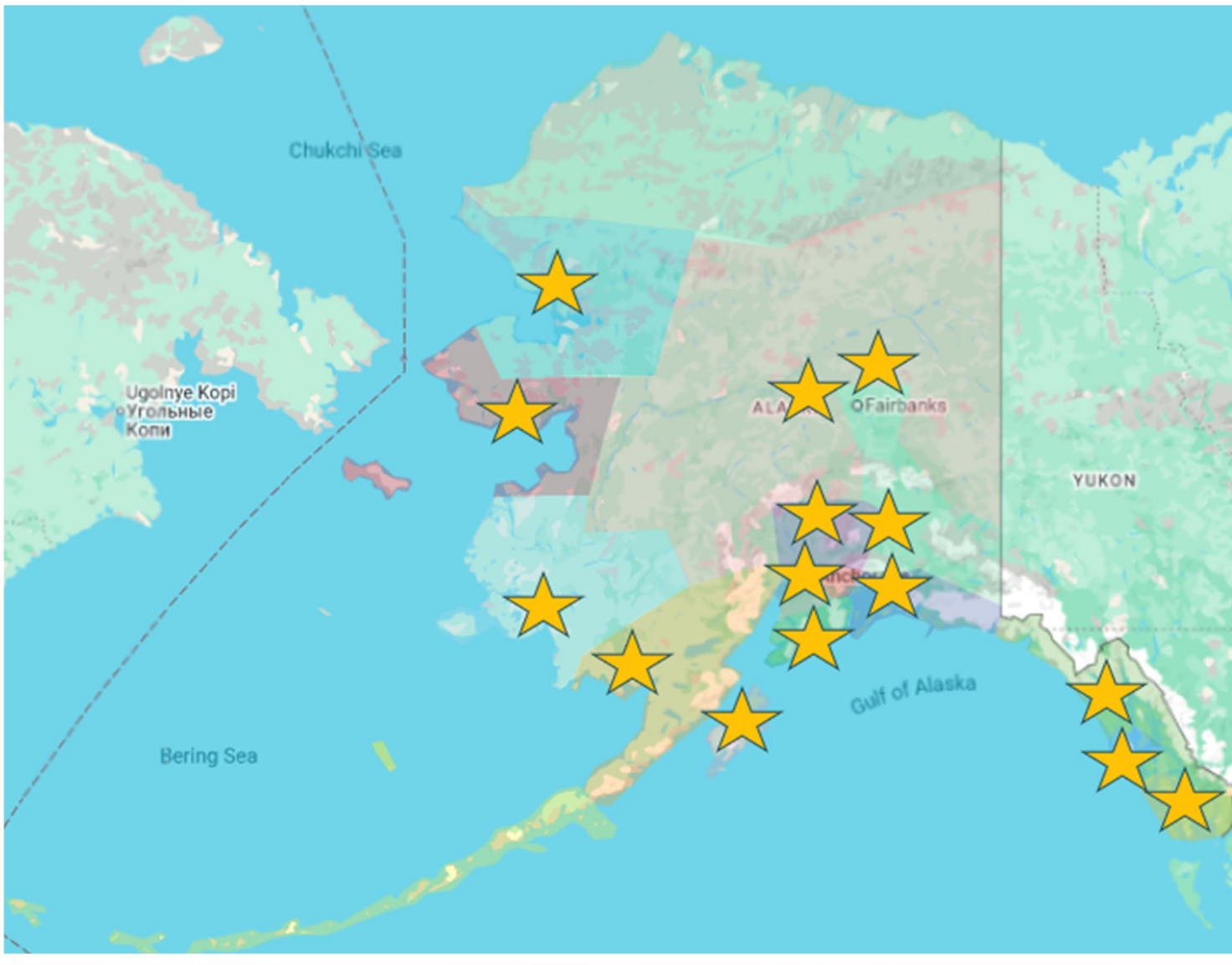
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# Infant Learning Program (ILP) Mission



The Alaska ILP system helps families with children aged **birth to three**, who have **developmental delays or disabilities**.

# System at a Glance



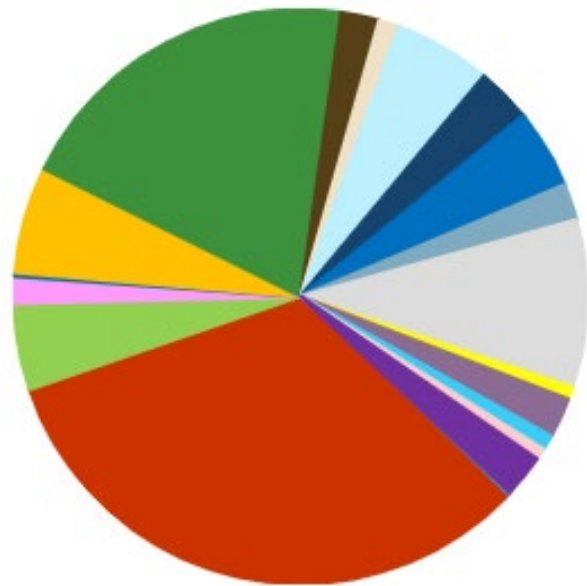
**15 Regional Programs**

**Awarded federal and state grant funds**

**Services must be available equitably statewide**

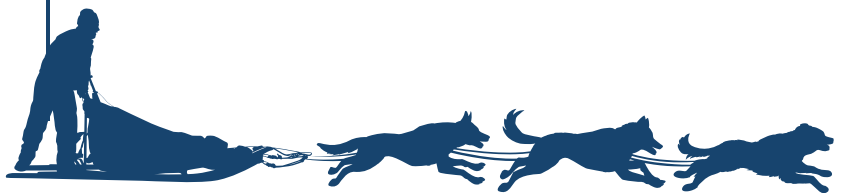
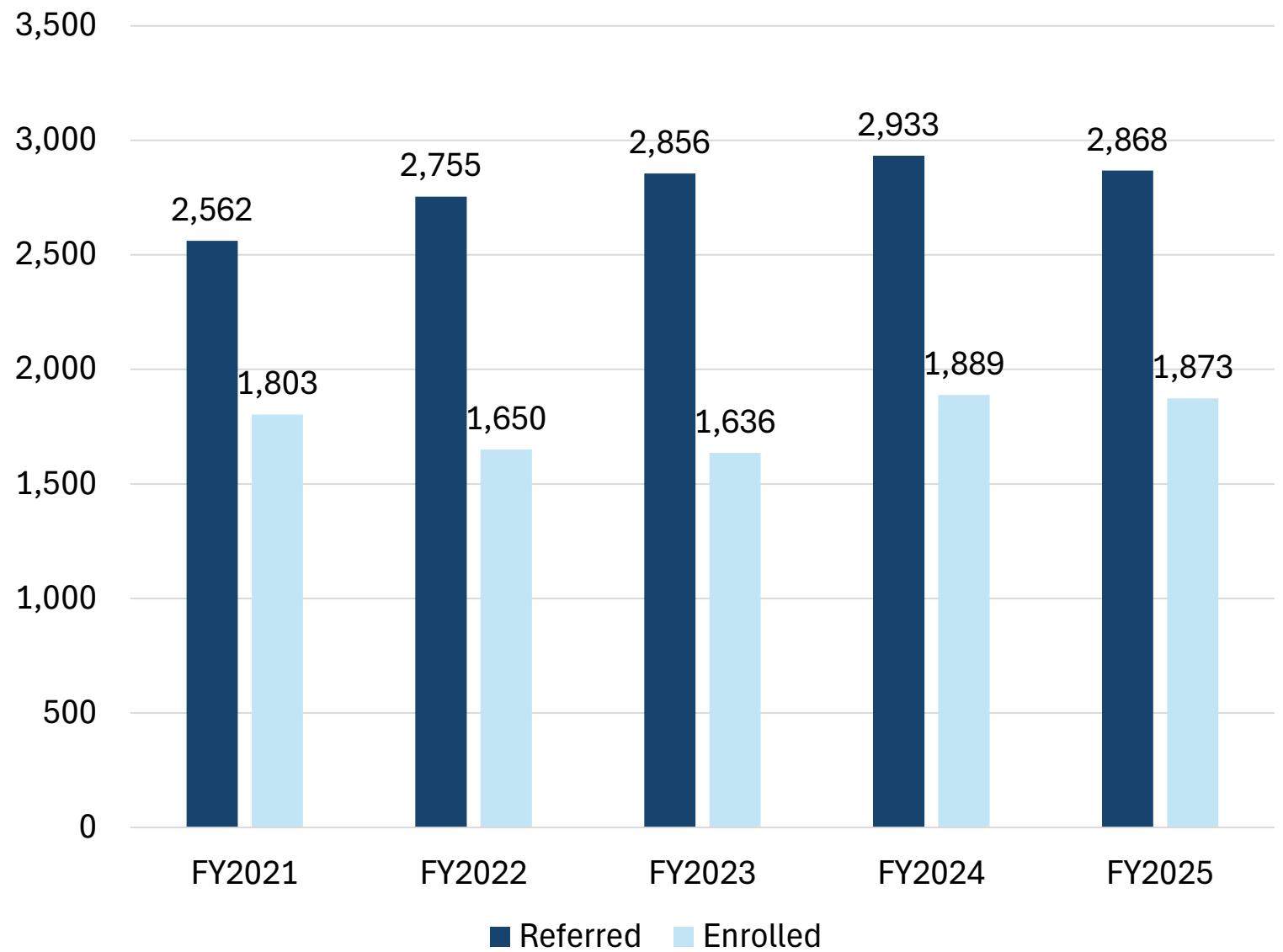
**Waitlists for services are not allowed**

# Statewide ILP Enrollment



- Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Area - 7
- Bethel/Kusilvak Area - 94
- Cordova, Valdez Area - 4
- Fairbanks, Copper River, Delta Area - 384
- Interior Tanana Chiefs Area - 22
- Kenai, Soldotna Area - 60
- Kodiak Island Area - 40
- North Slope Borough Area - 13
- Norton Sound Area - 16
- Sitka, Kake, Angoon Area - 46
- Anchorage, Girdwood, Whittier, Iliamna - 625
- Bristol Bay Area - 29
- Eagle River, Chugiak and JBER Area - 116
- Homer Area - 41
- Juneau, Haines, Petersburg Area - 106
- Ketchikan, POW Island, Metlakatla Area - 86
- Mat-Su Borough Area - 182
- Northwest Arctic Area - 44
- Seward Area - 12

# Annual Children Referred and Enrolled



# Alaska's Eligibility Criteria



**Diagnosed Disability**

OR

**50% delay in one or more areas**

OR

**Clinical Opinion made by ILP  
Team**





# ILP Legal Framework

- **34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 303 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C**
- **AS 47.20 Special Services for Certain Children**
- **7 AAC 23 Programs for Children with Disabilities**
- **State Infant Learning Policies**

# Key Fiscal Requirements under 34 CFR§303



RESPONSIBILITY  
OF STATE AGENCY



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EFFORT



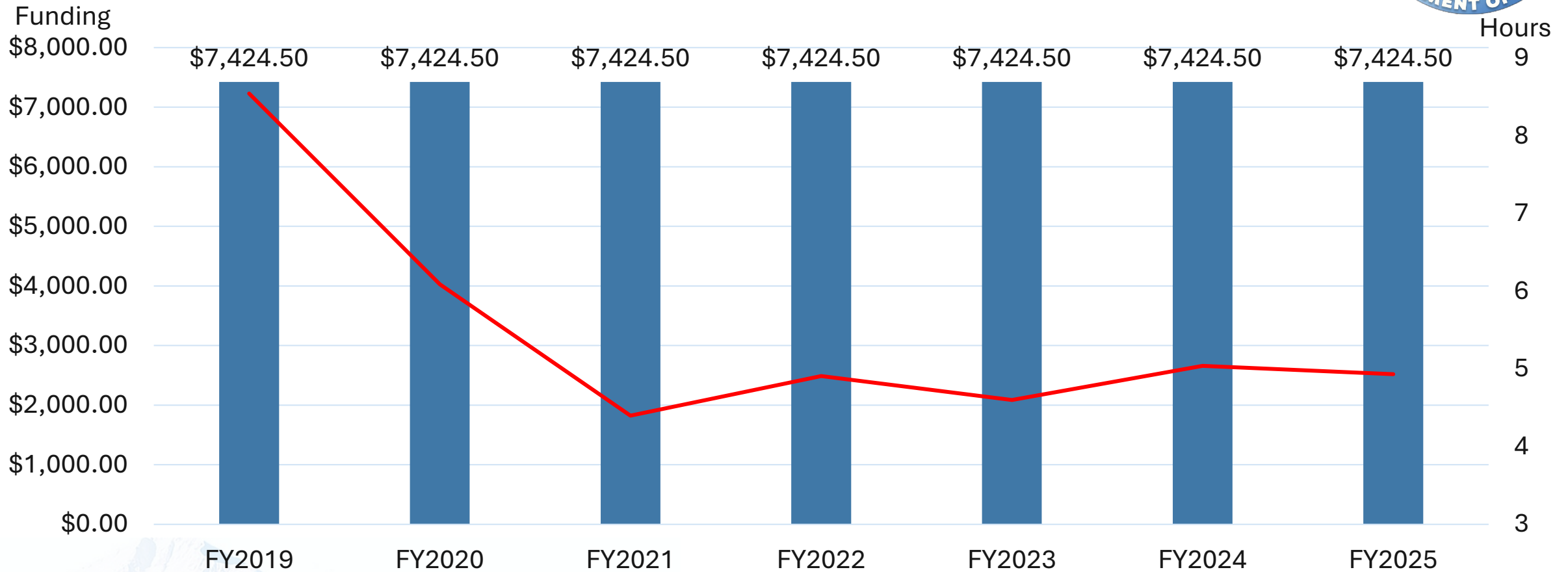
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# Funding and Hours of Service Per Child



Dollars in thousands

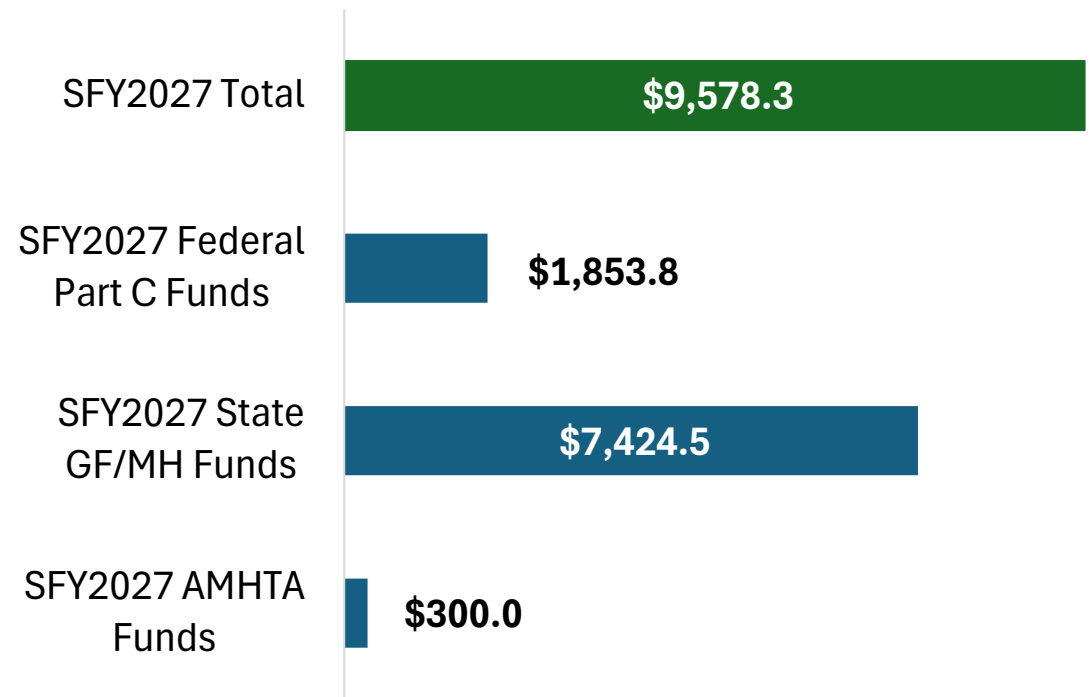
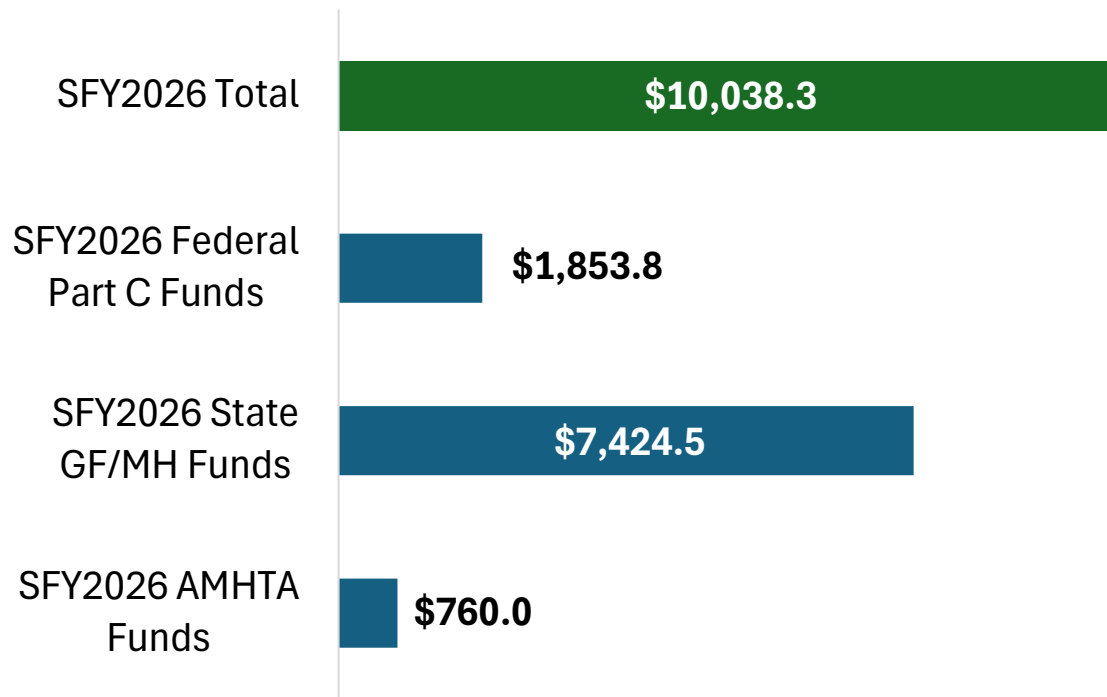
GF/MH Funding Hours per Child

## FY2026 AUTHORIZED BUDGET Funding to Grantees

## FY2027 GOVERNOR BUDGET Funding to Grantees

Fiscal Year 2026 ILP Funding to Grantees

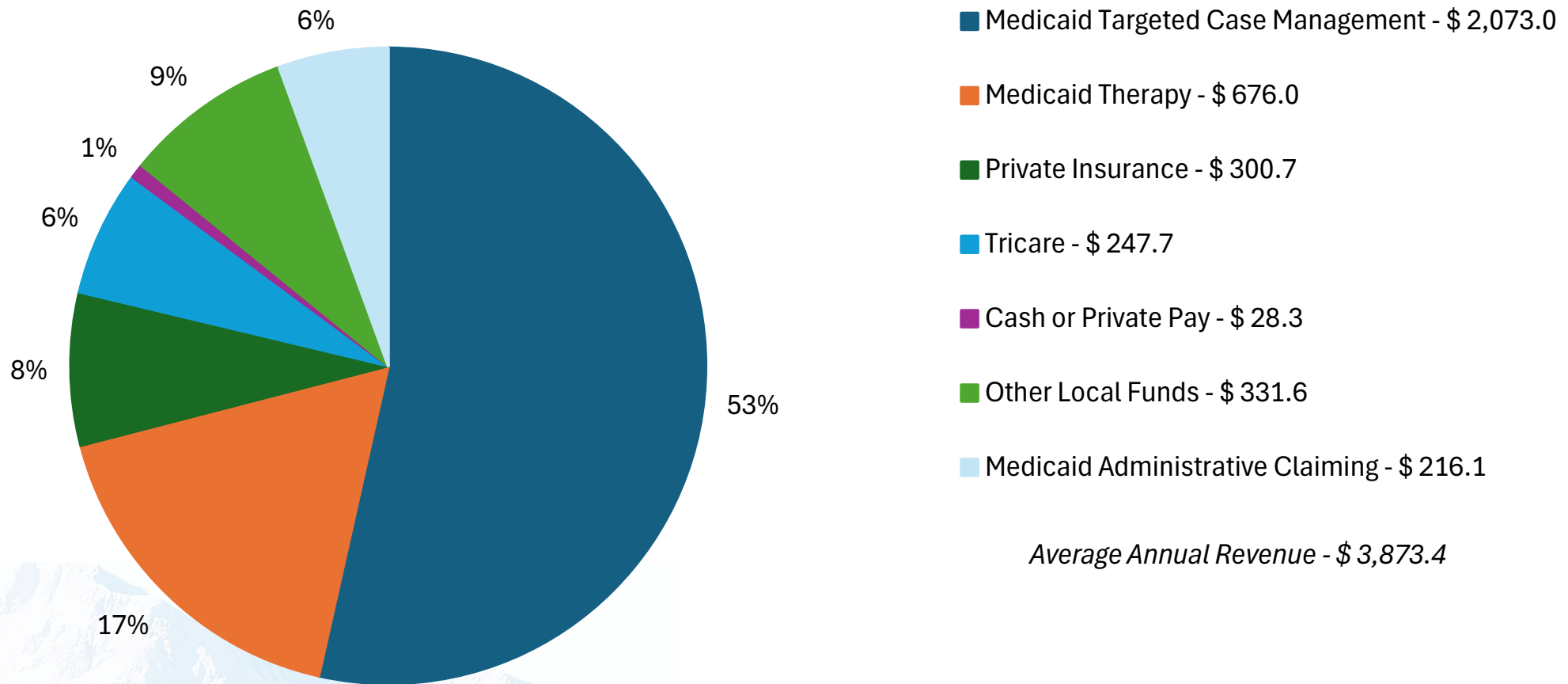
(Proposed) Fiscal Year 2027 ILP Funding to Grantees



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# ILP Revenue by Source – Average Per Year



Dollars in thousands

# ILP Service - Available to Families at No Cost

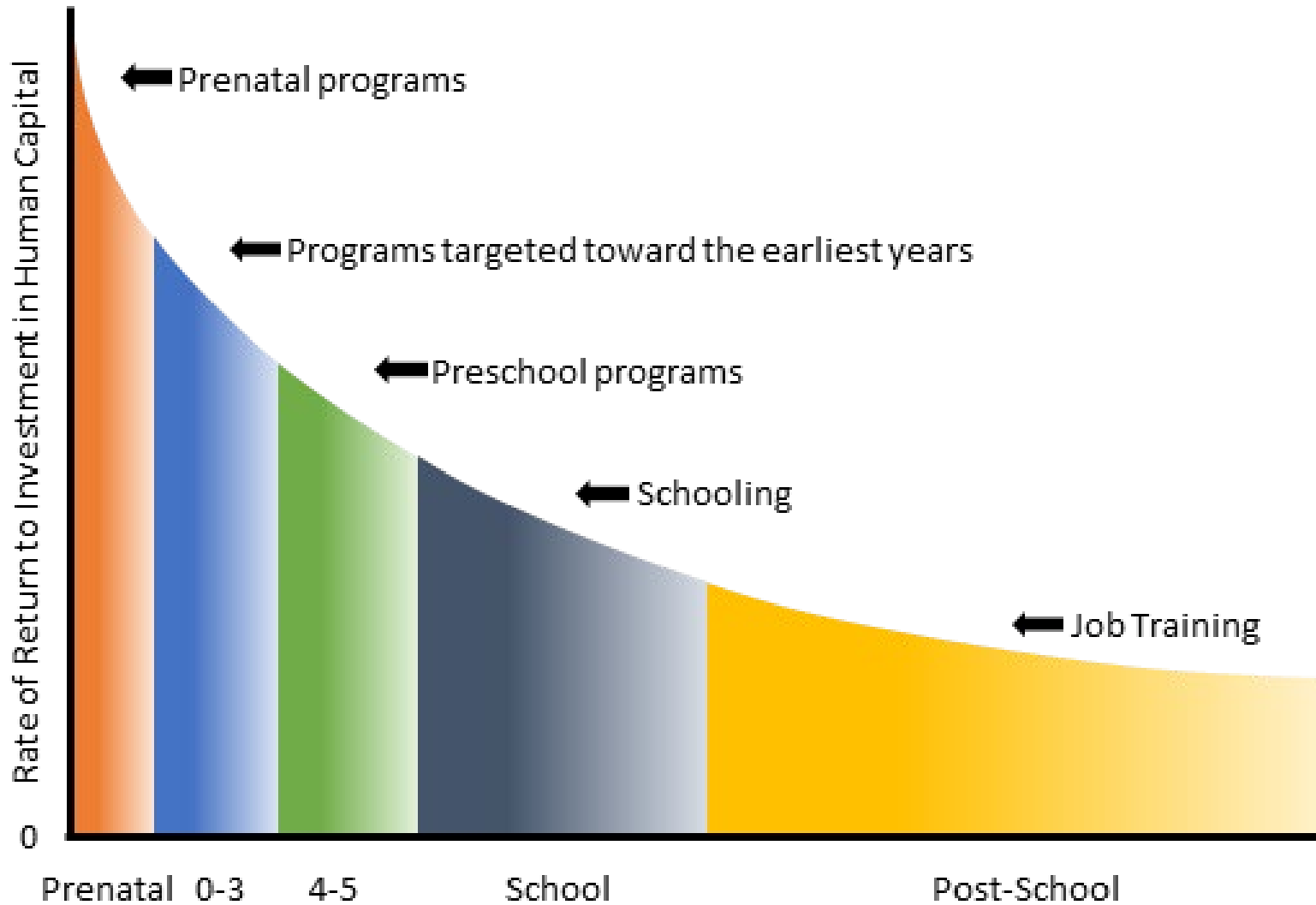
## Paid by: Insurance and Medicaid

- Audiology services
- Evaluation services
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Nursing or Nutrition services
- Speech Language Pathology (SLP)
- Service Coordination (TCM)

## Paid by: Federal or State Grant Funds

- Assistive Technology services/devices
- Vision services
- Family training, education, home visits
- Psychological and social work services
- Sign language and cued language
- Special Instruction
- Transportation and related costs

# Return on Investment with ILP



*“Investing in the continuum of learning from birth to age 5 not only impacts each child, but it also strengthens our country’s workforce today and prepares future generations to be competitive in the global economy tomorrow.”*

*~ Professor James Heckman,  
University of Chicago*

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**My son is learning and developing social and physical skills. He has a delay and is catching up to where he needs to be.**

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**This program as it helped me understand my child's needs and her diagnosis. It helped her meet her milestones.**

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**If it wasn't for this program my daughter would be who she is today. She can walk, getting closer to talking and we are working on her eating solids.**

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**This program was a life-changing for me and my son. Your team helped me figure out ingenious ways to communicate with my son.**

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**My daughter has gone from 1 word to over 70 in a little over 6 months. I feel very grateful to take part in this program.**

## **ILP Family Survey Comments**



# Thank You!

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