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Jim Pillen, Governor

January 1, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Room 2316
Lincoln, NE 68509

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol Room 2028
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Disabled Persons and Family Support Act Report

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 68-1518 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) to file an annual report to reflect the number of families and disabled persons applying for and receiving support authorized by the Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS) program. You will find the information for State Fiscal Year 2023 below.

In addition to the above, the report also includes the types of services being applied for, the services provided through the DPFS program, and the effects of the support provided under the program's authorized services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Green".

Tony Green, Interim Director
Division of Children and Family Services

Attachment

Division of Children and Family Services

Disabled Persons and Family Support Act Report

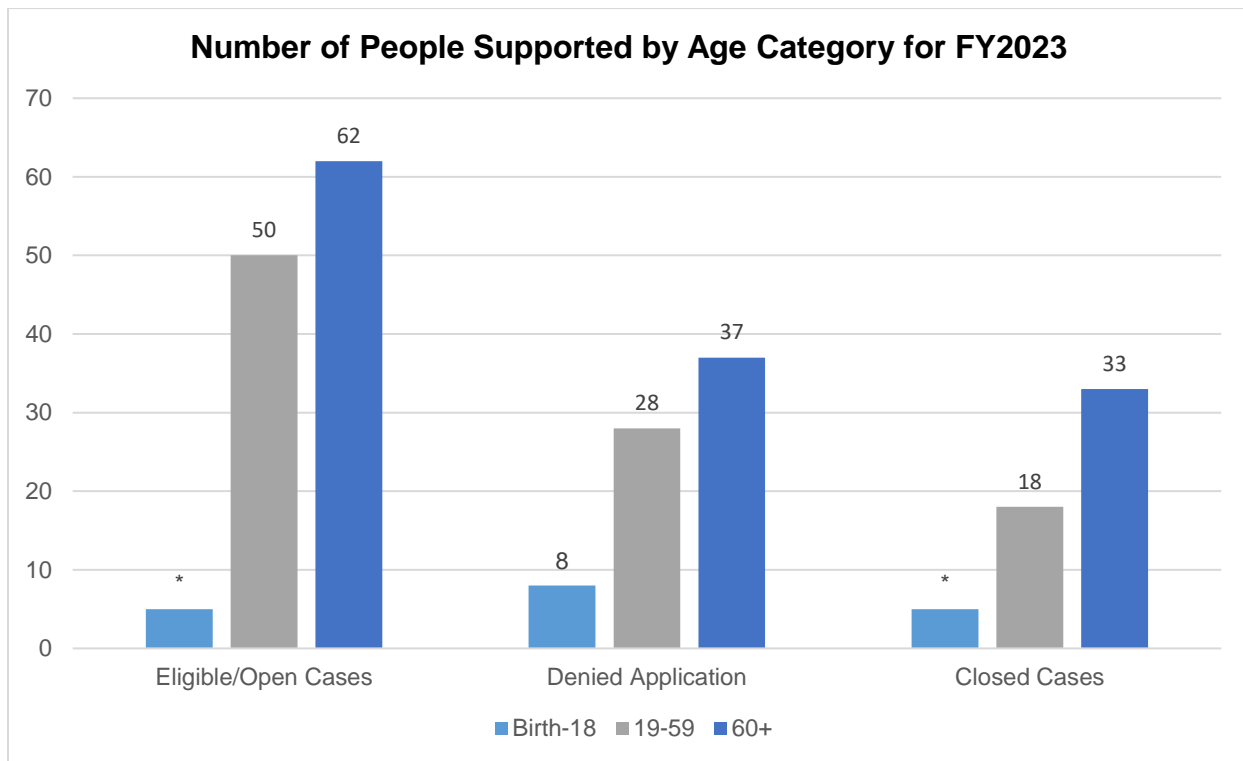
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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1518

Number of Families and Persons Applying for Support

The Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS) program reviewed 246 persons for eligibility, with 117 of those persons being determined eligible between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. This is an increase from the 88 eligible persons in FY2022.

This data reflects the results of the number of people supported by age in FY2023 for the DPFS program. Eligible/Open cases are defined as persons eligible for services under the DPFS program. Denied Applications are defined as applicants who were denied services due to not meeting eligibility criteria as outlined by the program. Closed Cases are cases no longer eligible to receive services due to changes in need, status, renewal application requirements not met, or requests to no longer receive program services.



Types of Services Being Applied For

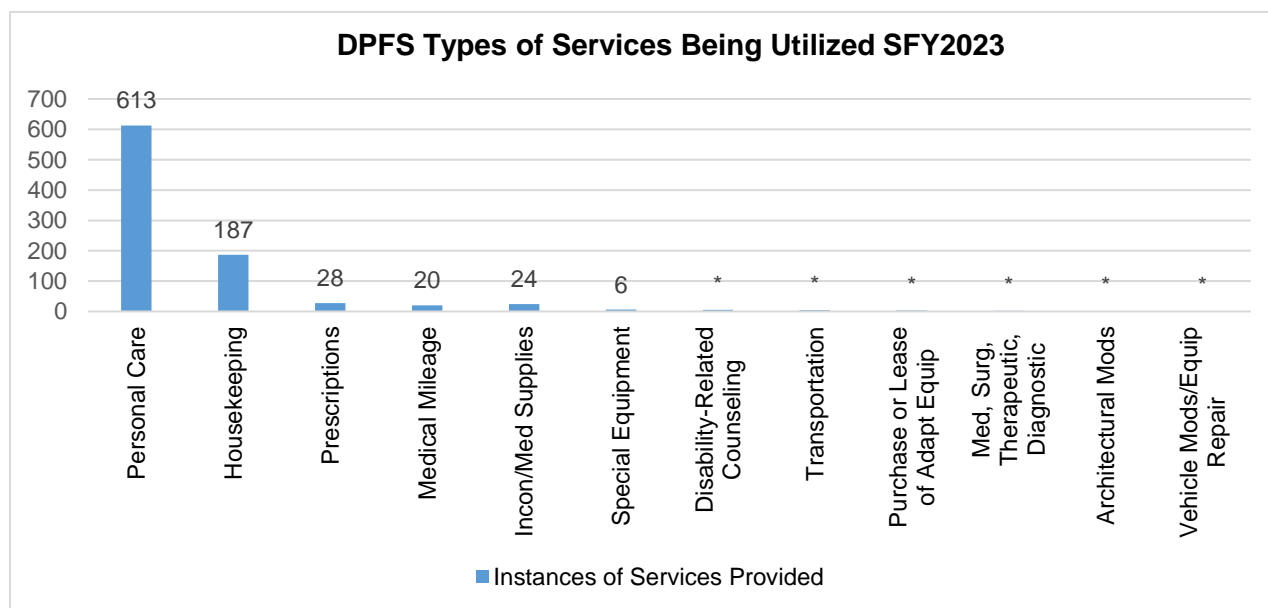
In assessing client needs for program services, personal care needs, and housekeeping services received priority. Overall, the services applied for through the DPFS program included the following:

- Personal Care
- Housekeeping
- Prescriptions
- Medical Mileage
- Incontinence/Medical Supplies
- Special Equipment
- Disability-Related Counseling
- Transportation
- Purchase/Lease of Adaptive Equipment
- Medical, Surgical, Therapeutic, and Diagnostic Services
- Architectural Modifications
- Vehicle Modifications/Equipment Repair

Types of Services Provided

In FY2023, 613 instances of services provided and billed under the program were submitted for personal care services for a total expenditure of \$154,680, or 70% of the total program disbursements to eligible clients. During FY2023, program-eligible clients acquired authorized services 894 times, evidenced by billing documents submitted to the program for review and payment.

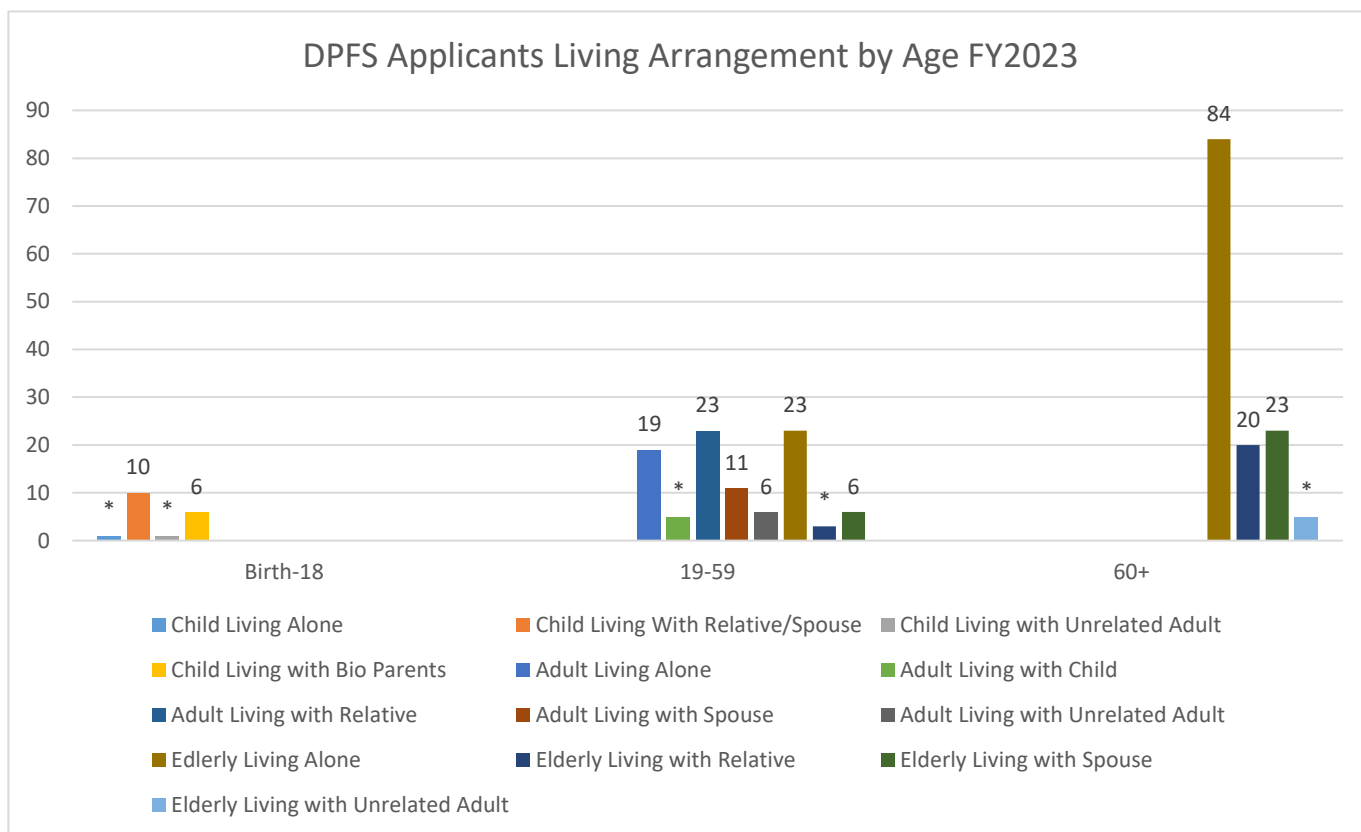
The table below provides an overview of the program-authorized services clients and/or their authorized representatives utilized in FY2023. Personal Care Services and Housekeeping were the most frequently utilized authorized services within the DPFS program.



Effects of the Support Provided Under the Program

The DPFS Program provides state-funded assistance to individuals who meet specific income and disability criteria. The effects of the support provided through the DPFS program allow individuals to remain living within their homes while preserving the family unit and provide the opportunity to seek employment or continue their employment if the client elects to do so.

The data below shows the effects of the potential support provided based on living arrangements under the program in alignment with Neb. Rev. Statute § 68-1502, which prevents out-of-home placement and allows individuals to remain independently within their home, residing with their families or living with an unrelated caregiver. The table shows the living arrangements of all DPFS applicants, regardless of eligibility determination, by age category.



Proposals for Amendments

DHHS does not have any proposals for amendments to the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act.