

April 25, 2005

The Honorable Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Room 120-S, Statehouse

and

The Honorable Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Room 514-S, Statehouse

Dear Senator Umbarger:

As Governor's Budget Amendment No. 3, I offer the following changes to the budget of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

1. Caseload Correction

I amend my FY 2006 budget to reflect a technical correction to the caseload adjustments for Foster Care and Adoption. Starting in FY 2006, there will be one contract for out-of-home placements of children in foster care and adoption; it will be called the "reintegration" contract. There will also be a contract for one statewide adoption contractor, who will be responsible for recruitment and training of adoptive families and other resource building activities. This \$3.5 million contract, including \$2.8 million from the State General Fund, will not be a part of the consensus caseload process. Because this cost will not be included as a caseload item, it was left out of the caseload adjustments. And since it is a new item, it is not included elsewhere in the budget. Therefore, I amend my budget to add the necessary funding for this contract.

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ 2,839,997
All Other Funds	<u>--</u>	<u>709,999</u>
All Funds	\$ --	\$ 3,549,996

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of the State of Kansas