

# VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE SERVICE OFFICE

## Enabling Laws

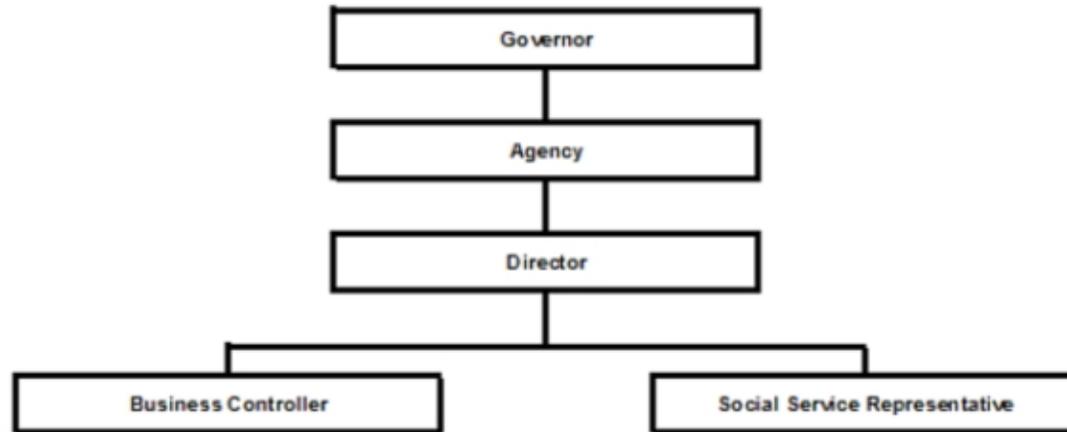
Act 39 of 2012  
A.C.A. §20-81-101

## History and Organization

The American Legion Child Welfare Division originated as a unit of the American Legion in 1923 to provide aid to the needy children of hospitalized and deceased veterans. Funds were provided through the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units.

Act 189 of 1969 changed the name of the Agency to the Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service Office. The Agency was put under the supervision of a Director appointed by the Governor upon written recommendation by the governing body of the American Legion Department of Arkansas. The Agency was delegated the responsibility of establishing temporary and interim welfare assistance for the minor age children of hospitalized and recently deceased Honorably Discharged Veterans who reside in Arkansas.

Act 100 of 1997 allowed our Agency to assist children of Honorably Discharged Arkansas Veterans who are deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated. Funds for the Agency are procured by funded appropriation from the State of Arkansas and from the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units through memorials, donations and contributions received throughout the year.



**Agency Commentary**

The Veterans Child Welfare Service Office is delegated the responsibility of providing temporary assistance to the minor age children of Honorably Discharged Veterans if recently deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated. Funding for this Agency consists of general revenue funding. The Agency consists of two (2) positions: Veterans Child Welfare Director and Business Operations Specialist.

The Agency is requesting Base Level for the 2013-2015 Biennium.

**Audit Findings**

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
 AUDIT OF :  
 ARKANSAS VETERANS CHILD WELFARE SERVICE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

**State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012**

None

**Employment Summary**

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	1	2	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			2	100 %

**Publications**

**A.C.A. 25-1-204**

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
None	NA	N	N	0	NA

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012						FY2012 - 2013					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
3	2	1	3	0	33.33 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 064 - Vet Child Welfare Operations

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Veterans Child Welfare Service offers temporary financial assistance to the minor children of recently deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated veterans with limited or no income, until a more permanent source of income is established. Veterans and their families are eligible for assistance for up to three months with rent or house payments and utilities. The Staff also counsels with families and refers them to other agencies for further assistance. The program is also subsidized by the American Legion and its Auxiliary. This appropriation is funded from general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency Request provides for Base Level which totals \$156,212 in FY14 and \$156,945 in FY15. The Base Level request also includes two (2) budgeted positions.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014			2014-2015		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	84,405	78,995	106,961	81,587	81,587	81,587	82,187	82,187	82,187
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>2</b>								
Personal Services Matching	5010003	27,223	26,652	35,614	27,747	27,747	27,747	27,880	27,880	27,880
Operating Expenses	5020002	1,987	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	40,750	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>154,365</b>	<b>152,525</b>	<b>189,453</b>	<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>156,945</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
General Revenue	4000010	154,365	152,525		156,212	156,212	156,212	156,945	156,945	156,945
Total Funding		154,365	152,525		156,212	156,212	156,212	156,945	156,945	156,945
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>154,365</b>	<b>152,525</b>		<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,212</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>156,945</b>