

Information Technology Authorization Committee

Project Review

October 26, 2016

Action Item

Agency: Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)
Project Name: CHILDS Replacement Project
Project Number: CH17002
ASET Oversight Manager: Clark Lathrum

As part of the core functions, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) caseworkers spend time to ensure the safety of children, strengthen families, and achieve permanency. The current system used for case management, federal reporting, and provider management is the Children's Information Library and Data Source, known as CHILDS. CHILDS was originally implemented in 1997, and due to the age, complexity, and inefficiencies, DCS is unable to provide the best support for the caseworkers or the children and families that they serve.

CHILDS is unable to support and drive current and any future DCS business processes, suffers from poor usability due to being an aging mainframe application, and is difficult to search or provides data for analysis in a quick and efficient manner. Additionally, CHILDS does not have a mobility solution, which is critical to ensuring that the data gathered during visits, can be entered on location to increase efficiencies.

On September 14, 2016 the ITAC approved, with conditions, the "CHILDS Replacement" project. Today, DCS is proposing to amend the project with a revised project budget for the first technology solution component of the program, known as Mobile Solution.

Motion Options:

ITAC Approval:

ITAC Conditional Approval:

1. Should the final costs exceed the estimated costs by 10% or more, or should there be significant changes to the proposed technology, scope of work or implementation schedule, the Agency must amend the PIJ to reflect the changes and submit it to ADOA-ASET and ITAC for review and approval prior to further expenditure of funds.
2. ADCS shall notify ADOA-ASET once procurement rules allow the release of additional information regarding the project amendment, at which point ADOA-ASET will formally distribute the information to the ITAC, Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting, and State Procurement Office.

ITAC Disapproval: