



MISSOURI CHAPTER
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
INCORPORATED IN MISSOURI

2023 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Dear MOAAP,

This year brought a welcome return to some sense of *normal* in the Missouri Capitol, although the 2023 Legislative Session was not without oddities and more than a few frustrations.

Together, we prioritized the health and well-being of children and families across our state and focused on advocating for policies which create a safer, more prosperous Missouri. We worked aggressively to promote access to routine childhood immunizations, extend postpartum MOHealthNet benefits for new mothers to a full-year, and protect children from lead exposure. Further, we worked to expand high quality early childhood education, improve access to care in rural and underserved populations, and promote literacy and reading instruction programs. Among these victories, I would be remiss not to recognize failures beyond our control, particularly in the area of gender affirming care and our inability to overcome misinformation and immense political pressure.

Despite this setback I encourage you, as experts in the care and development of children and families, to remain committed to advocacy and incremental progress as we work collectively to move Missouri in a more healthy and positive direction.

As always, it has been an honor to work with you to reach these milestones and continue building MOAAP's reputation as a leading voice for children and families in the Missouri Capitol.

With gratitude,

Garrett Webb, Legislative & Advocacy Consultant

2023 Legislative Session:

- 2,223 Bills Filed
- 60 Bills Truly Agreed
- 59 Signed by Gov. Parson
- 1 VETO by Gov. Parson



2023 MOAAP Successes:

- HB402, updating childhood **LEAD TESTING** protocol to require **all children** in the state to be assessed for exposure before age 6
- SB45, extending MOHealthNet benefits to **TWELVE MONTHS postpartum** for new Missouri moms
- SB157, creating **25 additional medical residencies** in pediatrics, internal medicine, OBGYN, and psychology + \$2.3 million in funding
- **\$134 million in NEW FUNDING** for early childhood education
- \$1.5 million to establish a **statewide PERINATAL COLLABORATIVE** to better improve the quality of care for new moms and babies
- \$11 million to create the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program**



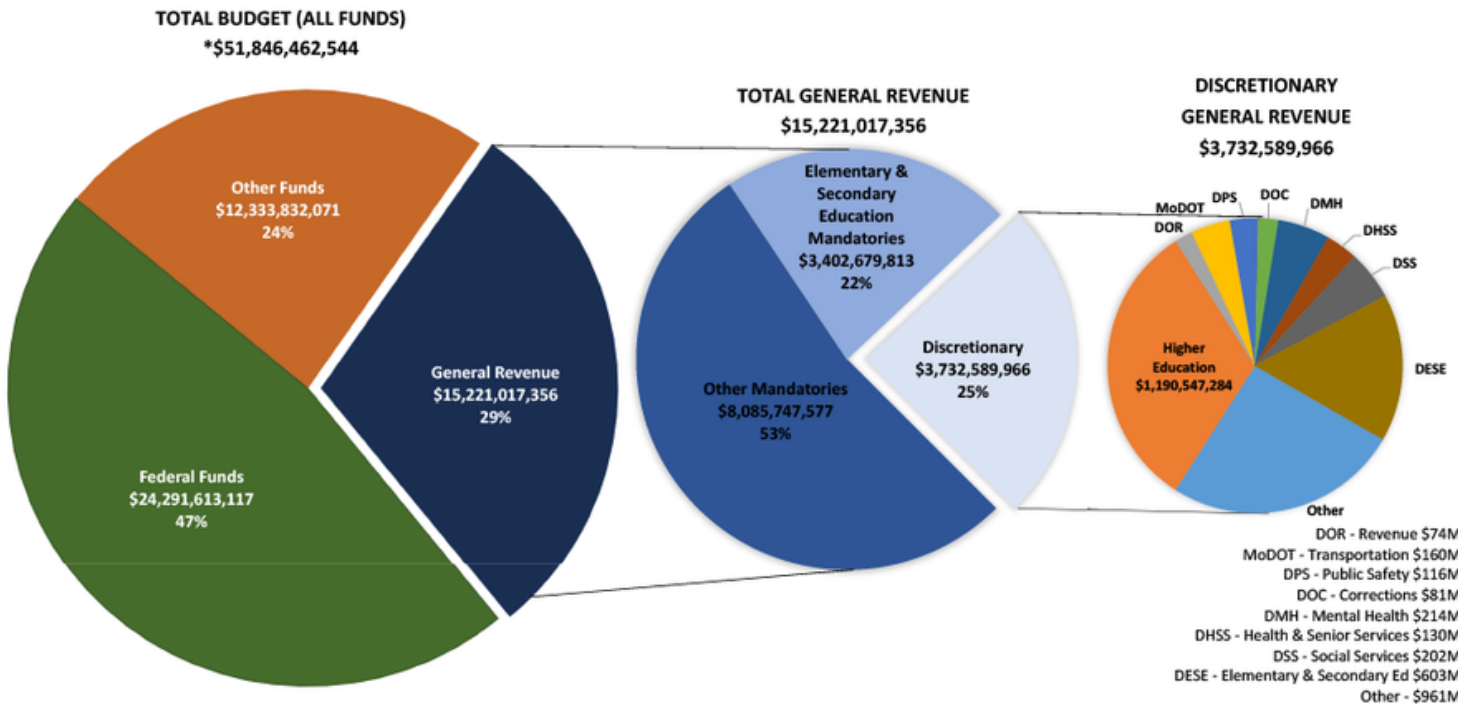
MEMBERS OF MOAAP POSE ON THE STATE CAPITOL STEPS ON ADVOCACY DAY



MEMBERS OF THE MOAAP BOARD PHOTOGRAPHED WITH MISSOURI LT. GOVERNOR MIKE KEHOE

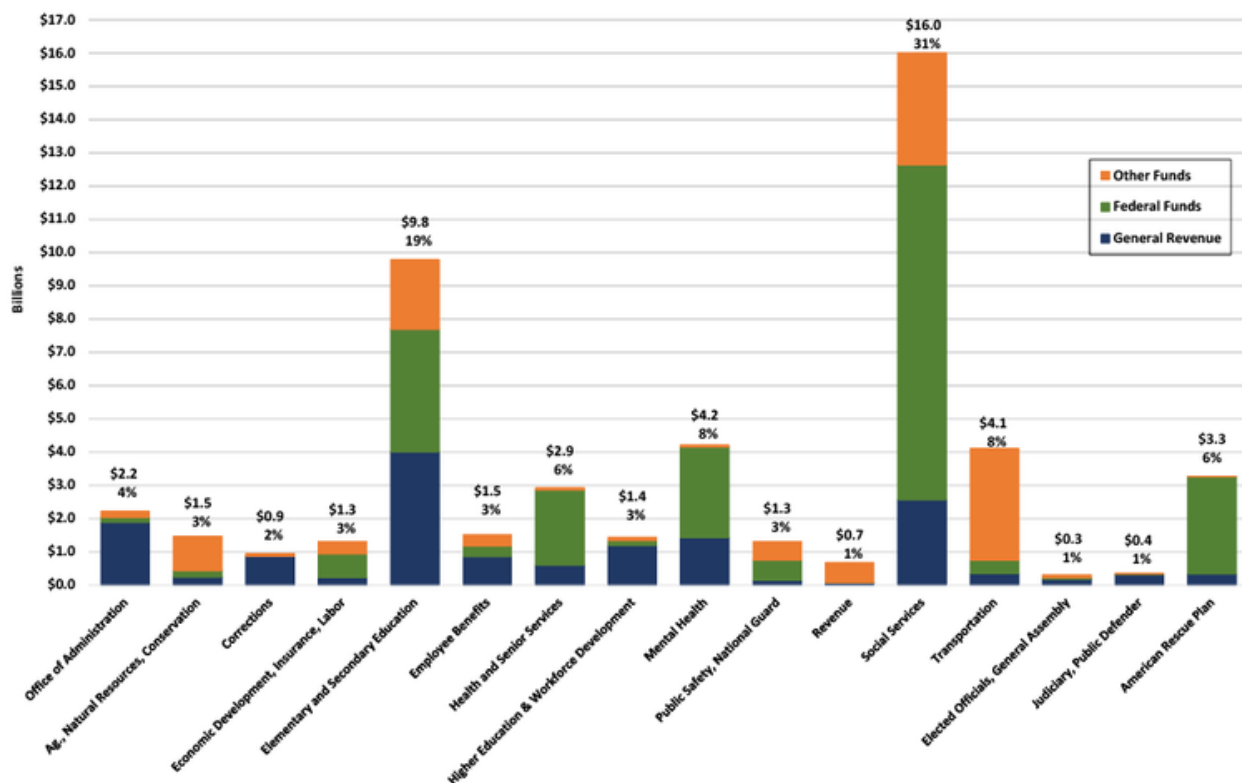
Understanding Missouri's State Budget

FISCAL YEAR 2024 FINAL OPERATING BUDGET



*Excludes Refunds

FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (ALL FUNDS) - *\$51,846,462,544



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