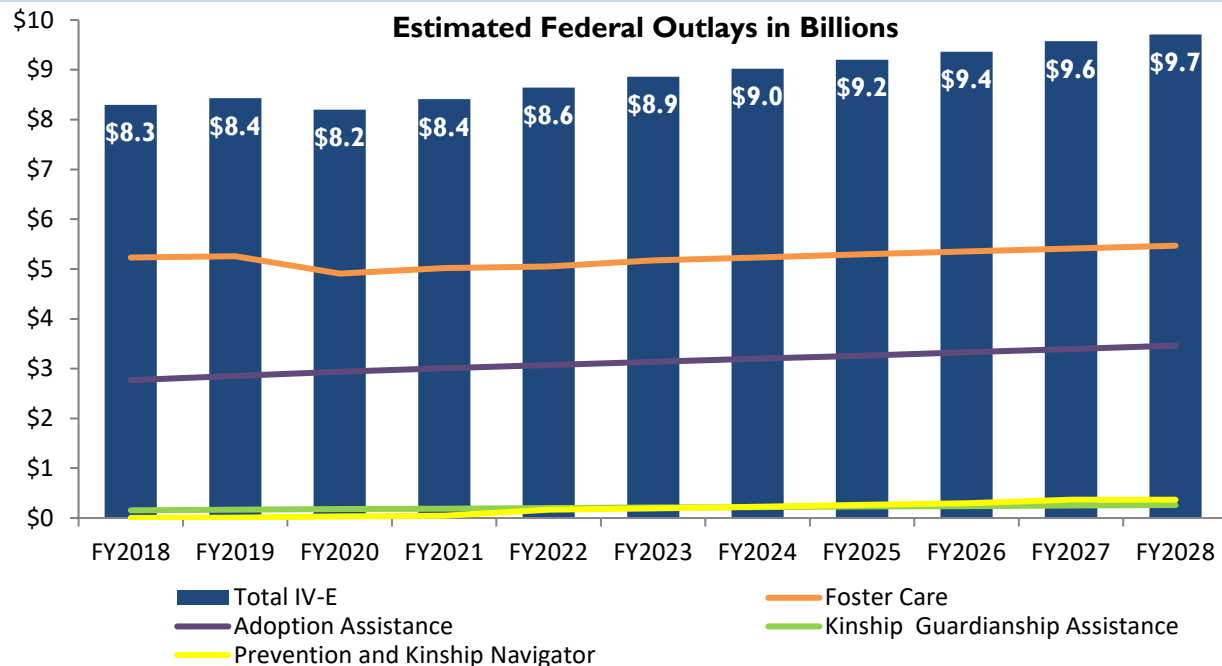


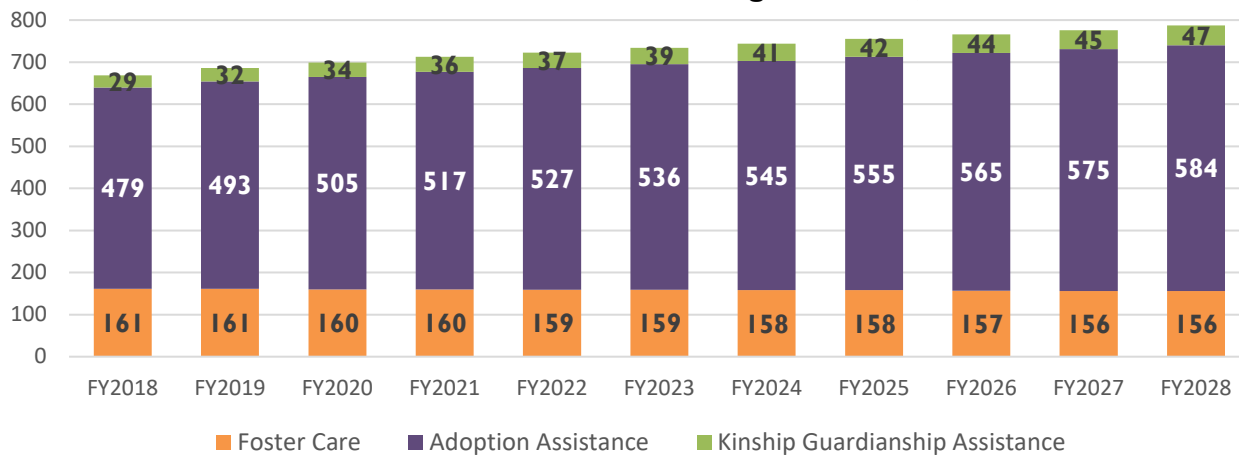
Figure II-2. Caseload and Federal Outlay Estimates for the Title IV-E Program, FY2018-FY2028

CBO = Congressional Budget Office; Estimates are as included in the April 2018 CBO baseline

CBO expects Title IV-E spending to keep pace with inflation in the next decade. The number of children receiving adoption or guardianship assistance is expected to grow while the number of children receiving Title IV-E foster care assistance is expected to decline slightly. The Family First Prevention Services Act (Title VII, Div. E of P.L. 115-123) authorizes new Title IV-E support for services to prevent the need for children to enter foster care, thus increasing the program's estimated spending. At the same time, other Family First changes – restricting spending for children placed in group (as opposed to family) foster care settings, and temporarily re-instating an income eligibility test for the youngest adoptees – reduced the number of children expected to receive Title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance, thus lowering estimated Title IV-E spending. Finally, many states have implemented child welfare demonstration projects, or “waivers,” that permit Title IV-E spending on services or aid to children that, without the waiver, would not be permitted. Under current law, all waiver projects must end no later than September 30, 2019. CBO estimates this change will also reduce Title IV-E foster care spending.



Caseload: Estimated Children Receiving Assistance, in Thousands



Source: Figure prepared by CRS on November 1, 2018 for the 2018 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. CBO estimates are as included in its April 2018 baseline <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files?file=2018-06/51299-2018-04-fostercare.pdf>.

Note: The total estimated Title IV-E program spending shown includes capped mandatory funding provided under the Chafee program and for technical assistance. Other funding authorized in Title IV-E but provided on a discretionary basis (i.e., funding for Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers and for Adoption and Legal Guardianship Assistance Payments) is not included in these estimates.