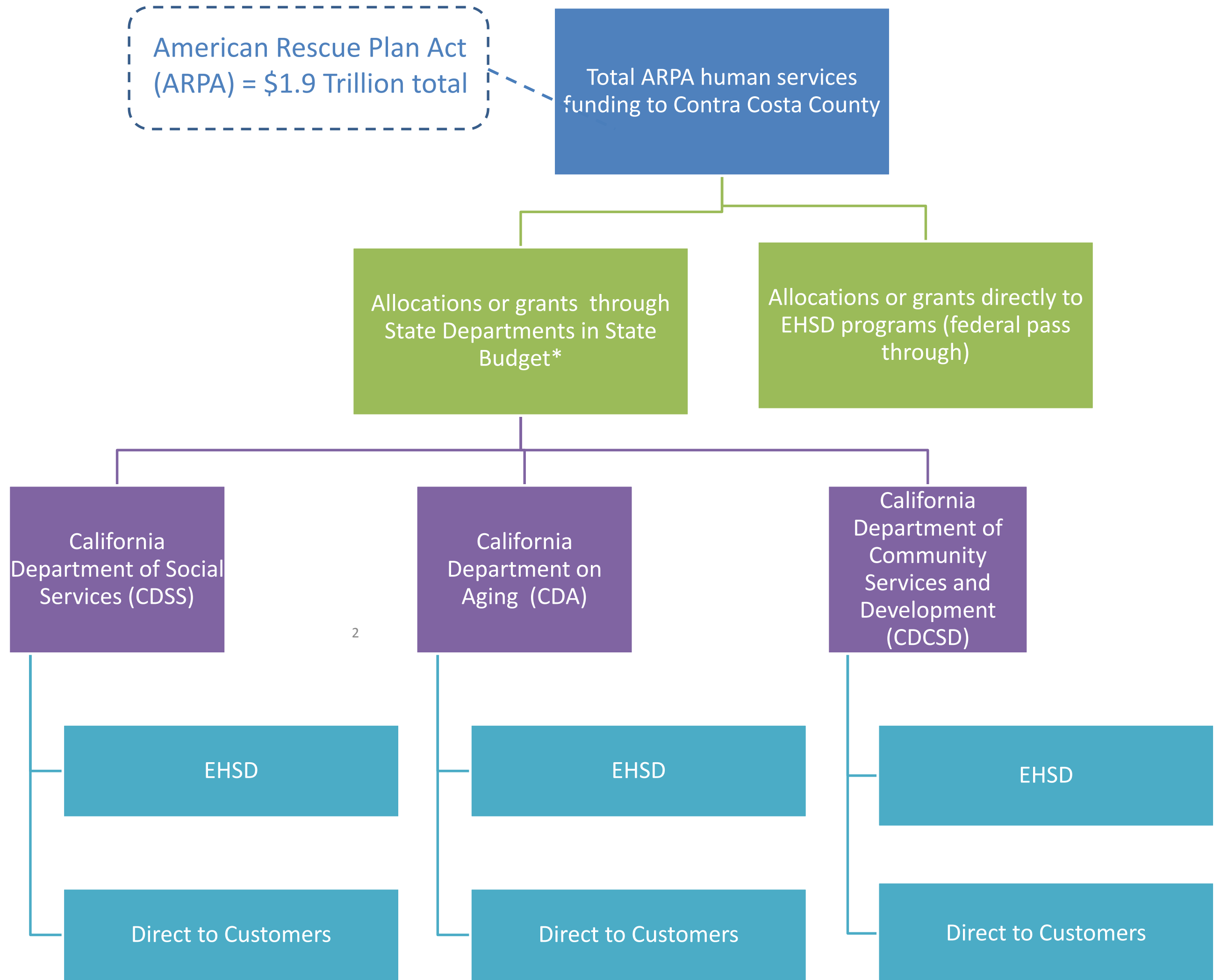


American Rescue Plan of 2021 and State Budget: Impacts to EHSD and the Community



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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What ARPA funding is coming to Contra Costa County for human services?



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Allocated through
State Departments
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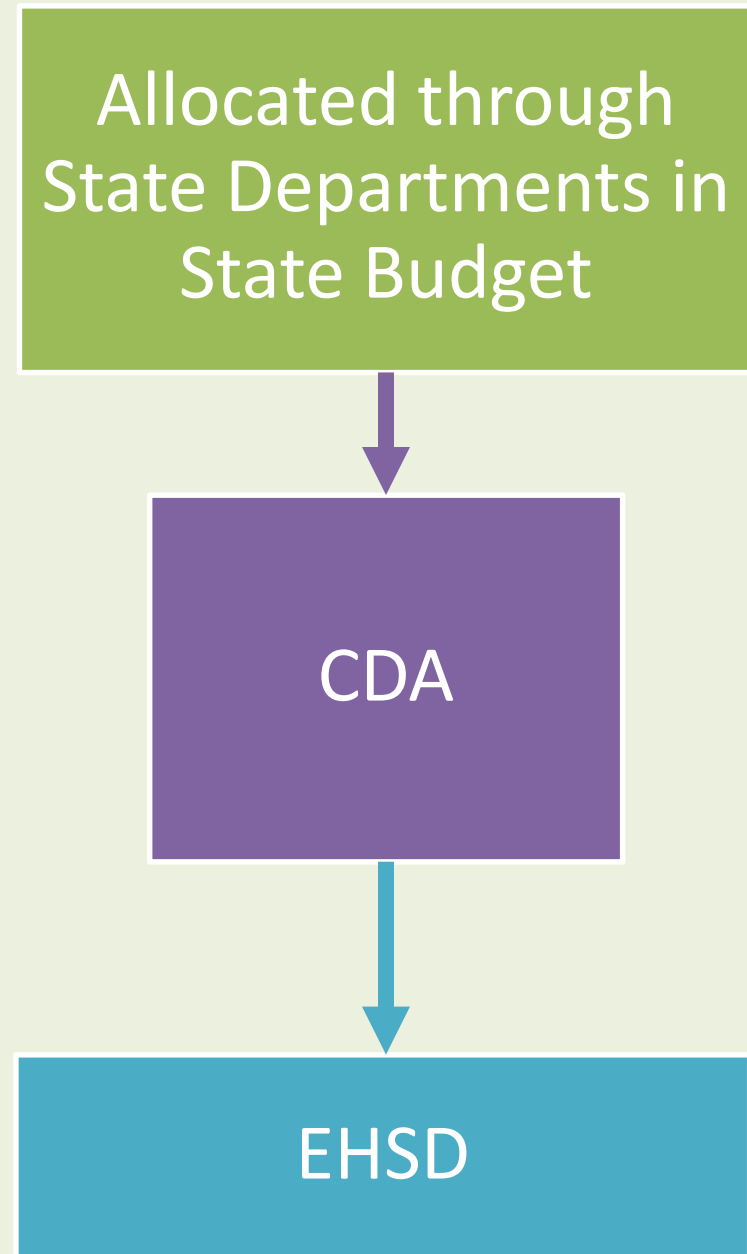
What is ARPA providing through the California Department of Social Services?

- 5.3% benefit increase for CalWORKS families
- Additional administrative funds to expand CalFresh access
- Funding for more child care slots, vouchers for essential workers, increased reimbursements and grants to childcare centers
- Increased funding for child abuse prevention and improving child outcomes



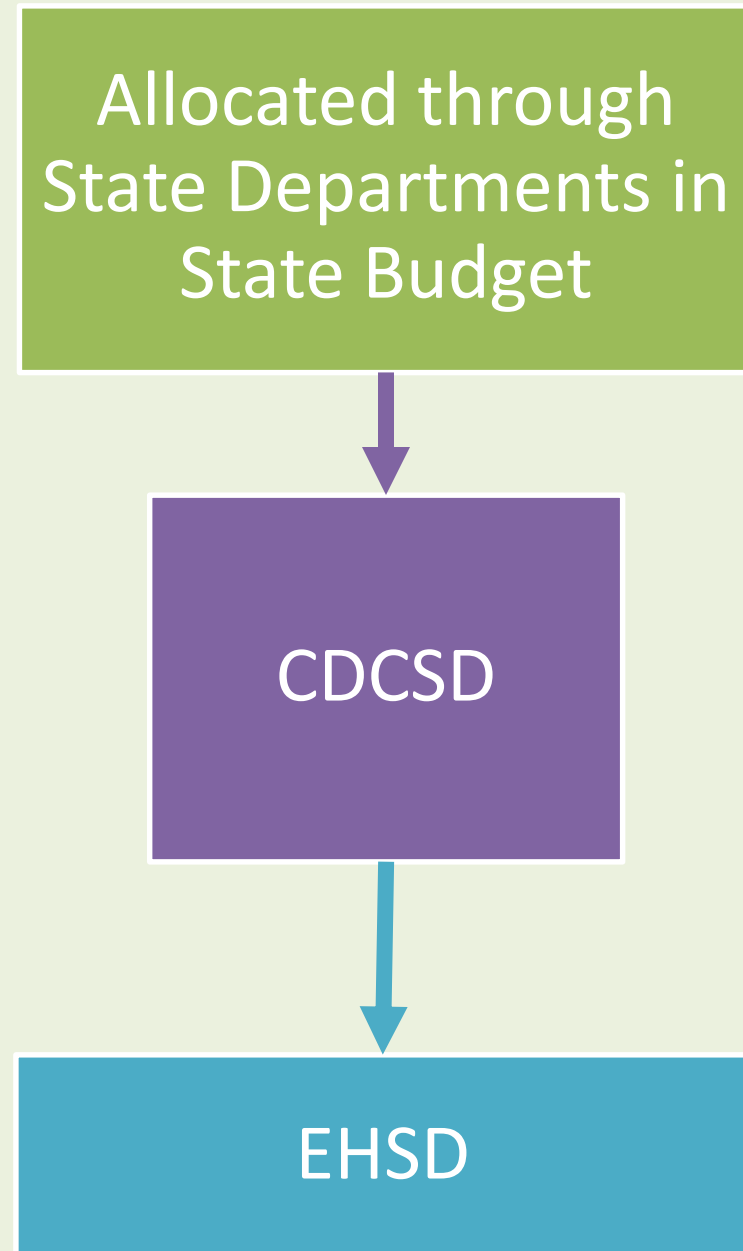
What is ARPA providing through the California Department of Aging?

- Emergency support for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs for senior nutrition, home and community based support services, and more
- Funds to enhance and expand Adult Protective Services



What is ARPA providing through the California Department of Community Services and Development?

- Increased number of low income residents will qualify for energy assistance, and continued flexibilities in eligibility criteria (LIHEAP)
- New Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIWAP)



What is ARPA providing directly to EHSD Consumers?

- Extension of 15% CalFresh benefit increase to CalFresh recipients through September 30, 2021
- Increases in Child Tax Credit (CTC) to \$3,000, and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to \$1,000
- Extension of the Pandemic-EBT program to school-age children during suspension of school lunch program
- Calif Arrearage Payment Program will provide ARPA funds directly to energy utilities to cover consumer arrearages

Allocated through
State Departments in
State Budget

Direct to Customers

Allocated directly to
EHSD programs
(Federal Pass
Through)



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What is ARPA providing directly?

- Full re-opening of in-person comprehensive Head Start services
- Workforce Development Economic Adjustment Assistance Program and the California Community Economic Resilience Fund make grants available for job training, small business relief, and more

Non-ARPA Human Services Funding Added in the State Budget



- Undocumented persons age 50+ are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal
- Authorization to use Title IV-E funds for child abuse prevention (FFPSA)
- Support for programs serving foster youth with complex needs and behavioral health needs
- Housing assistance and homelessness prevention for disabled General Assistance (GA) recipients and individuals served by Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Universal Basic Income (UBI) Pilot Program aimed at Foster Youth

Questions?

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