

TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING
SERVICE IN A FISCALLY
RESPONSIBLE MANNER
THROUGH INNOVATION AND
COLLABORATION WITH
RESPECT FOR ALL.

WE STRIVE TO BE A COUNTY OF SAFE, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES THAT PLACE VALUE ON GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF LOCAL RESOURCES.





WE ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING
CUSTOMER SERVICE THROUGH
THESE CORE VALUES:
COLLABORATION, INNOVATION,
INTEGRITY, PEOPLE-FOCUSED, AND
PROFESSIONALISM.



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& HUMAN SERVICES

Report

2024

THIS DATA IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK CONDUCTED IN 2024

ENHANCING LIVES

ADVANCING INCLUSION

CELEBRATING PROGRESS





MENTAL HEALTH

15

Committments

3290

Hours Allocated to Adult Mental Health Case Management

35 Active Adult MH Cases

Children served by CMH case management services

COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY

313 Meetings with Inmates

106 Inmates Connected with Services 207 not requesting services

Referrals:

15 Mental Health70 Chemical Dependency20 Other

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

116
Hours Spent
in Treatment
Coordination

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Collected Public Assistance Program Overpayments

Collected in Agency Claims \$23,138

\$272,744 Total Collected in Medical Assistance Estate Recovery

Incentive Achieved for Aitkin County \$67,190

Start of Life

Prenatal, Young Children and Prevention Programs

221 - Average monthly participants in Women Infants and Children (WIC) program: \$97,673 WIC dollars redeemed in Aitkin County

249 - Aitkin County appointments served through Children's Dental Services Clinics

143 - Home visits by Public Health Nurses for Maternal & Child Health

139 - Children served through Follow Along

1,163 - Children served through Child and Teen
Checkups program

34 - Safety seats distributed

Childcare

18 - Childcare Providers

38 - Monthly average of children accessing childcare with



Child Protection

294 - Reports involving children

10 - Children entered foster care

12 - Exited foster care to reunify with a parent or other permanent option

38 - Children in out of home placement throughout the year

Adult Protection



115 - Reports

20 - Emergency
Protection Services
45 - Cases opened

Protection Service 45 - Cases opened for investigation

Growing Older

People with Disabilities, Chronic Illness, Brain Injuries & Developmental Disabilities

224 - Voluntary Adult Intake Requests

299 - MnCHOICES Assessments

4505 - Hours spent completing MnCHOICES Assessments

224 - People served by a disability waiver for the year

42 - Adult Community Residential Services beds

2 - Child Community Residential Setting beds

23 - Adult Family Foster Care beds

8895.25 - Hours documented in all Disability Waiver Case Management

Aging and the Elderly

6281.25 - Hours documented in Elderly Waiver Service Coordination

69 - MnCHOICES Assessments

36 - Individuals served through family residential & customized Living settings

229 - Individuals served through the Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care to help people stay in their homes

29 - Individuals served through care coordination whom reside in community skilled nursing facilities

\$44,912,917 Estimated annual amount spent for ALL Medical Assistance Program Services paid out for Aitkin County Residents

Financial Assistance

3768 - Monthly average of individuals receiving Medical Assistance

116 - Monthly average of individuals receiving General Assistance or MN Supplemental Assistance

11 - Households in total received Emergency Assistance in 2024

29 - Adults, 65 Children and 48 Households receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program benefits per month 1196 Individuals and 691 Households, on average per month, received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

58 - Monthly average number of persons receiving housing supports

2875 - Average number of cases per month for all program types

Child Support

489 - Cases

1.4 Million - Support collected for families



Food Hub

68 - Market Boxes of food distributed
1156 - Riverwood Food RX

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\$12,157 - Food Hub Net

Commercial Tobacco Free/Tobacco Prevention

Number of Completed Compliance Checks: 28 - Congratulate & Educate;

9 sold to underage buyers 20 - Compliance Checks;

4 sold to underage buyers

3 2

Number of Presentations:

1 - County Board

1 - HHS Advisory Committee 1 - Aitkin School

Disease Prevention Control

29 Clinics at 15 different locations

431 - People vaccinated

381 - Influenza vaccines administered; 304 Adults & 77 Children

22 - Other vaccinations (not flu, not COVID)

248 - COVID-19 vaccines administered

100 - test kits given to community members

Initiatives Include: Suicide Prevention....... Substance Misuse Awareness...... Making a Change..... Statewide Health Improvement Partnership..... Families First Act...... Local Mental Health and Wellbeing Interventions