

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2025
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21, Chair	Present	
Lee Hennick	Chippewa County	District 15, Vice-Chair	Absent	
Darren Kirby	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
John Halbleib	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
Nichole Wallsch	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
Robert Bullwinkel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep, MD	Late	8:09 AM
Marcia Kyes	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others Present: Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Brandi Engel, Paul Brenner, Caleb Johnson, Daniel Erickson, and Sarah Zielke; Public Health Staff: Brittnay Fortuna, Audra Knowlton, Allie Isaacson, Jenny Lenbom; UW-Eau Claire Nursing Students: Abby Weber, Sienna Mader, Allison Wing, Ashley Maier, Paige Tofson, Rose McKouen, Amanda Iverson, Nic Burgdorf, and Cassandra Ndlovu, MSN, RN, CNE - UWEC College of Nursing Clinical Instructor

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Darren Kirby, District 5
AYES:	Ives, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Bullwinkel, Kyes
ABSENT:	Hennick, Halbleib, Wallsch

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Health & Human Services Board - Regular Meeting - Mar 20, 2025 7:45 AM

March 13, 2025 ADRC Board Minutes

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 15, 2025

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5. REPORTS

1. **Public Health Success Story - Community Health Division - Allie Isaacson/Jenny Lenbom**
Community Health Division Manager Allie Isaacson and Community Health Nurse Jenny Lenbom shared successes within the preparedness program. Successes included:
 - Attended the annual regional exercise to bring community partners together to work through a mock simulation.
 - COVID-19 strengthened the partnership between Public Health and community members. Check in Chippewa was rolled out to aid in the mental health of community members.
 - Staff followed up on foodborne outbreaks, severe weather events, Avian Influenza, and provided education to the plain clothes community.
 - The recovery phase after an event builds on the partnerships and the community's trust in Public Health.
2. **Human Services Policy, Practice, and People - RWC - Tom Diel/Caleb Johnson**
Social Worker Caleb Johnson and Daniel Erickson, of Milkweed Connections, provided information on the Community Support Program's services. Services are provided in-house with a few outside contracts for special services. Erickson provides peer support and recovery coaching based on lived experiences. The services he provides are based on the consumer's needs. RWC Manager Tom Diel gave a brief history of the Community Support Program. He shared the importance of a mental health clinician and their responsibilities. He reviewed the funding sources for the Community Support Program and the Community Recovery Services. Seventy-five percent of the visits happen in the community versus in the office. The goal of the program is to keep the consumers in their own homes and achieve success within the community.
3. **Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report – Brittney Fortuna**
Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. Fortuna highlighted several items from her report:
 - Administration - Attended Child Development Days, processed community well water invoices, supported peer breastfeeding contacts, and streamlined the tourist rooming house application process.
 - Community Health - No confirmed measles cases in Wisconsin, Child Development Days in Cadott, Tuberculosis types, and World TB Day.
 - The UW-Eau Claire BSN students shared information on the projects they completed. One team worked on an anti-stigma campaign surrounding harm reduction. The Second team worked on Access to Care. They collaborated with the school districts of Stanley/Boyd and Chippewa Falls to host a table trivia game during their lunch periods, provided a QR Code for the clinic, and information on public health services.
 - Environmental Health - Inspection data, free Nitrate screening testing events, and the increase in tourist rooming houses.
 - Nutrition - LTE Nutritionist vacancy posted, WIC caseload increases, Fit Families and the 2024 evaluation data, and the May 27 Blood Drive.
 - Planning and Strategy - Children's Resource Center numbers have increased, outreach events for the region, and the Coalition's campaign, "Prom Positive". The Risk Youth Behavior Survey showed that more students are not drinking alcohol. National Drug Take Back Day will be on April 26, the Planning and Promotion Specialist position has been filled, and Single Point of Entry data.

Fortuna provided an update on funding sources.
4. **Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report – Bobbie Jaeger**

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Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. Jaeger highlighted several items from her report:

- Jaeger congratulated the Nursing students.
- Division of Children's and Families (DCF) and the DCF PAC are monitoring federal government actions and the Governor's Budget.
- Congratulations to Human Services staff for their years of service.
- ADRC statewide campaign to increase awareness of services.
- Child Protective Services closed one child's case and reunified two children.
- All vacancies are filled in the Children with Differing Abilities Unit.
- Youth Justice is seeing high-cost placements.
- Ericka Zillmer was promoted to the Economic Support Coordinator position.
- David Pfeiffer was promoted to the Mental Health Clinician position.

Senior Fiscal Manager Paul Brenner highlighted the Children and Youth Out-of-Home Placement data, the high-cost youth placement facilities, Adult Mental Health Out-of-Home placement is on budget, and the IMD (Winnebago) is under budget.

5. **Human Services Education for 2025 Program Prioritization – Bobbie Jaeger**

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger reviewed the 2025 Program Prioritization, which shows the programs and services as Mandatory, Essential, and Optional. Board members are asked to complete the ranking and return it to Brandi Engel by May 2. The Program Prioritization form will be emailed to Board members.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM.

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Robert Bullwinkel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep, MD	Late	8:06 AM
Marcia Kyes	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others Present: Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner, Caleb Johnson, David Pfeiffer, Kyra Secraw, and Sarah Zielke; Public Health Staff: Brittnay Fortuna, Audra Knowlton, Sarah McQuillan, Allie Isaacson, Jenny Lenbom, Tabby Wessels, and JoAnna Bernklau; County Staff: Todd Pauls, Sam Renner, Chuck Hall, and Hillarie Roth; Members of the Public: Senator Jesse James, Bonnie Ackley, and Karen Lotts.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Bonnie Ackley spoke about Human Services programs for children. She feels the system has not been productive in helping a family member and would like to see more Human Services involvement for children and their safety.

Karen Lotts advocated for this child and is concerned for the child's safety.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
SECONDER:	Darren Kirby, District 5
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch
AWAY:	Bullwinkel

1. Introduction of new Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger - Paul Brenner

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger gave a brief history of her role as the Economic Support Manager, and she is looking forward to her new role and responsibilities.

2. Approve the Agenda

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3. Approve the Minutes

Health & Human Services Board - Regular Meeting - Feb 20, 2025 7:45 AM

4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - April 17, 2025

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Public Health 2024 Annual Report - Brittnay Fortuna

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the 2024 Annual Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch
AWAY:	Bullwinkel

6. REPORTS

1. Human Services Success Story - Community Support Program - Caleb Johnson/David Pfeiffer
Social Worker Caleb Johnson and Social Worker David Pfeiffer shared a Community Support Program success story. They shared positive qualities of the client, challenges, and progress during treatment. Services are mostly in-house with a team approach, contributing to the program's success. She has been sober for four years with her determination and support from her team and family. She is graduating from the program and will transition to community-based resources for continued success.
2. Public Health Policy, Practice, and People - Community Health Division - Allie Isaacson/Jenny Lenbom
Community Health Division Manager Allie Isaacson and Community Health Nurse Jenny Lenbom talked about public health preparedness. Collaboration is a key component that strengthens preparedness efforts. They highlighted information on preparation, response, recovery, partnerships with community entities, ways to get involved with preparedness efforts, and the Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC) membership.
3. Friend of Public Health Recognition - Brittnay Fortuna
Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the 2025 Friend of Public Health Award to Senator Jesse James, recognizing his unwavering commitment to protecting children, advocating for mental health, and combating the opioid epidemic. Fortuna shared many of the ways that Senator Jesse James has been an advocate for mental health, substance abuse initiatives, and advancing policies that protect and empower Wisconsin's most vulnerable populations. Thank you for advocating for public health.

Senator Jesse James addressed the Board and shared his goals and passion for advocating for children. He is focusing on mental health and substance use disorders and working on getting more treatment facilities in the state. He stated the Overdose Aid Kits (OAK boxes) are making a difference and we need to continue to provide education to our youth.

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4. **Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report - Bobbie Jaeger**
Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. Jaeger highlighted several items from her report:
 - Brandi Engel was hired as the new Administrative Assistant IV.
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center - Aging Advocacy Day is May 13.
 - Children with Differing Abilities - Staff vacancies and welcome Jacob Keuler.
 - Youth justice - Cost of the Juvenile Detention Center rates have increased.
 - Economic Support - Beth Nyhus is the new Economic Support Manager.
 - Recovery & Wellness Consortium - Thank you to student intern Micah, recruiting for a mental health professional, received funds from the Substance Abuse Block Grant, and Dr. Kevin Hess will be leaving.
 - Brenner highlighted the Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Placements data and costs.
5. **Human Services 2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan Updates - Bobbie Jaeger**
Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger provided updates for the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, which included focusing on the education of programs and services, employee engagement, increased partnerships, opportunities for efficiency with the website and Facebook, marketing of programs to the community, CLTS has made great progress working to correct data and complete the Corrective Action Plan, and they are currently working on the 2025 Strategic Plan.
6. **Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report – Brittney Fortuna**
Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. Fortuna highlighted several items from her report:
 - Administration - Wrapped up billing, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, April, provides support to 72 moms and distributed five car seats.
 - Community Health - The Public Health kiosk was installed in January and the total of items dispensed was reviewed. Thank you to Tabitha and JoAnna for providing Narcan administration training in the Jail. Narcan administration training is displayed on the Jail's iPad and TV. Communicable disease data was reviewed.
 - Environmental Health - Thirty-eight inspections completed, three landlord and tenant complaints, thirteen water samples and seven bacteria samples collected, upcoming annual reviews, and meeting with Chippewa Valley Music Festival.
 - Nutrition - March is National Nutrition Month, March 12 is Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day, a grant received from Chippewa County Dental Endowment Fund to purchase supplies promoting oral health, Blood Drive on May 27.
 - Planning and Strategy - Partnered with stakeholders for Access to Care Collaborative, Bloomer School District will provide the PreVenture program, school road tours wrapping up, Chippewa County Healthy Communities newsletter, Single Point of Entry data, and functional screen data.
 - Years of Service - Pangya Thao celebrates 7 years
 - Recruitment for the vacant Planning and Promotion Specialist ended and interviews will be held next week.
7. **Public Health 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan Updates - Nikki Hoernke**
Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna presented the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan updates. Including the activity progress of the Communication Team and the creation of the Non-Emergency Media Relations procedure, the Health Equity Team and the completion of the all-inclusive voice mail system in Spanish and Hmong, the Performance Management/Quality Improvement Team will be launching a new performance management system, and the Workforce and Engagement Team with the creation of staff-

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individualized training plans.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Bullwinkel, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY**ADRC (AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER) BOARD****REGULAR MEETING****MARCH 13, 2025****CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302****3:30 PM****1. CALL TO ORDER****2. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Darren Kirby	Chippewa County	District 5, Chair	Present	
Patricia German	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Larry Marquardt	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
Yvonne Hedrington	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Cindy Spaeth	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Renee Thompson	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others Present: Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger and Paul Brenner; ADRC Staff: Sarah Zielke, Leslie Fijalkiewicz, Breanna Schemenauer and Kayla Colbenson; Other Staff: Audra Knowlton

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Cindy Spaeth, Citizen Rep
SECONDER: Renee Thompson, Citizen Rep
AYES: Kirby, German, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson
ABSENT: Marquardt, Hauser

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) Board - Regular Meeting - Jan 9, 2025 3:30 PM

3. Schedule next meeting date - May 8, 2025

5. REPORTS

1. ADRC Staff Presentation - Website Analytics - Breanna Schemenauer

Administrative Assistant/Elder Benefit Specialist Breanna Schemenauer shared website analytics from the ADRC website pages. The monthly average page visits increased in 2024 from 2023. Staff created efficiencies with the homepage title and the ADRC Events page link, which may have led to increased page

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visits. The State is currently conducting a marketing campaign to promote ADRC agencies.

2. ADRC Manager Program and Financial Report - Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz/Paul Brenner
ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke presented the ADRC Manager Program and Financial Report. She highlighted several items from her report:

- Vicki Steinmetz and Jennifer Buckley joined the Nutrition team.
- The County Board approved increasing the hours for the Administrative Assistant/Elder Benefit Specialist to a benefited part-time position.
- Main Street Café will now provide the meals for Cornell.
- Home-delivered meal routes are full except for Chippewa Falls.
- Updated legislator contact information and Aging Advocacy Day details.
- Café 60 has been well received, and an additional restaurant may be added
- Reviewing transportation procedures with contracted providers.
- Looking at the Vehicle Modification Grant program to expand the inclusion of adaptive devices.

Paul Brenner reviewed the fiscal report through December 2024 and the year-to-date 2025 fiscal report.

3. ADRC Advocacy Report – Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz
ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke shared current advocacy information. She highlighted from her report:

- Proposed cuts to Medicaid and how it may affect consumers, services, and staff.
- The senior care prescription program.
- The Older Americans Act, which allows older people to remain in their homes longer.
- Challenges of the Nutrition Program.

4. ADRC 2025 Program Prioritization Education - Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke noted the Grants, Programs/Services Descriptions document is a great resource. Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger determined that the ADRC Board will not be required to rank the programs and services.

5. ADRC 2022-2024 Strategic Plan Update - Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke presented the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan updates.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. ADRC Portion of 2024 Human Services Annual Report - Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke presented the ADRC portion of the 2024 Human Services Annual Report. She highlighted the following:

- Senior Farmers Market Voucher program.
- Streamlining of the Nutrition program.
- Health Promotion Program Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less and the Staying Active and Independent for Life (S.A.I.L.) program .
- Independent Living Support Pilot program.
- Challenges: new statewide system, closure of HSHS and the impact on the transportation program, turnover of staff, service delivery data, and the Elder Benefit Specialist caseload data.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Renee Thompson, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Yvonne Hedrington, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Kirby, German, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson
ABSENT:	Marquardt, Hauser

2. Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program and National Family Caregiver Support Program Allocation Limits - Sarah Zielke/Leslie Fijalkiewicz

Leslie Fijalkiewicz gave a brief history of the program and prior allocations. There is a need for a cap per household. ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke and Fijalkiewicz recommend \$3,000 per household for the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program and \$2,500 for the National Family Caregiver Support Program household (income determined).

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia German, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Cindy Spaeth, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Kirby, German, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson
ABSENT:	Marquardt, Hauser

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Renee Thompson, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Patricia German, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Kirby, German, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson
ABSENT:	Marquardt, Hauser



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUCCESS STORY - COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION -
ALLIE ISAACSON/JENNY LENBOM

Public Health Preparedness in Action - The Chippewa County Department of Public Health is committed to ensuring our community is prepared for public health emergencies. Through strategic planning, coordinated response efforts, and strong recovery initiatives, we continue to strengthen our ability to protect residents in times of crisis. Community Health Division Manager Allie Isaacson and Community Health Nurse Jenny Lenbom will talk about some key highlights of our preparedness efforts, demonstrating how we prepare, respond, and recover from public health emergencies.

Building a Resilient Community: Public Health Preparedness in Action



CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Public Health



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Prepare – Strengthen our Readiness



Annual Regional Exercise



Education and Outreach



Building Partnerships

2



2024 Farm Technology Days

2024 Regional Preparedness Exercise

Preparedness Efforts in Action

3

Respond: Taking Action in Times of Crisis



Foodborne Outbreaks



Severe Weather Events



COVID-19 Communication



Avian Influenza

4

Recover – Restoring Community Health and Resilience



COVID-19 Recovery



Multi-Agency Resource
Centers (MARC)s



Lessons Learned

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY, PRACTICE, AND PEOPLE - RWC - TOM
DIEL/CALEB JOHNSON**

This presentation by Human Services staff educates the Health & Human Services Board about the policy implications of our services. This month, Manager, Tom Diel, and Social Worker, Caleb Johnson, from Recovery and Wellness Consortium will talk about funding sources for the Community Support Programs and Community Recovery Services.

Community Support Programs

2024 funding sources:

Tax levy	\$ 58,368
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) revenue	335,891
Community Mental Health grant	135,032
Mental Health Bock Grant	27,037
	\$ 556,328

Community Recovery Services

2024 funding sources:

Tax levy	\$ 96,208
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) revenue	160,916
Consumer collections	3,675
	\$ 260,799



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REPORT –
BRITTNAY FORTUNA**

5.3

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna provides a department program and financial report for review and discussion.



Administration Division

The Fiscal/Admin Team continued to deliver exceptional customer service to Chippewa County citizens through their routine responsibilities. In addition to these core duties, the team contributed to several key initiatives. April attended Child Development Days in Cadott to promote Public Health programs and services. Audra collaborated with the ADRC to assist with publishing the agenda and recording minutes for the ADRC Board meeting, as well as working with Human Services staff to publish agenda items for the Health & Human Services Board. Christina and Sarah processed and emailed over 170 transient non-community well water invoices for the 2025 season. The team also observed an increase in PNCC billing, which coincided with the rise in WIC participants. Additionally, they met with Environmental Health staff to discuss streamlining food safety and recreational licensing application materials for tourist rooming houses.

Community Health Division

Measles Update - April

As of April 4, 2025, there are no confirmed cases of measles in Chippewa County or the State of Wisconsin. However, the United States is experiencing a significant rise in measles cases, with 607 confirmed cases reported nationwide as of April 4, 2025.

About Measles

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease characterized by symptoms such as high fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a distinctive rash. It can lead to severe complications, including pneumonia, encephalitis, and death, particularly in young children and immunocompromised individuals. The measles virus spreads through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Due to its high transmissibility, measles can lead to outbreaks, especially in areas with low vaccination coverage.

Should I Get a Measles Booster?

Born before 1957

No. You were already exposed to measles and have immunity.

Born 1957–1988

Maybe. You should have received one dose. If you fit into one of the risk groups* below, you should receive a second dose. Some vaccines used from 1963–1967 were inactive. If you got an inactive dose, you will need a vaccine. Check with your health care provider, and if in doubt, get a booster.

Born in or after 1989

Maybe. If you have received two doses you do not need a booster. However, if you received only one dose and are school aged or if you fit one of the risk groups* below, you should receive a second dose.

*If you work in health care, are a college student, or are planning to travel internationally, you should have two doses of the MMR vaccine.

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P-03713 (03/2025)

Current Status

While Wisconsin has not reported any measles cases in 2025, the state remains at risk due to low vaccination rates among children. In the 2023–2024 school year, fewer than 85 percent of Wisconsin kindergartners were up to date on the measles vaccine, compared to nearly 93 percent nationwide. This low immunization coverage heightens the potential for outbreaks, especially considering the recent surge in cases in other states

Preventive Measures

The Chippewa County Department of Public Health continues to monitor the situation closely and emphasizes the importance of vaccination as the most effective means of preventing measles. The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is approximately 97 percent effective after two doses and provides long-lasting protection. Residents are encouraged to ensure their immunizations are current, particularly in light of increased travel during the spring break season, which may elevate the risk of exposure. CCDPH remains vigilant and prepared to respond promptly to any suspected cases to safeguard the health and well-being of the community.

Cadott Child Development Days



On Monday, March 3, 2025, the Cadott School District hosted its annual Child Development Day at Cadott Elementary School. This free event is designed for families with children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2025, offering an opportunity to connect with early childhood resources and support services.

Staff from the Chippewa County Department of Public Health participated in the event to share information and engage with families about local and county-wide programs. A total of 34 families attended, visiting resource booths that included Public Health and Children's Resource Center-West, among others. Families had the opportunity to speak directly with staff, ask questions, learn about available services, and take-home educational materials to support their child's development.

This event serves as a valuable touchpoint for early engagement with families, helping to raise awareness of supportive services and strengthen connections within the community.

World Tuberculosis (TB) Day and Local TB Prevention Efforts

World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed annually on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social, and economic consequences of tuberculosis and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. While World TB Day is specifically on March 24, Chippewa County Public Health works year-round reinforcing TB awareness and education.

In Chippewa County, TB awareness and prevention are integral to public health efforts. The Chippewa County Department of Public Health provides resources and services related to communicable diseases, including TB. Notably, TB is classified as a Category II reportable disease in Wisconsin, requiring reporting within 72 hours of recognition. Chippewa County reported a single case of TB in 2015, with no subsequent cases from 2016 through 2023. This low incidence underscores the effectiveness of ongoing public health measures but also highlights the need for continued vigilance.

In contrast to active TB, Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) remains more common. In 2024, the Department followed up on 15 reported cases of LTBI. Individuals with LTBI are infected with TB bacteria but do not exhibit symptoms and are not contagious. For these individuals, the Department provides education, care coordination, and collaboration with primary care providers to support medication adherence and monitoring.

Through sustained surveillance, community outreach, and partnership with local healthcare providers, Chippewa County continues to work proactively to reduce TB incidence and protect the health and well-being of all residents.

UW-Eau Claire Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program Partnership: Spring 2025

The Chippewa County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) has continued its partnership with the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program for the Spring 2025 semester. This collaboration supports senior nursing students as they complete their population-focused leadership clinical practicum within a community-based public health setting.

This semester, student groups are working on outreach and advocacy projects that align with CCDPH priorities. One group is partnering with local schools to expand access to and increase awareness of CCDPH’s Health & Wellness Clinic, aiming to improve the visibility and utilization of services among students and families. A second group is focused on developing a harm reduction campaign designed to reduce stigma and promote understanding around this important topic.

Regular check-ins between the student teams and the CCDPH project lead help guide project progress and ensure alignment with department goals. This continued collaboration provides valuable hands-on experience for nursing students while supporting local public health efforts to advance health equity, increase access to care, and build a healthier Chippewa County.

Communicable Disease

The Health Officer is required by Wisconsin State Statute 252.05 to report information on current communicable disease reporting and follow-up to the Health and Human Services Board. In March, we received 117 new reports: 42 confirmed (11 Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 10 Chlamydia, and 4 Coronavirus-Associated Hospitalizations); 11 probable cases (5 Lyme Laboratory Reports, 2 Salmonellosis, and 1 Streptococcus); and 40 that did not meet the definition of a case (9 Lead-Blood Levels-Adults, 7 Hepatitis C, and 5 Hepatitis A). See the attached report for further breakdown by disease type.

Environmental Health Division (EH)

The Environmental Health team completed the following:

- 32 routine inspections
- 4 follow-up inspections with business owners
- 2 re-inspections of food safety and recreational licensing inspections in March
- 3 complaints, none required follow-up inspections

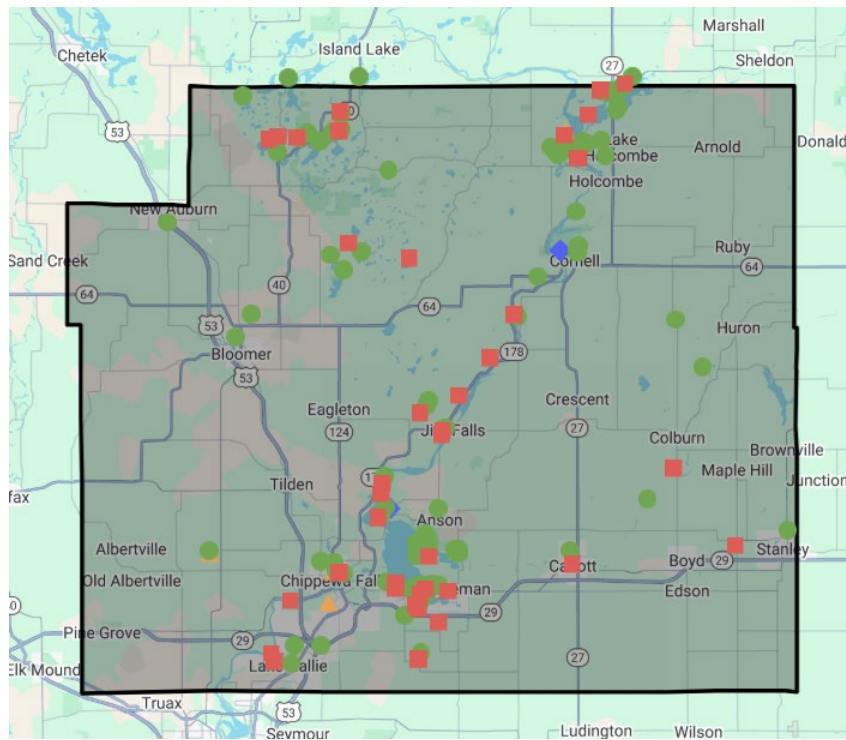
Our environmental health staff and administrative team have received several applications for change of ownership and new businesses this past month. Many businesses/restaurants are preparing for the busy summer months that tourism brings in. Pre-inspections are completed for each new business and change of ownership. Pre-inspections consist of ensuring all food safety regulations are met before opening to the public. They focus on cleanliness, sanitation, food storage and handling, employee hygiene and hand washing, and equipment.

Twelve TN bacteria/nitrate samples were collected, and 11 private well owner bacteria samples were processed. This was a big month for nitrate testing as the water lab had 35 private well owner samples brought in. Five sanitary surveys were completed for the DNR.

Environmental Health hosted two nitrate screening events, one in Edson (near Boyd) and one in Birch Creek (near Holcombe). The Edson event was a huge success! CCDPH has very limited data on nitrate levels within that community and screened 25 samples with 14 water samples testing over the 10 PPM action level. This allows the department to target nitrate and water testing education in the Boyd area.

With warmer months on the horizon, Chippewa County Tourist Rooming Houses (TRH), Airbnbs, and VRBOS are starting to welcome guests. EH uses a platform called Granicus that identifies unlicensed properties and allows the team to identify and contact the owners about operating without a license.

Below is what the platform looks like, red being unlicensed facilities and green being licensed facilities. A recent round of letters was sent to all unlicensed facilities, and many have contacted our EH team about receiving a license or removing their postings. Also note that many of the red facilities are long-term rentals, campsites, etc. that are tracked but do not require a TRH license.



Nutrition Division

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

Farewell to Becky

Rebecca Lueloff recently submitted her resignation. Becky is one of our LTE Nutritionists, working to fill in for Stephanie and Amy to provide staff relief for administrative work, meetings, and PTO. She has been with us for five years and we wish her the best as she furthers her career as a part-time nutritionist for Eau Claire County WIC.

WIC Caseload

In March we saw a large jump in our monthly caseload. We've seen the largest growth in the number of women being served, particularly pregnant women. We've seen a 24% increase in new prenatal appointments just from January until March. Our initial 2025 WIC funding is to serve a contracted caseload of 907 participants/month. In March, we served 940, which is up just over 40 from March 2024 and up just over 100 participants from March 2023. This is the highest number of participants we've served since January 2019. Referrals from health care providers and word of mouth from friends and family have been our highest referral sources.

ForwardHealth Grant

One of the objectives in our Scope of Work is to connect with food pantries and expand our reach in rural communities within Chippewa County. In January, we sent a survey to all Chippewa County food pantries to assess their interest in partnering with us for ForwardHealth grant outreach. We had 9 agencies respond with interest in receiving outreach materials to share with their pantry patrons. One

agency also expressed interest in piloting having Pang onsite for a couple of hours during their pantry hours to assist patrons with questions about applying or renewing BadgerCare Plus, FoodShare, Child Care Subsidy Program, or Family Planning Waiver. We look forward to building our partnerships with our local pantries.

Fit Families

We recently received our FY24 evaluation data results. Fit Families fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30.

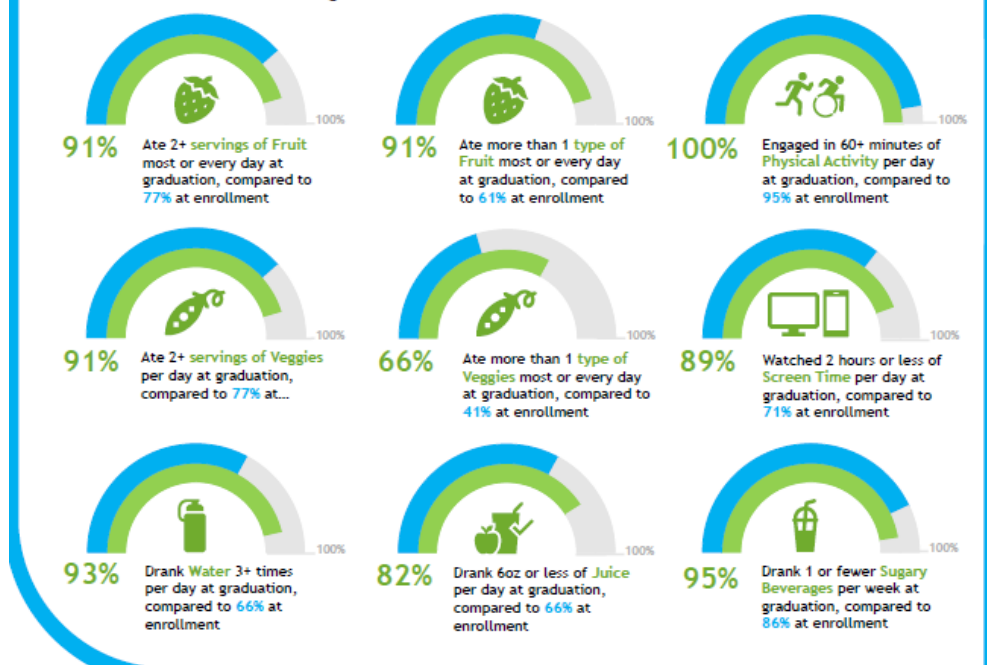
Fit Families is a 13-month nutrition education program serving families of 2 to 4-year-old children enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. Fit Families strives to prevent child obesity by empowering families to adopt healthy eating and physical activity behaviors through in-person and phone/text coaching. Amy is our primary Fit Families coach. In FY24, 80 percent of the children who graduated completed at least 10 contacts with her. The effectiveness of Fit Families increases with the more monthly contacts a family has.

Fit Families in Chippewa County



Children Meeting Healthy Goals at Enrollment and Graduation

Percent of children meeting or exceeding the recommended amount of each healthy behavior.
56 children had enrollment and graduation data.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join us for the Chippewa County Courthouse Blood Drive.

Each donation will ensure that patients in need have lifesaving resources in the weeks to come. One hour, one donation can help save up to three lives.

As an added thank you, each donor will receive a Red Cross solar lantern for donating in the month of May.

Sign Up Today for the Chippewa County Courthouse Blood Drive or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or Stephanie Abbe at 715-726-7870. THANK YOU!



Blood Drive Chippewa County Courthouse

Room 001
711 N Bridge St
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Planning and Strategy Division

As we move into April, the Planning & Strategy Division continues to support efforts that improve access, awareness, and outcomes for residents of Chippewa County and beyond. This month's update highlights program successes, exciting upcoming outreach events, and the steady advancement of strategic initiatives across our division.

Children's Resource Center – West: 2024 Impact Summary

We are proud to share a look back at the incredible impact the Children's Resource Center – West (CRC-West) had in 2024. Over the year, CRC-West supported children and families through information, referrals, and direct connection services.

By the numbers:

- 248 total contacts, up from 176 in 2023
- 338 referrals made to other professionals or organizations
- 265 individuals successfully connected with services at follow-up
- 220 unduplicated children served, up from 139 the previous year
- 153 children referred to at least one service

In addition to this outreach, CRC-West provided training to 103 community members through medical home and youth health transition training, both of which saw notable growth in participation. These efforts reflect CRC-West's deepening commitment to equipping families with the tools, resources, and knowledge they need to thrive.

A major milestone was also achieved. In 2024, CRC-West successfully served at least one family from each of the 18 counties in its service area, a long-standing goal that reflects the team's dedication to equity and statewide reach.

Chippewa County Healthy Communities (CCHC) Coalition

The Chippewa County Healthy Communities Coalition has been busy preparing a full slate of spring outreach events and campaigns:

- April 12: We'll be at YMCA Healthy Kids Day to promote wellness and community resources.
- April 21–25: During Bloomer High School's Prom Week, the Voices in Prevention (VIP) action team will launch "Prom Positive", a positive social norms campaign using YRBS data to encourage safe and healthy choices. The week will include student engagement and activities to reduce substance use during prom.
- April 26: VIP is partnering with local law enforcement for National Drug Take Back Day, hosting three collection sites in Chippewa Falls, Bloomer, and Lake Hallie—all of which will include free sharps disposal.
- April 30: VIP will also have a presence at the Senior Resource Fair in Bloomer, connecting with older adults and caregivers on important prevention and wellness topics.

Behind the scenes, the coalition is continuing to update its by-laws and develop a new member orientation, helping to lay a stronger foundation for future engagement.

Strategic and Programmatic Updates

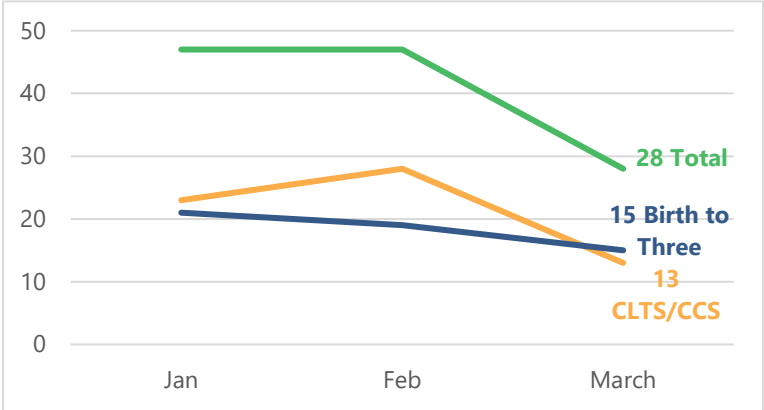
Our team is working with an Access to Care Collaborative to develop an Access to Care Report, which will support the work of the developing collaborative by highlighting local barriers and identifying data-informed strategies to improve care access. In addition, WI Wins compliance checks will be starting soon, reinforcing our commitment to youth tobacco prevention and retailer education.

Finally, we're excited to share that we have extended an offer for a new Planning and Promotion Specialist, who will officially join our team at the end of May. We look forward to welcoming this new team member and sharing more in next month's update!

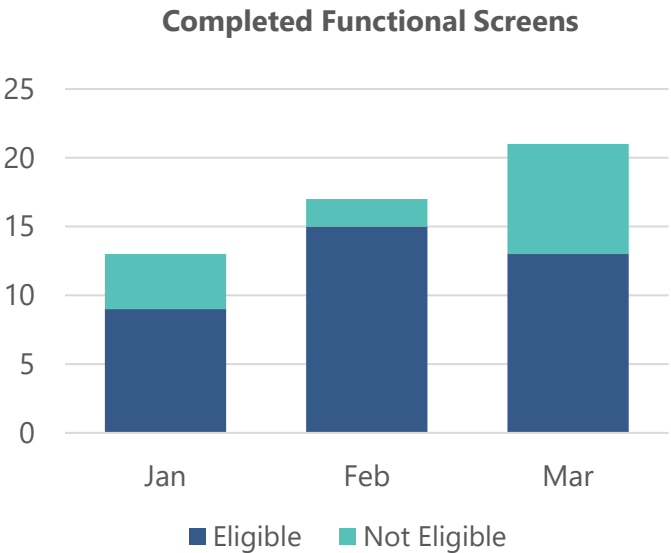
Single Point of Entry: Centralized Support for Families of Children with Special Needs in Chippewa County

The CRC-West serves as the Single Point of Entry for families in Chippewa County seeking support for children with special needs. This means families can contact CRC-West as a central place to access a variety of services without needing to reach out to multiple organizations. Under a contract with the Department of Human Services, CRC-West connects families to programs like Birth to Three, Children's Comprehensive Community Services (CCS), and the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver and assists with functional screenings for these services.

March saw a return to our typical referral numbers, with 28 referrals this month.

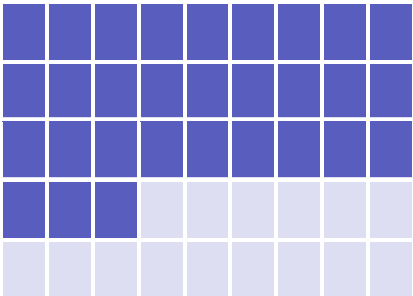


To ensure that children receive timely assistance, Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services has established a 45-day standard for determining eligibility following a referral. Meeting this standard is crucial, as it reflects our commitment to connecting families with essential resources efficiently.



Over the last 6 months, the Average Number of Days from Referral to Eligibility is

30 days





**Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
PHAVER - WEDSS**

County Board of Health Report

Jurisdiction: Chippewa County

Received Date: 3/1/2025 to 3/31/2025

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	11	0	0	0	11
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	10	0	0	0	10
LEAD-BLOOD LEVELS - ADULT	0	0	0	9	9
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	0	0	0	7	7
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19) - ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	4	0	2	0	6
LYME LABORATORY REPORT	0	5	0	1	6
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) - ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	0	5	0	6
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	1	0	0	4	5
HEPATITIS A	0	0	0	5	5
SALMONELLOSIS	2	2	1	0	5
PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)	1	0	0	3	4
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19)	1	0	0	2	3
METHICILLIN- or OXICILLIN RESISTANT S. AUREUS (MRSA/ORSA)	0	0	3	0	3
TUBERCULOSIS, LATENT INFECTION (LTBI)	2	0	1	0	3
VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)	0	0	1	2	3
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	1	0	1	0	2
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	1	0	1	0	2

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
E-COLI, ENTEROTOXIGENIC (ETEC)	0	0	2	0	2
GIARDIASIS	1	0	1	0	2
HEPATITIS B, CHRONIC	0	0	0	2	2
INFLUENZA	2	0	0	0	2
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP A	0	0	1	1	2
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP B	0	0	2	0	2
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	1	1	0	2
ANAPLASMOSIS, A. phagocytophilum	0	0	0	1	1
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	1	0	0	0	1
E-COLI, ENTEROPATHOGENIC (EPEC)	0	0	1	0	1
HEPATITIS B, ACUTE	0	0	0	1	1
MEASLES (RUBEOLA)	0	0	0	1	1
MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE (NON-TUBERCULOUS)	1	0	0	0	1
N. MENINGITIDIS (Meningococcal Disease)	1	0	0	0	1
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)	1	0	0	0	1
SYPHILIS REACTOR	0	0	0	1	1
SYPHILIS, SECONDARY	0	1	0	0	1
TUBERCULOSIS, CLASS A OR B	0	0	1	0	1
VIBRIOSIS, NON CHOLERA	0	1	0	0	1
YERSINIOSIS	0	1	0	0	1
Total	42	11	24	40	117

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Public Health Financial Results

March 2025

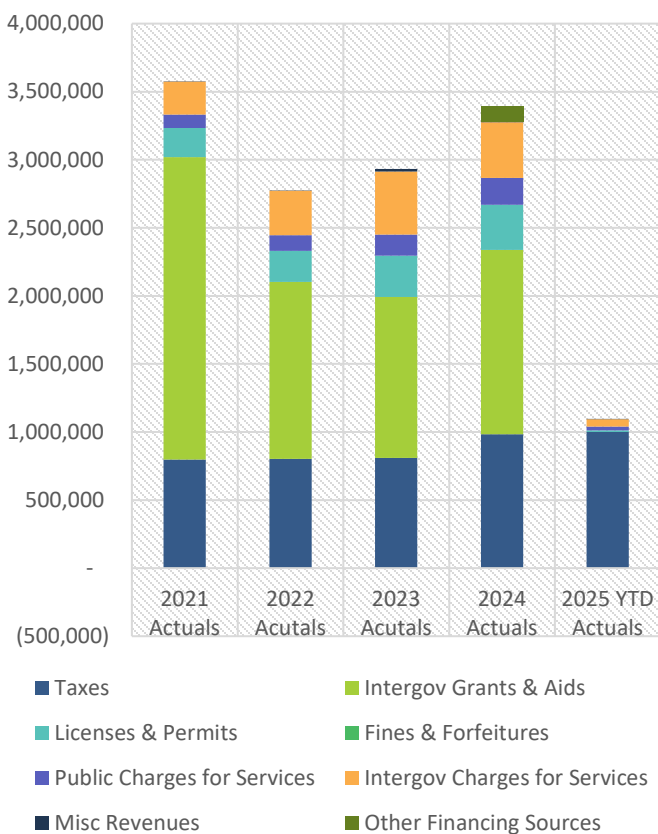
Fund	Description	Revenue			Expense		
		Budget	Actual	% Collected	Budget	Actual	% Spent
54100	Community Health	\$ (593,947.00)	\$ (525,962.90)	88.6%	\$ 593,947.00	\$ 121,233.11	20.4%
54121	Nurse Family Partnership	(123,650.00)	(22,431.06)	18.1%	123,650.00	19,886.56	16.1%
54123	Farmers Market	(3,930.00)	(69.42)	1.8%	3,930.00	105.62	2.7%
54125	Prenatal Care Coordination	(27,536.00)	(2,359.87)	8.6%	27,536.00	5,802.87	21.1%
54127	Healthy U	(31,393.00)	(18,634.88)	59.4%	31,393.00	933.99	3.0%
54128	Public Health Preparedness	(47,943.00)	(685.38)	1.4%	47,943.00	11,114.82	23.2%
54129	TN Program	(56,587.00)	(17,851.70)	31.5%	56,587.00	9,195.08	16.2%
54130	CHIP Coalition	(4,500.00)	-	0.0%	4,500.00	-	0.0%
54132	Drug Free Community Grant	(139,083.00)	(9,661.64)	6.9%	139,083.00	15,135.21	10.9%
54133	Iron Will Endowment Fund	(1,881.00)	(2,190.73)	116.5%	1,881.00	19.16	1.0%
54135	Bright Start River Source	(10,997.00)	(10,175.05)	92.5%	10,997.00	1,920.64	17.5%
54138	Planning & Strategy	(325,662.00)	(298,841.65)	91.8%	325,662.00	77,735.14	23.9%
54140	WIC	(433,809.00)	(102,689.91)	23.7%	433,809.00	91,484.89	21.1%
54142	Maternal & Child Health Program	(32,143.00)	(522.42)	1.6%	32,143.00	4,617.10	14.4%
54144	Wisconsin Wins	(5,065.00)	(78.09)	1.5%	5,065.00	422.13	8.3%
54149	Pre-Venture	(20,747.00)	(259.71)	1.3%	20,747.00	632.29	3.0%
54150	Prevention	(9,346.00)	(153.15)	1.6%	9,346.00	5,542.25	59.3%
54151	Equipment Loan Closet	(2,997.00)	(202.14)	6.7%	2,997.00	415.26	13.9%
54152	Childrens Resource Center	(242,490.00)	(5,001.21)	2.1%	242,490.00	51,781.02	21.4%
54153	WIC Endowment	-	(2,547.62)	#DIV/0!	-	1,445.48	#DIV/0!
54154	Title X Reproductive Health	(6,000.00)	3,663.71	-61.1%	6,000.00	7,780.50	129.7%
54156	FIT WIC	(41,447.00)	(644.82)	1.6%	41,447.00	9,506.92	22.9%
54157	Reproductive Health	(55,193.00)	(5,466.41)	9.9%	55,193.00	7,134.75	12.9%
54158	WIC BF Peer Counseling	(19,995.00)	(388.80)	1.9%	19,995.00	8,069.93	40.4%
54161	Health Clinics	(32,652.00)	(1,052.16)	3.2%	32,652.00	1,851.15	5.7%
54162	COVID Vaccine	(23,032.00)	(532.17)	2.3%	23,032.00	1,306.27	5.7%
54163	Overdose Fatality Review	(27,347.00)	(411.93)	1.5%	27,347.00	3,873.69	14.2%
54164	COVID Contact Tracing	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	10,447.75	#DIV/0!
54165	GYT - Get Yourself Tested	(2,195.00)	(34.26)	1.6%	2,195.00	52.13	2.4%
54166	Water Lab	(3,627.00)	(1,117.38)		3,627.00	8,270.72	
54171	Food Safety Recreation License	(357,141.00)	(17,026.13)	4.8%	357,141.00	67,506.03	18.9%
54172	Infant Immunization Grant	(16,794.00)	(265.23)	1.6%	16,794.00	3,719.30	22.1%
54173	Opioid Abatement	(1,694.00)	(297.33)		1,694.00	3,174.71	
54174	Forward Health Outreach	(33,744.00)	(657.18)	1.9%	33,744.00	3,438.02	10.2%
54176	Environmental Health	(79,337.00)	(71,024.44)	89.5%	79,337.00	9,422.88	11.9%
54178	Public Health Infrastructure	(72,867.00)	(980.61)		72,867.00	1,492.03	
54180	DHS Agreement	(173,446.00)	(3,523.26)	2.0%	173,446.00	30,231.53	17.4%
54182	Environmental Tracking	-	-		-	1,831.10	
54184	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prev.	(9,927.00)	(158.37)	1.6%	9,927.00	2,209.62	22.3%
54186	Charity Outreach Program	(250.00)	-	0.0%	250.00	-	0.0%
54188	WI Wayfinder	(81,987.00)	26,406.47		81,987.00	3,050.11	
54189	Sensory Friendly Vaccination	-	-		-	-	
54190	Public Health Donation Expendi	(1,000.00)	(418.72)	41.9%	1,000.00	-	0.0%
		\$ 3,153,381.00	\$ 1,094,247.55	34.7%	\$ 3,153,381.00	\$ 603,512.79	19.1%



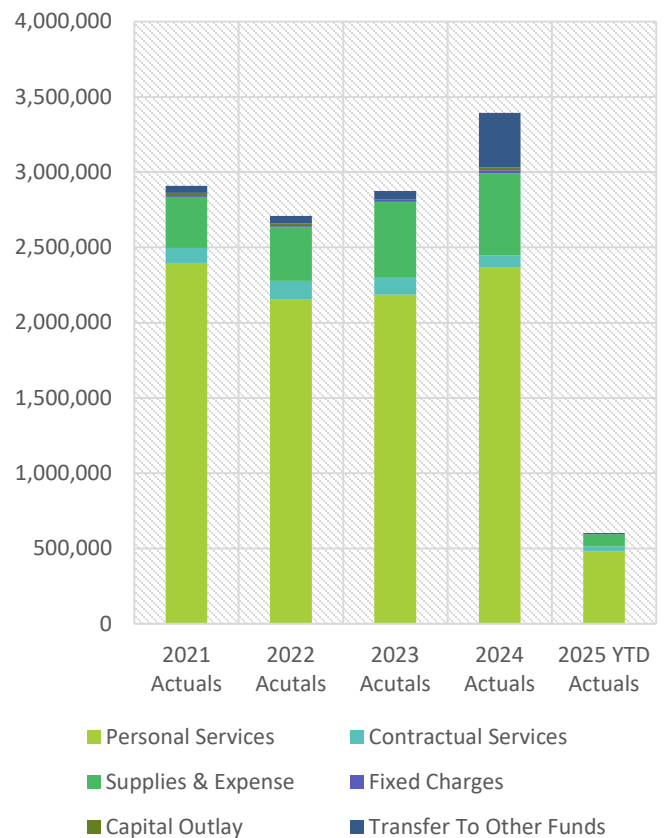
Public Health Revenue vs Expenses

Variance Year-to-Date through March 2025

Total Revenues for All Years



Total Expenses for All Years





STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REPORT –
BOBBIE JAEGER

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Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger provides a department program and financial report for review and discussion.

Leadership/Director's Report to the Health & Human Services Board

Board Meeting Date: April 17 2025

1. WCHSA Updates

Division of Children's and Families (DCF) & CYF PAC

- DCF is monitoring federal government actions.
- PAC is providing input on revisions to DCF 56 foster care licensing rule.
- PAC continues work with DCF to simplify TSSF program (Targeted Safety Support Funding)
- Governor's 2025-27 budget includes:
 - Children and Family Allocation and Youth Aids – request 5% increase for CY 2026 and 2% increase for CY 2027. CFA increase will be allocated using poverty-based formula. Youth Aids increase will be added to base and distributed proportionately. Budget revises method for Youth Aids formula allocation
 - Centralize administration of SSI and Social Security benefits for children in placement. Counties would no longer be allowed to use payments to offset placement costs. Request is for money to contract with vendor to manage accounts. DCF will seek money in 2027-29 budget to offset fiscal impact to counties. PAC had questions and asked DCF about the county fiscal impact
 - Prohibit counties from pursuing child support collections for new placements. DCF will do administrative rule to define specifics. Request adds \$1.8 million to CFA for fiscal impact to counties for new referrals. Counties could continue to collect on existing cases. The long-term fiscal impact is \$6 million for both current collections and arrearages. PAC wants to keep option to pursue child support open. 5% increase to foster care and kinship care rates. Create age-based rates and clothing allowances for level 1 foster care and kinship care.
 - Expand subsidized guardianship to include youth justice cases. Return 17-year-olds to youth justice system. \$5 million in sum sufficient appropriation to cover increased county costs.
 - Create youth justice reform advisory committee
 - Statutory authority for DHS to work on Children's Behavioral Health Medicaid waiver.

Division of Health Services (DHS)

- DHS is monitoring federal government actions.
- News about possible changes to Medicaid and FoodShare is concerning customers and causing more calls to IM consortia.
- PAC reviewed recommendations from Birth to 3 sustainability workgroup.
- PAC is studying how to use CCOP funds to eliminate CLTS MOE
- WCA participated in national NACo legislative conference to talk with WI congressional members about federal budget. Federal budget concerns include Medicaid, tax exempt bonds and human service grants. Counties need to be vocal about the impact of Medicaid cuts, including workforce impacts.
- Youth emergency detention study committee bills were approved by Legislative Council and will be introduced.
- The new Governor's interagency council on mental health is starting up and the council will seek input from counties.

Behavioral Health PAC

- Crisis stabilization centers-PAC is working on an issue paper for per diem rate. ARPA grants for regional centers expire 9/2025.
- Crisis urgent care and observation centers - DHS will release CUCOC emergency rule by mid-2025. There will be a public comment period later for the permanent rule. Governor requested \$20 million for start-up funds. New Medicaid benefit for CUCOC services will be available in 2026.

Department and Division Updates

Department Updates

- Work Anniversary CONGRATS and THANKS to the following staff for their service and dedication:
 - 1st – Laurie Hanson, ADRC Nutrition (1 Year)
 - 3rd – Apryl Jordan, CLTS (2 Years)
 - 4th – Joyel Metcalf, RWC (3 Years)
 - 4th – David Pfeiffer, RWC (3 Years)
 - 15th – Amy Doman, B-3 (1 Year)
 - 15th – Addy DeRusha, CWDA (1 Year)
 - 15th – Erica Schoch, CWDA (1 Year)
 - 17th – Sarah Nowobielski, Fiscal (2 Years)

Divisions:

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- Breanna Schemenauer started in her expanded role as the Administrative Assistant to the Elder Benefit Specialist on March 31.
- The SAIL program (Stay Active and Independent for Life) is back by popular demand. It is offered Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am in Stanley, 5/1/25-7/31/25.
- At the March meeting, the ADRC Board approved an annual household cap for caregiver support programs. This includes \$3,000 per household for the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program and \$2,500 per household for the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
- A statewide campaign was launched in April to increase awareness of ADRCs using TV and streaming commercials, radio ads, and billboards.

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division

Birth-to-Three (B-3)

- In March 2025, Birth-to-Three had fifteen new referrals. Unfortunately, the Unit's contracted Physical Therapist is retiring at the end of April. Birth-to-Three may experience a difficult time obtaining a replacement as the requirements for that position have changed over the past several years and the position is not a full-time position. Birth-to-Three's contracted provider, Rehab Resources, is exploring options and has posted the position. In the meantime, the Unit will have virtual access to another Physical Therapist. The current team is strong and committed to working together to serve families.

Child Protective Services (CPS)

- In March 2025, the Child Abuse and Neglect Access Line received eighty-eight new reports alleging child abuse and/or neglect; of those reports, nineteen were screened-in to complete an assessment and sixty-nine were screened out.
- In March 2025, two siblings were removed from their home due to parental substance abuse and one child was removed due to a Termination of Guardianship.
- In March 2025, one child's case was closed due to successful reunification and two children were reunified.

- Anna Duske, an Ongoing Worker who has been with the Department for nearly two and a half years, will be leaving in May 2025 to move back home closer to her family. Anna was an intern with the Department and started her career fresh out of school. Anna is an exceptional worker who will be hard to replace. The Department will be posting to fill this position soon.

Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA)

- We are onboarding 2 new staff, and 3 additional staff will be starting on April 14th. These openings are due to turnover and promotions.
- We have submitted our CAP regarding CLTS timeliness enrollment. We are waiting to hear back from the State if it will be accepted.

Youth Justice (YJ)

- Duncan Swanson, our newest YJ worker, has been successfully on boarding and working on acquiring a full caseload.
- We anticipate recruitment in the very near future to assist with the administration of the innovation grant we were awarded for this year.
- An ART group for males is currently in progress.

Economic Support (ES) Division

- Beth Nyhus, current ES Coordinator, accepted the ES Manager position. Effective start date: April 14.
- Recruitment for ES Coordinator ended March 31 and interviews will be held April 8.
- Recruitment for an Administrative Assistant III, to replace Brandi Engel, ends April 6 and interviews will be scheduled for April 16.

Recovery & Wellness Consortium (RWC) Division

- David Pfeiffer has accepted the Mental Health Clinician vacancy. In August 2021, David began his association with RWC in the role of a student intern working on his master's degree. In April 2022, David was hired as a Service Facilitator in the Community Support Program (CSP). In that role, David received 3,000 hours of clinical supervision from his mentor, Lisa Hudson. In November 2024, David became a Licensed Clinical Counselor. It is always a good feeling when DHS is able to offer the opportunity and tools for our staff to grow professionally and advance their careers.
- Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and Community Support Program (CSP) are psycho-social rehabilitation services that promote personal recovery, successful community integration, and improve the quality of life for persons with mental health struggles. 1st quarter CCS had 3 participants graduate and CSP had 1.
- First quarter of 2025, Adult Protective Services has completed 9 Guardianships – three of which were done on emergent basis (Emergency Protective Placement), and three resulted in a Protective Placement order.

3. 2025 Monthly Fiscal Information

Through Month of: March 2025

2025 Budget (total is \$37,539,226):	\$9,384,807	Prorated – 3 months
Expenses paid through March 31	5,066,333	
Variance to Budget:	4,318,474	

Note: The March Over/(Under) amounts are an estimated annualized amount for each placement category. Prior months estimated amounts are shown to indicate if expense variances are trending up, down or remaining the same.

2025 Kinship Placement with a Relative

Month	Kinship	Projected Cost	2025 Grant Amount*	Over/(Under)
January	80	\$351,072	\$454,500	(\$103,428)
February	77	340,536	454,500	(113,964)
March	77	347,772	454,500	(106,728)

2025 Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Placements

Month	Out of Home*	Out of Home**	Projected Cost*	2025 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	29	0	\$1,365,828	\$1,046,000	\$319,828
February	31	0		1,046,000	
March	31	0	1,785,004	1,046,000	739,004

* Children and Youth in Placement: Foster Care, Treatment Foster Care, Group Home, Residential Care

**Additional children placed with relatives (unpaid)

2025 Adult Mental Health CBRF Out-of-Home Placements:

Month	Out of Home	Projected Cost	2025 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	13	\$281,328	\$479,041	(\$197,713)
February	15	399,708	479,041	(79,333)
March	12	474,756	479,041	(4,285)

2025 Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) Placements

Month	Inpatient Days	Projected Cost*	2025 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	161	\$1,090,296	\$878,000	\$212,296
February	100	751,591	878,000	(126,409)
March				

*February IMD is the most recent invoice received

Note: The following reports show monthly disbursement amounts for each placement category. The month shown is the month the invoice was paid (not the month the charge was incurred).

Month	Kinship Amount Paid	Kinship Monthly Grant Amount
January	0	\$37,875
February	28,058	37,875
March	28,734	37,875
Total	\$56,792	\$454,500

Month	Children & Youth Placements	Children & Youth Monthly Budget
January	0	\$87,167
February	134,373	87,167
March	82,173	87,167
Total	\$216,546	\$1,046,000

Month	Adults in CBRF Placement	Adult CBRF Monthly Budget
January	0	\$39,920
February	17,553	39,920
March	49,898	39,920
Total	67,451	\$479,041

Month	IMD	IMD Monthly Budget
January	0	\$73,166
February	37,179	73,166
March	135,141	73,166
Total	172,320	\$878,000

Child Protective Services (CPS) Screened-in CPS Reports Yearly Comparison

Year	Screened in CPS Reports January-March	Number of IA Workers	End of Year
2025	49	4	N/A
2024	42	4	180
2023	36	4	167
2022	67	4	189
2021	58	4	199

WCHSA Caseload Recommendations

Initial Assessments: 11 cases per worker with no more than 6 new assessments per worker per month

Ongoing: 10 cases per worker with no more than 15 children per worker

Current CPS Family Caseloads (04-09-25)

Caseload Type	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Initial Assessment	7	10	8	9						
Ongoing					3	8	5	1	4	6

Total Families/Cases Open: Initial Assessment = 34; Ongoing = 27; Equals = 61 Total

Out-of-Home Placement Yearly Comparison

Total Children/Youth Served January - March for each year listed below (includes Kinship)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
98	55	119	150	148	138	166	171	143	69	44

Children/Youth Opened in CCS and/or CLTS (April 2025)

Children/Youth Opened in March	14
Children Waiting to be Screened to Determine Eligibility	11
Waitlist - CCS	17
Waitlist - CLTS	11

Current IMD Expenditures (Jan-March 2025)

Children/Youth – IMD*	\$5,502
Adults – IMD	\$119,763
Total	\$125,265

Yearly Comparison Crisis: Jan – March

	Adults	Children
2025	149	37
2024	188	31
2023	764	142
2022	614	158
2021	582	169

Yearly Comparison Youth Justice Referrals

Year	January	End of Year
2025	17	N/A
2024	23	277
2023	26	243
2022	22	263
2021	19	236



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
HUMAN SERVICES EDUCATION FOR 2025 PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION –
BOBBIE JAEGER

To assist in the future Human Services budget process, board members will review the current programs and rank them according to priority in the far right (third) column. The first column shows the 2024 rankings by the board and the second column shows the 2025 rankings by the Human Services Leadership Team. The completed ranking form can be returned electronically (separate email with electronic form will be sent) or printed and paper copy returned - deadline of May 2, 2025. (Paper copies will also be available at the meeting for completing and returning.)

The new rankings will be reviewed and approved at the May 15, 2025 Health & Human Services Board meeting.

2025 Chippewa County Human Services Program Descriptions – HHS Board Ranking

MANDATORY

Division/Unit	Name	Description	2024 HHSB Rank 1-12	2025 Ldrshp Rank 1-12	2025 HHSB Rank 1-12
Children, Youth & Families	Placements	When health and safety cannot be assured for children and youth. Includes foster care, treatment foster care, group home, residential, youth shelter, secure detention, and youth corrections.	1	1	
Children, Youth & Families – Child Protective Services	Child Protective Services	Ensures that all children and youth are safe in their own homes. Includes information referral, alternative response, access and screening, initial assessment, and ongoing services.	2	2	
Children, Youth & Families - Children with Differing Abilities	Chapter 51 Case Management	A child or youth is mentally ill, drug dependent, or developmentally disabled. Evidence exists for a significant probability of physical harm as exhibited by recent threats of or attempts at suicide or serious bodily harm.	3	4	
Children, Youth & Families – Birth to Three	Early Intervention Services for Children from Birth to Three with Developmental Needs	An early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and mental health needs. Opportunities are provided for a child to increase skills and abilities by using a coaching model with parents and caregivers.	4	6	
Children, Youth & Families - Children with Differing Abilities	Children's Long-Term Support Waivers - Physical, Developmental, and Mental Health Disability; Autism	Provides Medicaid funding to support, children, youth, and families who are living at home or in a community and have severe limitations in daily activities.	5	5	
Children, Youth & Families - Youth Justice	Youth Justice	Ensures community safety, impose accountability for law violations, and equip youth with the skills to live responsibly and productively contribute to the community.	7	8	
Economic Support	Food Share	FoodShare Wisconsin was created to help stop hunger and to improve nutrition and health. FoodShare helps people with limited money buy the food they need for good health.	10	10	
Economic Support	Income Maintenance	Medical Insurance for single adults, parents, and children.	11	11	
Economic Support	Wisconsin Shares Child Care	Provides child care assistance for working low-income families.	12	12	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium/Children with Differing Abilities	Mental Health Inpatient Services Acute and Long-Term Care (Includes Alcohol/ Drugs)	When health and safety cannot be assured for adults and children. Typical locations include Winnebago Mental Health Institute, and Mayo Clinic Health System.	6	3	

Division/Unit	Name	Description	2024 HHSB Rank 1-12	2025 Ldrshp Rank 1-12	2025 HHSB Rank 1-12
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Chapter 51 Case Management	An adult is mentally ill, drug dependent, or developmentally disabled. Evidence exists for a significant probability of physical harm as exhibited by recent threats of or attempts at suicide or serious bodily harm.	8	9	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Adult Protective Services	Conduct investigation and assessment of reported abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults. Assure those in need of protection are living in a safe and stable situation; Process protective placements for persons under guardianship who require specific placements to ensure their safety or are required by state statute; Process guardianships for residents of Chippewa County deemed to be indigent and who are believed to be incompetent and unable to safely provide care for themselves.	9	7	

*Tied for that Ranking

ESSENTIAL

Division/Unit	Name	Description	2024 HHSB Rank 1-8	2025 Ldrshp Rank 1-8	2023 HHSB Rank 1-8
Children, Youth & Families – Child Protective Services	Kinship	Kinship care helps a family support a child in the home of a relative when the child has experienced abuse or neglect. With this support, placing a child in a foster home or another out-of-home care setting may be avoided.	4	4	
Children, Youth & Families - Children with Differing Abilities	Children's Community Options Program (the Family Support Program and Community Options Program merged)	Services for children and youth with developmental, physical, and mental health disabilities that require long- term care to remain in the home and community. Its purpose is to provide funding alternative services rather than placement out-of-home.	6	6	
Children, Youth & Families - Youth Justice	Community Based Services	Provide services to offending youth that have evidence in reducing the risks associated with committing future crime, repair harm to a victim, monitor youth behavior in order to meet their legal obligations and remain crime free.	7	7	
Children, Youth & Families - Youth Justice	Electronic Monitoring	Confines the movement of a youth. This service allows a youth to remain in their home, run errands, and go to school. The range of restriction varies depending on the health and safety risk the youth possess.	8	8	

Division/Unit	Name	Description	2024 HHSB Rank 1-8	2025 Ldrshp Rank 1-8	2023 HHSB 1-8
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Mental Health Emergency Services (Crisis Services)	Provides immediate assistance to an adults and children experiencing a mental health crisis. The outcome is to reduce the adult or child's immediate distress and prevent hospitalization.	1	1	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium/Children with Differing Abilities	Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) – Adults/Children	Provides adults and children with psychosocial rehabilitation services that focus on recovery. Needs are determined through an assessment of life satisfaction, basic needs, social network/family involvement, community living skills, housing issues, employment, education, finances, mental health, physical health, substance use, trauma/life stressors, medications, crisis prevention and management, legal status, and any other as identified by CCS. Services are person-centered and developed in partnership with the customer.	2	2	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Community Support Program for the Chronically Mentally Ill	Provides services to seriously mentally ill adults. The program includes a wide range of services designed to maintain an adult in the community rather than in placement.	3	3	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Adult Placements	When health and safety for adults cannot be assured in the community. Includes adult family home, group home, and residential.	5	7	

OPTIONAL

Division	Name	Description	2024 HHS Rank 1-2	2025 Ldrshp Rank 1-2	2025 HHSB 1-2
Children, Youth & Families - Youth Justice	Coordinated Service Teams	This program forms an integrated team to address the child or youth behavior within the family and community. Care is coordinated by a social worker that includes school, clinicians. Faith-based, and others chosen by the family.	1	1	
Recovery & Wellness Consortium	Community Recovery Services	Provides three specific services to adults with a mental health diagnosis; Community Living Skills, Supported Employment, and Peer Supports. It is a community-based program that promotes recovery, stability, and allow the adult to live in a community-based setting. These services may prevent the need for out-of-home placement and can be used to offset the cost of the placement if needed.	2	2	