



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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## AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

# Report 2023

THIS DATA IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK  
CONDUCTED IN 2023



# ENHANCING LIVES

# ADVANCING INCLUSION

# CELEBRATING PROGRESS

## MENTAL HEALTH



**12**  
Civil  
Committments

**3233**  
Hours Allocated to  
Adult Mental Health  
Case Management

**45**  
Active  
Adult MH  
Cases

## COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY



**359** Meetings with Inmates

**164** Inmates Connected with Services  
**195** not requesting services

Referrals:

**33** Mental Health  
**90** Chemical Dependency  
**41** Other

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

**711**  
Hours Spent  
in Treatment  
Coordination

## FINANCIAL RECOVERY

**\$28,525** Collected Public Assistance  
Program Overpayments

Collected in Agency Claims **\$19,443**

**\$256,564** Total Collected in Medical  
Assistance Estate Recovery

Incentive Achieved for Aitkin County **\$69,939**

Start of Life

Growing Older

### Prenatal, Young Children and Prevention Programs

**232** - Average monthly participants in Women  
Infants and Children (WIC) program: **\$177,888**  
WIC dollars redeemed in Aitkin County  
**224** - Children served for Dental Services  
**184** - Home visits by Public Health Nurses for  
Maternal & Child Health  
**142** - Children served through Follow Along  
**1,183** - Children served through Child and  
Teen Checkups program  
**39** - Safety seats distributed

### Childcare

**19** - Childcare  
Providers  
**34** - Monthly  
average of  
children  
accessing  
childcare with  
assistance



### Child Protection

**329** - Reports involving  
children  
**20** - Children entered foster  
care  
**14** - Exited foster care to  
reunify with a parent or  
other permanent option  
**41** - Children in out of home  
placement throughout the  
year

### Adult Protection



**165** - Reports  
**18** - Emergency  
Protection Services  
**36** - Cases opened  
for investigation

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

**826** - Voluntary Adult Intake Services  
**267** - MnCHOICES Assessments  
**199** - People served with disability  
waivers for the year  
**40** - Adult corporate foster care beds  
**23** - Adult family foster care beds  
**6162** - Hours documented in all  
disability waiver case management

### Aging and the Elderly

**6634** - Hours documented in Elderly  
Waiver Care Coordination  
**36** - Individuals served through  
family residential services  
**242** - Individuals served through The  
Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care  
program that help seniors stay in  
their homes  
**38** - Individuals served through care  
coordination whom reside in  
community skilled nursing facilities

**\$45,318,694** Estimated annual amount spent for ALL Medical Assistance Program Services paid out for Aitkin County Residents

### Financial Assistance

**4568** - Monthly average of individuals receiving Medical Assistance  
**110** - Monthly average of individuals receiving General Assistance or MN  
Supplemental Assistance  
**14** - Households received Emergency Assistance in 2023  
**23** - Adults, **61** Children and **37** Households receiving Minnesota Family  
Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program benefits per month  
**1225** Individuals and **711** Households, on average per month, received  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
**54** - Monthly average number of persons receiving housing supports

### Child Support

**510** - Cases  
**1.4 Million** - Support  
collected for families



### Food Hub

**241** - Market Boxes of food  
distributed  
**\$12,121** - Food Hub Net  
**96%** Increase over 2022

### Commercial Tobacco Free/Tobacco Prevention

Number of Completed Compliance Checks:  
**20** - Congratulate & Educate;  
**6** sold to underage buyers  
**22** - Compliance Checks;  
**3** sold to underage buyers



Quit smoking

Number of Presentations:  
**2** - McGregor  
**3** - Hill City



### Disease Prevention Control

**40+** Clinics at **20** different  
locations  
**632** - People vaccinated  
**488** - Influenza vaccines  
administered; **406** Adults & **82**  
Children  
**15** - Other vaccinations (not  
flu, not COVID)  
**421** - COVID-19 vaccines  
administered  
**124** - test kits given to  
community members

