

**Antrim County
Department
of
Health and Human Services**



2022 Annual Report

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services strives to promote better health outcomes, reduce health risks, and support stable and safe families while encouraging self-sufficiency.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Programs

Universal Caseload (UCL)

Antrim County DHHS continues to service public assistance cases through the Universal Caseload system. This task-based processing system allows a pool of caseworkers to handle pooled cases. A Contact Center receives phone calls and sends them to a caseworker located in the same geographic area as the client. Antrim County is in a five county GeoGroup consisting of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, and Presque Isle. (Data shown below is for Antrim County Only).

Statewide rollout of this project was paused during the Covid-19 Pandemic. 7 GeoGroups consisting of 11 county offices went live in 2022 with 14 more GeoGroups slated to go live in 2023.

Total Eligible Recipients by Program

Month	Family Independence Program (FIP)	Food Assistance Program (FAP)	State Disability Assistance (SDA)	Child Development and Care (CDC)	Medicaid Eligible (MA)	Healthy Michigan Program (HMP)
Jan	11	2039	2	70	4315	2264
Feb	13	2054	2	65	4340	2297
March	13	2079	1	63	4360	2310
April	12	2163	1	73	4425	2324
May	12	2236	1	79	4460	2366
June	11	2055	1	89	4441	2357
July	11	2087	1	97	4431	2370
Aug	14	2096	1	101	4428	2369
Sept	14	2108	2	101	4476	2359
Oct	14	2171	3	111	4504	2371
Nov	14	2197	4	108	4519	2388
Dec	15	2198	1	104	4561	2415

In 2022 we saw the following regarding recipients enrolled in our various programs (compared to 2021):

- 35% decrease in the Family Independence Program (FIP)
- 8% increase in the Family Assistance Program (FAP)
- 5% decrease in State Disability Assistance (SDA)
- 43% increase in the Child Development and Care Program (CDC)
- 8% increase in the Medicaid Program (MA)
- 11% increase in the Health Michigan Program (HMP)

Beginning in May 2020, Michigan was approved to issue emergency allotments in the Food Assistance Program to all eligible recipients. All recipients' benefits were brought to the maximum allotment or to meet the minimum \$95.00 increase monthly. This emergency allotment remained in effect through 2022.

In March 2020, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services directed MDHHS to temporarily suspend all Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Medicaid or Medicare Cost Savings Programs can only be closed if a client is deceased, moved out of State or client gives verbal or written permission to close their program. This mandate remained in effect through all of 2022. MDHHS is preparing for the ending of this directive effective May 12, 2023. We anticipate having to complete approximately 1 million Medicaid redeterminations in the next twelve months.

Financial Assistance to Antrim County Residents through DHHS programs (FY '22)

FIP (cash assistance) <i>(8% decrease from FY21)</i>	\$37,533.00
Food Assistance <i>(18% increase from FY21)</i>	\$6,128,335.00
Child Day Care <i>(77% increase from FY21)</i>	\$415,883.00
State Emergency Relief <i>(70% increase from FY21)</i>	\$235,747.00
<u>State Disability <i>(19% decrease from FY21)</i></u>	<u>\$4,849.00</u>
 Total <i>(22% increase from FY21)</i>	 \$5,597,315.00

Community Resource Program

The Community Resource Program (CRP) offers numerous services and locally customized programs to meet community needs with the assistance of volunteers, donations, and grant funding. MDHHS employs Community Resource Coordinators who focus on building relationships to provide additional services to families within the community. The CRP responds to the unique and changing needs of MDHHS staff, recipients, and community partners. MDHHS volunteers provide services in the following areas: • Transportation; • Peer Counseling; • Tutoring; • Child Care; and • Community Engagement and Partnerships.

Financial assistance our CRP program has brought to Antrim County:

MANNA Food Pantry	\$6,962.62
Beds/safe sleep	1,847.46
Winter gear to foster youth	516.26
Nifty Thrifty vouchers	206.00
Washbucket vouchers	<u>100.00</u>
	\$9,632.27

Child Welfare Initiatives

Our Child Welfare staff were back working full time in communities in 2022, making home visits, visiting youth in congregate care facilities, and providing regular face to face contact with the children and families we serve. Staff have maintained a hybrid work environment, thus working from home and the local office as needed.

The graphic below depicts the State level priorities for child welfare as set forth by our Children's Services Administration. We believe that the first priority is to keep children safely with the families whenever possible. We have several in home contracts in place that we utilize often to ensure that parents and caregivers are getting the support and education they need to successfully and safely parent the children in their care. Should it be necessary to remove children from their homes, we want to ensure that they are safe and well cared for by relatives or licensed foster parents. We take great pride in the support we provide our foster families, so they too have the needed tools to care for children in their home. We also strive to see timely reunification and permanency for youth who have to experience out of home placement. We conduct full reviews of children who have been in care for 6 months and then again at 9 months to ensure we are doing everything possible for the youth and family to ensure permanency occurs within 12 months. Finally, we have a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team that focuses on ensuring we are equitable in all our work including child welfare.

CSA Priorities



Antrim County has 6 Children's Protective Services workers, 1 Foster Care worker, one licensing worker and 3 Supervisors who work diligently to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and families in Antrim County.

Child Welfare Cases

In 2022, Antrim County Children's Protective Services staff completed 194 investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect. In twenty-nine of those cases, a preponderance of evidence was found that child abuse and/or neglect had occurred, and services were provided to families.

5 Child Abuse/Neglect petitions were filed in Probate Court in 2022 resulting in eight children coming under the jurisdiction of the Antrim County Probate Court. In January 2022 13 children were in out of home placement. In December 2022 6 children remained in out of home placement.

Five adoptions were finalized in Antrim County in 2022.

Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties maintain a joint Child Placing license through the Department of Child and Welfare Licensing. In 2022, the tri-county had fourteen licensed foster home, four of them located in Antrim County. Our licensing program continues to grow with staff attending numerous recruitment activities including school sporting events, presenting information to community groups and churches and other community events.

Antrim County DHHS staff was instrumental in reorganizing the Child Death Review Team (CDR) for the County. The Antrim County CDR had not met since 2015. The review is an important mechanism in discussing child deaths in our County and developing strategies to help prevent future child deaths. The team has great collaboration from Law Enforcement, Probate Court, Community Mental Health, Health Department, Prosecutor's Office, DHHS and the Medical Examiner.

Adult Programs

DHHS offers a variety of programs to protect, encourage independence and advocate for frail and vulnerable adults in Michigan. Our programs can assist with independent living (home help), adult foster care and homes for the aged, adult protective services and support for those dealing with HIV/AIDS.

In 2022, Antrim County received the following new Adult Protective Services referrals:

Adult Protective Services:	164 referrals
	51 investigations

We also served on average each month 75 adults through our Independent Living Program and Adult Community Placement Program. We have 1 Adult Worker for the County who stays busy ensuring the safety and well-being of our vulnerable adult population. In 2022 the Statewide Adult Services Program made changes within their structure and goal setting. The Legislature approved an additional 50 staff for the Adult Program in 2022, 14 being dedicated to the local offices. Four additional staff were located in BSC1.

Statewide strategic planning occurred with the following objectives:

- ✚ Create accessible systems that provide timely and accurate data that drives APS effectiveness.
- ✚ Fostering partnerships through education and engagement for improved client outcomes.
- ✚ Enhance the workforce through training, development, supports and appropriate staffing.
- ✚ Enhance access to funding and resources.

Antrim County Social Welfare Fund
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We were able to meet extra needs and provide additional services to children and families through the Social Welfare Fund as well as cover administrative costs for the Meadow Brook Governing Board/Antrim County Human Services Board.

The following is a breakdown of expenditures in FY22:

Board salaries FY22	\$3,466.72
MCSSA dues:	1,480.00
Foster parents/children:	934.33
Adult Clients	1,781.98
Training	<u>325.00</u>
	\$7,988.03

ANTRIM COUNTY SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD REPORT 2022

REVENUE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Social Welfare													
Beg Balance (carryover)	\$ 4,134.55												\$ 4,134.55
1st appropriation	\$ 5,000.00												\$ 5,000.00
2nd appropriation													\$ -
Mineral Rights													\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 9,134.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,134.55

DISBURSEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Social Welfare													
Refund SWF		\$ 4,134.55											
Elsworth Farmers Exchange			\$ 480.00										
Plumbing for APS client			\$ 632.00										
MCSSA dues			\$ 1,480.00										
Clothing for foster youth					\$ 270.42								
Chair for APS client					\$669.98								
Facilitator training						\$ 325.00							
Foster Parent Picnic								\$ 500.00					
Lodging foster youth/parent									\$ 105.45				
Books for foster youth									\$ 58.46				
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Total Disbursements	\$ -	\$ 4,134.55	\$ 2,592.00	\$ -	\$ 940.40	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 163.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,655.86
Total	\$ 9,134.55	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,408.00	\$ 2,408.00	\$ 1,467.60	\$ 1,142.60	\$ 1,142.60	\$ 1,142.60	\$ 642.60	\$ 478.69	\$ 478.69	\$ 478.69	\$ 478.69
Board pay FY22 - pd by County				\$1,190.34		\$1,088.67				\$1,187.71			3466.72
				1st quarter		2nd quarter				3rd quarter			Board Pay