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SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. JOSEPH LIGHTFOOT, CHAIR
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022
*****BOARD ROOM AND VIA YOUTUBE*****
*****5:30 P.M. *****

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2022**
- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Litigation
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Negotiations
 - D. Appointments
- 4. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOSEPH SEEBER**
 - A. Social Services Statistics – June (Info)
 - B. Social Services Statistics – July (Info)
 - C. Statistics Year-in Review – 2021-2022
 - D. Follow-up Comprehensive Review of Children’s Services (Discussion)
 - E. Corrective Action Plans for Children’s Services (Discussion)
 - F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. for the Provision of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program in the Department of Social Services (Res)
- 5. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH**
 - A. Setting Business Hours for the St. Lawrence County Community Services Department Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic (Res)
 - B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program Funds and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services (Res)
 - C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Two Contracts with New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to Accept the 2022-2023 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants (Res)
 - D. Mental Health and Addiction Clinic Updates (Info)

6. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Contractors, Subcontractors, and Consultants for the Overdose Data to Action Grant for the Public Health Department (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Knowledge Capital Alliance for VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System (Res)

7. LEGISLATOR JIM REAGEN

- A. Calling on the New York State Climate Action Council to Craft a Final Scoping Document that Reflects the Differing Climate Zones and Wealth in the State and that no Action be taken to Reduce or Ban any Energy Sources until Reliable Energy Sources that have been Proven Safe and Affordable are in Place (Res)

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

- A. Public Health
 - 1. Abolish Account Clerk Typist, and Create and Fill Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200043
- B. Social Services
 - 1. Fill Homemaker, Position No. 805000002
 - 2. Abolish Caseworker and Create and Fill Homemaker, Position No. 805000006

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health (Acres)
- B. CDP Board of Directors (Sheridan)
- C. Community Services Board (Haggard)
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha)
- E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli)

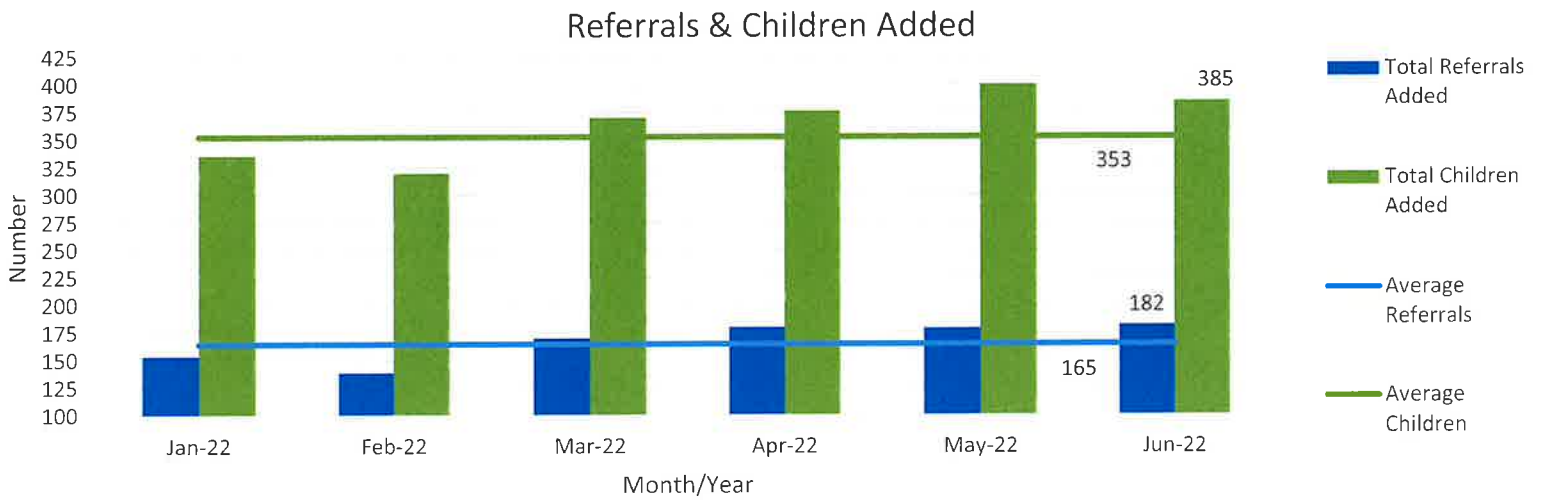
11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supporting the Efforts of Community Services to end the Wait List for Clinic Appointments and Requiring Same Day Services be Available for Addiction or Mental Health Services when a Request is Received (Res) *(Note: This resolution was tabled at the August Full Board Meeting, and will need a motion to remove it from the table.)*

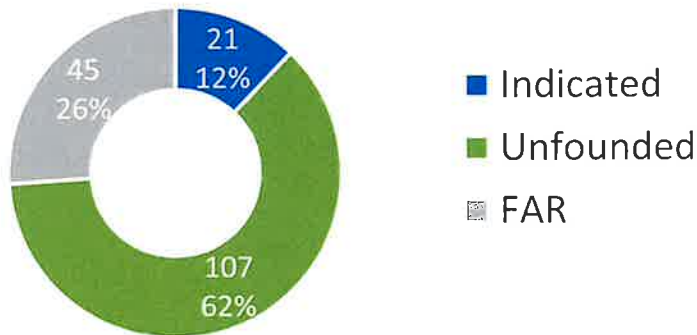
12. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

Social Services Monthly Update – June 2022

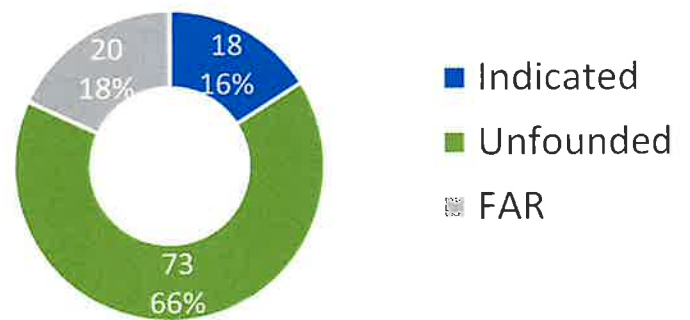
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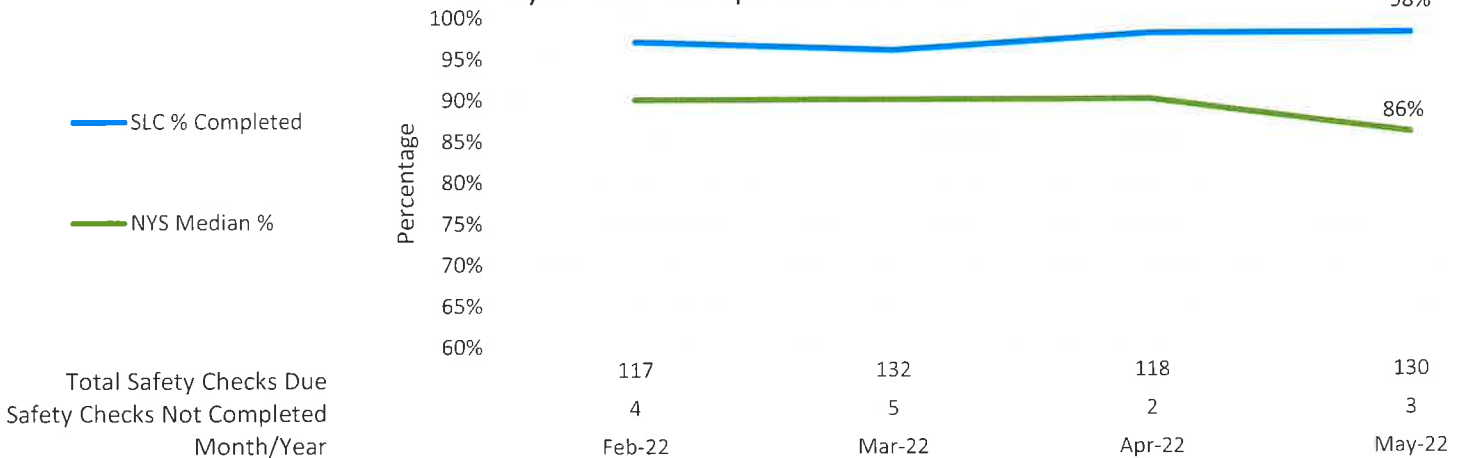
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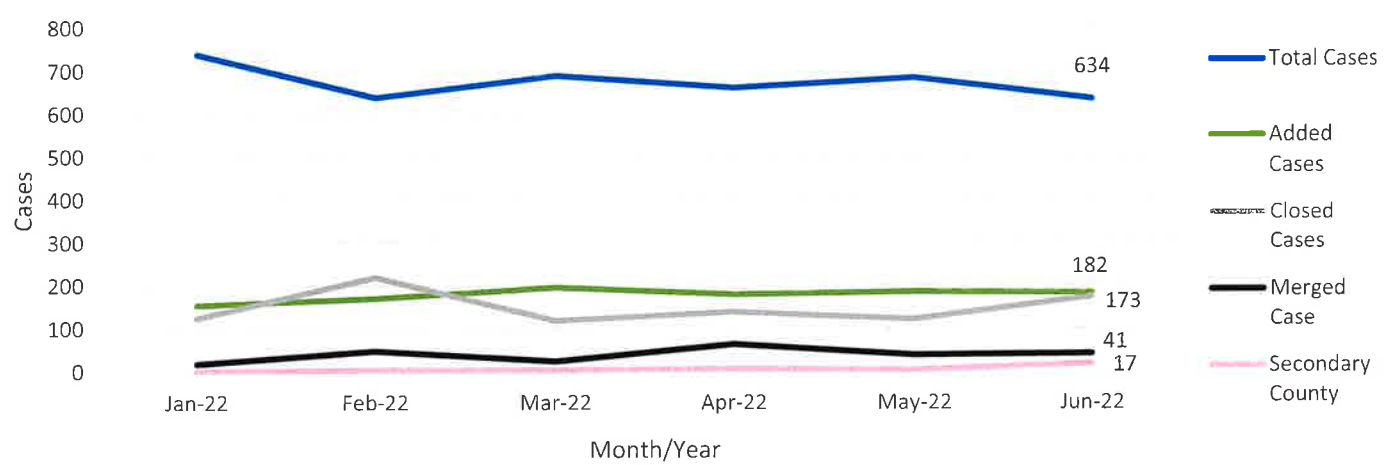


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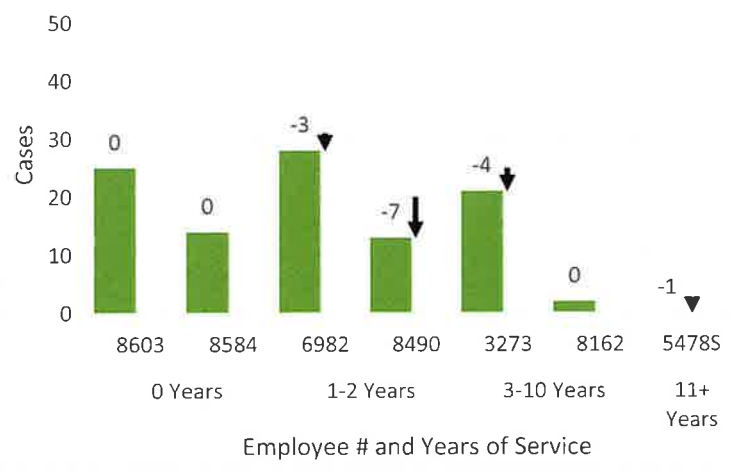
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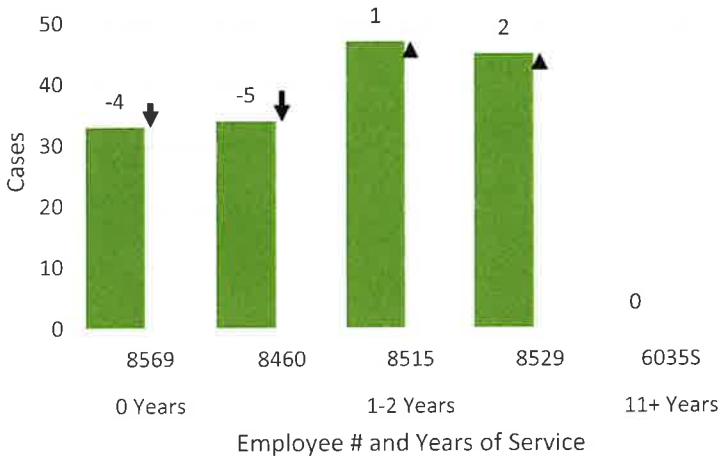
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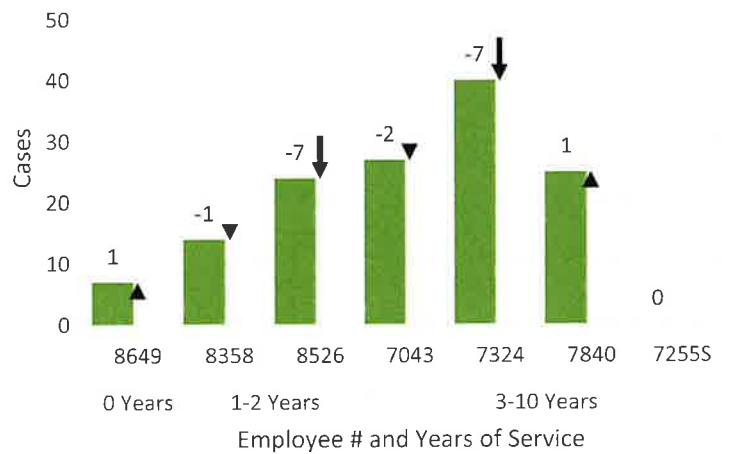
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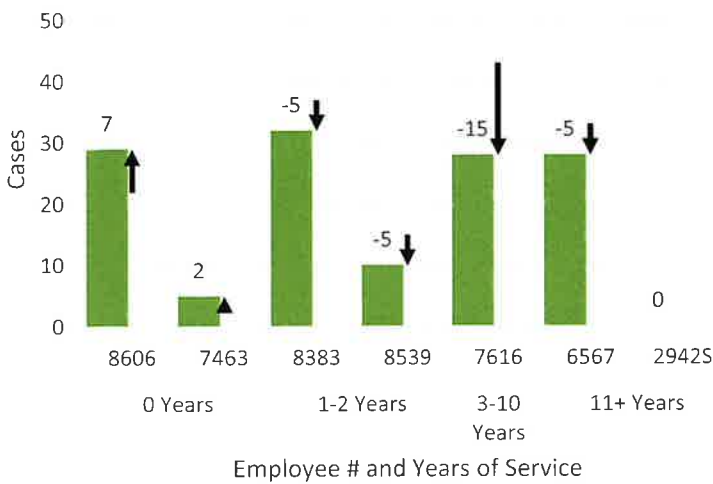
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Cases Per Month by Supervisor #: 2942



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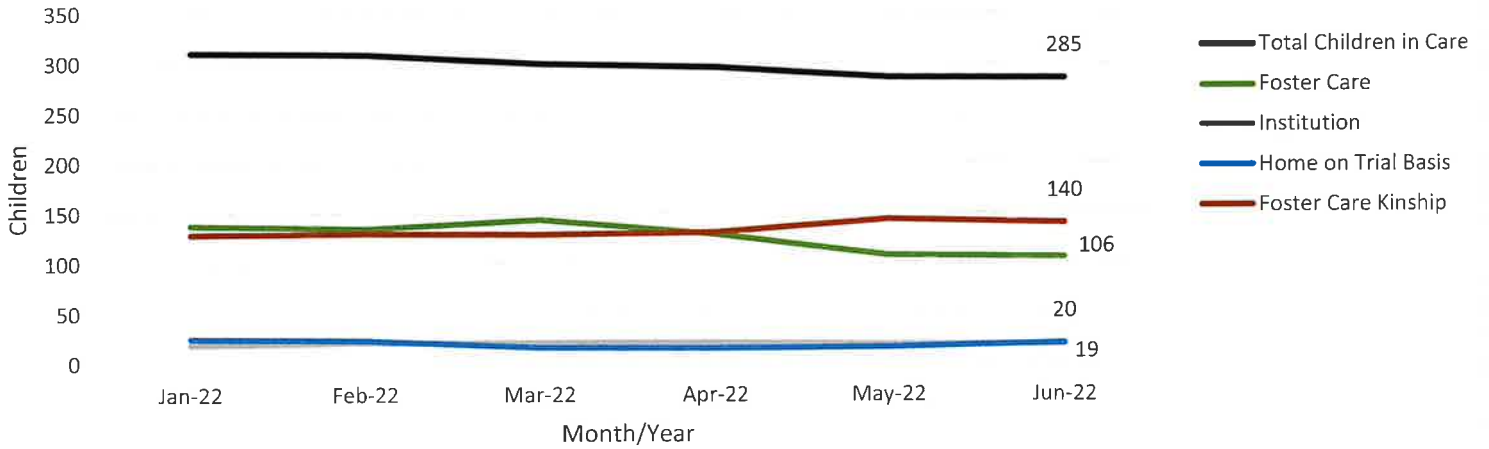
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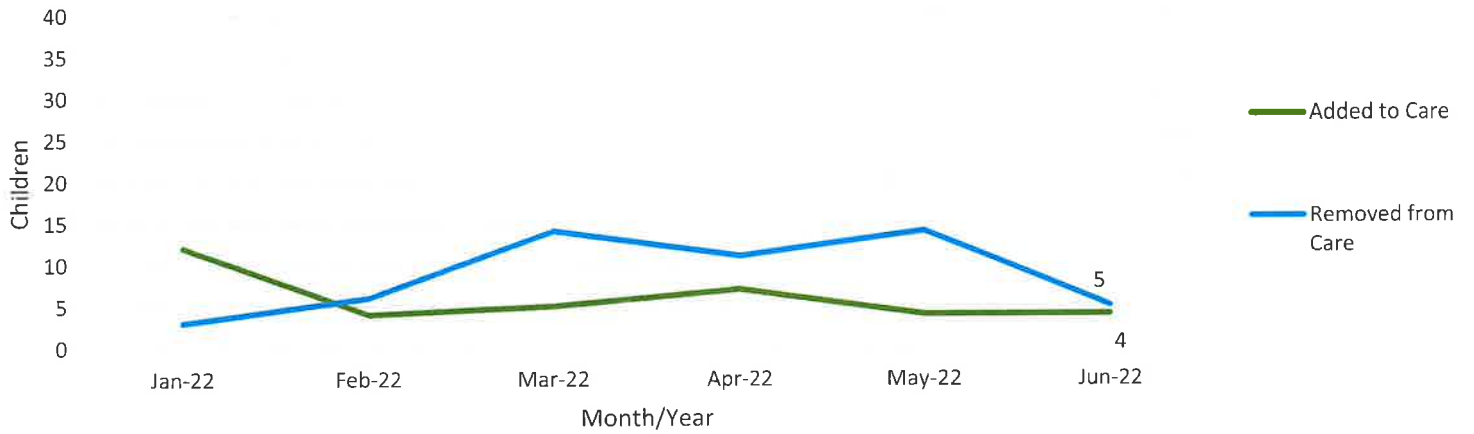
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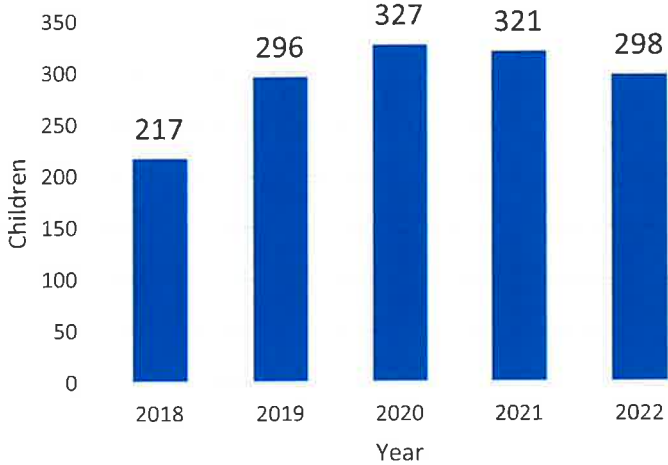
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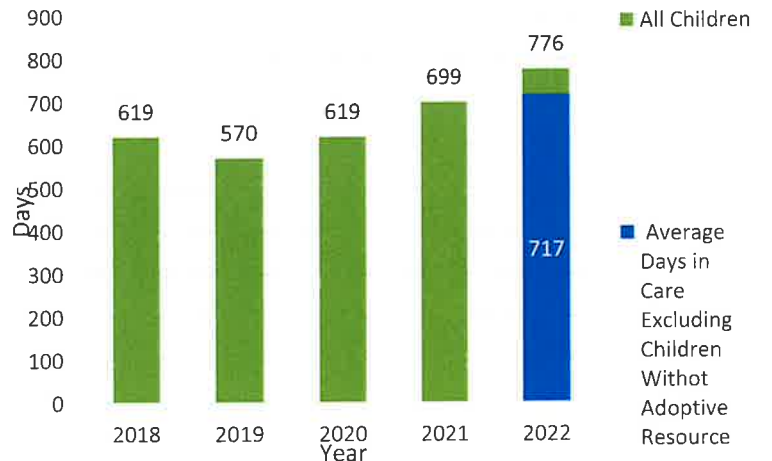
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Average Number of Children in Care



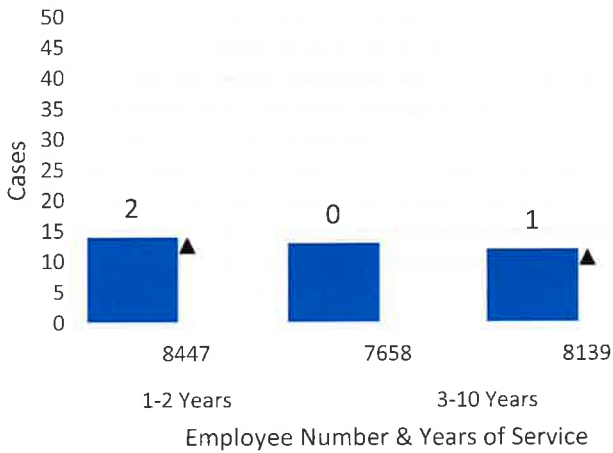
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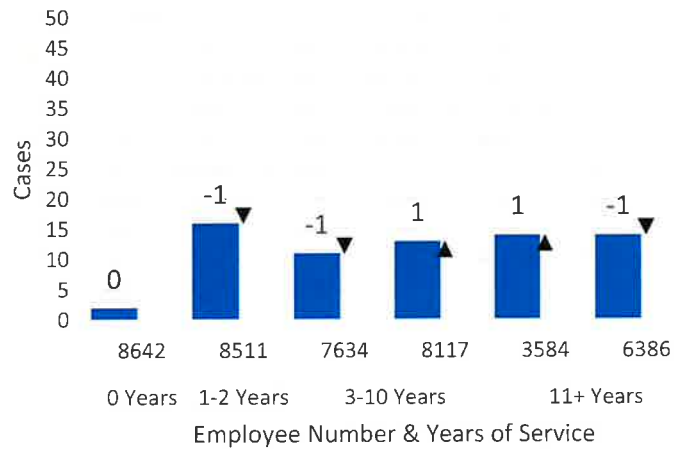
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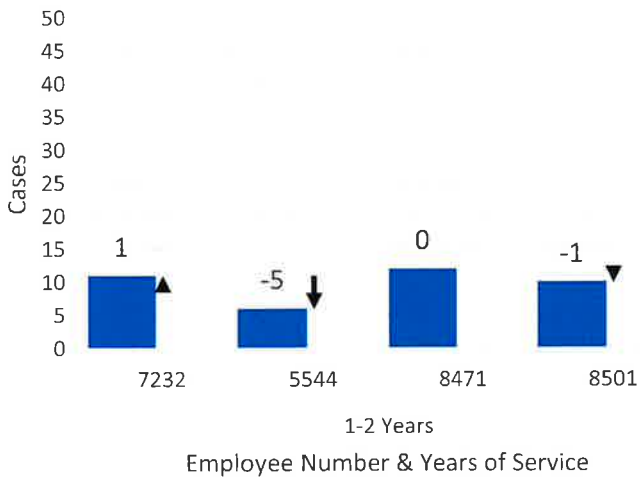
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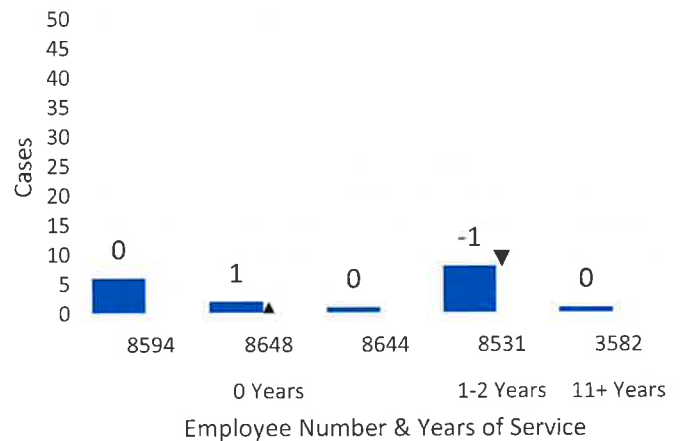
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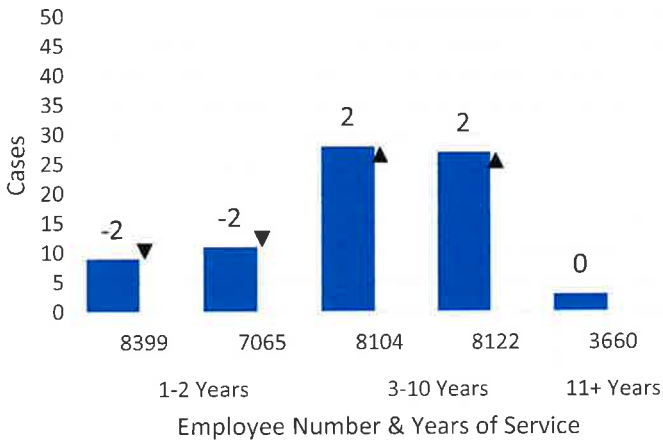
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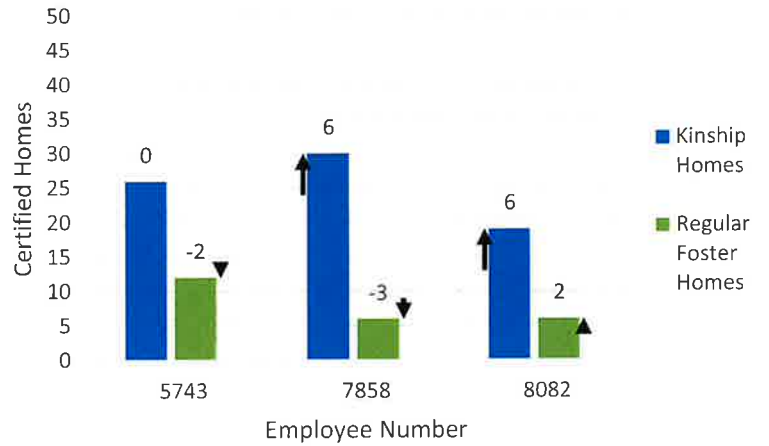
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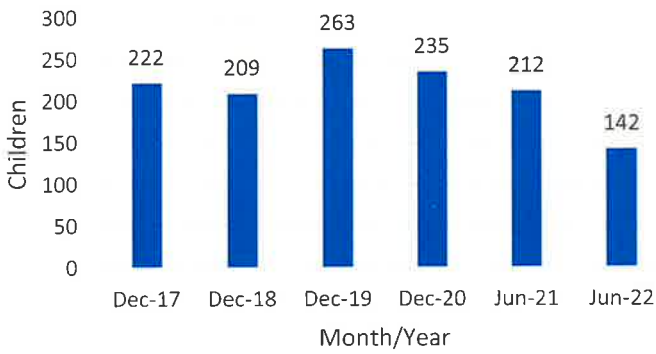
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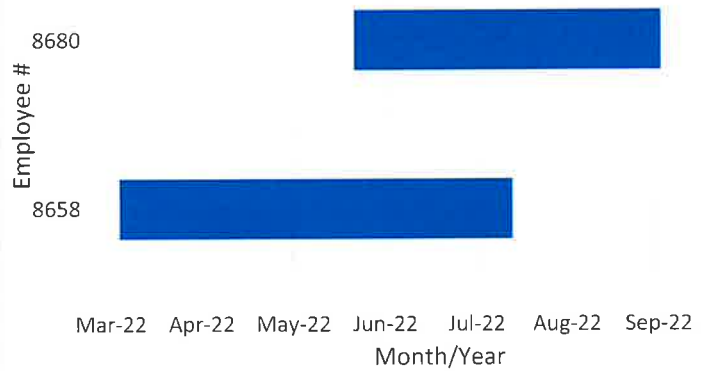
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Average Number of Children in Home Receiving Services

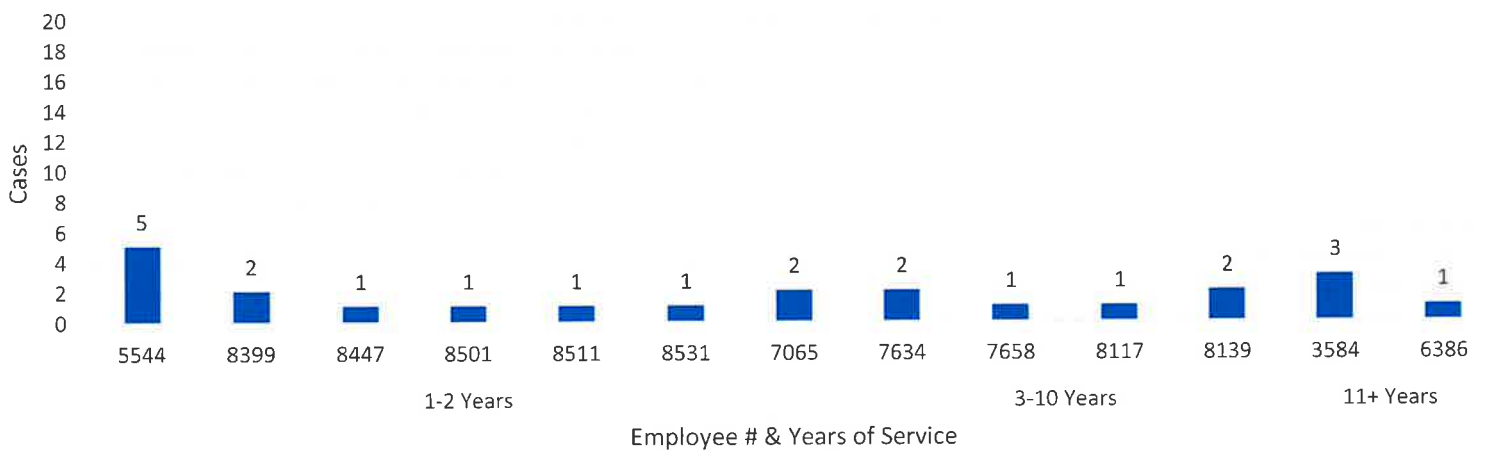


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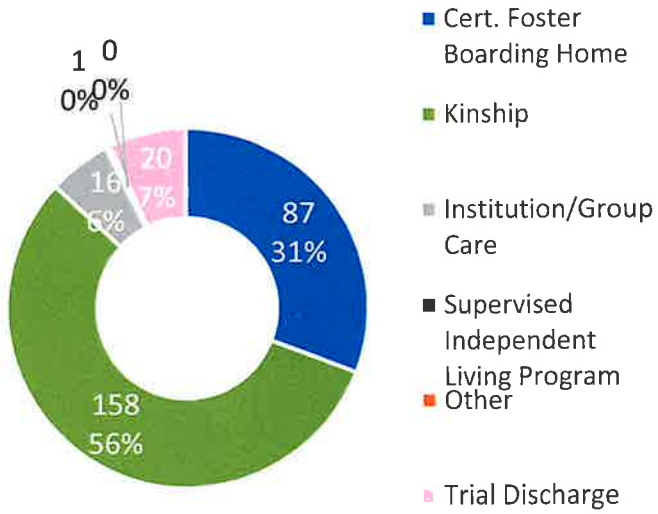
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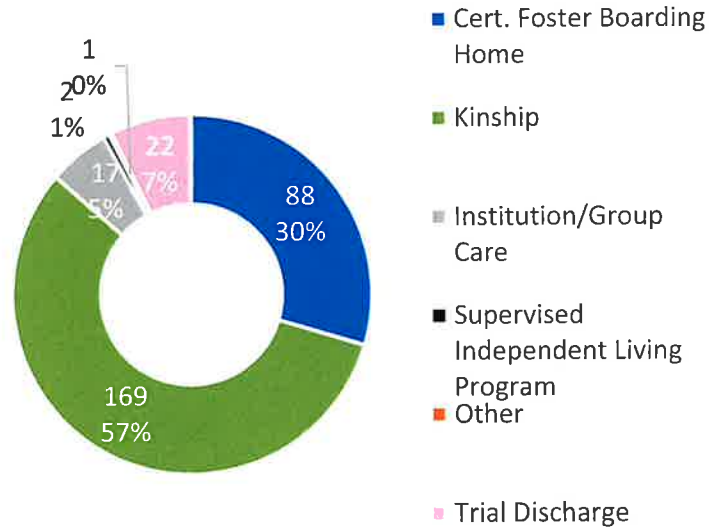
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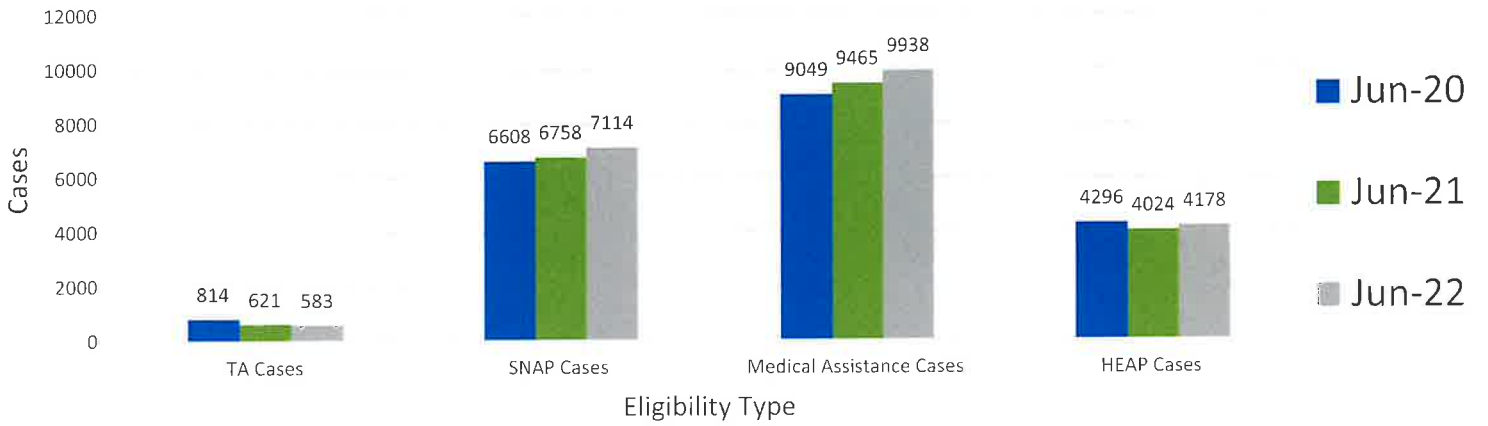


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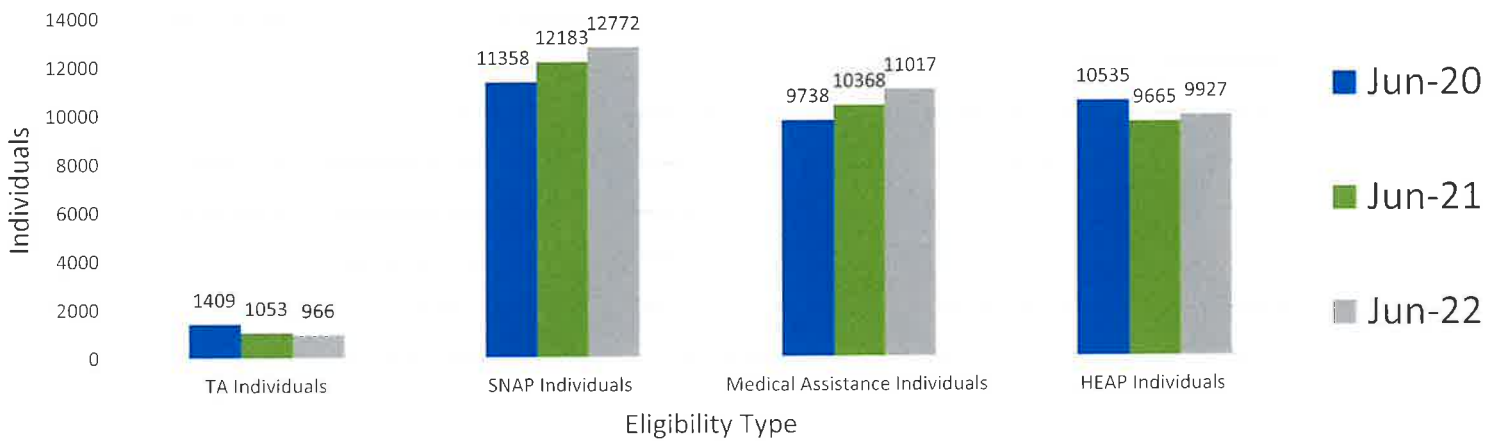


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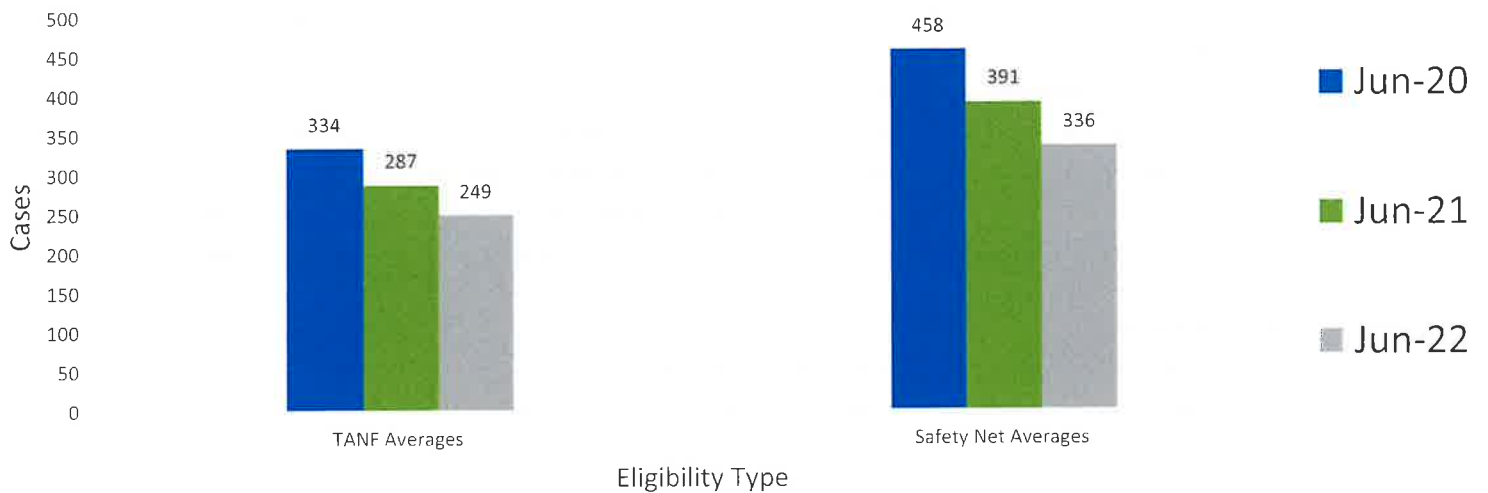
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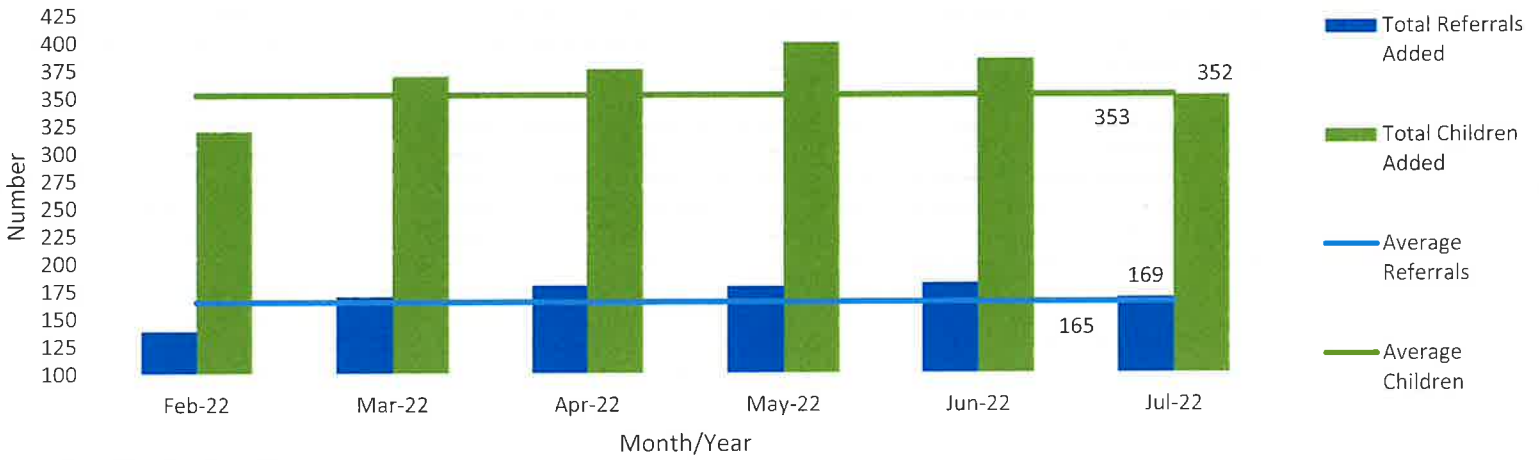
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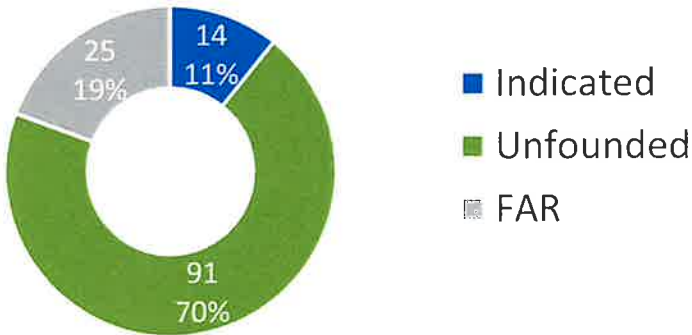
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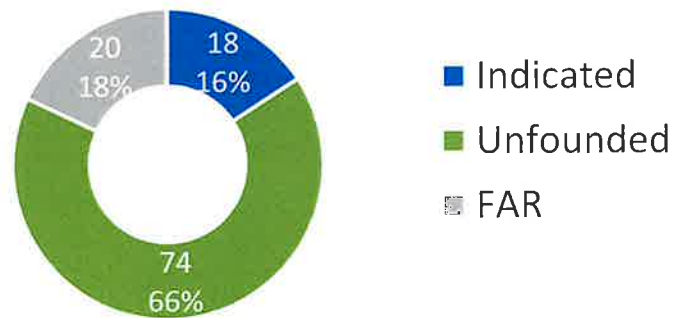
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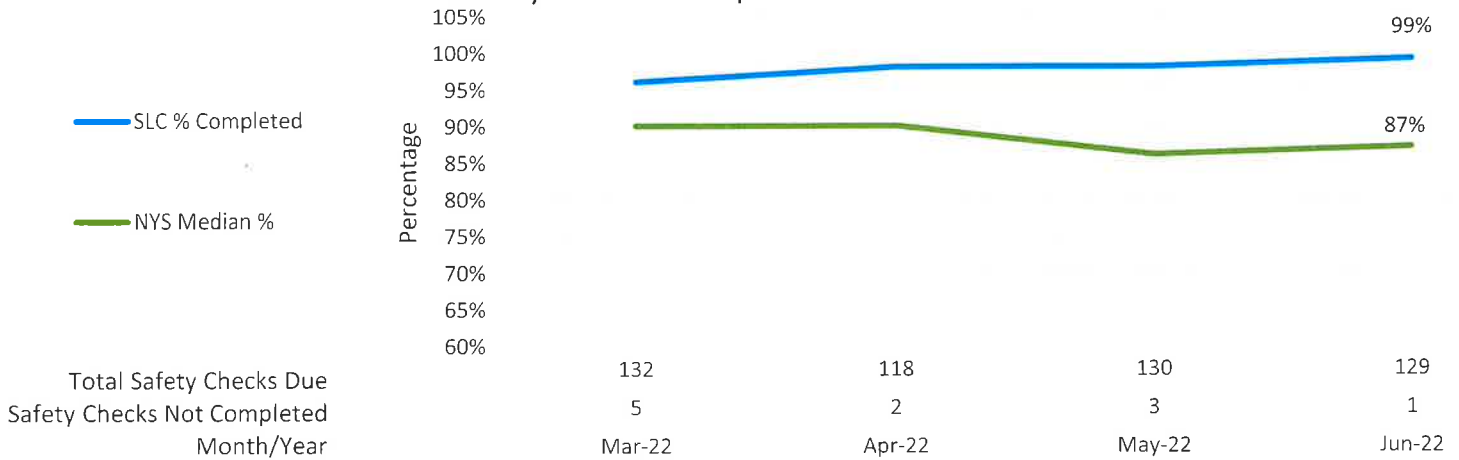
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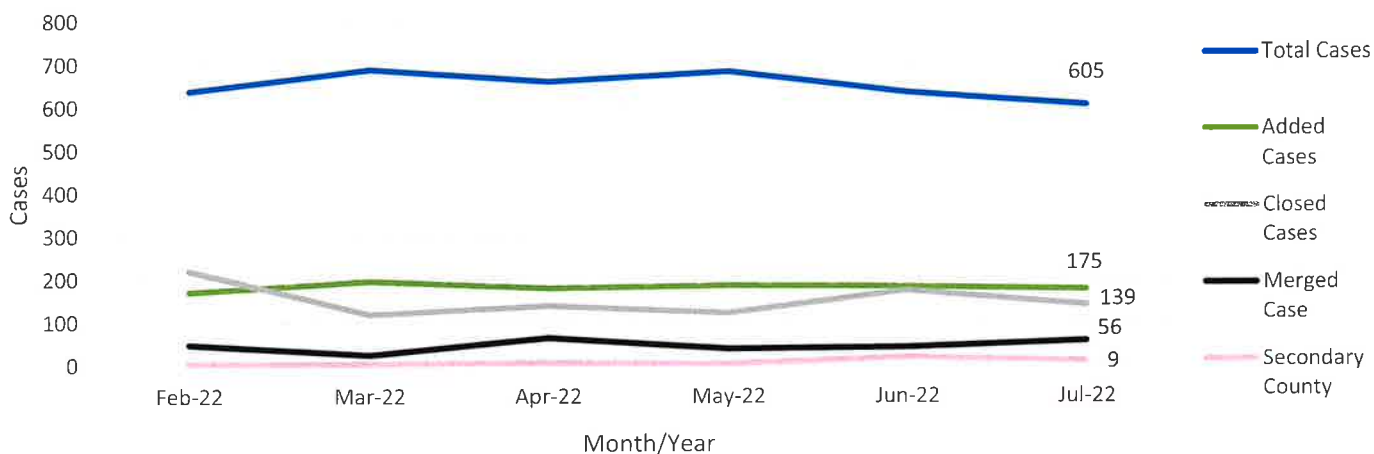


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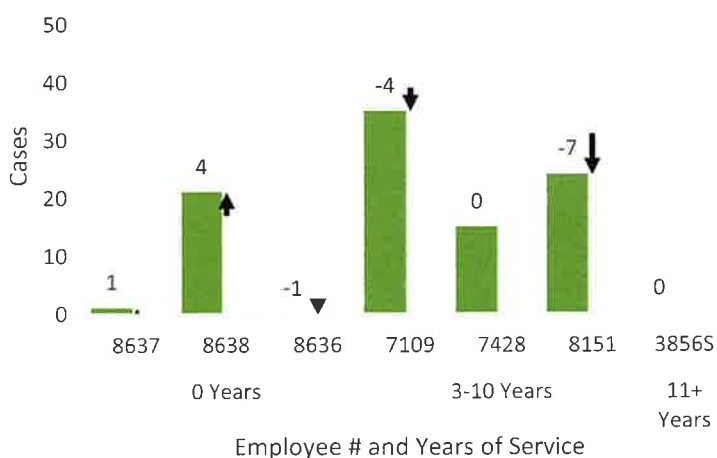
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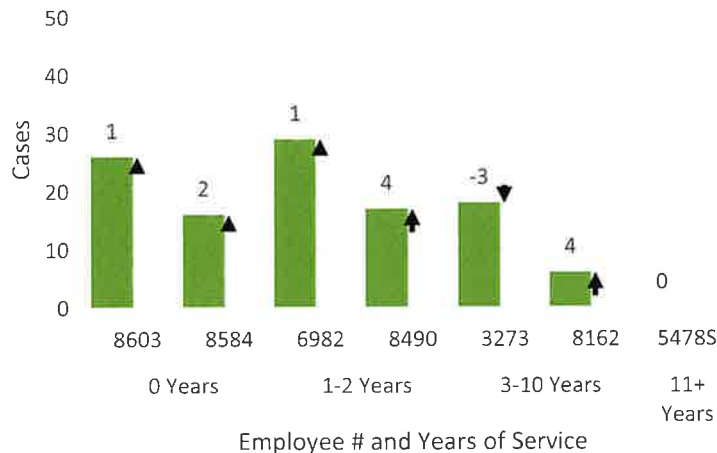
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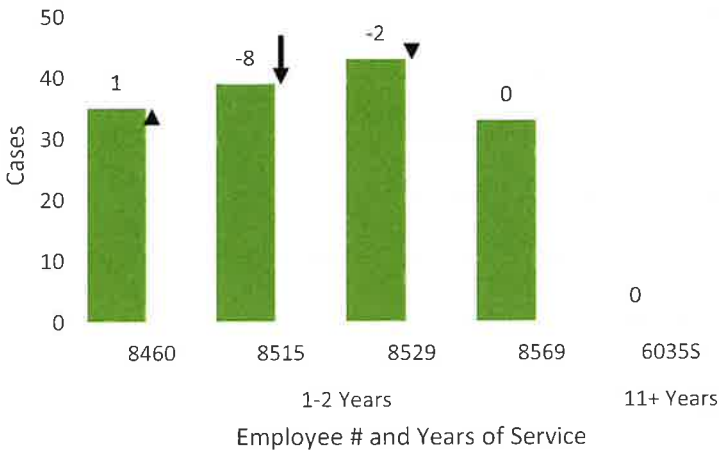
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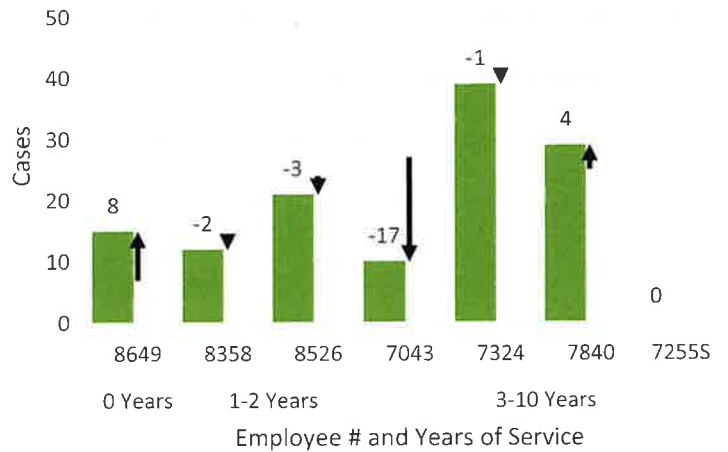
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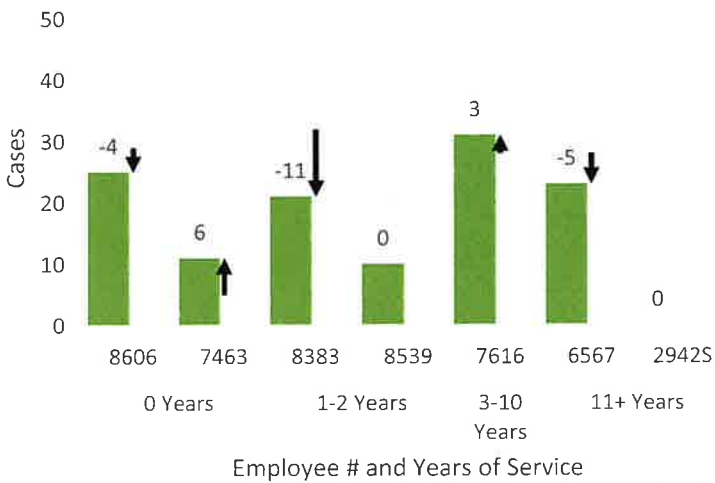
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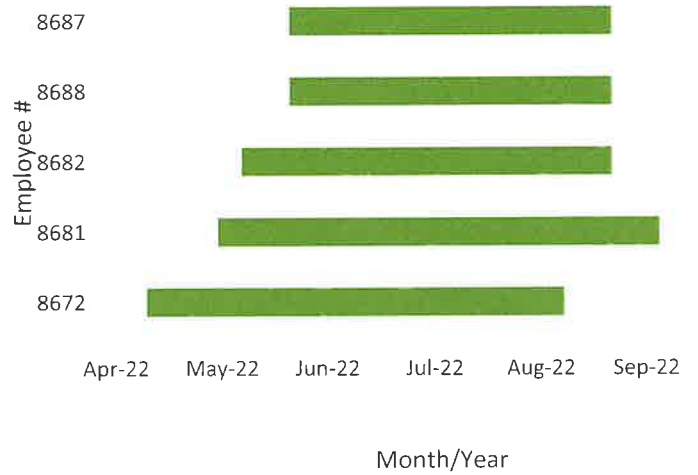
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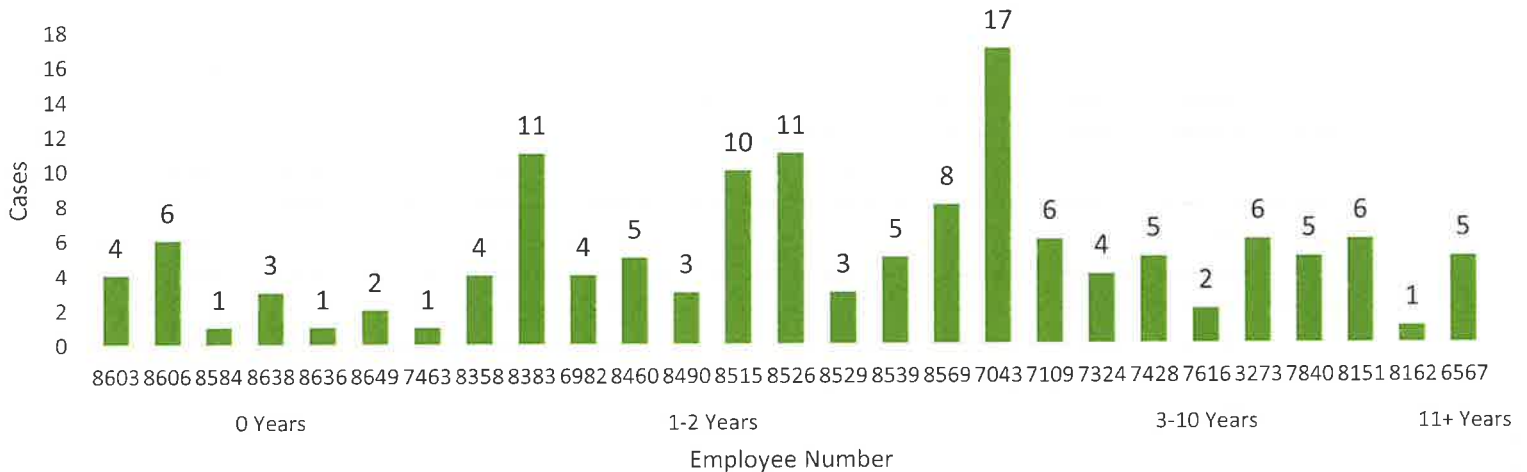
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Trainee Period

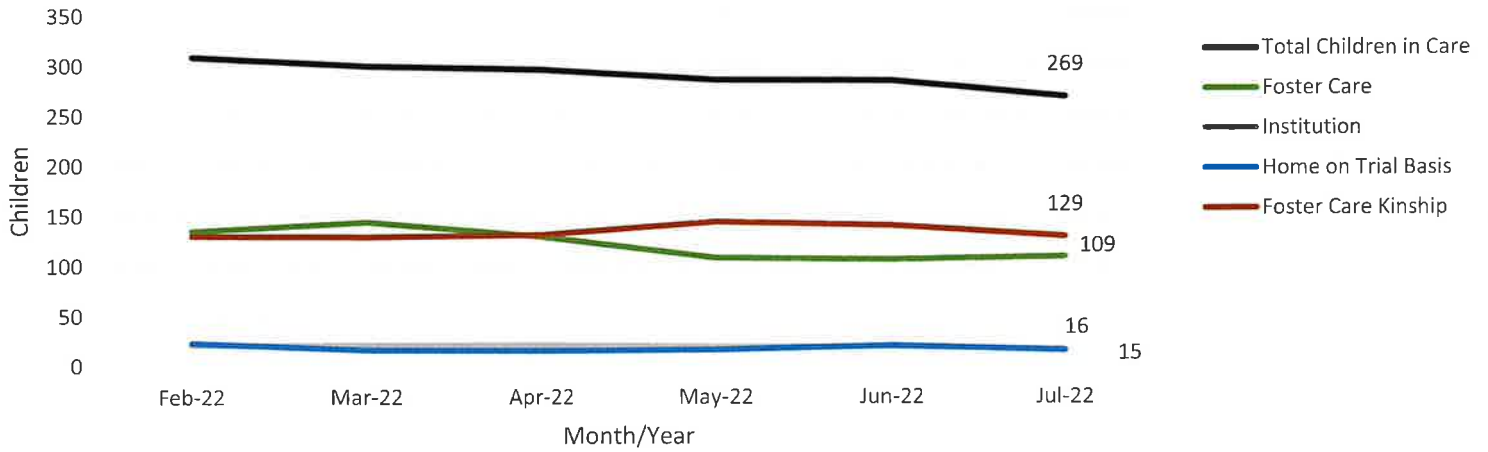


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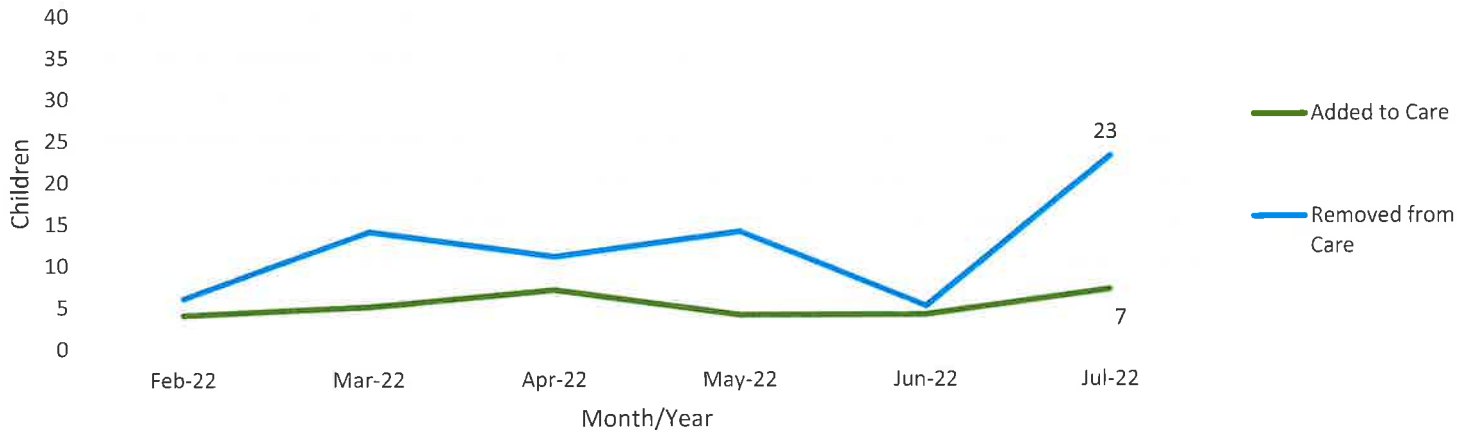


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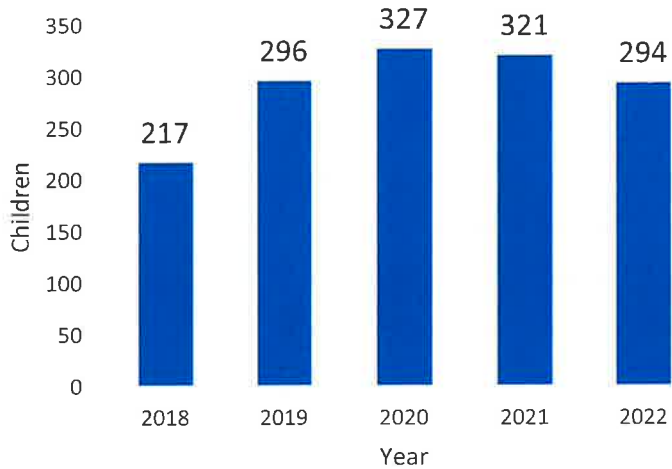
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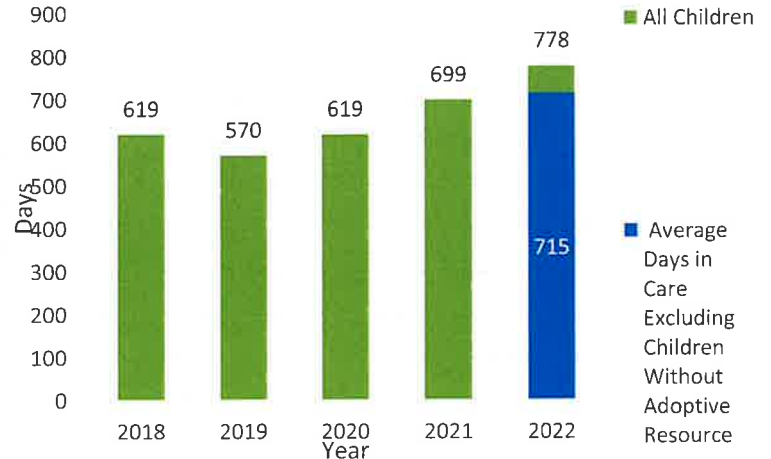
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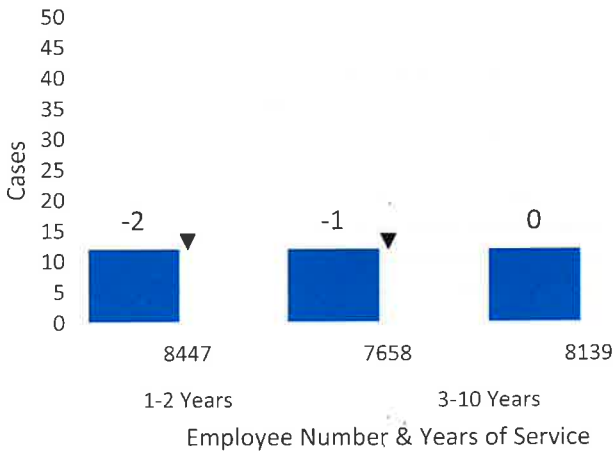
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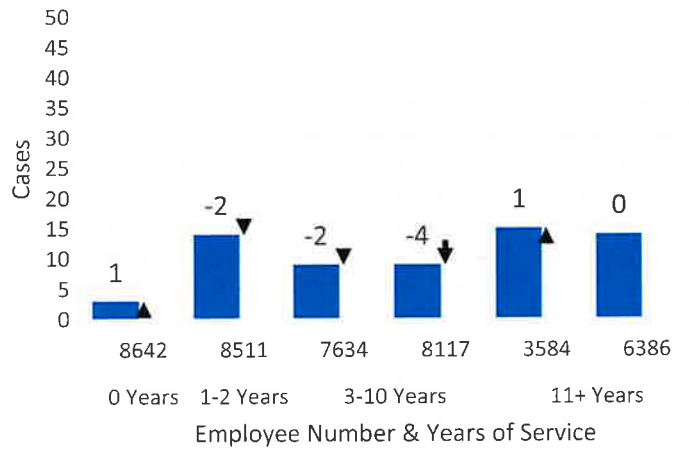
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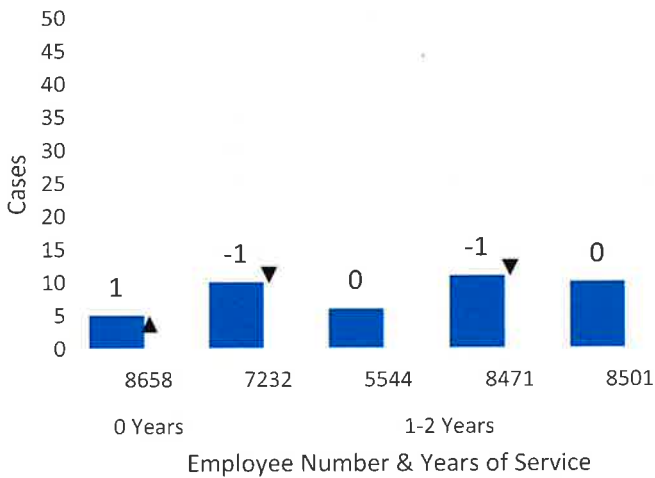
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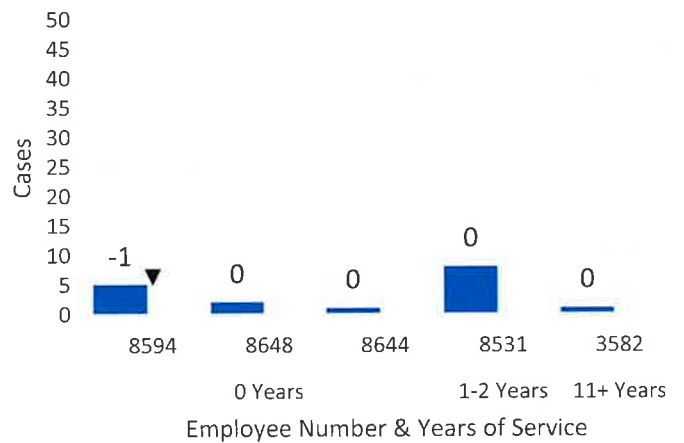
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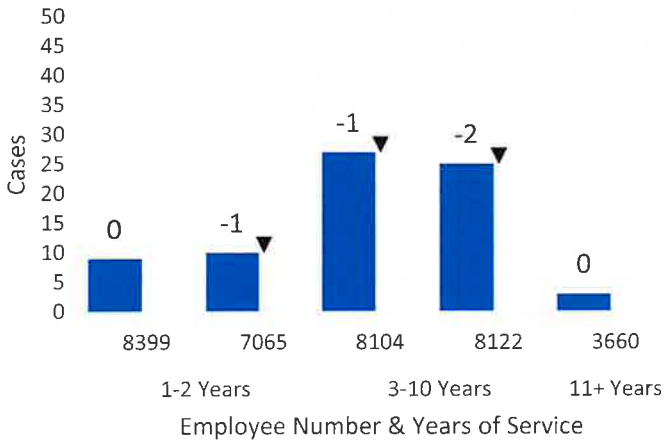
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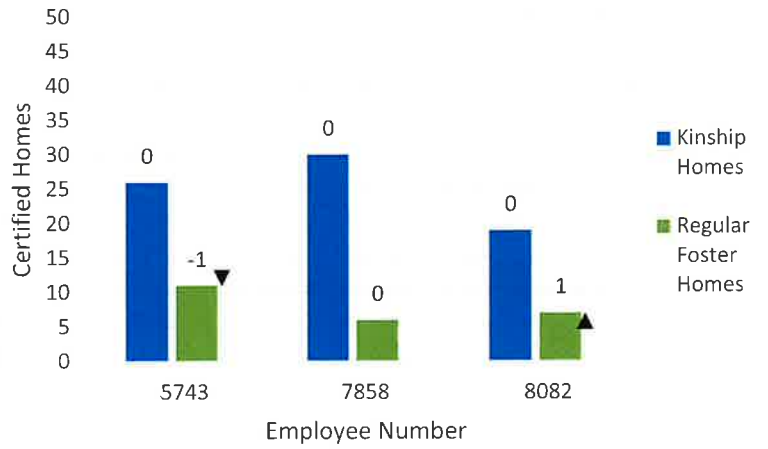
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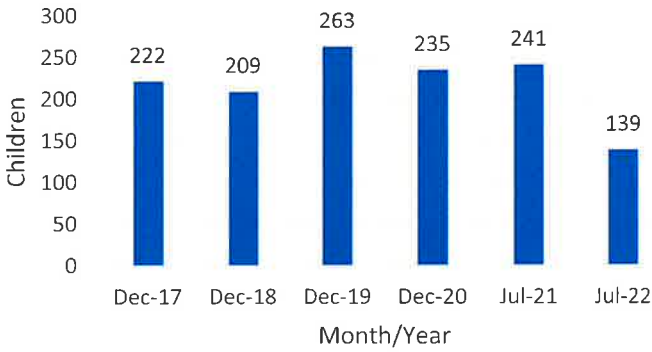
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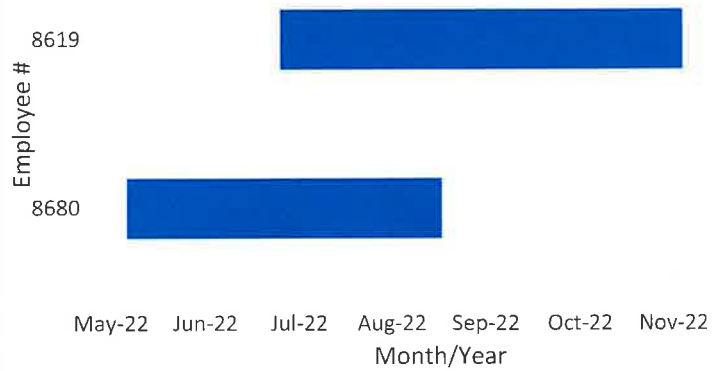
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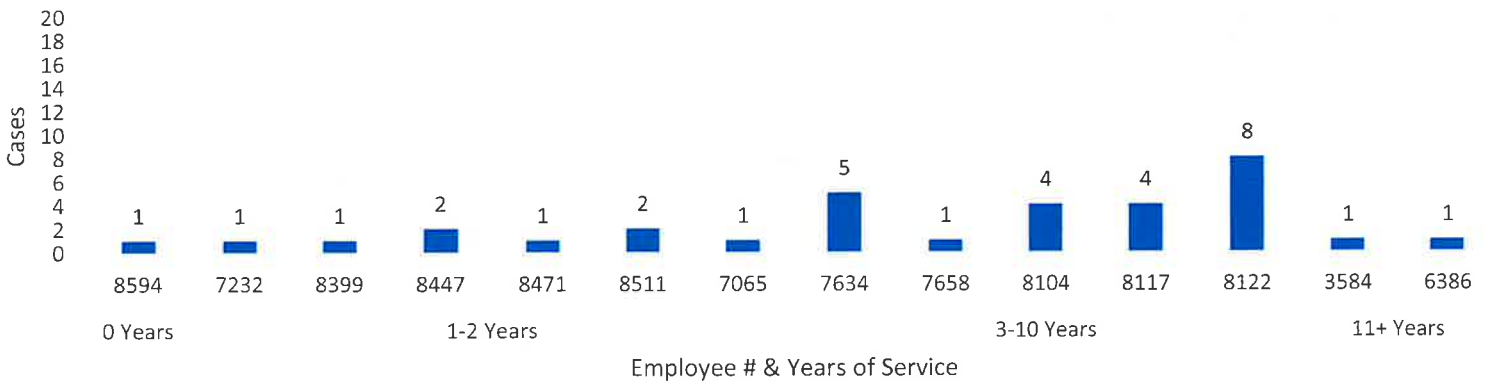


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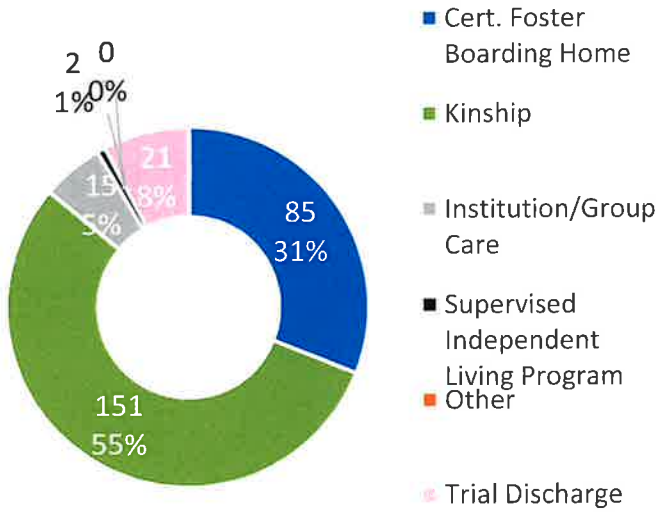
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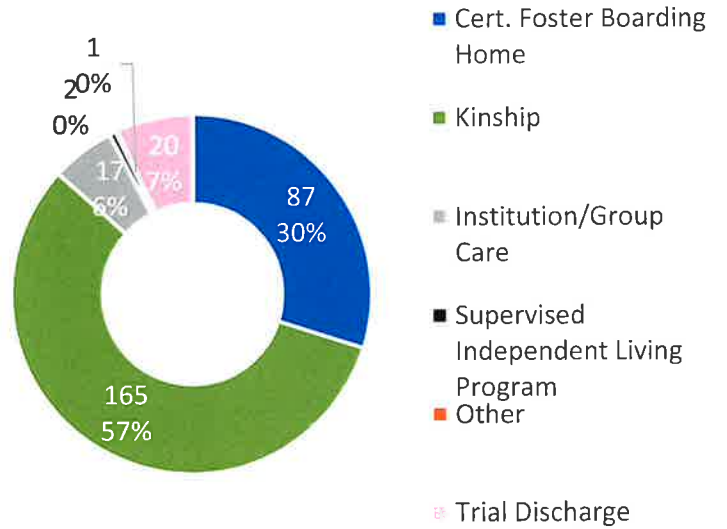
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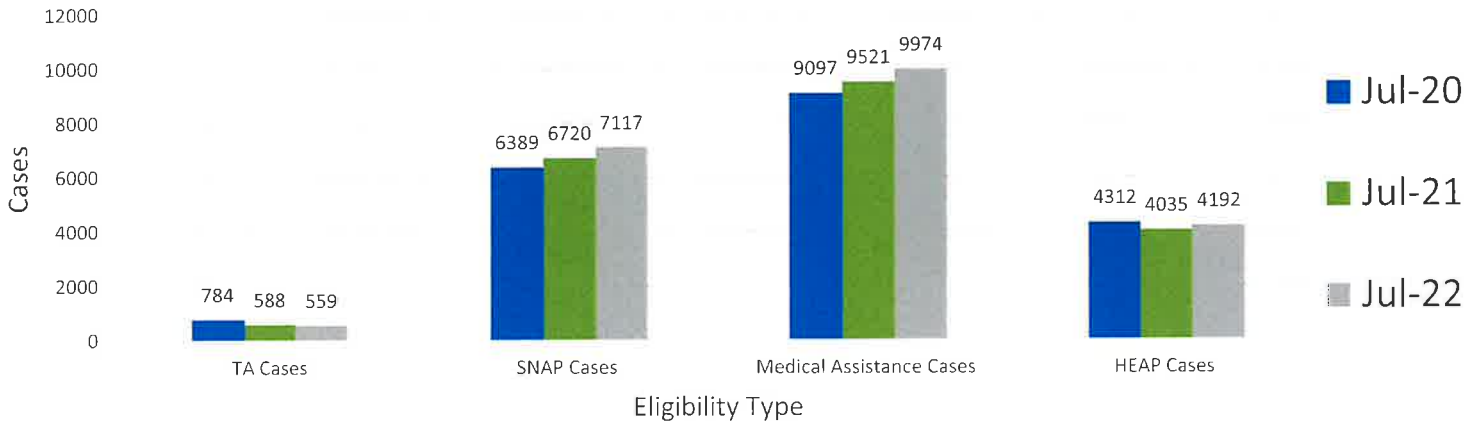


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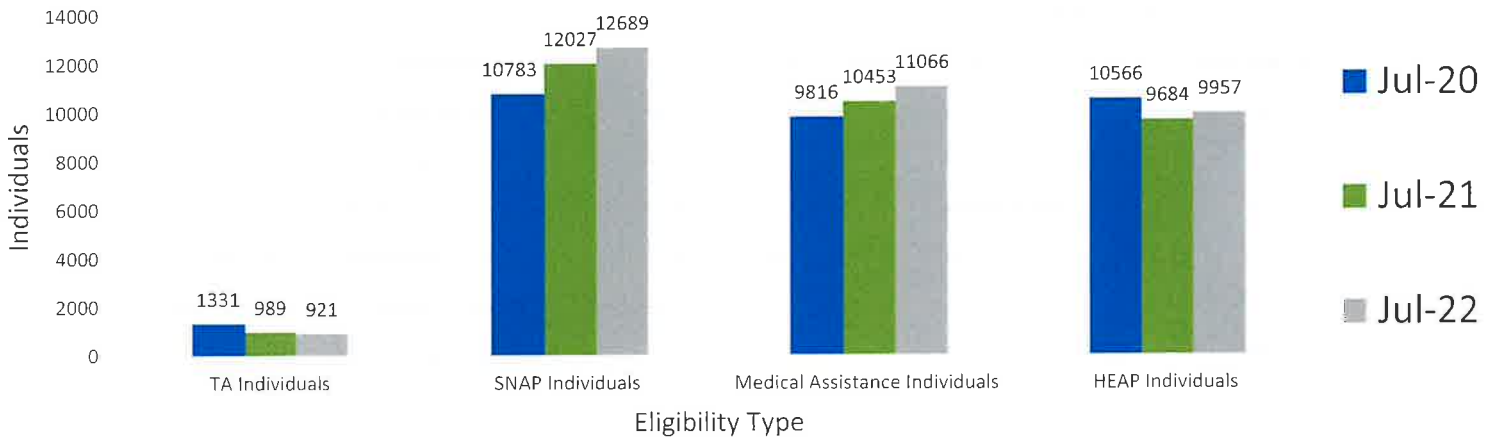


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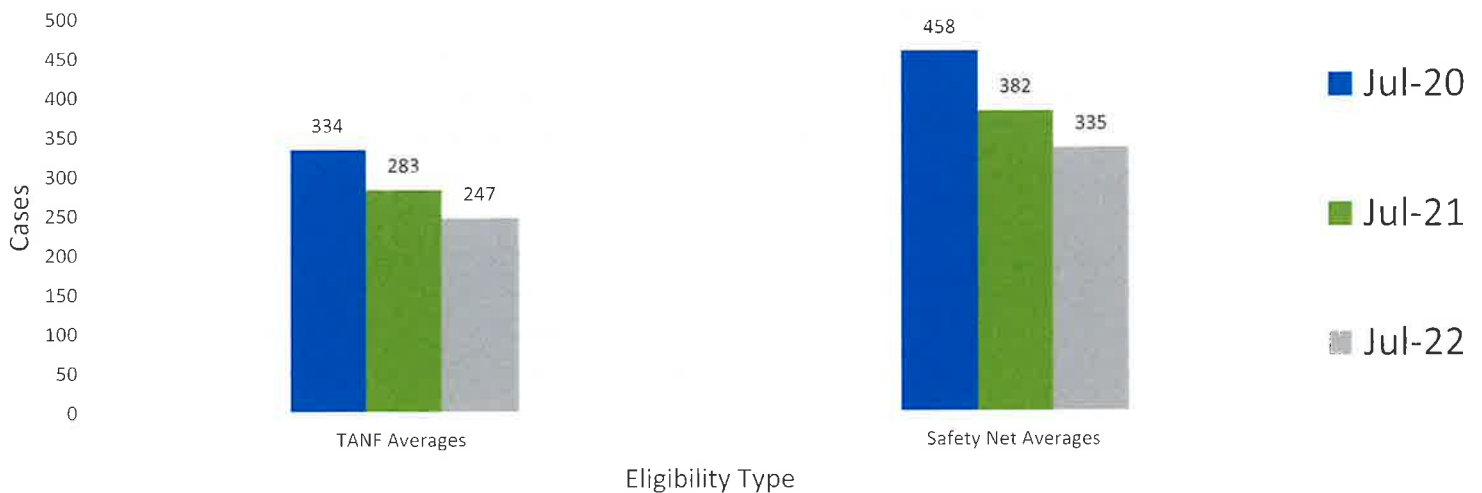
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September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 365-f and 367-p (c) of the Social Services Law, St. Lawrence County and the Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. seek to provide options to Medicaid recipients in St. Lawrence County who want to participate in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. would like to continue to provide services for the Department of Social Services using a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the effective dates of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Social Services and the Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. will be January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Medical Assistance Payments for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program will be made at rates approved and set by the New York State Department of Health, and the payments will pass directly from the State to the Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. for the provision of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program in the Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SETTING BUSINESS HOURS FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP) CLINIC

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services established and opened an Opioid Treatment Clinic on July 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS, NYCRR Title 14 “Department of Mental Hygiene” Chapter XXI “Office of Alcoholism and Substance abuse Service” Part 822 “General Service Standards for Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Programs” requires the OTP Clinic to be open at least six (6) days per week and provide flexible dosing hours that meet patient needs to provide access for patients with varying schedules for visits and medication dispensing, and

WHEREAS, the Department hours proposed would be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Lawrence County and would meet regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators sets the business hours for the St. Lawrence County the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic, as follows:

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic Hours

Monday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday:	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that business hours are subject to change if determined it would be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Lawrence County.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (SAPT) BLOCK GRANT
COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM FUNDS
AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant Program annually provides funds to states and territories to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and promote public health, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant is managed by OASAS in New York State and is to be used for developing a new Opioid Treatment Programs that is to be integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Services, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Community Services will use SAPT Funds for the integration of the Canton Addiction Services 822 Outpatient Clinic with the creation of an Opioid Treatment Program with the primary purpose of expanding Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) access, including MOUD, to the underserved individuals in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, this one-time only funding of \$250,000, including \$5,909 in indirect cost, is for the infrastructure and integration of the Canton Addiction Services and OTP Clinics to utilize during the award period of July 22, 2022 and March 14, 2023, and \$75,000 will be used for renovations including paint, flooring, reception windows, exam room modifications, and emergency lighting; \$22,270 will be used for medical and office needs including purchasing a perpetual Adobe software license, battery backup for the OTP computer, toxicology tests, artwork, training for staff, shelving, cabinets, lockboxes for client medications; \$90,000 will be used toward the purchase of a back-up generator; \$17,800 for the purchase of an echocardiogram (EKG) machine, a defibrillator, enhanced security equipment; and \$39,021 will be used on staffing for the Clinics, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 184-2022 authorized updates to facilities utilizing DSRIP Funds and contingency, upon receipt of the funds provided through SAPT Block Grant, these funds will be used instead for the project,

September 12, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000 SP	A SAPT Direct Service Worker	\$25,000
A1Z42502 21000 SP	A SAPT Furnishings	165,000
A1Z42502 25000 SP	A SAPT Tech Equipment	7,800
A1Z42504 41102 SP	A SAPT Educational Workshops	6,000
A1Z42504 42000 SP	A SAPT Office Supplies and Expenses	11,170
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A1Z42508 81000 SP	Retirement	3,150
A1Z42508 83000 SP	Social Security	1,720
A1Z42508 84000 SP	Workmen Compensation	631
A1Z42508 84500 SP	Group Life Insurance	46
A1Z42508 86000 SP	Hospital & Medical Insurance	8,095
A1Z42508 86500 SP	A Dental Insurance	279
A1Z42508 89000 SP	Vision Insurance	<u>100</u>
		\$244,091

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000	A SAPT SP Block Grant Integration	\$244,091
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN TWO CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE 2022-2023 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

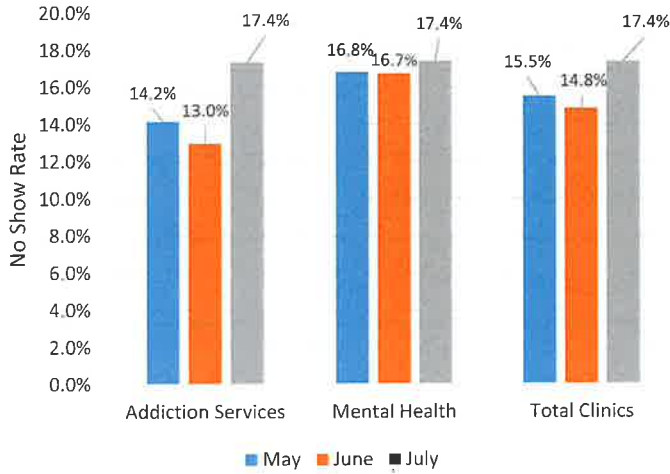
WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$84,876, with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$10,520 for a total budget of \$95,396, and

WHEREAS, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 (A7233895 56000),

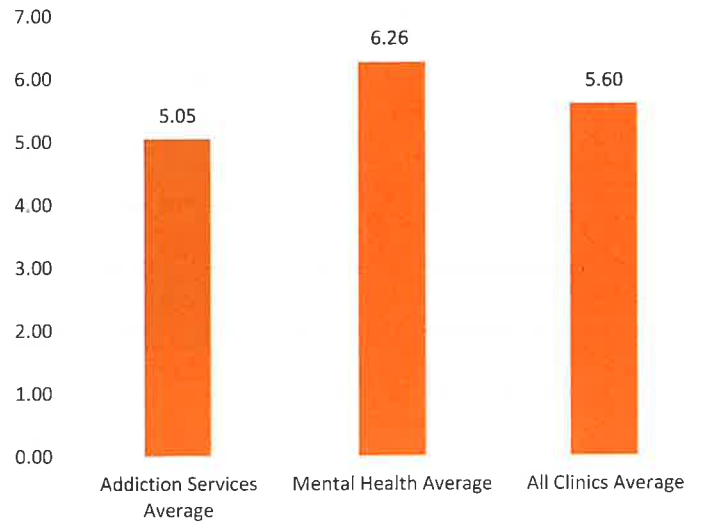
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign two contracts with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to accept the 2022-2023 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the grants and the services associated with it, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Community Services Update July 2022

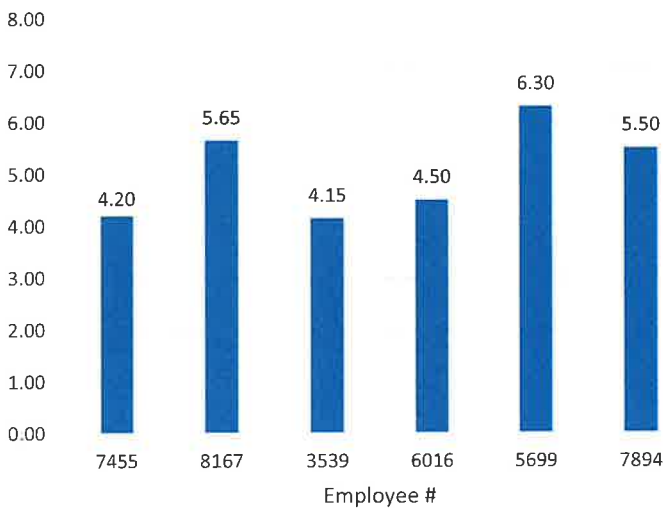
No Show Rates By Month (23.3% Before Call Reminders)



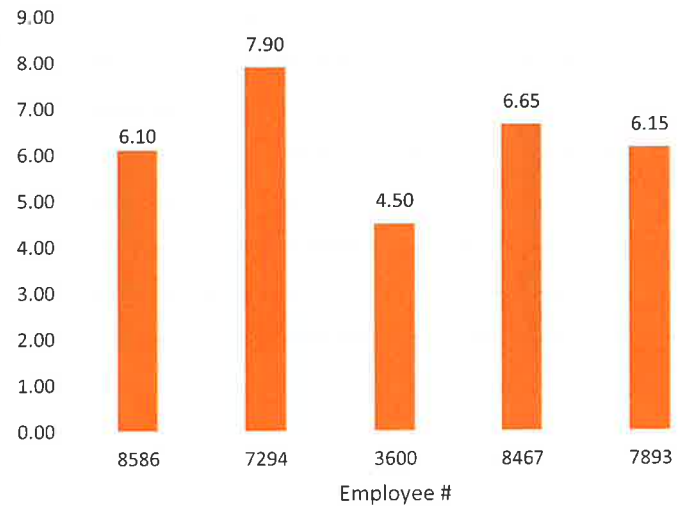
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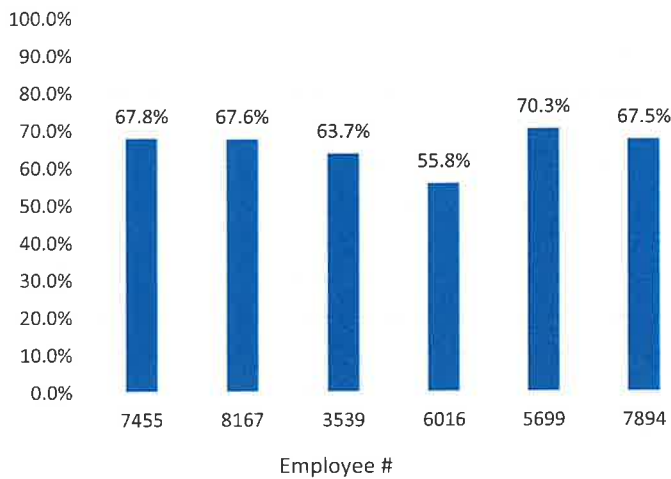
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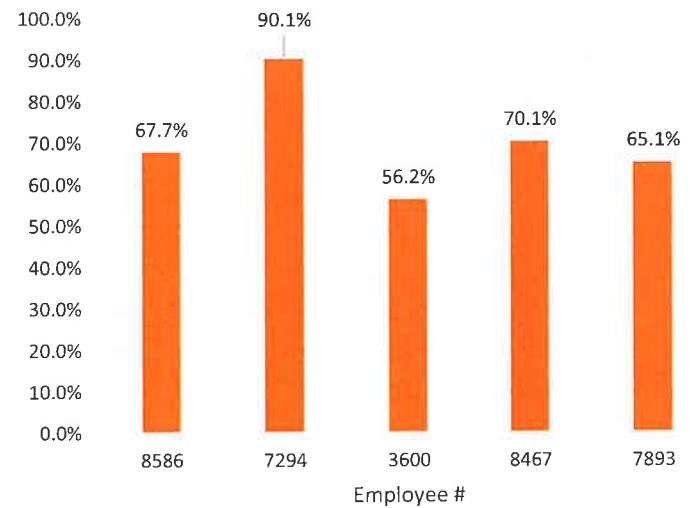
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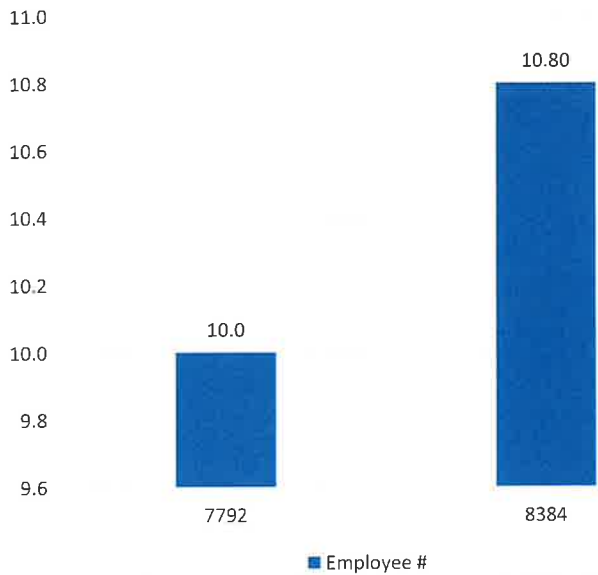
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Mental Health Weighted Face to Face %

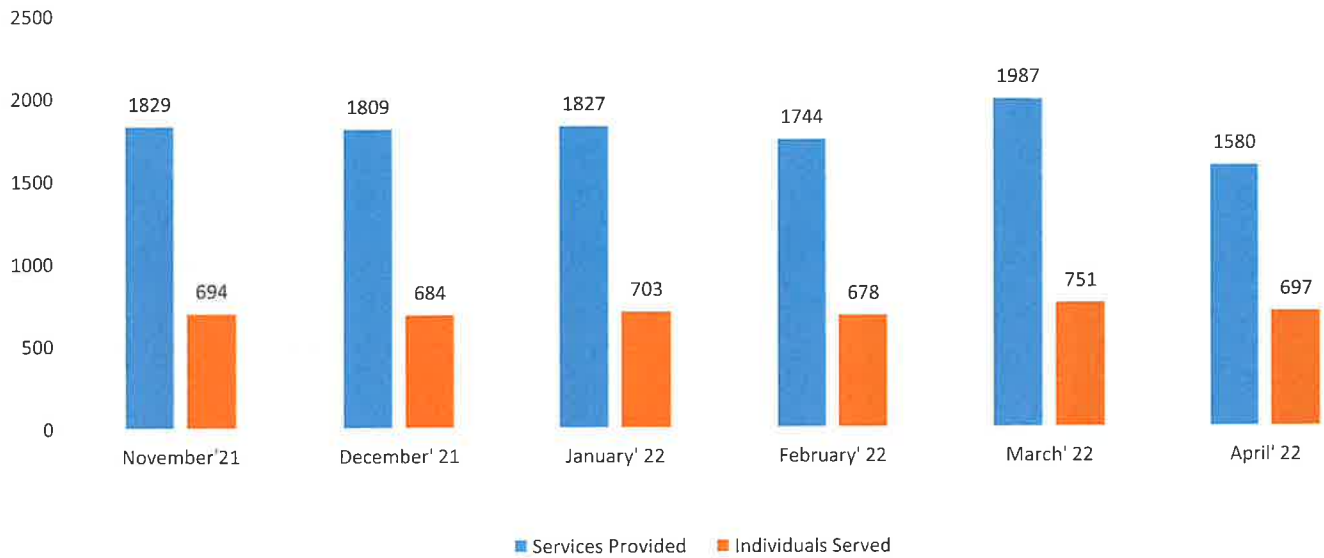


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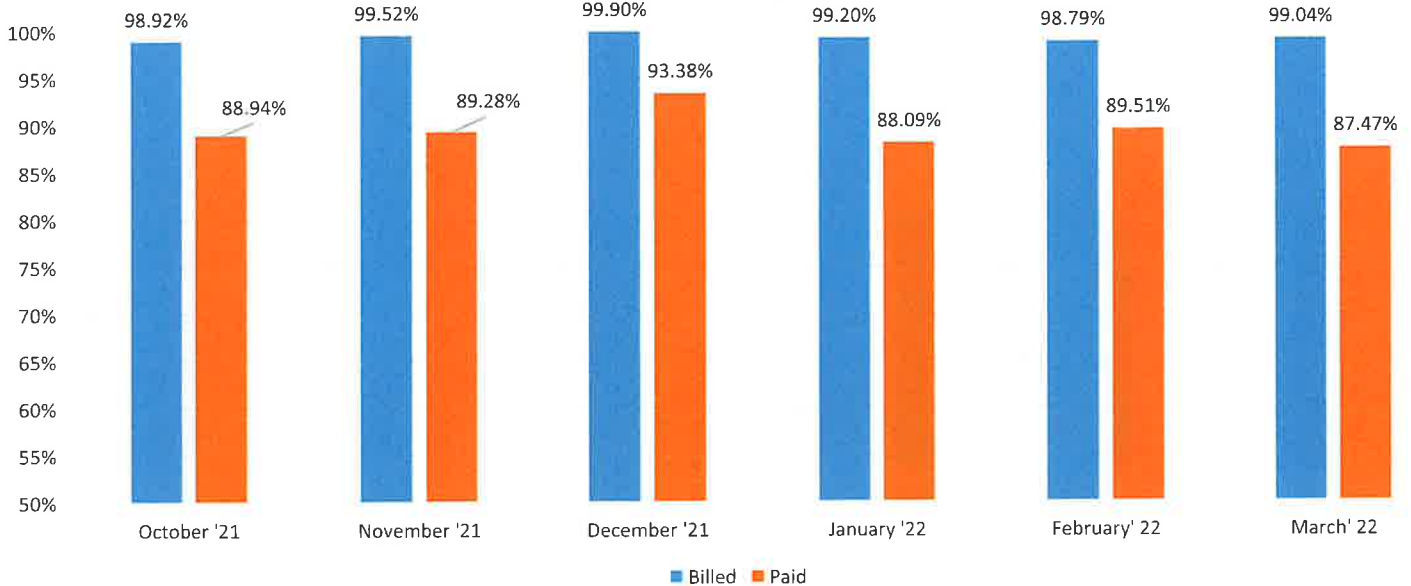


Waiting Lists	Number
Canton CD	2
Gouverneur CD	0
Massena CD	0
Ogdensburg CD	1
Addiction Services Total	3
Mental Health Total	24

Services Provided - All Clinics



Billed/Paid Percentages - All Clinics



September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS FOR THE OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) (9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023) which is part of the Emergency Preparedness Program, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 242-2021 authorized accepting \$72,000 in funding from the New York State Department of Health to address the opioid epidemic in the community (PPZ44895 57000 OP), and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for interventions, to increase access to Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips for community members at high-risk of experiencing an overdose, to provide education on substance use, overdose prevention, stigma, and mental health, and

WHEREAS, harm reduction kits containing supplies to prevent and reverse overdose will include Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, CPR masks, gloves, and educational materials will be available to individuals utilizing treatment and recovery services throughout St. Lawrence County, including inmates upon release from the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, training will be provided to the St. Lawrence County Jail staff regarding harm reduction, the importance of the use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and to reduce stigma regarding treatment to increase compassion and care within the facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with contractors, subcontractors and consultants for the Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL ALLIANCE FOR VMSG DASHBOARD
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is pursuing national accreditation, and

WHEREAS, accreditation assists a department in identifying their strengths and weaknesses, strengthens quality improvement and performance management processes, builds confidence of the public in public health departments, improves staff competencies, increases ability to identify gaps in employee training and workforce development, and bolsters financial status, and improved utilization of resources, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredits public health departments to strengthen public health infrastructure and transform governmental public health based on ten (10) domains, and

WHEREAS, PHAB Domain 9 includes two standards: Standard 9.1: Use a performance management system to monitor achievement of organizational objectives and standard 9.2: Develop and implement quality improvement processes integrated into organizational practice, programs, processes, and interventions, and

WHEREAS, the Knowledge Capital Alliance VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System is in use by health departments across the United States in their pursuit of PHAB Accreditation and Reaccreditation and/or providing optimal service levels to their communities, and

WHEREAS, the VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System is continuously updated to meet and exceed PHAB requirements and standards for public health accreditation, as well as providing a high level of automation to the accreditation process, and

WHEREAS, Knowledge Capital Alliance quotes the VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System license for twenty-five (25) users to be \$2,500 annually (PP040104 42004),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Knowledge Capital Alliance for VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL TO CRAFT A FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS THE DIFFERING CLIMATE ZONES AND WEALTH IN THE STATE AND THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO REDUCE OR BAN ANY ENERGY SOURCES UNTIL RELIABLE ENERGY SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN SAFE AND AFFORDABLE ARE IN PLACE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the NYS Climate Action Council recently completed a public hearing process to gather comments on a draft scoping plan that sets a path forward for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in New York State, and

WHEREAS, that process showed there is considerable concern around the State regarding the impact the goal of full electrification will have on the ability to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to State residents, and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Council currently has a subgroup developing guidelines for consideration by the Council on the use of fuels such as hydrogen, renewable natural gas, and other biofuels, such as renewable diesel and renewable jet fuel, to meet the Climate Act emission limits, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has the resources necessary to generate alternative fuels such as renewable natural gas and green hydrogen that could benefit the economy of the region and provide residents with safe, reliable, and locally-produced thermal energy sources rather than shipping renewable power generated locally out of the region, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 812 million pounds of milk in 2020, ranking the County fourth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Maryland, and according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, 253 dairy farms operate in the County, the second highest number of farm operations in the Marketing Area, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers, milk processors, and support industries make significant contributions to the economy of the region, and farmers in St. Lawrence County are facing increasing pressures related to inflation, commodity prices and additional regulations, and

WHEREAS, a number of St. Lawrence County businesses and agribusinesses are now working with developers and the SLC Industrial Development Agency to generate renewable natural gas that could drive down greenhouse gas emissions related to thermal heating supply sources, and will assist in addressing environmental issues on the farms along with producing a new revenue stream for agriculture producers, and

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WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the coldest climate zone in New York State and residents could face serious consequences if the State takes actions that lead to a less reliable energy grid during winter months when it is common for temperatures to drop below zero, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has a poverty rate higher than the national and state averages meaning rising energy costs have had a significant negative impact on low and middle-income residents living in the County, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 American Community Survey revealed thirty-six percent (36%) of St. Lawrence County residents heat their homes with utility gas, twenty-eight percent (28%) with fuel oil or kerosene, fourteen percent (14%) with wood, nine percent (9%) percent with LP gas, and just eleven percent (11%) with electric, and

WHEREAS, a study conducted for the National Home Builders Association said the cost of retrofitting a home currently heated by natural gas to transition it to electrification with a climate such as that in St. Lawrence County would likely cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000, a cost that represents twenty percent (20%) to thirty percent (30%) of the value of nearly half of the housing units in the County creating a heavy financial burden on St. Lawrence County homeowners, and

WHEREAS, any mandates recommended by the New York State Climate Action Council that require full electrification or reduced heating options available to St. Lawrence County will have a negative impact on the ability of St. Lawrence County residents to heat their homes with safe, reliable, and affordable energy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the New York State Climate Action Council to craft a final scoping document that reflects the differing climate zones and wealth in the State and that no action be taken to reduce or ban any energy sources until reliable energy sources that have been proven safe and affordable are in place, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Climate Action Council take action to make alternative fuels such as RNG and green hydrogen part of the effort of New York State to reach its de-carbonization targets and encourage the State Legislature to amend the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to reflect the role these alternative fuels can play in meeting the climate action goals of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Mark Walczyk; Doreen Harris, Co-Chair Climate Action Council Member; and Basil Seggos, Co-Chair Climate Action Council Member.

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Public Health



Type: Abolish & Create

Senior Account Clerk

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: July 29, 2022

Reason Vacated: Promotion

Position Number: 100200043

Date Vacated: August 1, 2022

Position # Abolished: 100400008

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: January 14, 2022

Hours Per Week: 35

Appointee Will Be: Provisional

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$38,896

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes (56.08%) \$21,813

Reimbursed by Local, State or Federal Funds: Yes 36 %

Base Salary: \$40,244

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 19

Net County Cost: \$38,854

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

This position will be responsible for obtaining necessary documentation from school districts and provider agencies and entering this information into the McGuinness software program, reviewing and processing invoices received for reimbursement from the Preschool Special Education Program through the county's financial program. The Preschool School Special Education Program is our largest fiscal program and the complexity has increased as we have started contracting with multiple school districts, First Student and parent travel. This position will also take on additional responsibilities associated with the increase of state aid and grant reporting.

Abolish Account Clerk Typist #100400008 and Create Senior Account Clerk #100200043.

Department Head: *Jolene Munger*

Approved?
Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Social Services



Type: Fill

Homemaker

Subunit (If Applicable): Children's Services

Date Submitted: 7/26/2022

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Position Number: 805000002

Date Vacated: 8/5/2022

Position # Abolished:

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: 12/31/2019

Hours Per Week: 35

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$38,896

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes \$21,813

Reimbursed by State or Federal Funds: Yes 72 %

Base Salary: \$37,617

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 17

Net County Cost: \$17,181

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

This position is needed to supervise family visitation. Due to a dramatic increase in the number of foster homes certified by the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services, assistance is needed to supervise families with the goal of reunification. In December 2016, 37 children were placed in DSS foster homes. As of July 15, 2022, 130 children were placed in DSS foster homes. Currently, one Grade B Supervisor manages 5 part time volunteers, and 2 full time staff to supervise visitation for 130 children and 87 parents. As of July 10, 2022, a total of 210 hours is needed per week (6 full time positions). This does not include time off, training, and the time needed to complete visitation reports. Advertising for additional volunteers has not been successful and there are families that are not receiving visitation as required by State regulations and in many cases ordered by the Family Court, due to a lack of volunteers. Caseworkers and Caseworker Assistants assist when possible, however, they have other essential tasks that require immediate attention. Without this essential position, families will continue to receive inadequate visitation, resulting in slowed permanency for children and in some case children remaining in foster care longer than necessary.

Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Social Services



Type: Abolish & Create

Homemaker

Subunit (If Applicable): Children's Services

Date Submitted: 7/26/2022

Reason Vacated: New Position

Position Number: 805000006

Date Vacated: N/A

Position # Abolished: 815000063

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: N/A

Hours Per Week: 35

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$48,403

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes \$27,144

Reimbursed by State or Federal Funds: Yes 72 %

Base Salary: \$37,617

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 17

Net County Cost: \$21,380

Detailed Justification

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Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

September 12, 2022

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (TABLED)

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO END THE WAIT LIST FOR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS AND REQUIRING SAME DAY SERVICES BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDICTION OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHEN A REQUEST IS RECEIVED

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the need for timely evaluation and treatment of mental health and addiction services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the importance of ensuring that access to care is available for any individual who would like to receive care is of critical importance to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, current staffing levels for clinicians in the behavioral health environment create additional challenges for providing immediate access to services, the County Mental Health and Addiction Services are recruiting for four (4) clinical positions currently vacant, and

WHEREAS, the network of care in the County is a complex environment that will require adaptation to meet the requirements set forth in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a new approach will be taken when a call or request comes in for services, if County Clinics cannot provide a same day appointment with a behavioral health clinician, the Board of Legislators would like to ensure that access to care is made available immediately to the individual requesting assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the efforts of Community Services to end the wait list for clinic appointments and requires same day services be available for addiction or mental health services when a request is received, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of this resolution is intended to ensure that going forward when a patient calls Community Services seeking treatment for mental health or an addiction, that access to a same day appointment will be provided or sought from an organization who can competently assist them, it will always remain patient choice for following through with the appointment.