FAUQUIER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2017-18
Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Social Services is to help people overcome adversity and to secure strong futures for themselves, their families and communities. Our purpose is to assist families in maintaining or achieving self-sufficiency, protect vulnerable adults and children from abuse and neglect, provide benefits to meet basic needs and cooperate with other organizations in promoting the general welfare of the citizens of Fauquier County.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES

ADOPTION

Provided adoption services to natural parents, children in need of adoption and to couples seeking adoption.

- 6 children adopted

FOSTER CARE AND PERMANENCY PLANNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Provided temporary placement of a child outside the home.

- An average of 40 children received foster care services monthly
- 22 children entered foster care
- 9 children returned to the care of relatives or parents
- 15 children in foster care, ages 14-21, received independent living services
- 38 families received services in their homes to stabilize the family

PROTECTIVE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Investigated reports of child abuse or neglect.

- 216 valid reports and referrals were received
- 173 family assessments were conducted
- 43 reports of child abuse and neglect were investigated
- 18 (42%) confirmed investigations of child abuse and neglect
- An average of 21 families received services to prevent abuse or neglect each month

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIVE TRAINING AND APPROVALS

Provided opportunities for families to serve as agency resource (foster/adoptive) families.

- 16 new resource families were trained and approved
SERVICES TO ELDERLY AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

ADULT SERVICES
Provided and funded services for the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and their families to ensure protection and maintain community based living and access to healthcare.

- An average of 231 adults received services each month

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
Investigated reports of adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.

- 366 reports received and investigated
- 226 (62%) of those were assessed as needing protective services
- 204 (90%) adults in need received protective service

GUARDIANSHIP / ADULT ALTERNATIVE CARE SERVICES
Monitored reports by guardians of incapacitated adults who need a surrogate decision-maker. Provided placement assistance and case management.

- Approximately 98 guardianships monitored for the year
- A monthly average of 16 adults received Auxiliary Grant payments
- $90,343 in Auxiliary Grant payments
- 2 clients in adult foster care homes
- 122 adults screened and assessed for long term care under Medicaid

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES
Helped victims of domestic violence improve their safety through emergency intervention and ongoing support services and advocacy.

- Provided advocacy assistance for 436 individuals
- $401,345 in grant funds administered

IN-HOME SERVICES
Provided in-home services to assist adults in self-care and prevent abuse, neglect or institutionalization.

- An average of 26 adults served each month
- 7 approved companion providers
- $67,056 total expenditures for the year
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

DAYCARE FOR CHILDREN
Subsidized quality day care for children.
- **$475,903** total expenditures
- Provided funding for daycare for approximately **188** children (infant through school age)
- Provided child care services to an average of **99** children per month, with **100%** in licensed or regulated child care settings

THE WORK PLACE
Fauquier County’s Career Resource Center offers the community resources to perform job search activities. The Work Place partners with various community programs, such as Literacy Volunteers of Fauquier, to provide one-stop shopping for job and career needs.
- **1,475** Visits to the One Stop

BENEFIT PROGRAMS

- **8,889** Fauquier county residents received SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, or Child Care benefits during the 2018 state fiscal year.

MEDICAID
Paid medical care for low-income children, elderly or disabled individuals.
- **$51,130,752** total expenditures
- Average of **3,404** cases monthly
- Average of **5,893** individuals enrolled monthly
- **2,066** applications submitted for the year

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
Provided nutrition help for low-income families.
- Issued **$4,077,487** in SNAP benefits
- Average of **1,448** households served monthly
- Average of **2,892** individuals enrolled monthly
- Received **1,277** applications for the year

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)
Provided TANF financial assistance to families with children in need.
- **$312,470** total expenditures
- Average of **79** families served each month
- **67** applications approved
- Processed **252** applications
GENERAL RELIEF (GR)

Provided financial assistance to individuals who are not eligible for TANF or SSI.

- $30,809 annual expenditures in General Relief
- Processed 171 applications for the year

ENERGY / CRISIS / COOLING ASSISTANCE

Provided heating subsidy for low income families and cooling help for health impaired individuals.

- Processed 453 fuel/crisis assistance applications
- Processed 358 cooling assistance applications
- $146,187 fuel/crisis/cooling state expenditures
- $86,155 distributed from Dominion Virginia Energy Share Program

FRAUD / ERROR REFERRALS AND COLLECTIONS

- 11 fraud/error investigations conducted
- 10 fraud/intentional and 1 error/non-intentional program violations determined
- $7,179 in new overpayments established
- $8,669 collected on open claims

CHILDREN’S SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (CSA)

ASSESSMENTS

Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) assessed the strengths and needs of individual youth and families to identify services to be provided.

- 254 children and families assessed and served

CASE MANAGEMENT

- 81 cases managed by the Department of Social Services
- 74 cases managed by schools
- 3 cases managed by the Department of Juvenile Justice
- 10 cases managed by Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services

PURCHASE OF SERVICES

Purchased services in residential and community settings for high-risk youth and provided timely reimbursement for services delivered.

- Residential placement expenditures of $920,652
- Purchased $2,730,226 education day placements and wrap services for students with disabilities
- $110,005 therapeutic foster care expenditures
- $156,149 family foster care payments
- $432,830 community based services expenditures

ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCE

- $744,991 of potential CSA expenditures were funded by IV-E federal funding and administered through the Department of Social Services
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

- $12,000 contributed to Aging Together
- $406,166 to Birmingham Green Assisted Living and Northern Virginia Healthcare Center

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PROGRAM EXPENDITURES 2017-2018

Non-Departmental Expenditures

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