

Mendocino County Department of Social Services CEO Report

May 2025



I. Effective County Government

Department Procedures Released May 2025:

- DSS 25-02 Attendance, Punctuality, and Leaves

Social Services Budget Reductions FY 25-26

Social Services is doing more with less and has continued to decrease the number of employees and restructure. The department has deleted 44 vacant positions and, the Board of Supervisors have accepted 15 VSIP applications from Social Services employees. The department is budgeted for a total of 321 positions for FY 25/26 down from 420 budgeted for FY 24/25.

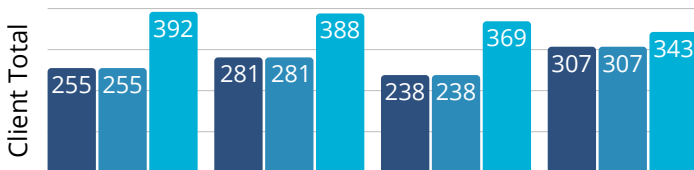
- 2000 Series Reductions - \$387,250
- 3000 Series Reductions - \$344,220
 - \$33,450 CSOC
 - \$32,000 Extraneous
 - \$326,900 Grants
- \$50,000 Probation
- \$78,000 MCYP
- \$250,000 BHRS (approx)
- 6% operating costs

The graphs below outline the number of clients, customers, and recipients by program for the years 2000 through 2023 showing a steady increase in those served.

In total, MCDSS has cut approximately \$1,501,820 in FY 25/26.

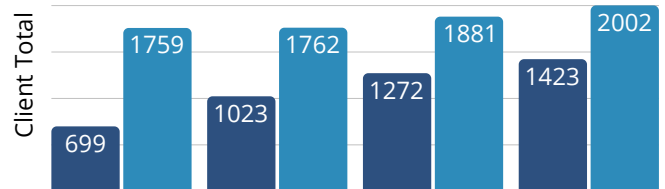
Family & Children's Services (FCS)

- Foster Care
- Court Dependent Children
- Aid to Adoption



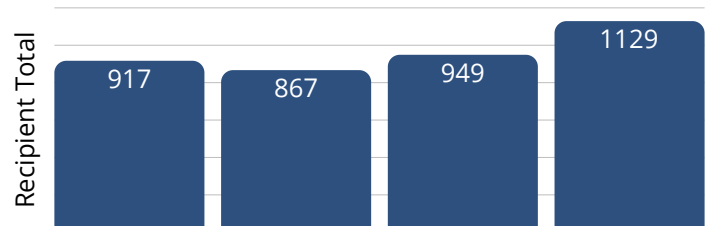
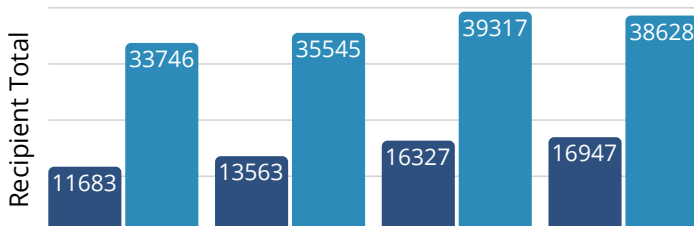
Adult & Aging Services (AAS)

- Reported Elder Abuse
- IHSS Caseload



Employment & Family Assistance Services (EFAS)

- CalFresh
- Medi-Cal
- Welfare to Work



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II. Safe & Healthy County



June is Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. WEAAD has continued to be recognized annually, with events happening throughout the world and in States, Counties, and Cities across America. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of elder persons and dependent adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic situations affecting elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

In California, and in Mendocino County, we have expanded the idea of WEAAD and dedicate the entire month of June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Research shows that one in ten elder or dependent adults are victims of abuse or neglect. It also shows abuse is severely underreported, with agencies receiving one report of abuse for nearly every twenty-four cases of abuse.

In 2024, Mendocino County Department of Social Services, Adult Protective Services (APS), received 1,593 reports of suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect, through various methods including our toll-free number 1-877-327-1799. Of the 1,593 reports received, 969 individuals required a full in-person response and investigation, with short-term case management to set up services and a safety net to prevent further harm. These reports were from all sectors and areas of the County. APS social workers respond to reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Educating the public about elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect means that more people will become aware of the issue in its many forms and provides a wider safety net for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

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KNOW ABUSE

REPORT ABUSE



Mendocino County Adult Protective Services

24-hour Hotline: 1-877-327-1799

Mendocino County Department of Social Services Monthly Data

Since June 2024, our new MCDSS Data Dashboard is reporting on multiple data points for Family & Children's Services, Adult & Aging Services, and Employment & Family Assistance Services.

You will find this report at

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/social-services>

