

Safe & Healthy County

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2023 Accomplishments

Adult & Aging Services

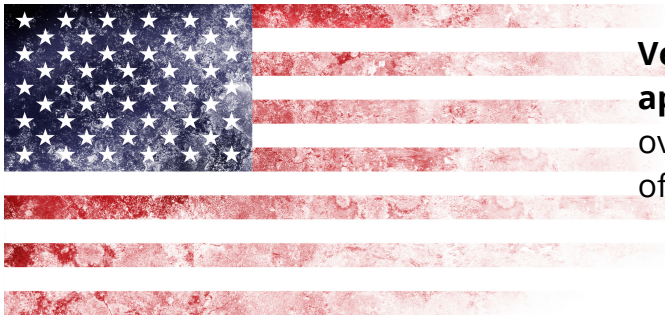
Adult & Aging Services (AAS) documented and screened for immediacy **1,409 reports of elder and/or dependent adult abuse or self-neglect**. The AAS division completed 919 investigations involving face to face client interviews, implemented service plans and supports, and closure for completed investigations.

33 vulnerable seniors and dependent adults retained or gained permanent housing through the Home Safe Program administered through Adult Protective Services (APS).

Public Authority (PA) staff conducted 160 in-person In-Home Support Services (IHSS) provider orientations serving **717 IHSS provider applicants**. This program assisted IHSS recipients by issuing more than 900 registry provider referrals.



The AAS Bridge Unit assisted **40 Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) clients** find housing and apply for Social Security Income (SSI).



Veterans Services completed over 1,000 new applications for earned benefits. The Vets team assisted over **1,500 walk-in clients** to both the Fort Bragg and Ukiah offices.

Employment & Family Assistance Services

Employment & Family Assistance Services (EFAS), in partnership with Mendocino County Sheriff Office and Probation, successfully implemented the Cal-AIM pre-release Medi-Cal application process. Through this collaboration, 18 justice-involved individuals received Medi-Cal enrollment assistance. This program continues to build into 2024.

With the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), a Medi-Cal focused unit was created to process redeterminations for the 40,064 Mendocino County residents receiving Medi-Cal benefits. This unit continues to process redeterminations as they are due.



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Family & Children's Services

Family & Children's Services (FCS) has approved **37 new Resource Families in 2023**. Approximately 73% of these are relatives to children in care, maintaining family connections and providing these children with a familiar support. **Entering into 2024, FCS has 45 potential Resource Families in the recruiting and application process.**

In partnership with the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, FCS developed and submitted our Family First Prevention Services Comprehensive Prevention Plan which has received approval from the California Department of Social Services.



FCS employees staffed a total of **124 nights of Transitional Care for 19 foster youth** who had no immediate foster care placement. All employees working these shifts have been Pro-ACT trained by our 6 in-house certified trainers.

Utilizing time-limited State General Fund Emergency Response enhancement funding, FCS implemented pay premiums for Emergency Response social workers and supervisors and increased after-hours standby pay to stabilize emergency response staffing levels. This funding was made available to counties in response to a state-wide shortage of Emergency Response social workers.

FCS implemented our dual jurisdiction protocol with Juvenile Probation and the Juvenile Court to jointly serve youth who are involved in both the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. The department continues to seek out new and innovative ways to collaborate with community partners to better serve our families and children.

All children need a safe, loving, nurturing, accepting, and consistent place to live where they can thrive. Fostering can be short-term, long-term or a support to give families a little time off. Can you help?



To learn more about becoming a Resource Parent in Mendocino County, please call (707) 467-5893 or visit our website at

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/social-services/children-s-services/foster-care>