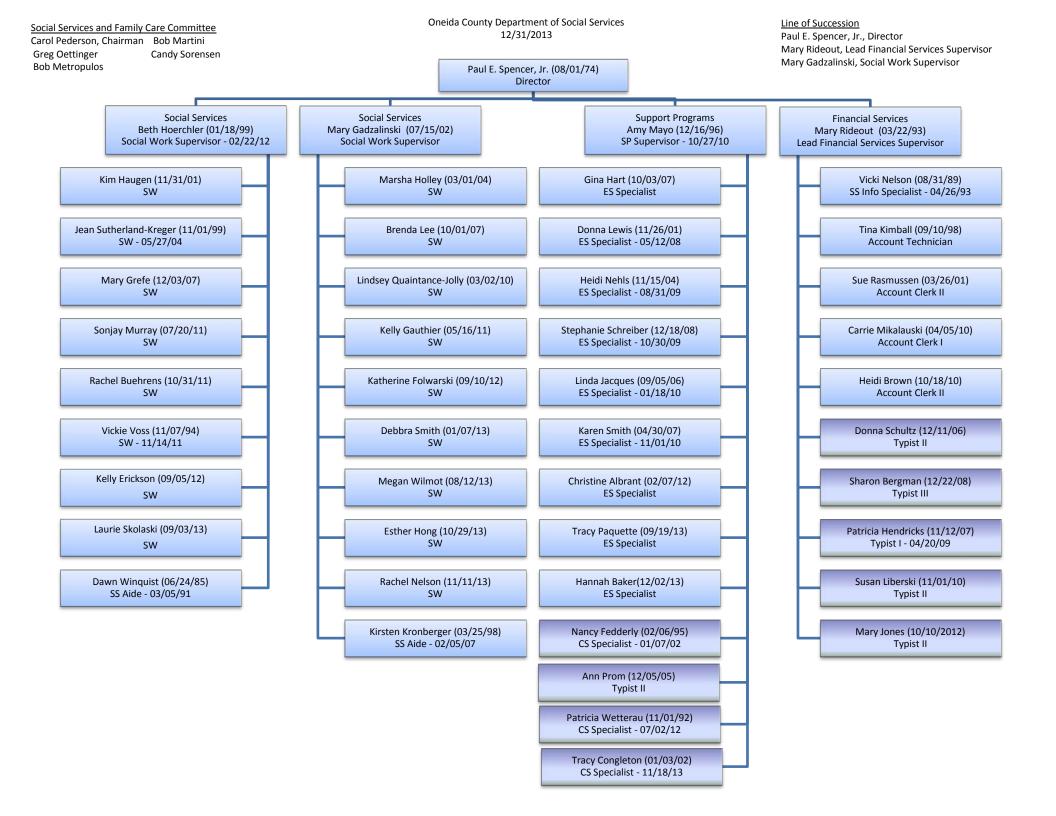
Oneída County Department of Socíal Servíces

2013 Annual Report



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Account	Allocation/Budget	Total Expenditure
Drovided Services	1 617 511 60	1 601 042 15
Provided Services	1,617,511.69	1,601,943.15
Economic Support	475,650.01	496,737.94
PPACA	61,874.00	56,621.29
Child Support Tri County Domestic Abuse	431,619.05	392,721.18
	15,000.00 600.00	<u> </u>
Crisis Respite Day Care Day Care Administration		
	44,679.02	38,733.04
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	42,827.00	48,482.36
Foster Home/Group Home**	499,495.00	526,698.72
Residential Care Centers	576,668.00	336,489.05
Youth Aids-State (LHS)	250,916.00	242,986.01
Kinship Care	69,162.21	69,162.00
Cmty Intervention 06/30/13	13,542.30	13,542.30
Cmty Intervention & Aftercare 06/30/14	3,072.22	3,072.22
Children and Families-Diversion Programs	69,768.00	28,412.50
Independent Living Grant	10,617.62	10,617.88
Community Options*	450,760.90	390,307.84
Supportive Home Care	79,750.00	79,282.28
COP-Waiver*	385,147.00	390,573.68
Community Integration Program II	1,436,994.00	1,491,938.65
Community Integration Relocation & Diversion	149,927.00	149,927.48
Family Care Transfer	51,828.00	51,828.29
Protective Placements	65,000.00	15,793.01
Elder Abuse	11,113.00	11,113.78
Energy Assistance Program	87,618.00	78,228.42
Fraud & Front End	4,285.05	8,123.10
Total In all Programs	6,905,425.07	6,548,753.17
Medical Assistance ***		42,333,067.98
Food Share		5,964,436.00
Total Cost of all Statutorily Required		54,846,257.15
Programs (State, Federal & Local)		04,040,201110
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Total Oneida County Tax Levy	1,924,075.00	1,567,483.00
IV-D Child Support Agency		
Total Collections		5,118,384.42
Total Reimbursements & Incentives *Some COP funds are included in COPW.		447,579.00

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**Foster Home/Group Home includes Level 1 Foster Homes

***Medical Assistance is estimated based on 3% increase over 2012, update will be done when data is available from State of Wisconsin.

SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT

Requests and referrals for services have decreased by 669 requests in 2013. There were 3,060 requests for services in 2013 and 3,729 requests for services in 2012. There were 3,858 requests in 2011.

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LONG TERM SUPPORT AND ADULT SERVICES SERVICE AREA	2011	<u>2012</u>	2013
Adult Foster Home Licensing	$\frac{2011}{00}$	03	$\frac{2013}{00}$
Adult Protective Service	168	96	65
Adults/Elders At Risk	34	25	31
CIP II and COP/Developmentally Disabled	00	00	00
CIP II and COP/Elderly	31	30	40
CIP II and COP/Physically Disabled	13	14	06
COP/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	00	00	00
COP/Developmentally Disabled (all)	18	02	07
COP/Elderly	124	102	100
COP/Mentally III (all)	26	18	10
COP/Physically Disabled (all)	49	36	31
Guardianships	37	25	21
Long Term Care Counseling	74	16	14
Nursing Home MDS Section Q Referrals	17	07	00
Protective Placement	36	30	34
Chore & Supportive Home Care Requests	20	12	18
SSI-E Certifications	11	08	08
Adult Welfare Concern	**	50	98
Adult Welfare Concern Screen Out	**	04	08
FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES/JUVENILE COURT			
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES			
Physical Abuse/Child (Assessment/Investigation)	85	67	55
Physical Abuse/Child (Screen & Summary, Custody Issue)	05	05	00
Neglect/Child (Assessment/Investigation)	168	171	132
Neglect/Child (Screen & Summary, Custody Issue)	15	12	00
Sexual Abuse/Child (Assessment/Investigation)	65	61	55
Sexual Abuse/Child (Screen & Summary, Custody Issue)	06	04	00
Emotional/Verbal Abuse (Assessment/Investigation)	01	04	01
Emotional/Verbal Abuse (Screen & Summary, Custody Issue)	00	00	00
Mutual Sexual Activity	00	08	00
Adult Perpetrator of Physical Abuse	76	61	51
Juvenile Perpetrator of Physical Abuse	08	04	02
Adult Perpetrator of Sexual Abuse	36	40	33
Juvenile Perpetrator of Sexual Abuse	27	23	22
Adult Perpetrator of Neglect	142	132	115
Juvenile Perpetrator of Neglect	02	00	00
Adult Perpetrator of Emotional/Verbal Abuse	01	07	01
Independent Investigation (Child Abuse)	00	04	00
Screen Out	88	98	54
Screen Out Adult Perpetrator	76	71	40
Screen Out Juvenile Perpetrator	08	09	04

OTHER CHILDREN'S SERVICES	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Early Intervention	48	38	18
Aftercare Grant Referrals	04	12	04
Delinquency/Over age 10	197	157	144
Delinquency/Under age 10	10	06	03
Child Guardianship	01	00	00
Stepchild Adoption Studies	08	06	05
Kinship Care	17	16	20
Suicidal Juvenile	00	03	00
Child in Need of Protection and Services	16	18	05
Truant from School	05	00	01
Runaway (Truant from Home)	00	00	00
Uncontrollable Teen	58	57	39
Counseling Involving Children	544	675	618
Foster Home Licensing	21	12	10
Out-of-Home Placement Requests (all)	89	176	119
Youth Corrective Sanctions Program	01	00	01
Drug Abuse – Juvenile	81	62	44
Drug Test – Juvenile/Parent	27	45	131
Psychological Evaluation	00	01	00
Courtesy Supervision/Case Monitoring/Interview	11	26	11
Child Care Provider Certification Requests	10	00	01
Custody Issues (other than child abuse)	26	03	00
Supervised Visitation/CHIPS	18	36	23
Home Studies/CHIPS	13	09	04
Home Studies/Delinquency Cases	02	01	00
Crisis Respite	00	00	01
Diversion Services	95	88	24
Parenting Challenging Children	59	42	21
Independent Living	07	06	04
Corrective Thinking	00	00	00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Donations/Referrals to receive donations	33	33	36
Information & Referral	270	154	29
Volunteer Certified Driver	00	00	00
Volunteer Guardian	04	03	01
Child Abuse Information	00	00	00
Resource Development/Request for Speakers, etc.	04	03	03
Client Record Requests	146	134	140
Gift Recipient Requests	512	617	535
Adoption Information	00	00	00
Day Care Certification Complaints	01	00	00
Other	52	29	00
	54	<u> </u>	07
TOTAL	3,858	3,729	3,060

** New tracking from previous years

SUPPORTIVE HOME CARE

Supportive Home Care (SHC) is the provision of services to maintain clients in independent or supervised living in their home or the home of their friends or relatives. The services help people meet their daily living needs, insure their well being, and/or reduce the likelihood that they will be placed into alternate living arrangements.

In 2013, we had 32 clients receiving Supportive Home Care funding and services in the amount of \$79,279.77.

In 2011, we established a waiting list for Supportive Home Care funding. There are 6 people on this list. Clients over age 60 on this list qualify for another short term funding source and are currently receiving services.

Supportive Home Care funding is limited. We continued to do certifications for "Supplemental Security Income Exceptional Expense Supplement" (SSI-E) for persons in substitute care or natural residential settings. These certifications are submitted to DHS (Department of Health Services). We assess and document that the person requires at least 40 hours per month of supportive home care, daily living skills training, or community support services.

Upon approval of the certification by DHS a state supplement is paid to the person. This money is to be used to purchase needed services.

In 2013, we completed 6 SSI-E certifications, which allowed people to purchase services needed without utilizing Supportive Home Care funding.

COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM (COP)

The Community Options Program (COP) is a system of assessing need and bringing together services for people who cannot live independently because of long term medical, physical, or mental problems. Some of the elderly and disabled prefer not to go to a nursing home or institution when they require care. For the people who choose to live in the community, the COP program tries to bring together services to assist them in living at home. The services vary with the individual needs of the client.

COP targets five disability groups and the program mandates serving according to the percentage assigned to each target group. As of December 2013 they were as follows:

	<u>S</u>	tate Quotas	Oneida County
1.	Frail Elderly	57.0%	66.0%
2.	Physically Disabled	6.6%	10.0%
3.	Developmentally Disabled	14.0%	17.0%
4.	Chemically Dependent	0.0%	0.0%
5.	Chronically Mentally Ill	6.6%	7.0%

Waiting lists for services have been established. We continue to have people on the DD waiting list.

The waiting list by target group as of December 2013 is as follows:

Frail Elderly	0 individuals
Physically Disabled	0 individuals
Developmentally Disabled	4 individuals
Chemically Dependent	0 individuals
Chronically Mentally Ill	0 individuals

Oneida County Department of Social Services completed the following assessments and case plans through December 31, 2013.

		<u>2013</u>		
Target Groups	Assessments	<u>Plans</u>	New Clients	Carryover Clients
Frail Elderly	51	49	43	102
Physically Disabled	12	12	11	32
Developmentally Disabled	00	00	00	25
Chronically Mentally Ill	01	01	05	09
Chemically Dependent	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
TOTALS	64	62	59	143
Community Options expend Community Options dollars Community Options dollars	used as match for W		\$197,859.00 \$ 60,371.00 <u>\$192,449.00</u>	

COP ASSESSMENT, CASE PLAN, AND SERVICE SUMMARY

TOTAL COP	\$450,679.00
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MEDICAID WAIVERS

The purpose of the Medicaid (MA) Community Waivers is to divert or relocate MA eligible persons from nursing homes or ICF-MR (Intermediate Care Facility for Intellectual Disability) facilities and to use those MA funds to provide non-institutional, community-integrated services.

Oneida County Department of Social Services has utilized the Community Integration Program II (CIP II) and the Community Options Program Waiver (COP-W). These two programs serve the elderly, physically disabled, and can serve developmentally disabled if no active treatment is required.

The Medicaid Waivers allow a county to serve more people with long-term support needs with MA dollars. These people often have needs which are not covered by the Medicaid Waivers; consequently they may also be funded by the Community Options Program.

Recipients of MA Waiver Services in 2013

COP-Waiver	37
CIP II	137
CIP II Relocation	05
CIP II Diversion	03
FCT	03

Total Program costs:

Community Integration Program II (CIPII):	\$1,491,438.65
Community Options Program-Waiver (COPW):	\$ 390,573.68
CIP II Relocation	\$ 108,831.25
CIP II Nursing Home Diversion	\$ 41,096.23
Family Care Transfer (FCT)	\$ 51,828.29

MEDICAID (MA) CASE MANAGEMENT

Oneida County Department of Social Services is a Medicaid certified county agency. This allows a county agency to capture federal Medicaid revenue for case management activities (assessment, case plans, on-going monitoring and service coordination) provided to MA recipients in any of the target populations eligible for the benefit.

Target populations eligible for this benefit include:

Families with Child at Risk, Birth-to-Three, Children with Asthma, TB, Persons who are age 65 or older, Person who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias, physically or sensory disabled, developmentally disabled person, chronically mentally ill persons, alcoholic and/or drug abusing persons, severely emotionally disturbed persons under age 21, and persons diagnosed as having HIV infection.

The department is limited in billing some of the target populations because the State of Wisconsin already claims federal reimbursement of these services.

The following reimbursement was received in 2013:

Sources	MA Revenue Received
Community Options Program Supportive Home Care Social Services	\$ 8,122.48 \$17,469.03 <u>\$ 2,088.24</u>
TOTAL	\$27,679.75

Elder Abuse Direct Service Funds

Elder Abuse Direct Service Funds are to be used to provide direct services to victims of elder abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and/or financial exploitation age 60 or older (Wis. Stat. 46.90). The goal is to reduce the incidence of elder abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation through the provision of preventative/early intervention service(s) for individuals identified at risk of elder abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

Funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes related to the provision of direct services and/or prevention programming for elder abuse victims or individuals identified at risk of elder abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation. Services that may be funded under this allocation include: advocacy, community-based aids/services, day care services/treatment, emergency response services, Interdisciplinary team, medical services, outreach service coordination, transportation, training for staff, and victim services.

The funds cannot be used for staff costs, administrative overhead and indirect costs. No more than 10% of a county's allocation may be used for outreach and training combined.

2013 Funding Allocation:	\$17,100.00	# of Funding Requests in 2013:	31
2013 Expenditures:	\$12,551.17		

MA Personal Care

MAPC (Medical Assistance – Personal Care) is a program instituted in 2013. This program is a joint effort between the Human Service Center, the Department, and Oneida County CBRF's (Community Based Residential Facilities) to maximize Waiver funding. Personal care services for clients, such as bathing, are billable to Medical Assistance. The Human Service Center completes an assessment of individuals placed in CBRF's. The assessment determines the number of hours of personal care a client is eligible for per month. The facility tracks the hours and sends a time log to the Human Service Center. The Human Service Center bills Medical Assistance for the hours and refunds the Department for the hours billed. The MAPC program has resulted in \$64,830.26 returned to the County to fund additional services.

Elder/Adult Abuse Investigations/Referrals

In 2007 the Oneida County Board designated Oneida County Department of Social Services as the lead agency for investigations of elder adults at risk and adults at risk.

An "elder adult at risk" is "a person age 60 or older who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation." 46.90 (1)(br).

An "adult at risk" is "any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for his or her needs who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation. 55.01(1e).

Investigations conducted in 2013:

Elder Adult at Risk: 65

•	substantiated	42
•	unsubstantiated	17
•	unable to substantiate	06
•	Emotional abuse	01
•	Self-neglect	45
•	Neglect by others	04
•	Physical abuse	02
•	Financial exploitation	13
•	Unreasonable confinement	00
•	Sexual Abuse	00
•	Other	00

Adult at Risk:

•	substantiated	09
•	unsubstantiated	07
•	unable to substantiate	01
		0.0
•	Emotional abuse	00
•	Self-neglect	10
•	Neglect by others	02
•	Physical abuse	03
•	Financial exploitation	02
•	Sexual Abuse	00
•	Other	00

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Guardianship/Protective Placement

Services are provided to those persons deemed incompetent by a licensed physician or psychologist. This is a process whereby a guardian of the person and/or estate is appointed by the court to handle their affairs. A protective placement is required to admit an incompetent individual to a facility larger than 15 beds. This must be reviewed by the court on an annual basis.

of Guardianships in 2013: 19

of Protective Placements in 2013: 28

Emergency Protective Placements

Emergency protective placements occur when a person is so incapable of caring for themselves that there is a substantial risk of serious physical harm to himself or herself and the incapacity is a result of developmental disabilities (*i.e.*, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy), degenerative brain disorder (*i.e.*, brain trauma, Alzheimer's disease, dementia), serious and persistent mental illness or like incapacities. A person who fits this criterion can be taken into physical custody by a social worker, firefighter, or law enforcement.

of Emergency Protective Placements in 2013: 3

Adult Welfare Concerns

This service category was developed in June 2012. The department noted an upward trend in the number of individuals who were referred to the department as an Adult Protective Service or for criteria that did not meet the Adult Protective Service standard. These individuals are in need of ongoing case management to transition to the next phase of their life. Adult Welfare Concerns was created as a prevention service to help divert and assist elderly individuals with current and future crisis events. These services are voluntary and include assistance with advanced planning directives, development of support systems, assistance with application for benefits, and ongoing case management.

of AWC Referrals in 2013: 87

2013 DELINQUENCY REFERRALS

The Department received a total of 140 law enforcement referrals in 2013. The total number of juveniles referred was 97. Results of these referrals are as follows:

INFORMAL HANDLING:

Case closed (Court Lacks Jurisdiction)	06
Counsel and Release	35
Sanctions	01
Voluntary Restitution	09
Essay/Apology Letter	07
Early Intervention Program	18
Community Service	31
Counseling/AODA	27
Referred to Other County or State	15
Corrective Thinking	01
Deferred Prosecution Agreement [DPA]	35**
CHIPS/JIPS Unit	07

FORMAL HANDLING:

Petition Requested:

** Deferred Prosecution Agreement may also include restitution and other services.

JUVENILE RESTITUTION - 2013

The total amount of restitution collected was: \$5,316.80

ONEIDA COUNTY DELINQUENCY REFERRALS 2010 THROUGH 2013

Date	# of LE <u>Referrals</u>	# of Youth <u>Referred</u>	# of Delinquency <u>Petitions Filed</u>
2010	188	111	40
2011	173	113	46
2012	143	105	49
2013	140	97	43

The State of Wisconsin breaks down offenses into two categories for statistical purposes:

<u>Part I Offenses</u> include murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft (OMVWOC), arson, weapons charges, and bomb threats.

Part II Offenses include all other offenses with the exception of traffic offenses.

Oneida County's breakdown for 2010-2013 is as follows:

Year	Part I Offenses	Part II Offenses
2010	54	171
2011	61	206
2012	24	149
2013	51	131

Note: A Law Enforcement Referral may include more than one charge, but is only counted as one referral.

THE ONEIDA INTENSIVE AFTERCARE PROGRAM - CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDS

Effective 01/01/2013-12/31/2013

The Oneida Intensive Aftercare Program for Adjudicated Delinquents implemented a service team approach to provide intensive aftercare services to eligible youth and their families. County social work staff with existing caseloads and responsibilities could not begin to meet the overwhelming needs of these families. We were able to engage a social worker in the community to work part-time and whose only case role responsibility was to the aftercare program.

The county social work staff and aftercare staff person worked as a team to provide more effective services to youth in aftercare. They complimented and greatly enhanced the available community services. These efforts sought to preserve the integrity and improve the functioning of dysfunctional families and achieve the intent of the aftercare project:

- --To reduce the recidivism rate
- --To reunite families and maintain children in the least restrictive placement
- --To reduce length of placement stays
- --Oneida County youth would again be eligible for the Lincoln Hills School "Short Term Intensive Program"
- -- To reduce out-of-home placement costs for adjudicated delinquents

We believe that the identified needs of aftercare delinquents act as a barrier to the successes that these youth could have. Alcohol and drug issues often create a roller coaster ride for aftercare youth. As the youth does better, staff tend to see them less, as there are other crises to attend to, and consequently, without the support the youth begins to use again. The emotional problems most of the youth and dysfunctional families experience impede simple problem-solving tasks. This results in conflicts in the home, school, and community. Increased social work contacts aim to be preventative and walk families through the problem-solving process. Our efforts focus on each problem solved as a success and enhance the youth's self-reliance and self-respect. This, in turn, impacts school functioning and the perceptions of school staff of these youth. Youth who experience some success will be motivated to experience it again. Our intensive aftercare services support the teachers in their efforts and assist the youth in learning to be successful in school. The project staff person also concentrates on building independent living skills. The youth we serve are ill prepared to accept the responsibilities of adulthood.

Number of Youth Served	Expenditure
12 in 2013	\$16,614.52

DIVERSION PROGRAMS & PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

In 2013 the Oneida County Department of Social Services used \$42,827.00 Promoting Safe and Stable Families funds and \$34,068.00 in county funding to provide community based services to youth. 25% of Promoting Safe and Stable Families funds must be used in each of the required categories of Family Support, Family Preservation, and Family Reunification. The funding was spent as follows:

Social Services Community Programs:

Parenting Workshop	\$ 10,395.85	Early Intervention	\$ 7,006.04
Diversion Services	\$ 13,437.96	Gas Cards/Cab Cards/Misc.	\$ 2,456.50
Coordinated Service Team	\$ 1,794.40	Parent/Caregiver Drug Test	\$ 3,412.00
Staff Training	\$ 2,100.00	Supervised Visitation	\$ 36,292.00

The total expenditures for 2013 were \$76,895.00.

Diversion Program:

The Diversion Program serves families who have been referred for abuse or neglect, or who are at risk of further involvement with Social Services, including potential out of home placements. The family can be referred by the investigating social worker or the assigned social worker at any time. The services are provided under an Informal Dispositional Agreement, Deferred Prosecution Agreement, or Court Order. Services can include:

Homemaker Tutor Parent aid Contracted social worker/case manager Mentor In-home Parenting Challenging Children Family Reunification Drug Tests

Number of children served: 17

Miscellaneous Services:

Oneida County Dept of Social Services purchased gas or cab cards to meet immediate needs of families in need to provide for visits with their children. Other services are also provided to families in need to prevent neglect. These other services may include cleaning supplies, bedding, car seats and other child safety equipment.

Number of families served: 14

Parenting Classes:

Parenting Challenging Children

The Parenting Challenging Children Program is a 17-hour parenting workshop based on the principles of corrective thinking for teens. There is opportunity for individualized instruction but the greatest benefit is the group process and support. This program was offered for parents once in 2013.

Nurturing Skills for Families:

This parenting curriculum contains 80 lessons to choose from to create a parenting program to meet families' needs. The program offers eleven 90 minute sessions taught in a group setting.

Total Number of participants: 30

Early Intervention for Early Offenders Program

The Early Intervention for Early Offenders Program/Uncontrollable Teen has implemented a service team approach to provide intensive services to early offenders and their families. These are youth who are age fifteen or younger who are just beginning their involvement in the juvenile justice system. County social workers spend very little time with these youth, as the more chronic delinquents/uncontrollable teens demand so much staff time. It is our intent to recruit part-time, temporary social workers in the community to provide intensive intervention services. The county social work staff and grant-funded staff will work as a team to provide more effective services to youth in an effort to divert them from further delinquency involvement for uncontrollable behaviors. The goal is to provide intensive services to early offenders in an effort to reduce their involvement in the juvenile justice system.

It has become apparent in the intake conference and the Juvenile Justice multi-disciplinary screening process that some early offenders have numerous issues other than the presenting delinquency or uncontrollable behaviors referral. The multi-disciplinary screen includes indicators that screen children for alcohol or other drug abuse, family dysfunction, school or truancy problems, mental health problems, and delinquent behavior patterns. It is our intent to target those youth with the delinquent or uncontrollable behavior pattern and issues in any two other areas of concern for intensive intervention. These youth would be considered for Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPA) and would meet the criteria for such an agreement. The services of the grant social worker are included in the DPA by the assigned county staff.

It is our intent to provide intensive, supportive, and effective services to each youth and his/her family based on identified strengths and needs.

Number of Youth Served: 25

Drug Testing

Juveniles who are under a Consent Decree, DPA or Dispositional Order often have a substantial history of drug use and abuse.

They are frequently court ordered to participate in drug and/or alcohol treatment services and to abstain from the illegal use of any drug. Drug testing is one way of monitoring compliance with the abstinence requirement.

The Oneida County Department of Social Services will be responsible for the initial payment of each drug test it authorizes for a juvenile under its supervision. However, a recommendation shall be made in the dispositional court report to have the juvenile reimburse the agency for the cost of any drug test which results in a positive drug or alcohol finding.

Statutory Authority

Wisconsin Statutes provide for drug testing of delinquent juveniles and juveniles in need of protection and services under s. 938.35(6s) if the dispositional court report indicates that the juvenile is in need of treatment for the use or abuse of controlled substances as defined in s. 961.01(4) or controlled substance analogs as defined in s. 961.01(4m).

Parents who are under a Dispositional Order to undergo random drug testing may also be monitored for compliance. A recommendation shall be made in the dispositional court report to have the adult reimburse the agency for the cost of any drug test which results in a positive drug or alcohol finding.

	Number of Tests	Positive Results	Negative Results
Adult tests:	113	31	82
Juvenile test:	18	5	13

Coordinated Service Teams (CST)

A collaborative approach to respond to individuals with multiple, often serious needs in the least restrictive setting. This is not a specific program or service; rather a family and community-based process that is unconditional in its commitment to develop supports and services to address the needs of each child and family referred. Creative services developed by a child and family "team" support normalized, community-based options for children and families.

Teams are made up of informal support people (such as relatives, friends, and neighbors) and service providers (such as therapist, teacher, and social worker).

Parents/consumers are always primary team members.

The team develops an individualized Plan of Care based on identified strengths and needs.

Number of Youth Served: 2

Supervised Visitation

The Supervised Visitation Program provides a parent aide to observe and guide a parent-child visit that would otherwise not take place without supervision due to a Court Order and/or agency intervention. The amount of visits and duration are determined by the agency. The parent-aid will also provide transportation for the child to and from the visit when requested. This service is provided to children in out-of-home care.

Number of Youth Served: 38

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Children in Need						
of Protection & Services	37	31	22	49	70	33
Uncontrollable Teen	71	33	53	50	40	25
Truancy Referrals	00	00	00	00	44	15
Truant Petitions	16	02	05	05	00	00
Runaway	10	00	00	00	00	00
*In 2009 Runaways are included in Uncontrollable Teen						
TOTAL	193	134	66	104	154	73

REFERRALS OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF PROTECTION AND SERVICES

The total number of referrals of Children in Need of Protection and Services decreased in 2013. The seriousness of the needs of these children has consistently required more intensive, higher cost interventions. The number of uncontrollable teens decreased. The Oneida County Department of Social Services has continued strategies in service delivery to reduce the number and length of out of home placements and will continue to implement community programming. Because of the way applicable laws are written, the county is responsible for paying for many necessary services for these children. In 2013, 49 new petitions for Children in Need of Protection and Services were filed in juvenile court. This is a decrease from 2012 when 91 petitions were filed. The new petitions requested in 2013 do not account for the court cases that were extended in 2013 from petitions filed in 2012 and earlier. In 2012, a new category of truancy referrals was added. Out of the 15 referrals to the juvenile court for the second semester, none were sanctioned to secure detention and 5 received other sanctions. None of the truancy referrals resulted in a new JIPS petition. Due to the decrease in the number of truancy proceedings. The Department was involved in the Truancy Task Force which was responsible for developing creative sanctions and services for truants. The current system is working well and the Department has not been involved in any truancy proceedings for the 2013-2014 school year.

CHILD WELFARE CONCERNS

Reports that do not meet the child maltreatment definition or do not indicate risk are screened out. These families may be contacted by a social worker to discuss concerns, assess the need for services, and make referrals as needed.

Total Children Served: 449

INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT

In 2013 the Oneida County Department of Social Services received grant dollars to provide independent living services to 15 to 21 year olds, to prepare them for living independently. Oneida County Department of Social Services served 5 youths. The eligibility requirement is that the youth are in an out-of-home placement for six months at age 15 or older. Independent living services include independent living assessments, planning, and ongoing services, i.e.: job seeking, apartment searches, grocery shopping, meal planning, etc. Independent living funds were utilized to purchase equipment and resources for independent living, provide independent living assessment and training for eligible youth. These funds are also utilized to obtain birth certificates, Social Security cards, State ID cards, immunization records, and a lock box, and are given to the youth when they leave the placement.

Total spent in 2013 = \$ 10,617.88

CRISIS RESPITE DAY CARE

Crisis Respite Day Care Services are provided to families for their children in a certified or licensed day care center. The purpose of these funds is to enabling the child's parent or guardian to improve parenting skills, to participate in alcohol and other drug abuse or mental health treatment, providing care and stimulus for the development of a child, to maintain the integrity of families under stress, to prevent abuse and neglect, and to prevent out-of-home placement or disruption of children's placement.

Total spent in 2013 \$417.00

Total children served: 1

DAY CARE CERTIFICATION/RE-CERTIFICATION

This service determines if childcare providers wishing to be certified by the County have met certification standards. Site visits to regularly and provisionally certified child care providers to ensure healthy and safe environments, providing technical assistance and training information to providers, and recertification of providers.

New Providers Certified in 2013 1

Total Providers in 2013 1

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Shelter Services are provided for victims of domestic abuse and their children. Funds are provided to the Tri County Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Total spent in 2013 \$ 15,000.00

The Department of Social Services acts as fiscal agent for this county funded program.

KINSHIP CARE

The provision of care of a child/juvenile by a relative either through Court Ordered services or voluntary placement by parent or legal guardian. A relative caregiver may apply for Kinship Care funding of \$220.00/month. The caregiver may also apply for Medical Assistance for the child through the Economic Support Unit. A criminal background check must be completed on each adult in the household and any employee of the caregiver who may have contact with the child. There must be a home visit to the caregiver's home and the parent(s) must agree to the placement or it must be Court Ordered. There is an annual review of the placement, funding authorization and criminal background check.

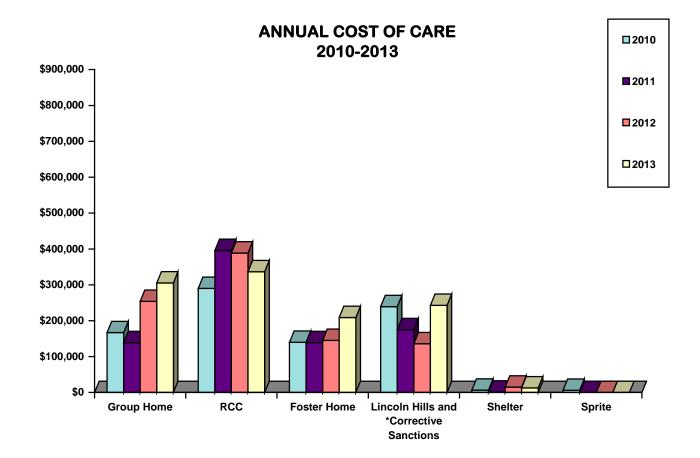
New applications received in 2013 19

Number of Children served: 49

OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS OF CHILDREN

The number of children in each type of out of home placement during 2011, 2012 and 2013 are as follows:

Av	erage Monthly Cost	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	Total Costs 2013
Licensed Foster Home	\$ 651.00	33	57	52	\$208,853.00
Group Home	\$ 5,808.00	05	10	11	\$305,296.00
Residential Care Center	\$ 9,200.00	06	07	08	\$336,489.00
Correctional and Corrective Sanction	s \$ 8,424.00	07	03	07	\$242,986.00
Shelter Care		<u>04</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>\$ 12,550.00</u>
TOTAL		55	81	90	\$1,106,174.00



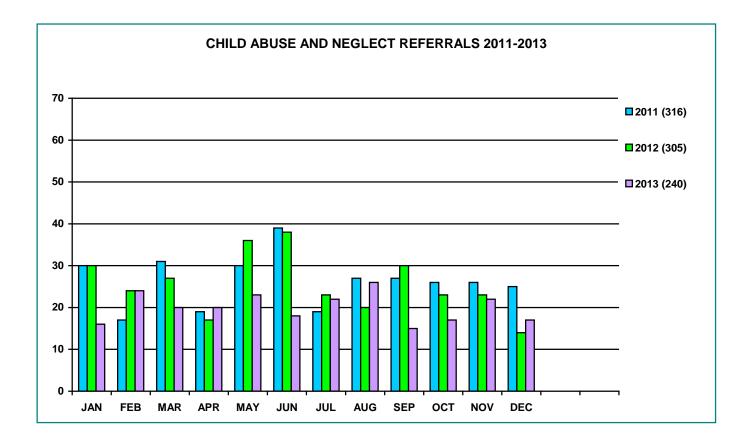
Foster Home costs include treatment foster home administrative costs Effective 2010 Foster Homes include Level 1 Foster Care (previously Court-Ordered Kinship Care cases) Costs are reported net of refunds

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The County Department of Social Services is obligated under 48.981 Wisconsin State Statutes to investigate all child abuse and neglect referrals that fall under the statutory definitions. In addition to cases that meet the definitions, the Department also receives a significant number of referrals each year which reporters identify as child abuse or neglect but which do not meet the legal definitions. These referrals are screened out and may receive services on a short-term basis or under another service area such as child welfare services. The Department received 294 child abuse and neglect referrals. 240 cases received full child abuse and neglect investigations, 54 cases were screened out, or were served as children in need of protection and services.

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS RESULTING IN A FULL INVESTIGATION:

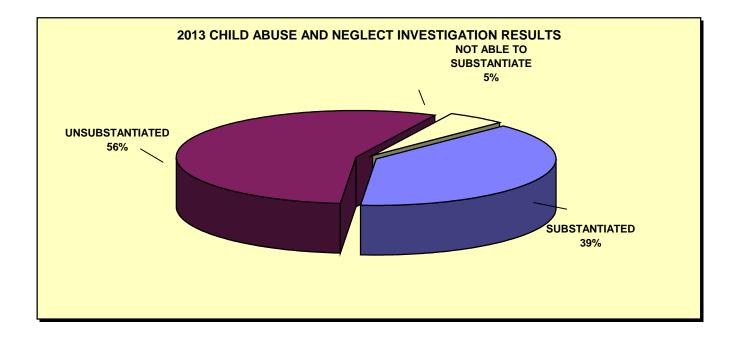
NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	EMOTIONAL/ VERBAL	MUTUAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY	TOTAL
131	54	54	1	0	240



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS (continued)

Type of Referral	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Not able to Substantiate	Total
Neglect	60	65	6	131
Physical Abuse	14	37	3	54
Sexual Abuse	19	31	4	54
Emotional/Verb	oal 0	1	0	1
Mutual Sexual Activity	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	93	134	13	240

The substantiation rate increased from 38% in 2012 to 39% in 2013.



FINANCIAL SERVICES - ACCOUNTING/RECORD KEEPING

The Financial Services Unit consisted of 12 employees; the Lead Financial Services Supervisor, 1 Account Technician, 2 Account Clerk II's, 1 Information Specialist, 1 Typist III, 4 Typist II's, 1 Typist I and 1 Account Clerk I. The main functions of this unit for Oneida County Department of Social Services is the accurate and timely preparation of financial and statistical reports for management, the county, and the State of Wisconsin; the preparation of typed reports and documents; and customer service at the front desk.

Beginning in 2011, the unit took on the additional responsibility of acting as fiscal agent for the ADRC of the Northwoods.

The financial responsibility of the unit includes such functions as: a weekly accounts payable; collection of debt due the agency (Third Party Liability, Overpayment of Food Share, Medical Assistance, BadgerCare and AFDC, and Parental Liability); monthly financial reports for management; annual budget review & preparation; determining appropriate funding sources for children in substitute care; numerous monthly reports of expenses, collections, and client counts to the State Department of Health Services, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Administration; fiscal agent responsibilities for Long Term Support Clients; receipting and tracking all funds received in the agency; and the adjusting of Child Support payments using the KIDS computer system.

The statistical responsibilities of the unit include preparation of monthly case list for the Social Work units; data entry of client and financial information into HSRS (Human Services Reporting System), PPS (Program Participation System) and SACWIS (Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System); and maintenance of records necessary to the operation of the department.

Another important function of the unit is the maintenance of client files. Court Reports, Child Abuse and Neglect Reports, Dictation and numerous other documents are professionally prepared by the Typist II's. Files are maintained by the Typist I, who is responsible for day to day filing, repairing files as they deteriorate, and maintaining the files in an orderly fashion. The Typist I is responsible for the scanning of Economic Support files in the Electronic Case File system. Office supply inventory is also maintained by the Typist I. All 5 Typist positions serve as back-up to the Typist III at the front desk. These staff route an average of 4,518 calls per month to the appropriate agency staff person, give general information and provide callers and guests to our agency with information on other community programs and services.

The unit has the additional responsibility of maintaining the computer hardware and software for the department. The department currently has two network file servers that are connected to 50 personal computers located throughout the agency. Agency staff access the Department of Health Services, Department of Children and Families, and Department of Administration programs through the Internet. Network and personal computer software upgrades are done annually. Software programs currently used by the agency are: Word, Excel, Access, Outlook and Visual WISSIS (a FoxPro based accounting program).

Work performed by the unit is done under the supervision of the Lead Financial Services Supervisor who is under the direct supervision of the Director. Annually the accounting records are reviewed by the Finance Director for Oneida County and are subject to state audit guidelines in the annual countywide single audit.

CHILD SUPPORT

At the beginning of 2013, the Child Support Unit in Oneida County consisted of 6 employees; the Support Programs Supervisor, 2 Child Support Specialists, 1 Secretary, 1 Typist II and .5 Account Clerk II. The Typist II position was moved to the Financial Services Unit during 2013.

The program goals as set by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement are "to assure that assistance in obtaining support (both financial and medical) is available to children through locating parents, establishing paternity and support obligations and enforcing those obligations."

The Child Support Unit provides the following functions as required under the Federal Mandates:

- 1. Establish paternity on behalf of children whose parents were not married to each other at the time of the child's birth;
- 2. Establish court orders obligating parents to pay Child Support;
- 3. Establish court orders requiring that parents provide health care for their children, including health insurance coverage;
- 4. Receive and disburse payments for:
 - Child Support,
 - Family Support, and
 - In cases where there is an order to make separate Child Support and spousal maintenance payments, to collect both Child Support and spousal maintenance;
- 5. Take administrative and legal actions necessary to enforce a Child Support order when parents fail to pay the support they have been ordered to pay; and
- 6. Find parents who are not paying support and locate their income and assets, when necessary to establish or enforce a Child Support order.

A close working relationship within the section was maintained through bi-weekly staff meetings. These meetings, along with monthly individual conferences with the section supervisor, helped to monitor any problem areas, new developments and procedures, etc. The supervisor serves as the liaison to the director and the director attended an average of one support section staff meeting per month to keep the section informed of new developments affecting the agency. This office functions under the direct supervision of the Director of the Oneida County Department of Social Services.

The Child Support Unit has working contracts with the following county agencies: Family Court Commissioner, Clerk of Courts, and the Office of Corporation Counsel. The Child Support Office seeks reimbursement of a portion of the above-named department's salaries and benefits, as each of these departments assist the Child Support Office on a daily basis.

Child Support Unit caseload average for 2013	1,823
Child Support collected for NIVD cases	\$1,147,145.70
Child Support collected for out of state IVD cases	109,300.25
Child Support Distributed to WI IVD cases	3,861,938.47
Total Child Support collected in 2013	\$5,118,384.42

CHILD SUPPORT COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 2013

			Amount of Earned Incentive Received	Total
			by Oneida County Includes Performance	Total Reimbursement
	Total	Reimbursement	Based & Medical	Received by
<u>2013</u>	Expenditures [*]	Received	Support	Oneida County
TOTAL	\$526,578.95	\$284,740	\$162,839**	\$447,579

Costs not reimbursed: \$79,000

TOTAL IV-D COST-Child Support Agency

\$392,721.18

TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT RELATED COSTS BY DEPARTMENT:

Clerk of Courts Family Court Commissioner Corporation Counsel	\$ 2,198.58 \$ 25,555.02 \$ 77,044.10
TOTAL	\$104,757.70
Indirect Costs Billed:	\$ 36,846.96

^{*} Total expenditures equal all costs associated with the operation of the Child Support agency, including costs associated with other County departments, indirect costs, less program fees received. ** 2012 Incentive Funds were carried over to 2013. Both 2012 and 2013 incentive funds were used in 2013.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT (ES)

The Economic Support (ES) Section of the Oneida County Department of Social Services administers the financial assistance programs mandated by the Federal government and the State of Wisconsin. These programs include Medical Assistance (MA) including BadgerCare+, Food Share (FS), Childcare, and the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

State and Federal personnel consistently monitor the work ES does in these programs. They audit files, check benefits, and in some cases, do independent interviews with the clients of Oneida County to ensure accuracy.

Emphasis has been put on improving accuracy and lowering error rates statewide. Part of the effort for improved accuracy has been the development of state training for ES. Refresher courses for experienced workers are also required for ongoing efficiency. The state has mandated that each ES worker have at least 12 hours of personal development training.

Clients continue to apply via the interactive interview for Food Share and Medical Assistance. Clients are also given the opportunity to apply for Medical Assistance and Food Share via mail-in or phone-in applications. Clients may apply online through ACCESS. Changes may also be reported online. Renewals and six month report forms may also be submitted online. Information is entered and processed in the CARES (Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support) computer system. CARES is being converted in segments to CARES WORKER WEB (CWW) which is an internet based computer system.

In 2012, the state adopted a Consortium model for the administration of Economic Support programs. Oneida county joined with Langlade, Marathon, and Portage counties. The counties share a Call/Change Center and staff in each county are responsible for processing calls. At this time, Oneida County cases continue to be managed by Oneida County ES specialists.

The ES Section consists of the Support Programs Supervisor and nine eligibility workers. During the 2012 budget process, the Economic Support Supervisor and the Child Support Supervisor positions were combined to create the Support Programs Supervisor position. This position supervises Economic Support and Child Support Staff. The ES section is responsible for the determination of initial eligibility for financial assistance and the ongoing review of existing eligibility. Each assistance program has its own specific eligibility factors. The continuous changes in these eligibility factors through Federal and State laws contribute to the complexity of caseload management. The following statistical breakdown reflects each assistance program administered in Oneida County.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

In 2013, the Oneida County Department of Social Services did not issue any cash benefits to clients, as the AFDC program no longer exists. The W-2 program replaced the AFDC program and Forward Services is issuing W-2 benefits to eligible clients.

However, overissued AFDC benefits still needed to be recovered. These overissuances were due to household error, fraud, or agency error. Clients repay the overissuance either in cash, tax intercept, or on rare occasions the benefits may be recouped from their W-2 benefits.

In 2013, the following amounts were collected:

Total	\$	0.00
Cash Tax Intercept	\$ \$	0.00 0.00
AFDC Recoveries		

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA)

Oneida County had an average of 3,195 Medical Assistance cases per month in 2013. Potentially eligible clients were under age 19, over age 65, pregnant, disabled, or with a minor in their care. All family related medical assistance was converted to BadgerCare Plus on February 1, 2008. More clients paid monthly premiums to be eligible for BadgerCare Plus coverage. In addition, these clients are placed into either the standard or benchmark plan based on income and/or category. These plans have different co-pays and different benefits. Clients in BadgerCare Plus must also choose an HMO.

Yearly Medical Assistance Costs		Average Monthly Cases
2008	\$ 24,299,668.00 (Estimate)	2,700
2009	\$ 35,395,535.00	2,728
2010	\$ 31,861,564.00	2,618
2011	\$ 35,824,568.00	2,717
2012	\$ 41,100,066.00	3,123
2013	Numbers Not Yet Available	3,195

When a client is on Medical Assistance and passes away, Medical Assistance may pay towards the cost of the burial. The cost of the funeral is considered as well as other resources such as a funeral trust or life insurance. Effective January 1, 2012, the State of Wisconsin took over the administration of the Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aid Program (WFCAP).

MA overpayments due to fraud, household, or agency error are collected by the department on behalf of the State.

Total collected in 2013 \$ 5,876.98

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL)

Medical Assistance (MA) is to be the payer of last resort for the cost of medical care. Some recipients may have additional insurance coverage for medical services. Medical service providers may in error have billed services covered by additional insurance. The Accounting unit attempts to identify these cases in order to recover the MA expenditures. Similar situations occur when a MA recipient is involved in an accident for which the insurance coverage of an outside party is responsible. The Accounting unit also seeks reimbursement of MA payments from these cases. The Oneida County Department of Social Services is allowed to retain 15% of all MA recoveries.

Total third party liability was recovered:	\$ 7,065.21
Agency Revenue	\$ 1,059.78

Recovery of Medical Assistance payments through Third Party Liability transitioned to the State of Wisconsin during 2012 and 2013. As of December 31, 2013, the Department of Social Services has no pending cases.

FOOD SHARE PROGRAM (FS)

Oneida County issued Food Share to an average of 2,435 households per month in 2013. Food Share eligibility is based on household, income and shelter expenses. Food Share benefits are issued through the Wisconsin EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) Program. Recipients are issued a Wisconsin Quest Card which functions like a debit card allowing the recipient to access their Food Share benefits through point of sale terminals at their grocery store.

It should be noted that Food Share cases have nearly doubled since 2008.

Total Food Share Issuance		Average Monthly Cases
2008	\$2,446,056.00	1,227
2008	\$3,902,990.00	1,227
2002	\$5,149,998.00	1,823
2011	\$5,475,663.00	1,974
2012	\$6,208,430.00	2,400
2013	\$5,964,436.00	2,435

Food Share overpayments continued to be collected in 2013. Overissuances are due to household error, fraud, or agency error. Clients may repay either in cash, refund Food Share benefits available on their EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) Card, or through a reduction in their normal monthly allotment (recoupment). In 2013, the following amounts were collected:

Food Share Over-Issuance Recoveries

\$ 22,179.54
\$ 5,721.00 \$ 13,200.29
\$ 3,258.25

CHILDCARE

Oneida County Economic Support determines eligibility for childcare. Childcare services are available for eligible parents, foster parents, Kinship participants, as well as participants in the W2 program. Eligibility is re-determined whenever a change occurs and when a six-month review is due. Oneida County Economic Support completes authorizations on an ongoing, as needed basis as changes occur. These changes include a change in number of hours worked weekly as well as a change in childcare provider. Economic Support processes the paperwork so payment can be made to the provider. Parents may need to make a contribution to the cost of childcare based on income.

In 2013, the number of families receiving child care assistance was 262 families (382 children).

Total childcare dollars provided: \$ 775,108.98

WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WHEAP)

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program assists county households experiencing problems in paying home heating costs. WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of the heating costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of heating a residence. The amount of the heating assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income and heating costs. In most cases the heating assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

A household may be eligible for emergency assistance if they have no heat, have received a disconnect notice from the heating vendor, or are nearly out of fuel or do not have the money to purchase more.

There are also non-emergency or proactive crisis services that include providing information on how to reduce the fuel costs and payments to a fuel supplier with a co-pay agreement.

Fuel Season	Households Served	Regular Benefits	Crisis Benefits	Total Benefits Issued
2009-2010	1,978	\$951,194.00	\$168,185.00	\$1,119,379.00
2010-2011	2,135	\$963,859.00	\$165,182.00	\$1,129,041.00
2011-2012	2,097	\$719,353.00	\$155,562.00	\$875,097.00
2012-2013	2,067	\$673,819.00	\$106,380.00	\$779,875.00

The furnace repair/replacement component of the WHEAP program allows for the repair or replacement of furnaces for eligible households. Households are referred to the weatherization program vendor that coordinates all repairs and replacements.

2009-2010	\$47,370
2010-2011	\$59,040
2011-2012	\$53,574
2012-2013	\$113,539

Households may be eligible to receive a payment for non-heating electric energy costs through funding provided by Wisconsin's Public Benefits.

WHEAP electric (non-heating) assistance is a one-time benefit payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of the household's electrical (non-heating) costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of the non-heating costs.

The amount of the non-heating assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income and non-heating costs. In most cases the non-heating assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

Fuel Season	Cost	Households Served
2009-2010	\$228,753.00	2,022
2010-2011	\$291,243.00	2,240
2011-201	\$331,743.00	2,091
2012-2013	\$342,396.00	2,063

Total ALL Benefits Provided – Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program

Fuel Season	Cost
2009-2010	\$1,395,502.00
2010-2011	\$1,479,324.00
2011-2012	\$1,260,414.00
2012-2013	\$1,236,134.00

FRAUD & PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Welfare fraud is defined as receiving or helping another person receive benefits or payments to which they are not entitled. Investigations are initiated by information matching with other governmental organizations, client interviews, and contacts from the general public. Fraud investigations are done on Food Share, Medical Assistance (BadgerCare), W2 (Wisconsin Works) and Childcare programs.

Program Integrity (Front End Verification) is a process of intense scrutiny of cases that exhibit characteristics of potential program violation or are prone to error. Program Integrity is intended to prevent issuance of incorrect benefits and may involve investigative activities. The primary goal of the Program Integrity investigation is to insure accurate benefit issuance, not to accomplish criminal prosecution.

The Oneida County Department of Social Services contracts with the Oneida County Sheriff's Department to investigate fraud and to do Program Integrity. The Department works closely with the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office to prosecute welfare fraud.

<u>2013</u>

Front End Verification Referrals	12
Fraud Referrals	01
Pre-Charge or Pre-Trial Diversion	00
Court Resolved Fraud Cases	00
Pending Fraud	01

Total Restitution ordered \$33,558.00