

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - AGENDA

November 5, 2024
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 7, 2024

- **FINANCIAL**
 - October 2024 Budget

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - None

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Caseloads
 - Tioga Career Center Report

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Samantha Allen, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/7/24
 - Billie Jo Campbell, AAll, resigned effective 10/8/24
 - Penny Walker, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/21/24
 - Stephen Williams, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired effective 10/21/24
 - Stephanie Galeano promoted to Case Supervisor Grade B effective 10/21/24
 - Diane Cole, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired effective 10/21/24

- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - Approve Funding – 2025 Youth Bureau Program Funding

- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 - Adoption Awareness Month (repeat)

- **ADJOURNMENT**



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Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 10

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							

A6010 Social Services Administration

A6010 418110	Repayments Of SNAP	0	-1,000	-575.26	.00	-424.74	57.5%*
A6010 436100	State Aid-Social S	-129,850	-1,950,000	-393,581.00	.00	-1,686,269.00	18.9%*
A6010 446100	Federal Aid-Social	-364,322	-2,000,000	-2,161,476.00	.00	-202,846.00	91.4%*
A6010 446110	Federal Aid - SNAP	0	-675,000	-495,086.00	.00	-179,914.00	73.3%*
A6010 446150	Federal Aid-Flexib	0	-1,900,000	-1,781,138.00	.00	-118,862.00	93.7%*
A6010 446890	Federal Aid-Other	-12,757	0	-12,757.00	.00	-12,757.00	0%*
A6010 510010	Full Time	83,240	4,530,667	3,229,894.04	.00	1,384,012.87	70.0%
A6010 510020	Part Time/Temporar	0	178,357	77,989.12	.00	100,367.88	43.7%
A6010 510030	Overtime Pay Only	0	100,000	80,922.19	.00	19,077.81	80.9%
A6010 510050	All Other(On Call,	0	37,600	25,317.39	.00	12,282.61	67.3%
A6010 520070	Chairs	0	1,200	1,169.20	.00	30.80	97.4%
A6010 520090	Computer	8,500	38,000	20,237.20	.00	26,262.80	43.5%
A6010 520200	Office Equipment	7,889	1,000	1,294.86	.00	7,594.14	14.6%
A6010 520210	Other Furniture	4,000	0	.00	.00	4,000.00	0%
A6010 520220	Printer	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	0%
A6010 530100	Data Processing	0	92,921	72,797.94	.00	20,123.06	78.3%
A6010 530300	Legal	0	13,812	11,886.00	.00	1,926.00	86.1%
A6010 530551	Maintenance in Lie	0	166,733	126,882.00	.00	39,851.00	76.1%
A6010 530582	Security Services	0	18,000	18,000.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A6010 540010	Advertising	6,850	8,550	7,592.00	.00	958.00	88.8%
A6010 540040	Books	3,700	3,700	2,708.94	.00	991.06	73.2%
A6010 540070	Car Maintenance	2,000	9,000	7,310.31	.00	1,689.69	81.2%
A6010 540140	Contracting Servic	166,141	1,171,141	782,542.85	.00	388,598.15	66.8%
A6010 540180	Dues	6,100	6,100	5,678.00	.00	422.00	93.1%
A6010 540201	Food Stamps/Client	0	4,000	1,092.25	.00	2,907.75	27.3%
A6010 540210	Garbage Disposal	6,100	6,100	4,508.50	.00	1,591.50	73.9%
A6010 540220	Automobile Fuel	0	20,000	11,791.93	.00	8,208.07	59.0%
A6010 540270	Insurance-Labilit	13,044	53,525	53,524.57	.00	.00	100.0%
A6010 540320	Leased/Service Equ	-2,350	19,300	7,477.85	.00	9,472.15	44.1%
A6010 540330	Legal Fees	350	3,350	3,003.75	.00	346.25	89.7%
A6010 540360	Meals/Food	0	300	162.78	.00	137.22	54.3%
A6010 540370	Medical Expense	100	100	42.37	.00	57.63	42.4%
A6010 540390	Mileage Expense	50	50	.00	.00	50.00	0%
A6010 540420	Office supplies	-903	22,000	17,080.63	.00	4,015.94	81.0%
A6010 540441	Paternity Testing	0	2,000	-248.40	.00	2,248.40	-12.4%
A6010 540480	Postage	180	30,000	28,085.22	.00	2,094.78	93.1%
A6010 540485	Printing/Paper	4,000	4,000	2,876.59	.00	1,123.41	71.9%
A6010 540487	Program Expense	179,143	15,500	68,230.19	.00	126,413.20	35.1%
A6010 540581	Security Systems &	0	70,000	59,936.40	.00	10,043.60	85.7%
A6010 540620	Software Expense	-180	94,443	94,017.80	.00	245.20	99.7%



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A General Fund							
A6010 540640 Supplies (Not Offi	2,400	11,861	14,261	8,660.79	.00	5,600.37	60.7%
A6010 540660 Telephone	25,000	0	25,000	18,877.07	.00	6,122.93	75.5%
A6010 540733 Training/All other	30,000	6,582	36,582	29,866.29	.00	6,715.59	81.6%
A6010 540810 Nyschg-Cseu	0	0	0	-4,965.09	.00	4,965.09	100.0%
A6010 540820 Nyschg-Ebics	40,000	0	40,000	43,214.00	.00	-3,214.00	108.0%*
A6010 540840 Nyschg-Legal	20,000	0	20,000	10,832.00	.00	9,168.00	54.2%
A6010 540850 Nyschg-Training	5,200	0	5,200	10,336.00	.00	4,864.00	6.5%
A6010 581088 State Retirement F	192,553	387,587	580,140	479,640.28	.00	100,499.53	82.7%
A6010 583088 Social Security Fr	34,173	220,532	254,705	254,802.97	.00	-97.76	100.0%*
A6010 584088 Workers Compensati	8,950	80,677	89,627	86,846.41	.00	2,780.18	96.9%
A6010 585088 Unemployment Insur	0	7,026	7,026	7,025.92	.00	.00	100.0%
A6010 585588 Disability Insuran	333	4,250	4,583	4,710.02	.00	-127.09	102.8%*
A6010 586088 Health Insurance F	454,368	825,319	1,279,687	1,354,103.85	.00	-74,416.79	105.8%*
A6010 588988 Eap Fringe	67	1,113	1,180	1,141.69	.00	38.65	96.7%
TOTAL Social Services Administration	821,608	1,505,921	2,327,529	2,287,060.41	.00	40,468.93	98.3%
TOTAL General Fund	821,608	1,505,921	2,327,529	2,287,060.41	.00	40,468.93	98.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	-6,526,000	-506,929	-7,032,929	-4,831,856.26	.00	-2,201,072.74	
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,347,608	2,012,850	9,360,458	7,118,916.67	.00	2,241,541.67	



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	821,608	1,505,921	2,327,529	2,287,060.41	.00	40,468.93	98.3%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A7310 Youth Programs							
A7310 438200 State Aid-Youth Pr	0	-101,064	-101,064	-87,567.36	.00	-13,496.64	86.6%*
A7310 540180 Dues	0	100	100	100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A7310 541540 Reimbursements	0	100,964	100,964	88,854.36	.00	12,109.64	88.0%
TOTAL Youth Programs	0	0	0	1,387.00	.00	-1,387.00	100.0%
TOTAL General Fund	0	0	0	1,387.00	.00	-1,387.00	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-101,064	-101,064	-87,567.36	.00	-13,496.64	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	101,064	101,064	88,954.36	.00	12,109.64	



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0	0	0	1,387.00	.00	-1,387.00	100.0%

GRAND TOTAL

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ACCOUNTS FOR: CD	Federal Employment Programs	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
CD6293 Federal Employment Programs								
CD6293 424010	Interest And Earn	0	0	0	-3,918.83	.00	3,918.83	100.0%
CD6293 447910	Federal Aid-Feder	-245,288	0	-245,288	-185,804.58	.00	-59,483.42	75.7%*
CD6293 510010	Full Time	149,769	0	149,769	119,462.37	.00	30,306.63	79.8%
CD6293 530551	Maintenance in Li	13,922	0	13,922	11,529.00	.00	2,393.00	82.8%
CD6293 540010	Advertising	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
CD6293 540130	Contracts	10,110	800	10,910	3,990.00	6,900.00	20.00	99.8%
CD6293 540420	Office Supplies	1,500	0	1,500	775.36	.00	724.64	51.7%
CD6293 540480	Postage	224	0	224	195.49	.00	28.51	87.3%
CD6293 540733	Training/All Othe	800	-800	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
CD6293 581088	State Retirement	11,004	10,181	21,185	17,977.58	.00	3,207.22	84.9%
CD6293 583088	Social Security F	11,682	-2,984	8,698	8,881.74	.00	-184.18	102.1%*
CD6293 584088	Workers Compensat	0	3,207	3,207	2,946.04	.00	260.74	91.9%
CD6293 585588	Disability Insura	0	170	170	167.30	.00	2.92	98.3%
CD6293 586088	Health Insurance	45,777	-3,005	42,772	43,726.16	.00	-953.91	102.2%*
CD6293 588988	Eap Fringe	0	42	42	39.10	.00	3.08	92.7%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs		0	7,611	7,611	19,966.73	6,900.00	-19,255.94	353.0%
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TOTAL REVENUES		-245,288	0	-245,288	-189,723.41	.00	-55,564.59	
TOTAL EXPENSES		245,288	7,611	252,899	209,690.14	6,900.00	36,308.65	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	7,611	7,611	19,966.73	6,900.00	-19,255.94	353.0%

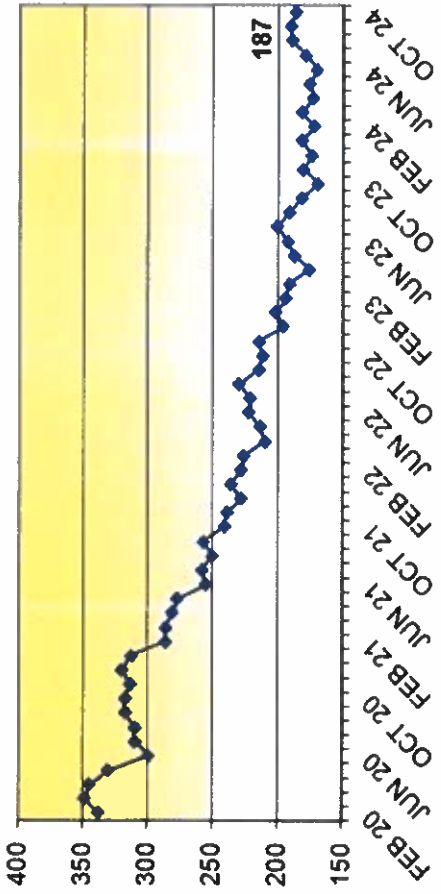
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CASELOAD CHANGES - 2024

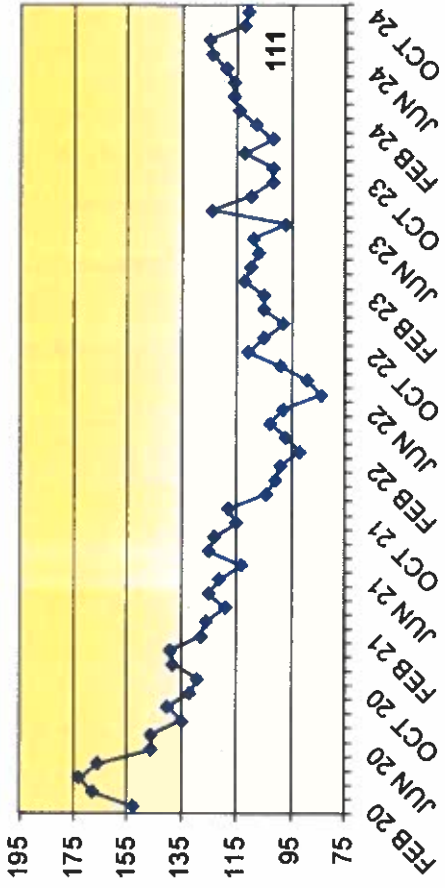
**TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Cases			
	12/29/2023	10/31/2024	% Change
FA	105	102	-3%
SNA Singles	77	78	1%
SNA Families	10	8	-20%
Total TA	192	188	-2%
MA-Only	1,860	1,867	0%
MA-SSI	1,095	1,084	-1%
Total MA	2,955	2,951	0%
SNAP	2,774	2,793	1%
Day Care	186	192	3%
Services	376	407	8%
Individuals			
	12/29/2023	10/31/2024	% Change
FA	174	187	7%
SNA Singles	77	78	1%
SNA Families	35	33	-6%
Total TA	286	298	4%
MA-Only	1,971	1,986	1%
MA-SSI	1,095	1,084	-1%
Total MA	3,066	3,070	0%
SNAP	5,124	5,081	-1%
Services	940	1064	13%
Individuals On Medicaid			
	12/29/2023	10/31/2024	% Change
TA	286	298	4%
MA	3,066	3,070	0%
ADC-FC	0	0	0%
TOTAL	3,352	3,368	0%

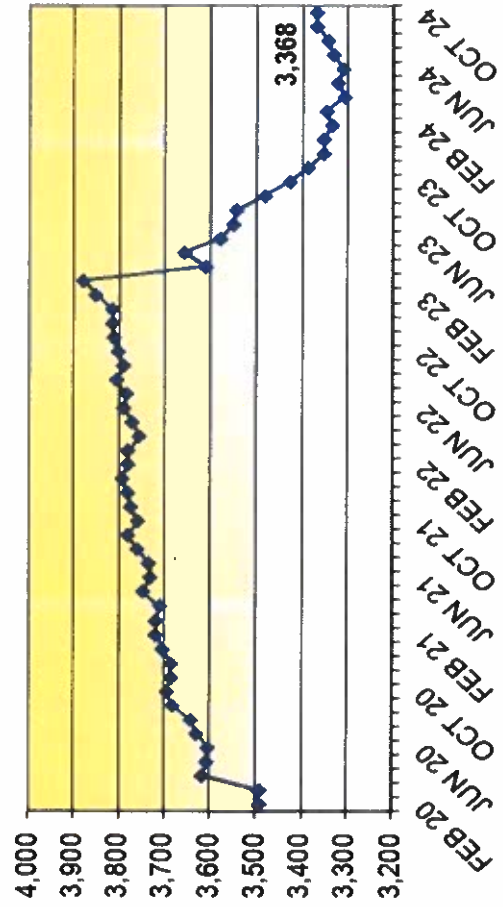
Total Family Assistance Recipients
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



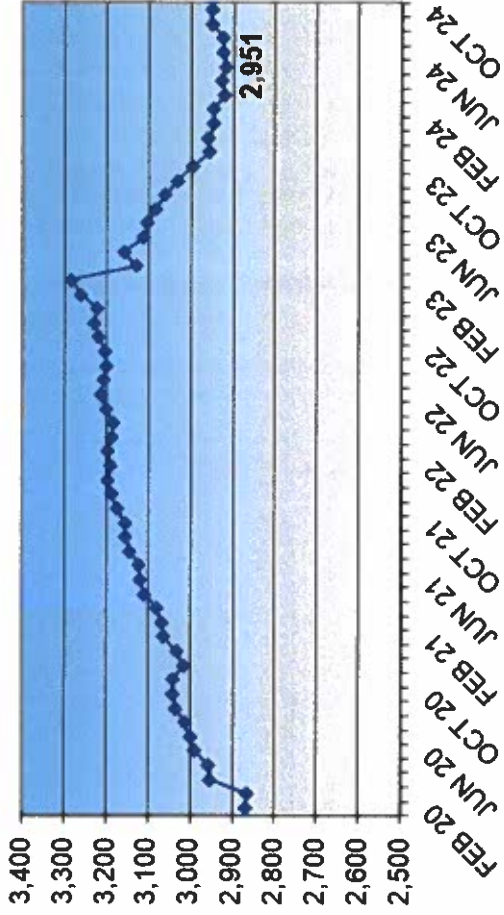
Total Safety Net Recipients
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



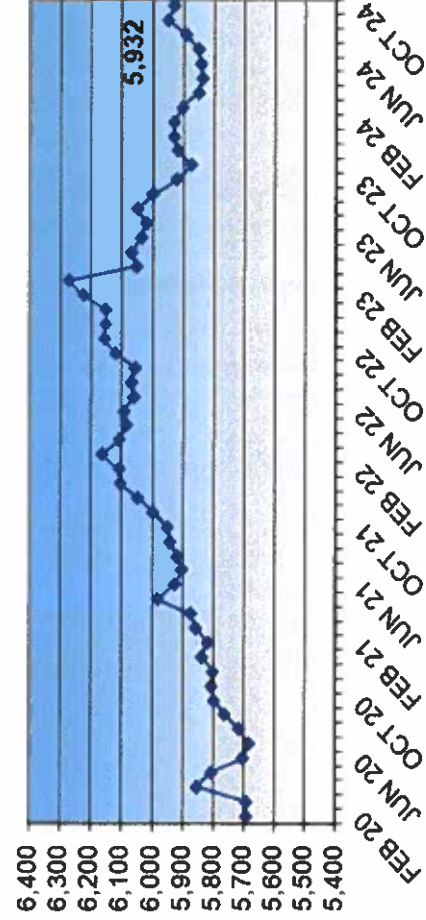
Total Medicaid Recipients
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



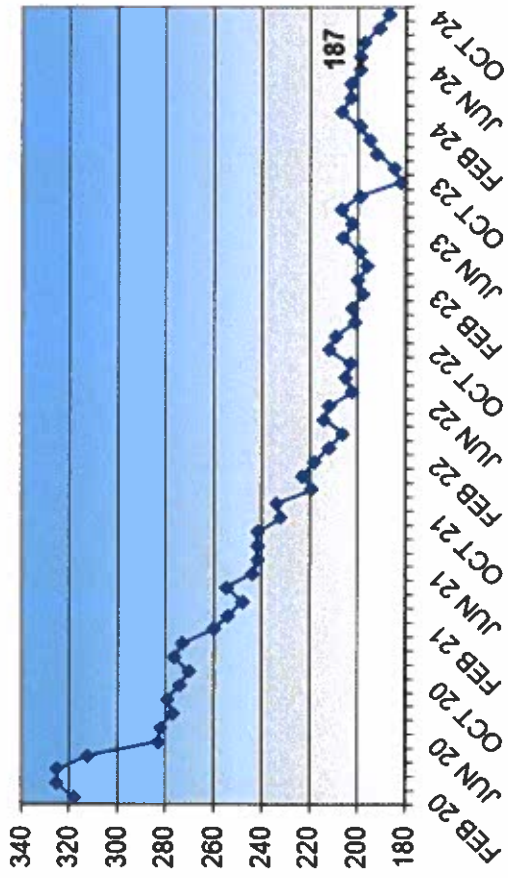
Total Medicaid Caseload
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



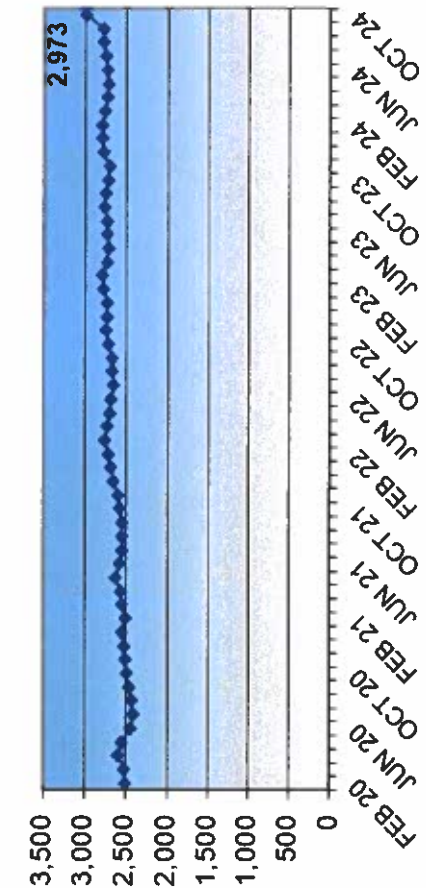
Total Transitional Supports Caseload
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



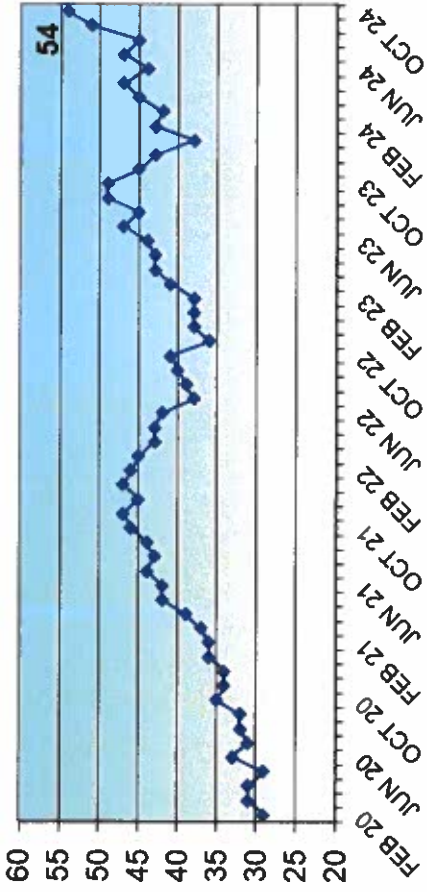
Temporary Assistance Caseload
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



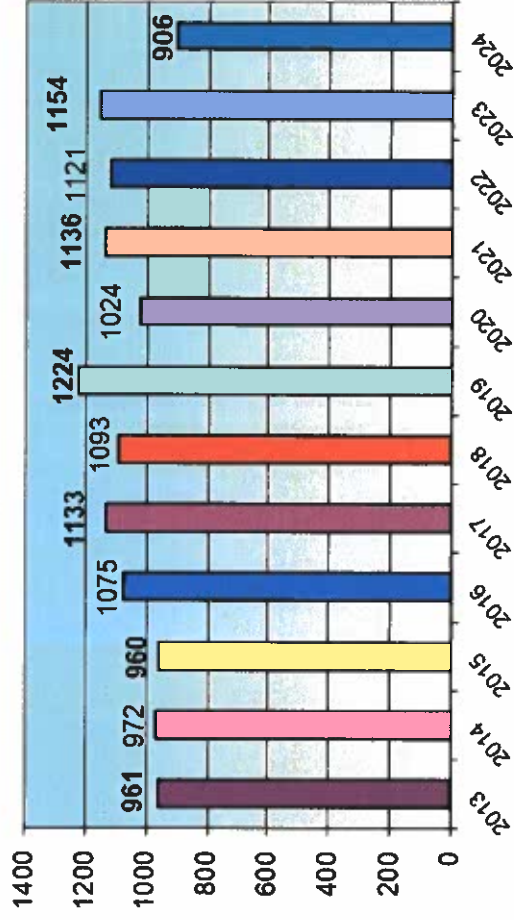
Total SNAP Caseload
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024



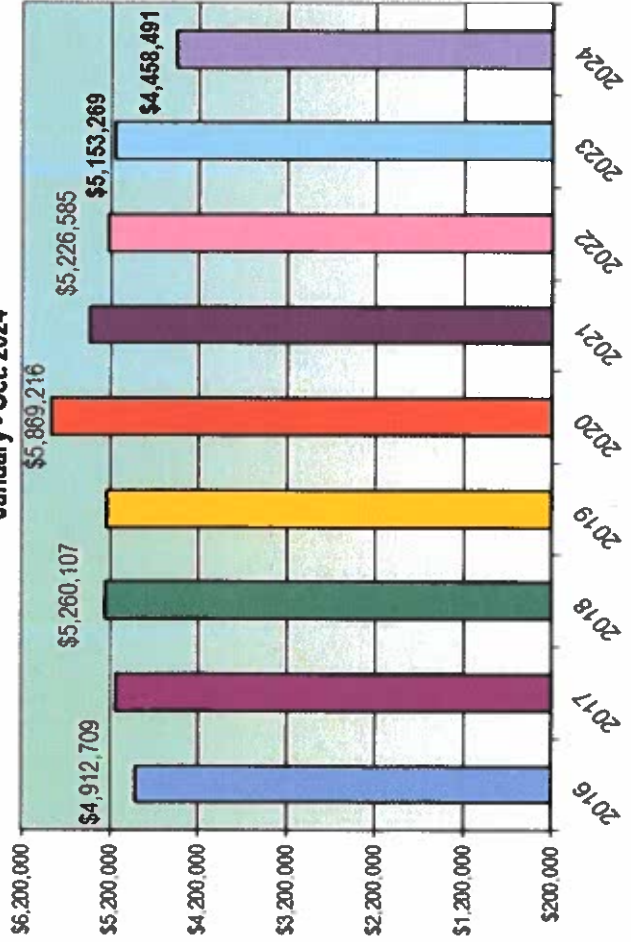
**Children in Foster Care
at End of Month
Feb. 2020 - Oct. 2024**



**Child Protective Services
State Central Register Reports (Hotline)
2013 - 2023 Annual Totals
Jan. - Oct. 2024**



**Child Support Collections
2016 - 2023 Annual Totals
January - Oct. 2024**





TIOGA CAREER CENTER

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COMMITTEE MEETING 11/5/2024

Current open job postings in Tioga =145

32 new Unemployment claims opened in October, 24 had effective claim dates in October, there were no seasonal claims, and 8 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates:

	Oct '24	Sept '24	Oct '23
Tioga	2.9	3.6	3.3
NYS	4.0	4.9	4.2
US	3.9	4.4	3.6

The Tioga Career Center is currently experiencing an increase in unemployment insurance (UI) recipients as seasonal employees face layoffs. To better assist our customers, we now have a Department of Labor representative visiting our office every other week, providing support for job search needs and addressing complex UI issues. Additionally, we're excited to introduce a new business services representative dedicated to collaborating with Tioga County businesses. Our efforts are already showing results, with 10 Department of Social Services recipients receiving assistance, and 3 of them successfully finding employment. We are committed to helping our community navigate these challenging times and connect with job opportunities.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
 RESOLUTION NO. -24 APPROVE FUNDING
 2025 YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board has reviewed 2025 applications for funding which are consistent with guidelines previously presented to the Legislative Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following programs recommended by the Tioga County Youth Board for program year October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 be approved by the Tioga County Legislature in the amounts indicated:

Catholic Charities	\$ 8,029
Kali's Klub House 7 Keys to Success	\$ 5,000
Lions Camp Badger	\$10,300
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	\$ 2,350
Spencer-VanEtten PAVE	\$ 2,475
Ti-Ahwaga Community Players	\$ 5,000
Tioga County Council on the Arts	\$ 5,500
Town of Owego Summer Recreation	\$ 7,000
Tioga County Youth Bureau dues (required)	\$ 100
Total Youth Development Program Funds	\$45,754

Lions Camp Badger	\$1,500
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	\$4,650
Owego Apalachin Booster Club	\$3,850
Spencer-VanEtten Youth Association	\$5,000
Waverly Recreation	\$5,000
Total Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funds	\$20,000

Hiawatha Soccer Association	\$18,812
Waverly Recreation	\$ 5,000
Total Youth Team Sports Funds	\$23,812

GRAND TOTAL \$89,566

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/24 of the original \$89,566 will be carried forward into the New Year.

PROCLAMATION

This November marks the 34th annual National Adoption Month. November 23, 2024, is National Adoption Day. Our task is to find permanent homes for all our children. Tioga County finalized three adoptions this year to date. Tioga has seven children freed for adoption, six placed with adoptive homes and one of those youth is awaiting a match with a forever family. Every child in America and Tioga County deserves a permanent, loving forever family and home; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families serve as a source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children freed for adoption in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families provide a safe and stable home and a nurturing environment where children freed for adoption have the opportunity to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Accepting responsibility for the care of these children has proven to be very rewarding for many adoptive parents; and

WHEREAS: Numerous public and private agencies work to increase the public's awareness of the needs of children freed for adoption, and the enduring and valuable contribution of adoptive families; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize all those in Tioga County who work together on behalf of children freed for adoption; the adoptive families and the professional staff dedicated to ensuring these children become members of a stable and loving family; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby Proclaim November as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to recognize adoptive families in Tioga County.

Dated:

Martha Sauerbrey
CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, October 7, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator
Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services (MH)
Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services (DSS)
Ms. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)
Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with nine months of expenses and eight months of revenue. Savings in salary & fringe due to vacancies is offsetting state take backs from previous years.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared there are no new criminal psych bills.
3. New Business
 - Waverly location – Pretty much complete. There is an air handler problem that Gary Hammond is working on with the contractors. This issue may delay the opening in November. The final invoices won't come in until the project is complete.
 - Quarterly Remote Work Usage Report - Ms. Morgan shared there were 7 people working remote in July & August and 5 people in September.
 - Quarterly Strategic Plan Report – Ms. Morgan summarized that the plan to expand crisis services is in progress. As far as increasing digitizing of electronic forms, almost everything is done except for some releases. MH has been conducting agency surveys and implementing suggestions. The electronic resource guide was completed about a month ago. The Legislators expressed that they did not feel the need to go over monthly or quarterly updates of the HHS department's strategic plans.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the September 3, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

4. Personnel

- Diane Obregon, PT Accounting Clerk, resigned, effective 9/26/24
- Jeffrey Caris, School Support Program at Spencer school, resigning effective 10/10/24
- Christa Anderson, Accounting Associate I, resigning effective 10/18/24
- Jessica Murphy, Sr. CSW, Waverly site starting 10/7/24
- Jamison Colegrove, CSW, Owego site starting 11/4/24

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Mobile Crisis)
- Transfer of Funds 2024 Budget Modification (IT equipment for Waverly office)
- Authorize Contract with AspireHopeNY to Administer Parent Support Services
- Authorize Contract with Trinity to Administer Prevention & Jail Services
- Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities to Administer Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Services
- Authorize Contract with RSS to Administer Psychosocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line & Drop-In Center
- Authorize Contract with Tomkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES to Administer Prevention Services
- Authorize Contract with Fairview Recovery Services for Contracting for Mental Hygiene Contracted Staffing

6. Proclamations

- None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2024 budget is tracking well. The Munis report shows PH is at 72% including pre-school. However, there are both significant expenses and revenues that have not been received through September, including 3rd quarter state aid or grants. September was a large revenue month, with almost \$1 million in revenue received. El Escrow account is under budget by almost 40%. Mr. McCann noted they are keeping a close eye on Pre-school and are hoping they will not need any additional funds this year.

2. Old Business

- None

3. New Business

- Local Laws Introductory B – Revised Environmental Health Fee Schedule

- Agency Report for September 2024 forwarded to committee. Ms. Vroman thanked the Legislature & all departments for their support with the Tioga Castings property. Legislator Standinger thanked Ms. Vroman for her leadership of that situation.
 - Dental Van is booked solid. They are not accepting new appointments right now. They are recruiting to hire a part-time dentist.
 - Employee Wellness Day is coming 10/23. Open invitation for all Legislators.
 - Remote Update – There are 23 staff approved to work remote. Not all those 23 are participating weekly. Ms. Vroman expressed her appreciation for the program and feels it is going well.
 - Working with NYSDOH, PH was able to close the cases of 9 children with elevated blood lead levels.
4. Personnel
- Alexander Knapp, Public Health Technician, hired effective 9/23/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
- Schedule Public Health Local Law Introductory B of 2024 for the Establishment of Revised Environmental Health Fee Schedule
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (ASAP)
6. Proclamations
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (repeat)

Strategic Plan Update

- Accepting on-line payments for dental & Environmental Health starting next week
- Assessment with stakeholders
- Helping Homes – grant application to the Hooker Foundation for lead & cleaning products
- Worker satisfaction & training needs surveys have been on-going

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Foster Care and overtime are running over budget. Day Care and Safety Net lines are on target.
2. Old Business
- Remote Work Quarterly Report – included in packet. 17 staff members have been approved. Not all units are able to participate due to staffing shortages. It has been going well and Commissioner Yetter expressed his appreciation for the incentive to stabilize staffing.

- Strategic Plan Quarterly Update – Out of the 6 objectives, some have been completed or are in progress. On-hold is the needs assessment for mandated trainings. There is a workgroup with ED& P for affordable housing (long term).

Legislator Standinger asked about the homeless housing situation at the Foundry property. Commissioner Yetter reported that surprisingly 3 individuals agreed to temporary housing. DSS is continuing to work with the remainder. SOS (OMH funded group) were helpful with working with individuals and families. There were no kids there on the day of the Public Health order.

3. New Business

- Caseloads

During September, Cash Assistance decreased 12 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 1 case and Safety Net decreasing 11 cases.

MA-Only increased 30 cases.

MA-SSI decreased 2 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 23 to 3,366

SNAP increased 40 cases.

Day Care increased 5 cases

See Caseload Summary

Kids in Foster Care is the highest it's been in decades at 51. Most are due to substance abuse.

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment continues to remain below the State & Federal levels.

4. Personnel Changes

- Kathryn Willett, PT Mail Clerk, hired effective 9/9/24
- Lorine Heveland transferred from AA II to OS II effective 9/9/24
- Nancy Hurley, PT Community Services Worker, hired effective 9/9/24
- Alyssa Kinney resigned as PT Caseworker effective 9/20/24
- Kim Heyman transferred from Employment Specialist to Social Services Investigator effective 9/23/24
- Caitlin Scanlon, AA II, hired effective 9/23/24
- Cherie Miller, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 9/23/24
- Christine Robinson, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 9/23/24
- Jason Stevens, Support Investigator, removed effective 9/25/24
- Melissa Barrett, PT Mail Clerk, retired effective 9/27/24

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Create and Fill Two Full-Time Social Services Employment Specialist Positions and Amend Budget and Appropriate Funds
- Authorize Grant Application (pursue funding opportunities for the CAC office)

6. Proclamations

- None

Ms. Liz Myers gave an update regarding the CAC office. They are in the process of moving from one space to the space next door doubling in size. IT is moving all the computer/phone lines today. They will have the ability to perform medical exams on site. Ms. Myers thanked Ms. Morgan for carving out some interview space in the new Mental Hygiene office in Waverly.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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