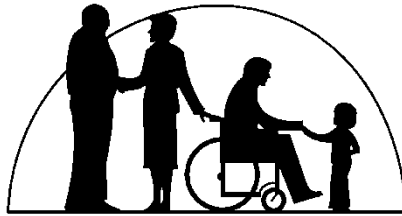


Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA)

Service Plan



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Type of Service plan

Individual county plan

Multi-county plan

County name: Carlton County

County names:

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Part A: Needs and Priorities

State the type of needs that the county will be addressing for vulnerable children and adults who experience dependency, abuse or neglect using VCA funds?

Vulnerable children

Carlton County sees a need for parents to receive support with the difficult job of raising children. Many parents don't have supportive, extended family as families have had in the past. Carlton County has Family School Support workers who are county workers who have offices in the public schools. They are able to provide families with Family Based Crisis services. Once the crisis has been stabilized, some families go on to Family Based Case Management Services. We also have a Diversion program – a social worker who works with families who have pre-delinquent or delinquent youth. Family Based/Diversion services can be provided as a crisis service and also as ongoing Family Based Case Management services to help these families improve their family functioning and ability to meet the needs of their teens.

Vulnerable adults

Part B: Strengths and Resources

A county has many strengths and resources to address the diverse social services needs of vulnerable children and adults. Briefly state what strengths and/or resources will be engaged (continued or implemented) to address the needs stated in Part A above?

Vulnerable children

Carlton County possesses many strengths. One of our strengths is our ability to communicate well not only within the agency but with other community agencies and providers such as our Domestic Abuse Advocates, the County Attorney's Office, our area law enforcement agencies – Sheriff's Department, Cloquet Police Department, Fond du Lac Police Department, Moose Lake Police Department and Esko Police Department. We communicate well with our schools and have FSSW in many of the county's schools. We meet every other week with our Probation officers and Truancy Officer. We have almost daily contact with our Tribe during our Action Team calls. We also have monthly ICWA and quarterly dialogue meetings with Fond du Lac, Probation, Carlton County Human Services, and the County Attorney's Office. We continue to have bi-weekly Child Protection Team meetings and opposite week Case Consultation Team meetings.

Carlton County has been willing to be on the forefront of new ways of providing child protection services. Carlton County was one of the first counties to engage in the Alternative Response/Family Assessment Response programming. We were also one of the early counties to provide Parent Support Outreach Programming. We developed our Children and Family Services Collaborative over 10 years ago and it continues to meet to assess needs and look at creative service delivery despite the evaporation of collaborative monies. Through our Collaborative we were able to develop a variety of programs including Family School Support Worker Program, School-Linked Mental Health, Truancy Officer, Coordinated School Health, Crisis Nursery, and Restorative Justice – Sentencing Circles.

Vulnerable adults

Part C: Measures and Performances

Access the link below to review the county's CY 2010 performance on VCA measures.

[CY 2010 Performance Summary on VCA Federal and State Measures](#)

Use the county's performance summary to complete the table and questions below. In the table, enter the county's performance on each of the measures and enter a "✓" if the standard was met, or an "✗" if the standard was not met in CY 2010. In the last two columns, set practical performance targets the county will work towards achieving in 2012 and 2013.

Federal and State Measures

Measures (abbreviated)	Standard (STD)	2010 State/County Performance			Anticipated Targets	
		State	County	STD Met? (✓ or ✗)	2012	2013
1. No repeat maltreatment w/in sixmths.	≥ 94.6 %	✓ 95.1%	100%	yes	100	100
2. Re-entered foster carew/in 12 mths.	≤ 9.9 %	✗ 24.4%	29.6%	no	24	10
3. Reunified w/in 12 mths.	≥ 75.2 %	✓ 84.5%	88.5%	yes	90	95
4. Adopted w/in 24 mths	≥ 36.6 %	✓ 48.2%	50%	yes	60	65
5. Two or fewer pl. settings w/in 12mths.	≥ 86.0 %	✓ 86.8%	85.2%	no	88	90
6. Health examination w/in 12 mths.	≥ 63.5%	✗ 56.4%	61.3%	no	75	100

≥ =Greater than or equal to; ≤ =Less than or equal to; ✓ =Standard met; ✗ = Standard not met

For each measure for which the county did not meet the standard, identify the measure below and discuss what plans are in place to improve performance on the respective measure. Include what issues/barriers/challenges are hindering the county from meeting the standard, and what may need to be changed or be done differently to achieve the stated targets (add more boxes, if needed).

Measure #: 2	Staff will make sure that families follow all service plan recommendations, have completed their service plan in full, are connected to community services, complete Re-Risk assessment and review desire to close the case with the full Family Unit. Cases with a high risk level will not be closed until the risk level decreased to medium or less.
Measure #: 5	Children will have fewer than two placements within 12 months. We currently use FGDM process when foster parents are indicating that they feel the placement might fail. We look at strengths and needs in the foster care situation. We look at increasing the training our foster care parents have regarding children with mental health diagnoses and behavioral issues. We will also look at respite services for foster parents. We will also make sure that both the children, foster parents, and parents receive their monthly worker visits, which best practices shows decrease the amount of time children are in foster care thus reducing the number of placements needed.
Measure #:6	Children will have a health exam within 12 months. Workers are reminded of this when a child is placed and when an FAR case is opened. This important need will be reviewed at monthly unit meetings. Workers will be reminded to document in SSIS when they receive information concerning the health exam. Our Public Health department will also be utilized to assist in getting access to exams.

Part D: Budget

Access the link below to review the county’s CY 2012 allocation. Use the county’s allocation to complete the budget table below.

[Vulnerable Children and Adults Act CY 2012 Allocation](#)

Fill in the proportion (percent) of the county’s VCA allocation that will be budgeted for vulnerable children and adult services for CY 2012 and beyond. Because VCA funds are directed at vulnerable children and adults, only two budget line items are listed. Subsequently, the department will apply these proportions to the most currently available allocation data. If the county changes these proportions at any time, the department should be informed by sending an email to: paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us.

VCAbudget	CY 2012 and beyond
Children services	86%
Adult services	14%
Total	100%

Part E: Certification and Assurances

Federal Certifications

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) requires the following certifications for the use of federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds (CFDA # 93.667, federal award number 0901MNSOSR, 1001MNSOSR, 0601MNSOS2). Follow the links for a complete description of each certification. Checking these boxes certifies that the county complies with these requirements for the use of SSBG funds administered through the service plan and county sub-contracting process.

- Drug Free Workplace
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/drug_free.html
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/tobacco.html>
- Lobbying
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/lobbying.html>
- Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters**
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/debarment.html>

Public Input

Prior to submission, did the county facilitate a process for soliciting public input for at least 30 days on the contents of the agreement?

Yes No Was public input received/used? Yes No

Assurances

It is understood and agreed by the county board that funds granted pursuant to this service plan will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minn.Stat.§256M; that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service plan, and that documentation of compliance will be available for audit; and that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all VCA requirements including documenting annual public input processes.

Service Plan Certification

Checking this box certifies that this service plan has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of [Minn.Stat.§256M](#). In the box below, state the name of the chair of the county board of commissioners or authorized designee, their mailing address and the name of the county.

Name (chair or designee)	Mailing address	County

Date of Certification: