

**Antrim County
Department
of
Health and Human Services**



2017 Annual Report

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services strives to promote better health outcomes, reduce health risks, and support stable and safe families while encouraging self-sufficiency.

Dear Chairperson Boettcher,

Thank you very much for inviting the Antrim County Department of Health and Human Services to present to yourself and fellow Commissioners information regarding programs and services offered through DHHS in 2017.

Regards,

Maureen Clore, Director

Antrim/Charlevoix/Emmet

Department of Health and Human Services

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Programs

Total Eligible Recipients by Program

Month	Family Independence Program (FIP)	Food Assistance Program (FAP)	State Disability Assistance (SDA)	Child Development and Care (CDC)	Medicaid Eligible	Healthy Michigan Program
Jan	40	2154	4	53	3797	1501
Feb	42	2135	4	57	3785	1518
March	32	2126	5	59	3821	1540
April	38	2122	4	56	3850	1573
May	35	2121	5	52	3871	1567
June	34	2108	4	62	3896	1570
July	33	2114	4	65	3947	1573
Aug	34	2089	6	67	3924	1551
Sept	34	2082	4	53	3856	1536
Oct	36	2040	4	50	3830	1547
Nov	40	2041	4	67	3836	1565
Dec	41	2023	3	63	3847	1558

State Emergency Relief

Month	Cases	Total Payments
January	24	\$10,859.00
February	30	\$20,404.00
March	29	\$12,232.00
April	29	\$17,560.00
May	16	\$9,007.00
June	7	\$6,064.00
July	3	\$1,657.00
August	0	\$0
September	1	\$108.00
October	1	\$597.00
November	27	\$8,866.00
December	55	\$23,884.00

The goal of the SER program is to prevent serious harm to individuals and families by helping them obtain safe, decent and affordable shelter and other essentials when they face an emergency due to factors or conditions beyond their control. All persons (other than illegal aliens) are potentially eligible for SER, with no residency requirements. The SER applicant group must be physically present in Michigan at the time of application, must have an emergency that threatens their health or safety, and the emergency must be resolvable through issuance of SER. SER is not issued to resolve applicant-created emergencies.

Cash into Antrim County through DHHS programs (FY '17)

FIP (cash assistance)	\$66,430.00
Food Assistance	\$2,691,884.00
Child Day Care	\$92,284.00
State Emergency Relief	\$111,338.00
State Disability	\$11,119.00
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Total	\$2,973,055.00

Child Welfare Initiatives

Beginning in 2016, Antrim/Charlevoix/Emmet Department of Health and Human Services staff was invited, along with other counties within Northern Michigan, to participate in an initiative to educate and build Trauma Informed Communities that link DHHS, Courts, Mental Health, Schools, Health Providers and other community partners. One of the goals of the collaboration between DHHS and Western Michigan University/Children's Trauma Assessment Center was to develop a culture within our communities to recognize and appropriately identify Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and respond to the varying effects and impacts trauma has on children, adults, families and professionals.

An integral part of this work includes education and awareness of ACES, the impact of trauma on individuals, families and communities and the importance of resiliency and protective factors. Staff from DHHS along with community partners have provided trauma focused educational opportunities on several occasions. Some of this work has included presentations at school based professional development workshops at Mancelona Public Schools, offering educational opportunities to school staff through "lunch and learns," hosting a screening of Resilience to school staff in Mancelona.

There is much more work to be done and collaborative efforts are underway between the DHHS, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Probate Court, Law Enforcement, Community Mental Health and Private Therapists, Health Professionals and our School Districts.

Child Welfare Cases

In 2017, Antrim County Children's Protective Services staff completed 292 investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect. In 69 of those cases, a preponderance of evidence that child abuse and/or neglect had occurred and services were provided to families.

11 Abuse/Neglect petitions were filed in Probate Court resulting in 17 children coming under the jurisdiction of the Antrim County Probate Court.

6 adoptions were finalized in Antrim County in 2017.

We currently have 7 licensed foster home through Antrim County DHHS. Our licensing program continues to grow with staff attending numerous recruitment activities including school sporting events, presenting information to community groups and churches and other community events.

Adult Programs

DHHS offers a variety of programs to protect, encourage independence and advocate for frail and vulnerable adults in Michigan. Our programs can assist with independent living (home help), adult foster care and homes for the aged, adult protective services and support for those dealing with HIV/AIDS.

From 10/2016 through 9/2017, Antrim County received the following new referrals involving adults:

Adult Protective Services:	146 referrals 80 investigations 14 open cases
Adult Community Placement:	1 referral 1 placement
Independent Living Services:	40 referrals 16 open cases 24 denied/withdrawn

Antrim County Child Care Fund

Antrim County again approved a long-standing contract with Wellspring Lutheran Services to administer the Family Support Program in Antrim County. The Family Support Program (FSP) provides long term (6 months), intensive services to families involved with Children’s Protective Services as well as families who are currently under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court, are likely to come under the jurisdiction of the Court or have children returning home after being placed in foster care.

In 2017, \$32,496.94 was utilized from the CCF to assist 75 children in Antrim County. This averages to \$433.29/child. These services provide a family the opportunity to engage in more intensive, long term, in-home assistance to address the conditions that brought the family to the attention of the Department. The goal of the program is to prevent families from entering the Court system, reduce the length of involvement with the system and decrease recidivism.

Antrim County Social Welfare Fund

We were able to meet extra needs and provide additional services to children and families through the Social Welfare Fund as well as cover administrative costs for the Meadow Brook Governing Board/Antrim County Human Services Board.

The following is a breakdown of expenditures in FY17:

Board salaries:	\$6,572.38
MCSSA dues:	1,436.55
Mancelona Schools:	136.43
Foster parents/children:	1,809.66
Administrative	1,777.00
Admin copier	<u>361.00</u>
	\$12,093.02