

Child Protection

What is it?

- The purpose of child protection is to make sure that children are safe and that their needs are met. We also make sure that families are provided with the resources they need to help keep their children safe.
- Types of responses to child protection reports:
 - Screen out with no contact with the family
 - Screen out and offer voluntary services
 - Screen in for a Family Assessment
 - Screen in for a Family Investigation
 - Screen in for a Facility Investigation
- If ongoing services are needed after the assessment or investigation is completed, we open a case management case.
- All of our work is mandated and based on federal and state statutes
 - Documentation, timelines, case plans, contacts

Funding Sources

- Child Welfare Targeted Case Management (MA billable service)
 - 2019 = \$427 per qualifying contact with client
- Vulnerable Children and Adults Act Grant
 - 2019 = \$337,157 (federal and state)
 - Grant is shared with Adult Protection
- Child Protection Grant
 - 2019 = \$60,000 (and an additional \$15,000 if requirements are met)
- Family Assessment Response Grant
 - 2019 = \$9,050 (federal and state)
- Parent Support Outreach Program Grant
 - 2019 = \$5,000
- Children's Mental Health Screening Grant
 - 2019 = \$20,662

The little known tidbits.

- 140 = The number of hours of child protection training a worker needs to complete before they can independently manage a child protection case.
- 15 = The number of CEU's child protection workers need to have in a year

- 3 = The estimated number of years it takes a child protection worker to be proficient and well versed in their job.
- 3 = The average number of years for a child protection worker to reach burnout/compassion fatigue.

Aitkin County Statistics-2018

- 289 = # of child maltreatment reports
- 70 = # of Family Assessments completed
- 22 = # of Family Investigations completed
- 1 = # of Facility Investigations completed
- 28 = # of children in foster care
- 15 = # of truancy cases

Why do we do it?

- The successes...even the little ones