

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

May 7, 2024
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 2, 2024

- **FINANCIAL**
 - April 2024 Budget Report

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - None

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

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Kathleen Wage, OS1, hired effective 4/8/24
 - Stephanie Galeano, Caseworker, hired effective 4/8/24
 - Shannon Willett, Caseworker, hired effective 4/22/24

- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget

- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 - Foster Care Recognition Month (repeat)

- **ADJOURNMENT**



TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 04

ACCOUNTS FOR: ORIGINAL TRANSFER/ REVISED YTD ACTUAL ENCUMBRANCES AVAILABLE PCT
General Fund APPROP ADJUSTMTS BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET USE/COL

A6010 Social Services Administration

A6010 418110	Repayments of SNAP	-1,950,000	0	-1,000,000	-103,173.00	.00	-1,976,677.00	5.0%
A6010 436100	State Aid-Social S	-2,000,000	-129,850	-2,079,850	-630,251.00	.00	-1,430,948.00	30.6%
A6010 446100	Federal Aid-Social	-675,000	-61,199	-2,061,199	-103,009.00	.00	-571,991.00	15.3%
A6010 446150	Federal Aid - SNAP	-1,900,000	0	-1,900,000	-799,906.00	.00	-1,100,094.00	42.1%
A6010 446890	Federal Aid-Flexib	0	-12,757	12,757	.00	.00	-12,757.00	.0%
A6010 510010	Full Time	4,530,667	0	4,530,667	1,226,069.55	.00	3,304,597.36	27.1%
A6010 510020	Part Time/Temporar	178,357	0	178,357	40,680.85	.00	137,676.15	22.8%
A6010 510030	Overtime Pay Only	100,000	0	100,000	35,625.71	.00	64,374.29	35.6%
A6010 510050	All Other(On Call,	37,600	0	37,600	12,062.39	.00	25,537.61	32.1%
A6010 520070	Chairs	1,200	0	1,200	246.00	.00	954.00	20.5%
A6010 520090	Computer	38,000	0	38,000	66.88	.00	37,933.12	2.2%
A6010 520200	Office Equipment	1,000	3,350	4,350	1,195.44	.00	3,154.56	27.5%
A6010 520220	Printer	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A6010 530100	Data Processing	92,921	0	92,921	24,265.98	.00	68,655.02	26.1%
A6010 530300	Legal	13,812	0	13,812	3,962.00	.00	9,850.00	28.7%
A6010 530551	Maintenance in Lie	166,733	0	166,733	42,294.00	.00	124,439.00	25.4%
A6010 530582	Security Services	18,000	0	18,000	6,000.00	.00	12,000.00	33.3%
A6010 540010	Advertising	1,700	6,850	8,550	6,985.00	.00	1,565.00	81.7%
A6010 540040	Books	3,700	0	3,700	1,243.02	.00	2,456.98	33.6%
A6010 540070	Car Maintenance	7,000	0	7,000	1,602.63	.00	5,397.37	22.9%
A6010 540140	Contracting Servic	1,005,000	41,903	1,046,903	267,266.43	.00	764,170.85	27.0%
A6010 540180	Dues	6,100	0	6,100	5,467.00	.00	633.00	89.6%
A6010 540201	Food Stamps/client	4,000	0	4,000	238.50	.00	3,761.50	6.0%
A6010 540210	Garbage Disposal	6,100	0	6,100	1,667.08	.00	4,432.92	27.3%
A6010 540220	Automobile Fuel	20,000	0	20,000	3,879.52	.00	16,120.48	19.4%
A6010 540270	Insurance-Liabilit	40,481	13,044	53,525	53,524.57	.00	15,870.41	100.0%
A6010 540320	Leased/Service Equ	19,300	0	19,300	2,307.51	.00	2,205.49	17.8%
A6010 540330	Legal Fees	3,000	0	3,000	794.51	.00	300.00	26.5%
A6010 540360	Meats/Food	300	0	300	42.37	.00	57.63	42.4%
A6010 540370	Medical Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6010 540390	Mileage Expense	50	-3,903	18,097	6,931.29	.00	10,413.83	42.5%
A6010 540420	Office Supplies	22,000	0	22,000	-429.72	.00	2,429.72	-21.5%
A6010 540441	Paternity Testing	2,000	0	2,000	18,289.63	.00	11,710.37	65.6%
A6010 540480	Postage	30,000	0	30,000	1,022.84	.00	2,977.16	25.6%
A6010 540485	Printing/Paper	4,000	0	4,000	19,848.54	.00	162,020.73	11.1%
A6010 540487	Program Expense	15,500	166,725	182,225	16,764.40	.00	50,369.34	28.0%
A6010 540581	Security Systems &	70,000	0	70,000	319.80	.00	94,123.20	.3%
A6010 540620	Software Expense	94,443	0	94,443	6,446.32	.00	5,314.84	54.8%
A6010 540640	Supplies (Not Offi	2,400	9,361	11,761	.00	.00	.00	.0%



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FOR 2024 04

ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANSFERS/	REVISED	YTD	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
A General Fund		APPROP	ADJUSTMS	BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET	USE/COL
A6010	540660 Telephone	25,000	0	25,000	4,170.75	675.00	20,154.25	19.4%
A6010	540733 Training/All other	30,000	0	30,000	12,784.28	450.00	16,765.72	44.1%
A6010	540810 Nyschg-Cseu	0	0	0	-3,530.26	.00	3,530.26	100.0%
A6010	540820 Nyschg-Ebics	40,000	0	40,000	3,573.00	.00	36,427.00	8.9%
A6010	540840 Nyschg-Legal	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
A6010	540850 Nyschg-Training	5,200	0	5,200	.00	.00	5,200.00	.0%
A6010	581088 State Retirement F	192,553	0	377,244	199,950.07	.00	177,293.44	53.0%
A6010	583088 Social Security Fr	34,173	214,137	248,310	105,609.84	.00	142,700.37	42.5%
A6010	584088 Workers Compensati	8,950	78,507	87,457	36,326.46	.00	51,130.13	41.5%
A6010	585588 Disability Insuran	333	4,120	4,453	1,924.59	.00	2,528.34	43.2%
A6010	586088 Health Insurance F	454,368	791,946	1,246,314	539,573.62	.00	706,740.44	43.3%
A6010	588988 Eap Fringe	67	1,086	1,153	467.50	.00	685.84	40.5%
TOTAL Social Services Administration		821,608	1,308,010	2,129,618	1,071,190.89	21,686.51	1,036,740.72	51.3%
A6050 Public Facility For Children								
A6050	436100 State-Child Advoca	-100,000	-256,384	-356,384	-47,467.43	.00	-308,916.15	13.3%*
A6050	510010 Fulltime	56,636	0	56,636	16,861.10	.00	39,774.90	29.8%
A6050	510030 Overtime Pay Only	0	0	0	115.80	.00	-115.80	100.0%*
A6050	520190 Nursing/Medical Eq	0	10,716	10,716	.00	.00	10,716.37	.0%
A6050	540140 Contracting Servic	0	244,235	244,235	.00	.00	210,009.34	14.0%
A6050	540180 Dues	350	62	412	412.00	.00	1,244.65	100.0%
A6050	540191 Electric Utility	1,800	0	1,800	555.35	.00	1,200.00	30.9%
A6050	540390 Mileage Expense	200	0	200	.00	.00	1,714.16	.0%
A6050	540420 Office Supplies	500	1,214	1,714	.00	.00	26,011.48	4.9%
A6050	540487 Program Expense	5,000	22,363	27,363	1,351.20	.00	5,950.00	41.7%
A6050	540550 Rent/Lease	10,200	0	10,200	4,250.00	.00	1,392.22	22.7%
A6050	540640 Supplies (Not Offi	1,200	1,000	1,200	48.99	.00	1,151.01	4.1%
A6050	540660 Telephone	1,800	0	1,800	407.78	.00	1,324.80	60.1%
A6050	540733 Training/All Other	2,200	4,500	6,700	4,046.16	.00	2,653.84	62.1%
A6050	581088 State Retirement F	4,945	-1,451	3,494	2,169.05	.00	1,324.80	60.4%
A6050	583088 Social Security Fr	0	3,066	3,066	1,420.19	.00	1,646.17	46.3%
A6050	584088 Workers Compensati	0	861	861	386.98	.00	474.18	44.9%
A6050	585588 Disability Insuran	0	46	46	21.98	.00	23.59	48.2%
A6050	586088 Health Insurance F	1,976	8,786	10,762	3,910.34	.00	6,851.82	36.3%
A6050	588988 EAP Fringe	0	11	11	5.14	.00	6.18	45.4%
TOTAL Public Facility For Children		-14,193	39,026	24,833	-11,505.37	34,225.23	2,112.76	91.5%
A6055 Day Care								
A6055	418550 Repayments of Day	0	0	0	-100.00	.00	100.00	100.0%



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A6055	436550 State Aid-Day Care	-1,838,640	0	-1,838,640	-368,515.00	.00	-1,470,125.00	20.0%*
A6055	540487 Day Care Program E	1,753,000	0	1,753,000	442,673.22	.00	1,310,326.78	25.3%
	TOTAL Day Care	-85,640	0	-85,640	74,058.22	.00	-159,698.22	-86.5%
A6070 Services For Recipients								
A6070	436700 RTA State Aid-Servi	-38,064	0	-38,064	-4,836.00	.00	-33,228.00	12.7%*
A6070	446700 Federal Aid-Servic	-74,000	0	-74,000	-19,344.00	.00	-54,656.00	26.1%*
A6070	540487 Title XX Program E	157,000	0	157,000	33,171.50	.00	123,828.50	21.1%
A6070	540487 RTA Program Expense	38,064	0	38,064	1,612.00	.00	36,452.00	4.2%
	TOTAL Services For Recipients	83,000	0	83,000	10,603.50	.00	72,396.50	12.8%
A6101 Medical Assistance								
A6101	418010 Repayments Of Medi	-80,000	0	-80,000	-58,372.11	.00	-21,627.89	73.0%*
A6101	436010 State Aid-Medical	32,000	0	32,000	26,047.00	.00	5,953.00	81.4%
A6101	446010 Federal Aid-Medica	28,000	0	28,000	25,985.00	.00	2,015.00	92.8%
A6101	540487 Medicaid Program E	20,000	0	20,000	963.46	.00	19,036.54	4.8%
	TOTAL Medical Assistance	0	0	0	-5,376.65	.00	5,376.65	100.0%
A6102 Medical Assistance - MMTS								
A6102	540487 MMTS Program Expen	8,328,082	0	8,328,082	2,742,962.00	.00	5,585,120.00	32.9%
	TOTAL Medical Assistance - Mmis	8,328,082	0	8,328,082	2,742,962.00	.00	5,585,120.00	32.9%
A6109 Family Assistance								
A6109	418090 Repayments Family	-310,000	0	-310,000	-76,764.42	.00	-233,235.58	24.8%*
A6109	436090 State Aid-Family A	0	0	0	-116.00	.00	116.00	100.0%*
A6109	446090 Federal Aid-Family	-1,200,000	0	-1,200,000	-151,699.00	.00	-1,048,301.00	12.6%*
A6109	540487 Family Assist Prog	1,700,000	0	1,700,000	371,692.25	.00	1,328,307.75	21.9%
	TOTAL Family Assistance	190,000	0	190,000	143,112.83	.00	46,887.17	75.3%



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A6119 Child Care							
A6119 418190	Repayments of Child	0	-271,000	-92,795.49	.00	-178,204.51	34.2%*
A6119 436190	State Aid-Child Ca	0	-1,259,733	-354,330.00	.00	-905,403.00	28.1%*
A6119 446190	Federal Aid-Child	0	-503,500	-125,318.00	.00	-378,182.00	24.9%*
A6119 540487	Foster Care Progra	0	2,300,000	621,221.89	.00	1,678,778.11	27.0%
TOTAL Child Care		0	265,767	48,778.40	.00	216,988.60	18.4%
A6123 Juvenile Delinquent Care							
A6123 418230	Repayments of Juve	0	-5,000	.00	.00	-5,000.00	.0%*
A6123 436230	State Aid-Juvenile	0	-151,438	.00	.00	-151,438.00	.0%*
A6123 436230	RTA State Aid-Juven	0	-700,000	.00	.00	-700,000.00	.0%*
A6123 540487	JD Program Expense	0	841,000	84,137.75	.00	756,862.25	10.0%
A6123 540487	RTA JD Program -RTA	0	700,000	.00	.00	700,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Juvenile Delinquent Care		0	684,562	84,137.75	.00	600,424.25	12.3%
A6129 State Training Schools							
A6129 540487	OCFS Local Program	0	203,925	159,365.00	.00	44,560.00	78.1%
TOTAL State Training Schools		0	203,925	159,365.00	.00	44,560.00	78.1%
A6140 Safety Net							
A6140 418400	Repayments of Safe	0	-130,000	-30,304.28	.00	-99,695.72	23.3%*
A6140 436400	State Aid-Safety N	0	-191,400	-32,271.00	.00	-159,129.00	16.9%*
A6140 446400	Federal Aid-Safety	0	-20,000	-787.00	.00	-19,213.00	3.9%*
A6140 540487	Safety Net Program	0	900,000	242,355.72	.00	657,644.28	26.9%
TOTAL Safety Net		0	558,600	178,993.44	.00	379,606.56	32.0%
A6141 Energy Crisis Assistance Progra							
A6141 418410	Repayments Of Home	0	-100,000	-42,828.92	.00	-57,171.08	42.8%*



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A6141 446410 Federal Aid-Home E	80,000	0	80,000	15,890.00	.00	64,110.00	19.9%
A6141 540487 HEAP Program Expen	20,000	0	20,000	9,921.84	.00	10,078.16	49.6%
TOTAL Energy Crisis Assistance Progr	0	0	0	-17,017.08	.00	17,017.08	100.0%
A6142 Emergency Assistance To Adults							
A6142 436420 State Aid-Emergenc	-15,000	0	-15,000	.00	.00	-15,000.00	7.0%*
A6142 540487 EAA Program Expens	30,000	0	30,000	2,100.00	.00	27,900.00	
TOTAL Emergency Assistance To Adults	15,000	0	15,000	2,100.00	.00	12,900.00	14.0%
TOTAL General Fund	11,050,711	1,347,036	12,397,747	4,481,402.93	55,911.74	7,860,432.07	36.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	-13,373,775	-460,190	-13,833,965	-2,974,265.65	.00	-10,859,698.93	
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,424,486	1,807,225	26,231,711	7,455,668.58	55,911.74	18,720,131.00	



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GRAND TOTAL	11,050,711	1,347,036	12,397,747	4,481,402.93	55,911.74	7,860,432.07	36.6%
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ACCOUNTS FOR: ORIGINAL TRANSFERS/ REVISED YTD ACTUAL ENCUMBRANCES AVAILABLE PCT
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CD6293 Federal Employment Programs

CD6293	424010	Interest And Earn	0	0	0	-1,309.68	100.0%
CD6293	447910	Federal Aid-Feder	-245,288	0	-245,288	-182,293.30	25.7%*
CD6293	510010	Full Time	149,769	0	149,769	105,250.35	29.7%
CD6293	530551	Maintenance in Li	13,922	0	13,922	10,079.00	27.6%
CD6293	540010	Advertising	500	0	500	500.00	.0%
CD6293	540130	Contracts	10,110	0	10,110	6,270.00	38.0%
CD6293	540420	Office Supplies	1,500	0	1,500	1,500.00	.0%
CD6293	540480	Postage	224	0	224	154.25	31.1%
CD6293	540733	Training/All Othe	800	0	800	800.00	.0%
CD6293	581088	State Retirement	11,004	0	15,630	8,582.35	45.1%
CD6293	583088	Social Security F	11,682	-2,984	8,698	5,214.05	40.1%
CD6293	584088	Workers Compensat	0	3,207	3,207	2,053.18	36.0%
CD6293	585588	Disability Insura	0	170	170	104.71	38.5%
CD6293	586088	Health Insurance	45,777	-3,005	42,772	25,405.67	40.6%
CD6293	588988	Eap Fringe	0	42	42	26.87	36.3%

TOTAL Federal Employment Programs	0	2,056	2,056	17,098.84	.00	-15,043.19	831.8%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs	0	2,056	2,056	17,098.84	.00	-15,043.19	831.8%

TOTAL REVENUES	-245,288	0	-245,288	-64,304.38	.00	-180,983.62	
TOTAL EXPENSES	245,288	2,056	247,344	81,403.22	.00	165,940.43	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	2,056	2,056	17,098.84	.00	-15,043.19	831.8%

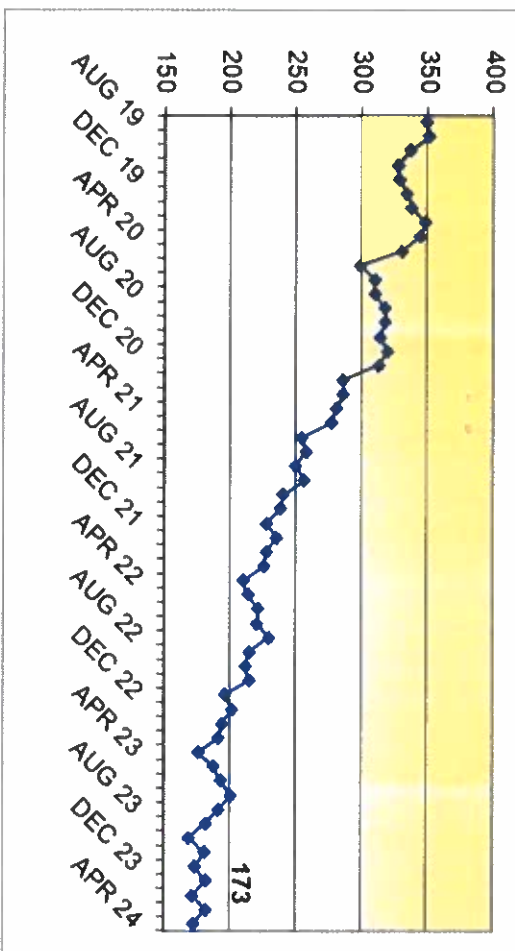
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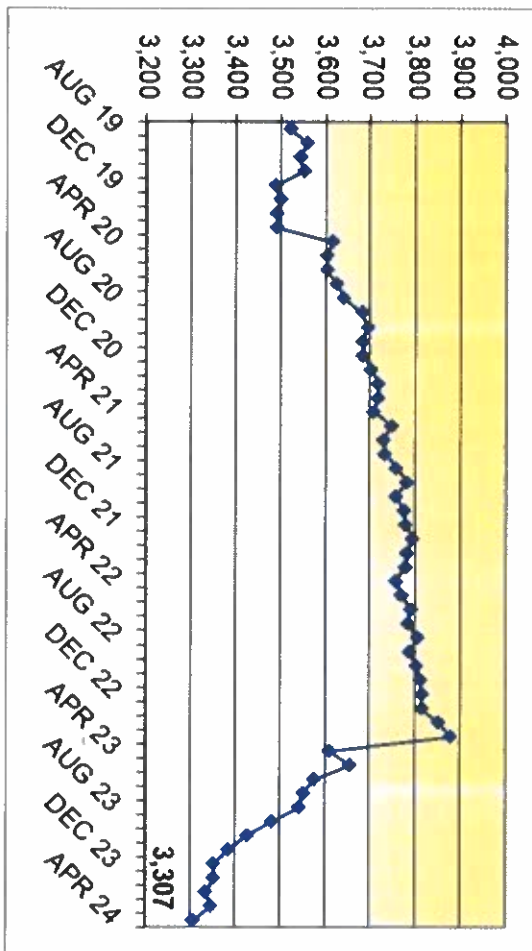
**TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Cases			
	12/29/2023	4/30/2024	% Change
FA	105	106	1%
SNA Singles	77	88	14%
SNA Families	10	9	-10%
Total TA	192	203	6%
MA-Only	1,860	1,840	-1%
MA-SSI	1,095	1,080	-1%
Total MA	2,955	2,920	-1%
SNAP	2,774	2,729	-2%
Day Care	186	180	-3%
Services	376	376	0%
Individuals			
	12/29/2023	4/30/2024	% Change
FA	174	173	-1%
SNA Singles	77	88	14%
SNA Families	35	28	-20%
Total TA	286	289	1%
MA-Only	1,971	1,938	-2%
MA-SSI	1,095	1,080	-1%
Total MA	3,066	3,018	-2%
SNAP	5,124	4,942	-4%
Services	940	934	-1%
Individuals On Medicaid			
	12/29/2023	4/30/2024	% Change
TA	286	289	1%
MA	3,066	3,018	-2%
ADC-FC	0	0	0%
TOTAL	3,352	3,307	-1%

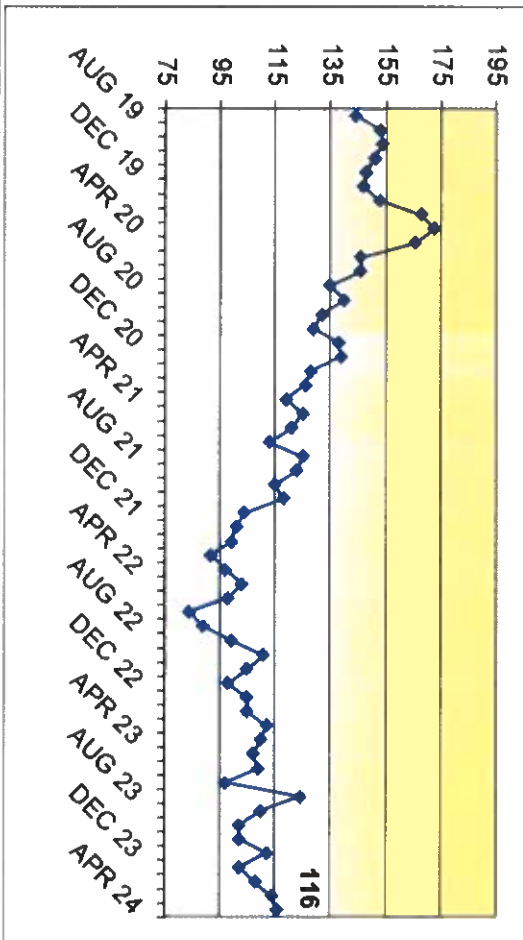
Total Family Assistance Recipients
August 2019 - April 2024



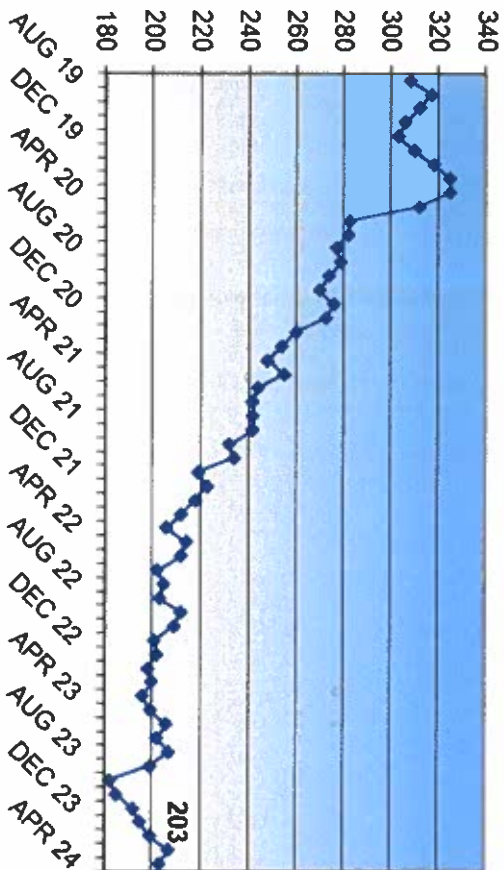
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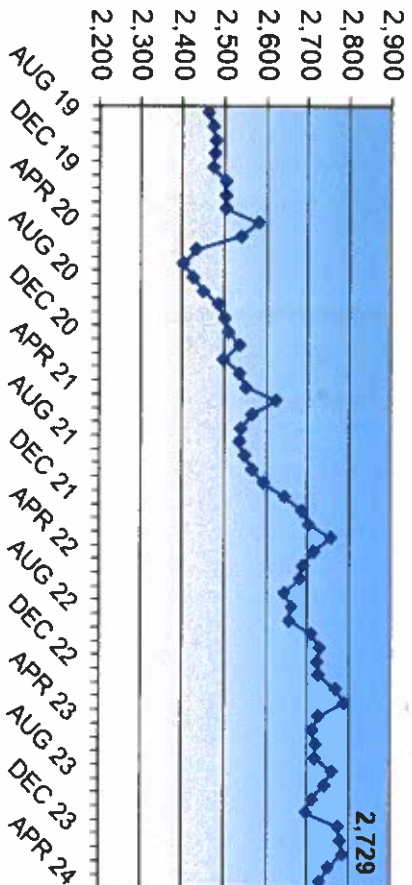
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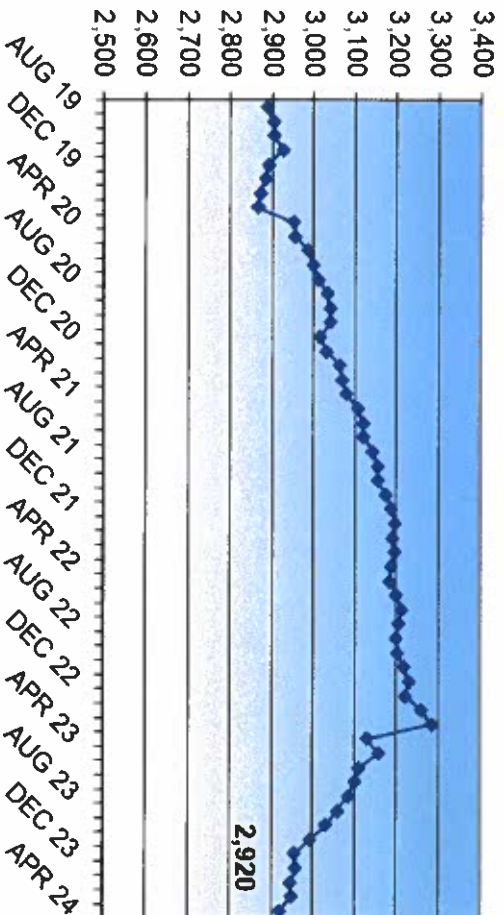
Temporary Assistance Caseload
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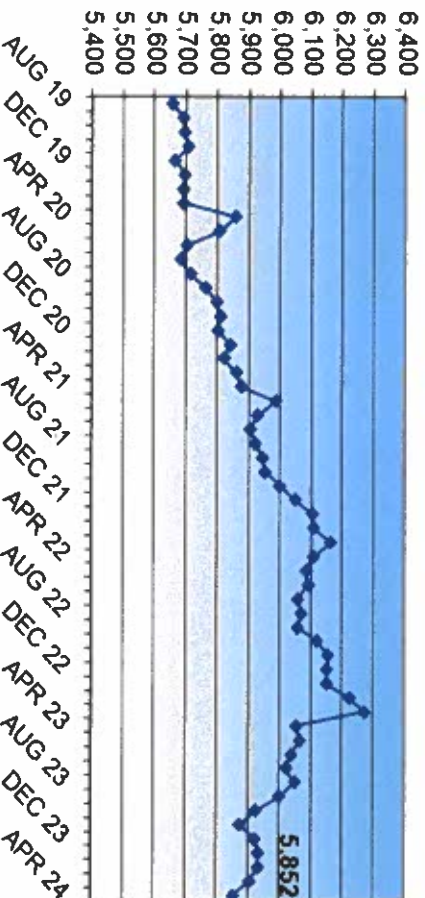
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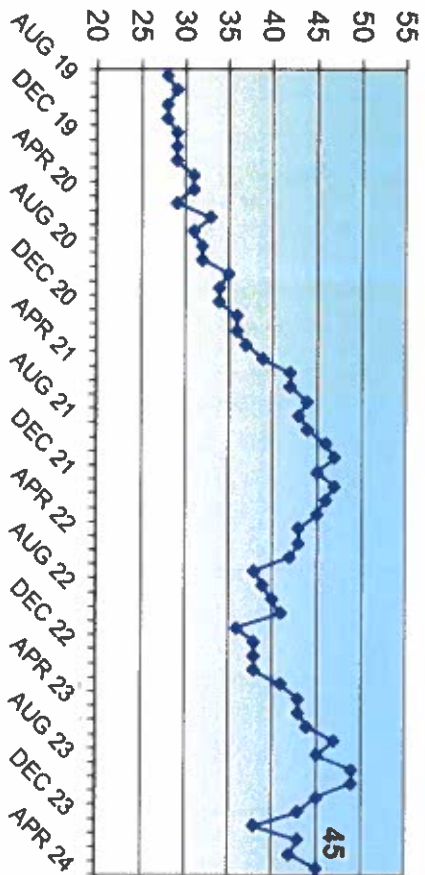
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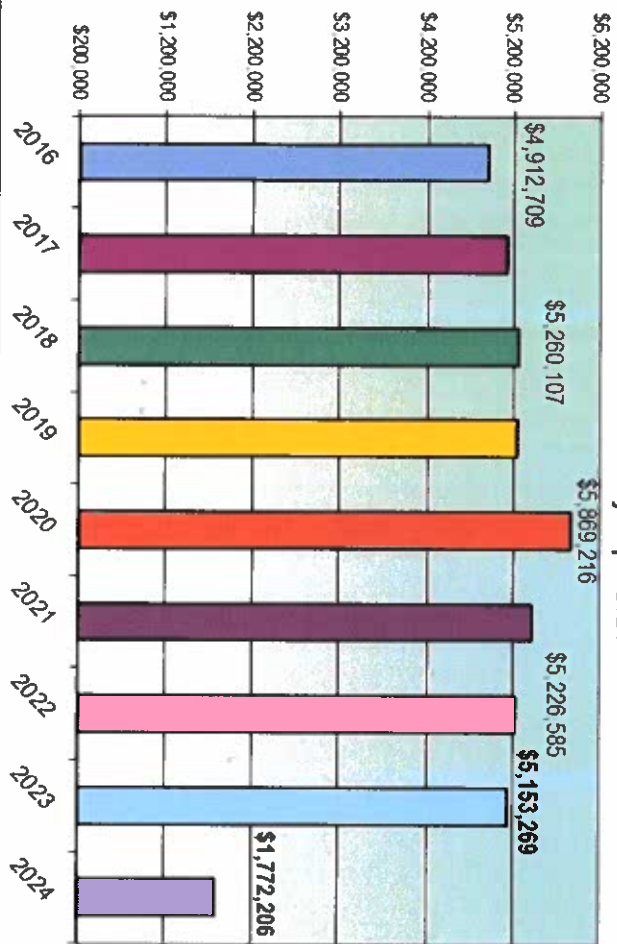
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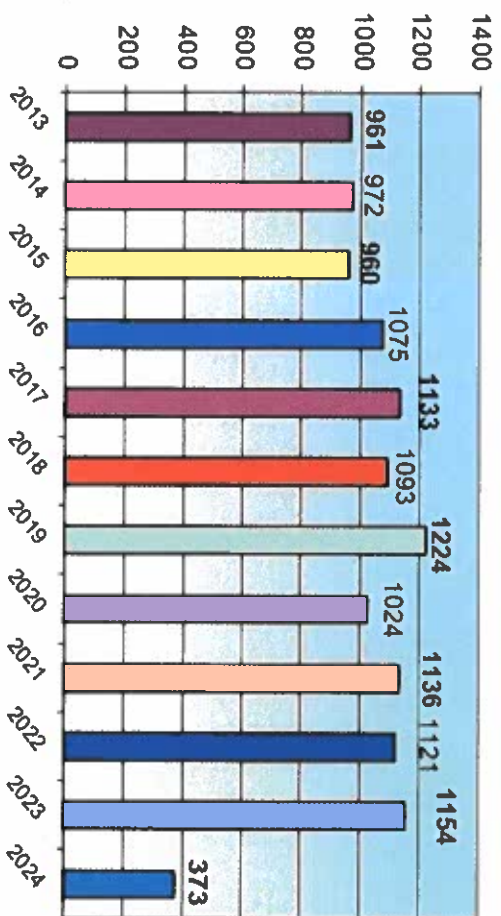
**Children in Foster Care
at End of Month
August 2019 - April 2024**



**Child Support Collections
2016 - 2023 Annual Totals
January - April 2024**



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





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COMMITTEE MEETING 5/7/2024

Current open job postings in Tioga =155

49 new Unemployment claims opened in April, 40 had effective claim dates in April, 6 were seasonal, and 9 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates:

	April '24	March'24	April '23
Tioga	4.1	4.0	3.5
NYS	4.2	3.4	4.1
US	3.9	3.7	3.6

The Career Center recently completed its financial audit for March through December 2023, with smooth findings that were easily resolved. However, our proposed budget for Program Year 2024 was emailed to us, revealing a 27% decrease. Shawn Yetter is in contact with Broome County to address this challenge.

At the Tioga County Career Center, we've supported 49 unemployment recipients and helped 32 job seekers improve their resumes and job prospects. Sean Lanning hosted a meeting with Jennifer Kuznir, Program Manager of Move Together NY, who is working to address transportation issues in Tioga County and bridge the gap between businesses and customers.

Of the seven temporary assistants referred by DSS, two have secured employment. We continue to work in schools, overcoming initial challenges and seeing gradual improvements. Additionally, we're organizing a job fair with Walmart and Spencer Van Etten School to create more opportunities for the local community.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2024 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES 2024

WHEREAS: Additional funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: The plan submitted for expenditure of these funds has been approved; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and Budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.436100	State-Child Advocacy Center	\$ 49,999.00
To: A6050.520090	Computer	\$ 6,744.00
To: A6050.520190	Nursing/Medical Equipment	\$ 3,650.00
To: A6050.520210	Other Furniture	\$ 10,930.00
To: A6050.540640	Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 2,000.00
To: A6050.540487	Program Expense	\$ 16,675.00
To: A6050.540733	Training/All Other	\$ 10,000.00

FOSTER CARE RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Tioga County foster family serves as a source of safety, love, self-esteem, and support for children in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: There are 42 children in foster care in Tioga County, 34 of these children are in foster homes, with 11 being in relative foster home placements; and

WHEREAS: We have 16 certified foster homes in Tioga County with 7 of them being approved relative homes; and

WHEREAS: Numerous public and private agencies work to increase the public's awareness of the needs of children in foster care, and the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize all those who volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, the foster parents who serve these children and the professional staff dedicated to ensuring these children have a stable and safe foster family environment; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE hereby Proclaims May 2024, as

FOSTER CARE RECOGNITION 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 foster parents 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, April 2, 2024 at 8:31 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator (Arrived 8:36 AM)
Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
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: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature (Arrived 8:44 AM)
Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Ms. Lori Morgan noted that there are still some adjustments being made for the 2023 budget. As it stands currently, there will be a \$389,187 return to the local share. The 2024 budget is tracking well with nothing unexpected.
- Ms. Morgan shared that she will be bringing a resolution next month to accept the \$300,000/year mobile crisis funding. If approved, she plans to hire a CSW and purchase a vehicle.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared that a bill for \$31,770 was received for February charges. She believes this person may have been discharged.

3. New Business

- Waverly location – The final copies of the lease are waiting on signature.
- Drug Free Communities Grant (DFC)– This is a 5-year grant. Christina Olevano from Trinity was the project manager. Trinity does not want to continue with this project. The TC Health Department has offered to hire a Coordinator and Project Director to run this project.

4. Personnel
 - Rebecca Deretz, CSW, resigned effective 4/5/24.
5. Resolutions
 - None.
6. Proclamations
 - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that although there are still adjustments being made on the 2023 budget, current report shows that Public Health will have a return to the county of \$106,000. In addition, the Treasurer's Office transferred funds from Fringe Benefits (\$177,000) and other expense lines (\$356,000) out of PH's budget, which after reimbursement formulas, result in total estimated return of local cost to approximately \$500,000. For the 2024 budget, there are no surprises. Preschool revenue is coming in nicely. El escrow invoices are \$15,000 under budget for the year.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for March 2024 forwarded to committee.
 - Remote Work Update: 20 out of 21 FT employees have been approved to work remotely. Not all 20 employees are working remotely on a regular basis. Ms. Morgan and employees feel it is very positive and working well.
 - There are currently two open Office Specialist III positions.
 - Measles cases are on the rise nationwide and there have been three cases in NYS. The Emergency Preparedness Team are preparing for a potential outbreak through trainings, webinars and internal discussion and are monitoring the situation.
 - PH has been educating the public regarding the Solar Eclipse on 4/8/24. There may be increased traffic in the area.
4. Personnel
 - Rachael Baker has been promoted from OS III to Early Intervention Service Coordinator effective 3/25/24
5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Create and Fill Temporary, Full-Time Clerk (Seasonal) Position
 - Re-establish Prior Year 2023 Capital Equipment Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (vehicles)
 - Create and Fill (1) Full-Time Director of Environmental Health Services

6. Proclamations

- None

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that there are still adjustments being made for the 2023 budget. DSS will have a return to the county. The 2024 budget is tracking well although Foster Care and Day Care continue to be running high.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Remote Work Update: 17 of the 88 employees at DSS have been approved for remote work. The bulk of the 17 are Services employees; three Child Support employees have been approved but are not currently working remotely due to staffing; three employees in Mickelle's area and one in Employment. It has been going well. Commissioner Yeffler feels it is a positive perk that helps with employee retention.
- Caseloads
During March, Cash Assistance increased 8 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 2 cases and Safety Net increasing 6 cases.
MA-Only increased 5 cases.
MA-SSI decreased 4 cases.
Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 12 to 3,346.
SNAP decreased 34 cases.
Day Care decreased 2 cases.
See Caseload Summary
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The Employment Counseling program in Waverly and Spencer VanEtten Schools began with a slow start but has gained momentum through close collaboration with guidance counselors and student referrals. There is possible funding through BOCES (KOCER program) that may allow TCC to hire another Employment Counselor to expand the Employment Counseling program into other schools.

4. Personnel Changes

- Stephen Herberf, Sr. Caseworker, resigned effective 3/8/24
- Samantha Allen, Seasonal HEAP OS1, ended effective 3/8/24
- Brittany Reynolds, Caseworker, hired effective 3/11/24
- Latricia Ayers, OS1, removed effective 3/15/24
- Jean Caporal promoted to Sr. Caseworker effective 3/25/24

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolution to continue

- Re-establish Prior Year 2023 Capital Equipment Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (vehicles)

6. Proclamations

- Child Abuse Prevention Month (repeat)

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services

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