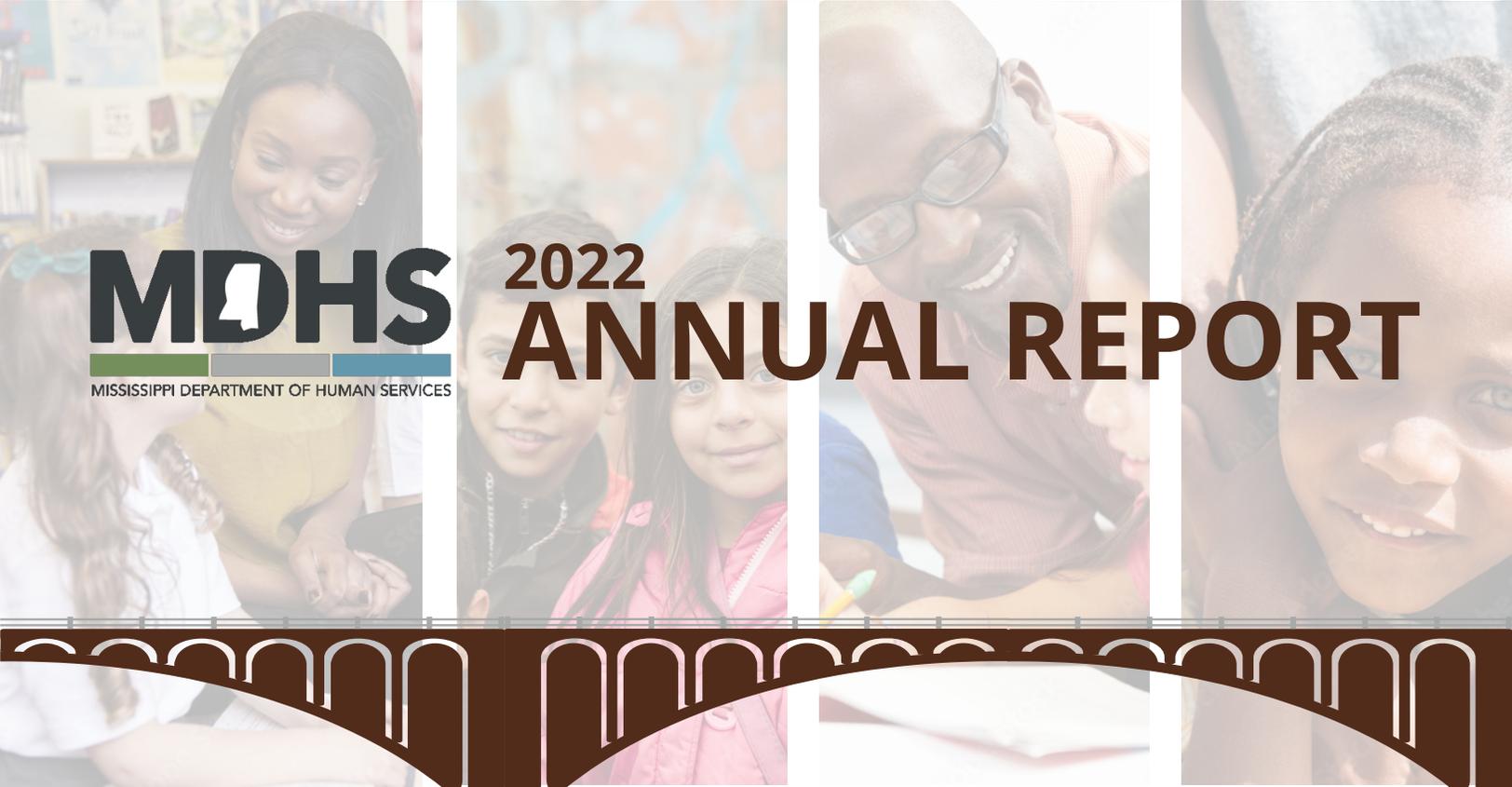


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ABOUT MDHS

OUR MISSION: Offering Mississippians young and old tangible help today to create a lasting hope for tomorrow.



The Mississippi Department of Human Services originates from legislation passed in 1935 during the final days of Governor Mike Conner's administration and the early days of the administration of Governor Hugh White in 1936. Governor Conner called a special session of the Mississippi Legislature in October 1935 to consider ways to financially assist certain groups of needy Mississippi residents. The Legislature responded by passing the "Emergency Relief Act," which created a state department of emergency relief consisting of a five-member State Welfare Board, a State Commissioner, and not more than ten additional workers. The law also provided for the creation of county welfare or relief boards and appropriated \$700,000 to be given to the needy, aged, blind, crippled or otherwise disabled, and dependent children under certain conditions [Laws, 1935, Ch. 18].

The State Department of Public Welfare, the predecessor to the Department of Human Services, was created by the Legislature in April 1936 as part of the passage of the "Mississippi Old Age Security Act." The Emergency Relief Administration, which had only functioned for five months, was abolished. The law provided for the creation of a State Board of Public Welfare, a Commissioner of Public Welfare, and county boards of public welfare. It accepted the provisions

of the federal Social Security Act as applicable to needy persons more than 65 years of age and appropriated \$1,000,000 to fund the program, an amount to be matched by the federal government [Laws, 1936, Ch. 175].

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) was renamed and established by the legislature in 1989 as part of the state government's reorganization [General Laws of the State of Mississippi, 1989, Ch. 544]. The new department assumed the responsibilities of the State Department of Public Welfare and the State Board of Public Welfare. The agency also absorbed the Office of Energy and Community Services, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and the Mississippi Council on Aging, which was formerly within the Division of Federal/State Programs, Office of the Governor [Mississippi Code Annotated, 1972, §43-1- 6].

The Mississippi Department of Human Services is a respected partner in a healthy, safe, interconnected community where all basic needs are met in an environment of independence and dignity that affords opportunities for a better quality of life while promoting responsibility and accountability in an atmosphere of respect.

ROBERT G. (BOB) ANDERSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In Mississippi, bridges are iconic pieces of our culture. Bridges are critical to our state for economic progress and connection to our people. From Natchez and Greenville to Ocean Springs and Tishomingo, many bridges have become important landmarks for their local communities.

Loaded with symbolism, bridges connect communities, cultures, and industries, serving as two-way streets for local economies and public life.

A bridge is not just a structure to connect one point to another, but a support for opportunities and communities to become more connected.

Bridges create a sense of shared identity and purpose.

Much like the bridges that connect Mississippi, MDHS seeks to be a bridge for Mississippians young and old to connect to services and programs that provide tangible help, while moving Mississippians to a Better Future.

MDHS does not function as the singular point of

support for Mississippians. Our work is only one of the critical tools necessary to Bridge Hope to Connect Mississippi.

Government and nonprofit agencies provide essential services to communities, but tight budgets mean they are often asked to do more with less. Collaboration and partnerships play an even more critical role in supporting Mississippians. From workforce development to economic assistance to aging services to youth services, each of these programs do not serve in isolation, but are interconnected to strengthen Mississippi communities.

Traditionally, human services organizations have focused primarily on providing their specialized expertise to targeted populations. Recent history has helped MDHS and partner organizations see how we can help our clients by advocating and collaborating on their behalf with other service-based organizations. In bridging hope to Mississippians, MDHS is striving to connect government agencies, non-profits, elected leaders, community advocates, and residents in a unified purpose of moving Mississippians toward the goal of self-sufficiency.

In maximizing efforts for shared services and partnerships, MDHS can help bridge the gap of support that exists in communities across the state. Locally driven partnerships are a tremendous social benefit to communities of all sizes.

Throughout this annual report, you will see a picture of individuals and entities that have become bridges to hope and connection to opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert G. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Aging and Adult Services

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DAAS coordinates and funds the delivery of available services to adults 60 years of age and older and adults with disabilities through Mississippi's ten local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) system, located in the Planning and Development Districts (PDD), as well as the Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) centers throughout the state.

AAAs are responsible for planning, advocating, coordinating, initiating, and providing supportive services to older adults and adults with disabilities within their communities. They are accountable for ensuring appropriate services whether they administer services themselves or provide funding for others to do so.

DAAS works closely with the AAAs, community partners, and the public to provide outreach activities that enable older Mississippians to age in place and live safely in their communities for as long as they are capable.

Older Adult Nutrition Program

Older Adult Nutrition Program services include both home-delivered meals and healthy meals served in group settings, such as senior centers and faith-based locations. The programs provide a range of services including nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling.



Each year, the Division of Aging and Adult Services holds a food drive to support the nutrition needs of older adults throughout the state. MDHS divisions engage in a friendly competition to see which division can donate the largest number of food items. The 2021 Older Adult Nutrition Program's annual shelf stable food drive rally was held at the MDHS state office to give division competitors ideas of items needed for the shelf stable canned food drive. DAAS collected over 6,000 food items to help our older adults in communities across the state of Mississippi.

AGING & ADULT SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS

AGING FISCAL REPORT

944,691

Information & Referral/
Assistance
Homemaker Services
Respite
Support Program
Transportation Services
Senior Companion Program
Home & Community Based
Services
Family Caregiver
Outreach Coordinators
Case Management

464,768

Congregate Meals

2,660,618

Home Delivered Meals

FFY 2021 SERVICE DELIVERY STATS

APS- Received a total of 6,287 APS reports; of which 3,910 reports were investigated due to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults in Mississippians.

APS Call Center received a total of 6,287 referrals for APS of which 2,377 reports were screened out because they did not meet the criteria for an APS investigation.



Since 1972, the National Senior Nutrition Program has supported nutrition services for older adults across the country. Funded by the Older Americans Act (OAA), local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults to access nutritious meals and other vital services that strengthen social connections and promote health and wellbeing. “Celebrate. Innovate. Educate.” Was chosen as the theme for the Senior Nutrition Program’s 50th anniversary. Throughout this year, they are celebrating the many accomplishments of national and local programs, recognizing innovative approaches used to support seniors, and looking at how education can help communities understand and use nutrition services.

The Mississippi Older Adult Nutrition Program celebrated the 50th Anniversary of The Older Adult Nutrition Program with activities throughout the month of March with the Area Agencies on Aging.



Trio Community Meals celebrated the 50th Anniversary with a training and a BeWell Kitchen demonstration with Chef Mario Reyes. MDHS Executive Director, Mr. Robert Anderson and President of Trio Community Meals, Mr. John Kirk, were in attendance for this training which engaged nutrition coordinators and Trio staff.

State Long-Term Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman Program provides “A Voice for Residents” residing in long-term care facilities. The Ombudsman serves as an advocate who supports residents’ highest possible quality of life and care and is responsible for investigating and attempting to resolve concerns and complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents of long-term care facilities.

Despite COVID visitation restrictions for nearly 6 months during the 2020-2021 reporting period, long-term care Ombudsmen provided service to residents in similar or greater numbers as compared to years without visitation restrictions. A total of 8538

service offerings were provided which include facility visits, information/assistance to staff and individuals, and complaint investigations. The 19 districts and/or local ombudsmen provide first-rate service which directly impacts the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents in long-term care facilities.

With 2021 came the addition of a new long-term care ombudsman at the state level as well. The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) is proud to welcome Mr. Donald Sloan as the Deputy SLTCO. Together, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the 21-person team proudly serve Mississippi’s 82 counties.



MAC Aging Annual Report

"Christina is a bright 21-year-old IDD/DD client. She is very active and has many hobbies. Christina is nonverbal and a decent ASL signer. This month, I was contacted by Christina's father to complete LTSS Screening and enrollment for the E&D waitlist. While working on her screening, her father began to express to me how badly Christina wanted to get out of the house. She really wanted to feel useful and fulfilled. IDD or not, Christina is still a 21-year-old young lady. I informed her father that we do not offer any volunteer or employment programs through the MAC center, but that I would be happy to explore outside agencies for them. Her dad and I took a moment and listed her strongest skill sets and set out any provisions or assistance that would need to be provided by the employer or volunteer center to accommodate an IDD worker. After extensive research, I located Mississippi LIFE. This agency's entire mission is to assist IDD patients in finding work or volunteer opportunities. I was able to connect Mr. Ames with a contact and Mississippi LIFE, and it is my hope that Christina will love her new job that she starts on Monday!"

- Kristen Hudson, Jackson MAC Center Resource Specialist

MAC CENTER

MAC Centers are welcoming and accessible places located across the state. Older adults, persons with disabilities, their families, and representatives can obtain information and assistance to find services or apply for benefits. MAC Centers provide a central source of reliable, objective, and unbiased information about a broad range of programs and services and help people understand and evaluate the options available to them.

Since beginning management of the Transition to Community Referral (TCR) process in December 2020, MAC Centers have processed 779 referrals by assisting individuals in long-term care (LTC) centers with their goal of transitioning to living in the community. MAC centers are currently working with the Division of Medicaid to transition the TCR process to a new data system to increase the number of individuals in LTC that have access to the TCR process. This shift will help ensure that more residents residing in LTC will have the opportunity to utilize home and community-based services that will allow them to live safely and as independently as possible in the community of their choice.

All MAC Centers have continued to navigate and respond to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are essential in connecting older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers to vaccinations and boosters. MAC Center staff assists with transportation to vaccine sites and in-home vaccinations. The MAC Centers also maintain a focus on addressing social isolation. Laptops are available in the Three Rivers Planning and Development Center (TRPDD) and Central MS Planning and Development District (CMPDD) service areas for residents in long-term care facilities who do not have direct access to family and friends.

MAC Centers have worked collaboratively to share information and ideas. Staff from TRPDD and Southern MS Planning and Development District (SMPDD) met at SMPDD to share program development strategies and to encourage the cohesiveness of information and resources across the state. The MAC Centers also collaborated to develop a virtual health fair platform with resources. MAC Centers celebrated Older American's Month with in-person activities that honored older adults in the community and encouraged social engagement and activity.

Home and Community-Based Program

SMPDD's Area Agency on Aging Staff and James Davis from MDHS gave a presentation to the 2022 Gulf Coast Leadership class for Health and Human Services Day. Their team presented information regarding the programs and services that are provided at SMPDD.

HCBS Coordinator James Davis has enhanced campaign efforts for the Lifespan Respite Program to continue getting the word out and seeking participants to enroll in the program. Davis has visited local pharmacies, grocery stores, churches, and other agencies throughout the community to target families who may be in need of respite services. This campaign has generated

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE (APS)

Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates reports of alleged abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of vulnerable persons residing in the private home setting. The purpose of the investigation is to determine a report's validity and assess the need for protective services to safeguard the vulnerable person's rights and maintain their well-being. Protective services are provided through direct delivery and/or referrals to resources within the community. Involuntary protective service cannot be forced upon a "mentally capable adult."

During state fiscal year 2021, the Adult Protective Services (APS) program received a total of 6,287 APS reports and investigated 3,910 reports which included allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults in Mississippi. The remaining 2,377 reports were screened out because they did not meet the criteria for an APS investigation. Reports that do not meet the criteria for an APS investigation are typically referred to other community agencies which may be better able to meet the needs of the individuals involved.

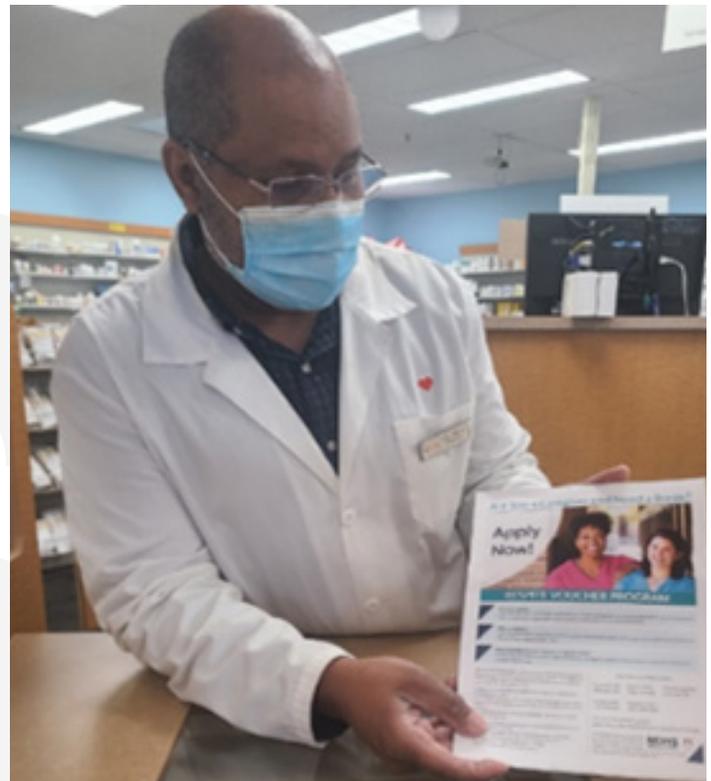
The APS program is excited to announce that the APS investigative services returned to in-house operations on January 1, 2022. The APS program staff has grown to a total of 56 team members, including an APS Attorney, eight additional APS Worker positions for more county coverage, four additional positions for the APS Training Unit, and two Quality Assurance Specialists.

The APS program is proud to announce our Prevention/Direct Services initiative which kicked off in February 2022. Thus far, we

have been able to provide tangible services such as utility, food, rental, medication, and medical equipment assistance to almost 200 vulnerable adults in Mississippi. The federal funding behind this initiative allowed APS to expand its outreach and awareness opportunities.

APS has participated in many public awareness projects, events, and conferences across the year. APS is now able to conduct intensive training sooner for new hires with the training unit in place. We have been able to purchase more promotional items to help educate the public about our program. Another exciting piece for the APS Training unit is the creation of on-boarding modules to include an overview of what APS does, APS's Direct Services, and training for APS staff.

June 15, 2022, was celebrated in a very big way. APS invited a National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Trainer to come do training on APS documentation for all APS frontline staff across the state.



Councilman Lewis Johnson was honored at the state capitol for the amazing work at the Lewis Johnson Senior Center Complex in Grenada. The Senior Center is addressing the needs of the aging community while providing a place for older adults to engage in activities. The North Central Area Agency on Aging director Darlena Allen and Division of Aging and Adult Services HCBS Coordinator James Davis were also recognized and congratulated by other state senators for their outstanding achievements.

STATE LTC OMBUDSMAN
OVERVIEW 2020 -2021

Significance

Despite COVID visitation restrictions for nearly six months during this reporting period, our LTC Ombudsmen provided service to residents in similar or greater numbers compared to years without visitation restrictions.

Number of Facility Visits

2064	3025
2020	2021

Info and Assistance to Staff

3932	3648
2020	2021

Info and Assistance to Individuals

1539	1115
2020	2021

Complaints

796	750
2020	2021

The State Health Insurance Assistance
Program (SHIP)

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free in-depth, unbiased, one-on-one health insurance counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, families, and caregivers.

In 2022, SHIP continued to deliver its Small Town Project in communities with populations under a thousand citizens across the state. The small towns that met the project's criteria are those with no grocery stores, pharmacies, or health care clinics. Under the Medicare Prevention Plan, SHIP was able to organize community partners to provide senior food bags and Covid-19 vaccines and booster shots. The purpose of SHIP conducting these small town outreach programs, was to reunite seniors in smaller towns and communities with available resources about Medicare and senior services offered through the Division of Aging and Adult Services and their communities. SHIP has hosted small-town projects in Isola, Duck Hill, Jonestown, Port Gibson, Oakland, and Raleigh.



SHIP

Navigating Medicare

SHIP teamed up with the Mississippi Braves this season for eight Silver Slugger games to hand out Medicare educational material to seniors attending these games, connecting them to resources and information to support their health. The Jumbotron and Mississippi Braves radio shared announcements from SHIP Director Candace Washington on who, how, and where SHIP helps when it comes to Medicare.

Community outreach events were also held in Marks, Mayersville, Oakland, Pickens, Tchula, and Aberdeen and SHIP participated at both the Mississippi Public Health Conference and Mississippi Municipal League Conference.



Annual Report Child Support Enforcement 2022

Every child needs financial and emotional support from both parents. Even when parents do not live together, it is important that they work together to support their child(ren). Services provided by the child support enforcement program include, but are not limited to, paternity establishment, location and enforcement services, and obtaining and modification of court orders. The Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement exists to provide these services, while also contributing to the family's ability to become self-sufficient and maintain self-sufficiency.

An application for child support services is posted online at www.mdhs.ms.gov/child-support/ or parents can also visit any district office to complete an application. Parents can call the child support hotline at 877-882-4916 and request an application be mailed to their home.

Parents who want to learn more about child support enforcement and the services provided by MDHS can check out our Parent's Handbook for more information.

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/child-support>

SERVICES: State Parent Locator Unit

Location services are provided as part of each full-service child support case. However, you can complete an application for "locate only" services free of charge. Federal regulations require the agency to attempt to locate parents who owe support for child support purposes using all appropriate local, state, federal, and interstate sources as authorized by state law. Mississippi law also requires the agency to establish a state parent locator service for the purpose of locating parents who owe support, which will utilize all appropriate public and private locator sources. All information shall be confidential and shall not be used or disclosed for purposes except for specified purposes.

Paternity Establishment

Establishing paternity gives a child born outside of marriage the same legal rights as a child born to married parents. A child with a legal father or mother is entitled to benefits through their legal parents. These benefits include Social Security benefits, veterans' benefits, and inheritance rights. Children may also benefit by knowing their family's biological, cultural, and medical history.

Number of children with paternity established at the end of the fiscal year: 222,263 children; 95.2% of children born out of wedlock who had paternity established

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

211,058 Cases with current support orders; 86.7% of cases have a current support order.	\$54,898,950 Collected from tax offsets during the fiscal year
\$2,985,395.59 collected from account seizures	3,752 Cases Sent to Other States:
\$723,347.43 Collected from bankruptcy *Enforcement methods not included: credit bureau reporting, passport revocation, and contempt hearing \$367,233,197.44	1,454 Cases Received in Mississippi:
8,603 Licenses suspended for nonpayment of child support during the fiscal year	\$259,387,889 collected from income withholding
\$3,413,524 collected from unemployment	\$3,317,598.33 collected from liens

Establishing Court Orders for Child Support and Medical Support

For child support to be enforceable by the agency, there must be a court order which requires the payment of support. For a child support order to be entered, a complaint for support or a stipulated agreement of support must be filed with the court.

Enforcing Court Orders for Child Support

License Suspension Program

A parent who owes back child support may have any state-issued license suspended for non-payment.

Intercepting unemployment benefits

A parent who owes child support may have support withheld from their unemployment benefits.

Bankruptcy

Child support payments generally cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. This means that a parent who owes child support cannot relinquish their arrearage through a bankruptcy claim.

Tax Offset Program

Tax Offset is the interception of the federal and/or state income tax refunds of a parent who is responsible for paying child support. It is a primary method for the collection of delinquent child support payments. This collection method is used to collect past due child support, spousal support, and medical support. For more information about the tax offset program, check out our Tax Offset Guide.

Collaborating with Other States, Countries, and Tribal Nations to Establish/Enforce Support

Child Support Enforcement Network

An automated nationwide communication network linking child support agencies which allows information to flow electronically.

Central Registry for Interstate Cases

The point of contact for other state child support agencies and redirects the information to the appropriate office.

Income Withholding

The employer of a parent who owes child support may withhold support from the employee's wages. Income includes, but is not limited to: wages, salary, commission, compensation as an independent contractor, workers' compensation, disability benefits (SSA), annuity benefits, retirement benefits, and any payments made by any person or private entity, the federal, state, or local government. To find out more about income withholding, check out our Reference Guide for Employers and Income Withholders.

Liens

A parent who has a child support obligation who is injured at work and has a worker's compensation claim or a parent who has a personal injury claim (car accident, etc.) may have to pay all or a portion of any award or settlement related to these claims to satisfy a child support obligation.

Child Support Pass-Through

On October 1, 2021, the Mississippi Department of Human Services Child Support Enforcement pass-through policy became effective. This policy affects how payments are disbursed to custodial parents who are also Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. Each month, up to \$100 of any child support collected is passed through to the family prior to the state retaining any amount for TANF recovery. Mississippi adopted the pass-through as a way to realign the agency's child support program to support families, improve performance, leverage federal dollars to increase family income, and make child support payments more meaningful for parents and families.

Accounts Frozen and Seized

A parent who owes a child support arrearage may have their account(s) from financial institutions, such as banks and credit unions, frozen and seized.

New Legislation Creates a New Way to Collect Child Support

During the 2022 legislative session, two bills affecting child support were passed. SB 2319 authorizes MDHS to collaborate with the Treasurer's office to intercept unclaimed property in order to satisfy a child support arrearage. Intercepting unclaimed property provides an additional source of assets to intercept for nonpayment of child support, increasing MDHS' child support enforcement remedies. HB 1067 provided that imputation of income shall not be based on a standard amount in lieu of fact-gathering to determine child support calculations. The Flexibility, Efficiency, and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Program final ruling issued by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement in 2016 updates guidelines for setting child support orders to increase reliable child support for children by setting orders based on the obligated parent's earnings, income, and other evidence of ability to pay. Research shows that orders set beyond a parent's ability to pay can lead to unintended consequences such as unmanageable debt, reduced employment, participation in the underground economy, and increased criminal activities. It is counterproductive and not in children's best interests to have their parents engage in a cycle of nonpayment, illegal income generation, and incarceration.



MDHS Joins Legislative Task Force on Domestic Relations

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature established a task force to study Mississippi's domestic relations laws for the purpose of evaluating and potentially revising these laws. Michael McCauley, Senior Attorney of the Division of Child Support Enforcement Division, was appointed to represent MDHS on the Task Force. The Task Force studied and discussed child support and childcare and specifically analyzed current trends of law regarding no-fault divorce, child support payments past the age of majority for disabled children, and costs for guardians ad litem who represent the best interests of children. The Task Force developed recommendations to the Legislature and the Mississippi Supreme Court.

MDHS Signs Five-Year Contract with YoungWilliams for Child Support Enforcement Legal Services

Negotiations for the new contract resulted in enhancements to the previous contract, including the imposition of liquidated damages tied to the performance measures.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG funds are used to provide a range of services and activities for low-income families. The program offers services to help clients obtain an adequate education, secure and retain meaningful employment and adequate housing, pursue health and nutrition services, and access community resources and transportation through referrals.

Community Services Success Stories

MS. KENYANA WILLIAMS

Ms. Kenya Williams has been a client with Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc (PRVO) since June 2021. During her first visit, Ms. Williams expressed that she didn't have complete health and dental benefits. PRVO partners with the Southeast MS Rural Health Project and referred her over to receive medication and dental work. The following month, Ms. Williams reached out to the agency for utility assistance. She was informed that in addition to utility assistance, the agency also provides rental, mortgage, water, and educational assistance. Ms. Williams told her caseworker that she had been accepted into the Practical Nursing Program at Pearl River Community College, and she needed extra assistance with her balance for uniforms and books. PRVO was able to assist with her educational expenses out of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and electric bill out of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). With the support of the agency, Ms. Williams was able to better her situation, not just for herself, but for her two young children. Ms. Williams completed her studies and graduated in August of 2022. Ms. Williams' story is a testament to the success of this program and the benefits it provides to those in need of our help.

MS. CANADA

Another client, Ms. Canada contacted South Central Community Action Agency (SCCAA) for utility bill assistance. Ms. Canada was assigned to V. Cooks, Case Manager. Ms. Canada's sister, who also resides in the household, was present during the appointment. During the assessment, Ms. Canada stated that she was looking for employment and had zero income at the time. V. Cooks completed the application for utility bill assistance and referred Ms. Canada to a Temp Staff Agency. The client's sister then shared that she has some challenges and has labeled as disabled. The client's sister voiced that she had been told to apply for disability, but she did not want to be labeled as disabled. The client's sister stated that she wanted to work as well. She shared that she had a CNA license and would like to work in that field one day. Case manager V. Cooks encouraged the client's sister to have

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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP provides financial assistance for eligible households to help pay the cost of home energy bills and other energy-related services. Households may qualify for regular LIHEAP assistance and/or the Energy Crisis (Emergency) Intervention Program for natural gas, wood, electricity, propane/butane gas, and other energy-related services such as air conditioners, heaters, fans, hot water heaters, and blankets.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program funds are used to improve the conditions of eligible clients' homes. The program is designed to reduce home heating and cooling costs by improving energy efficiency and ensuring health and safety. Priority is given to low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals. Weatherization measures include energy audits, air sealing, adding attic and wall insulation, installing smart thermostats, and lighting retrofits.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS

41,596 households were served with \$37,026,357

108 homes weatherized with \$5,236,698 *due to COVID-19, weatherization program was suspended but has since resumed

39,309 clients served with \$11,842,486

MS. CANADA (Continued)

confidence in herself and apply for employment as well. V. Cooks referred both ladies to the Temp Staff Agency. One week later, Case manager V. Cooks received a phone call from the Ms. Canada stating that she and her sister were offered employment through the Temp Staff Agency. Ms. Canada and her sister stated that they were eternally grateful for the assistance, encouragement, referral, and compassion shown toward them during their visit to SCCAA. Both clients are currently employed full-time and continuing successfully with their new positions. Case manager V. Cooks will conduct a three month follow up with Ms. Canada and her sister. Caseworker V. Cooks was featured in MDHS'S 2021 annual report as a client success story for her now current employer. Great things are taking place at SCCAA!

MS. JIJUIHEUTTE PIERCE

Ms. Jijuiheutte Pierce is a single mother of three girls. She works as a full-time manager in the food service industry and plans to return to college next year. Ms. Peirce receives LIHEAP assistance at Madison County Citizens Service Agency (MCCSA). She states that she only requests assistance in her time of greatest need. However, she is very grateful for the assistance.

Ms. Pierce attended our agency's Walk-In Wednesday. During this time, she received Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) assistance. Walk-In Wednesday is a bi-monthly successful MCCSA event, that allows our clients to walk in to the office without an appointment on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday to request assistance. Ms. Pierce shared that MCCSA assistance with her utility and water bill helped her have money to purchase school clothes and supplies for her children.

Over the last several months, Ms. Pierce has been working with a financial planner. They are setting measurable goals toward home ownership. She no longer desires to live in income-based housing or rely on social services to maintain her household. This is the reason she is working very hard to provide a home for her children.

Ms. Peirce states she knows that she must develop a plan of action to save money and make it a priority if she's going to purchase a home. Madison County Citizens Services Agency recognizes Ms. Pierce as a client who isn't afraid to face challenges and overcome obstacles. She is appreciative of the services that she has received in the MCCSA office. She stated, "the staff is always friendly and professional." Ms. Pierce is an excellent example of what planning and perseverance look like.

DECCD

DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

CHILD CARE STRONG (CCS)

DECCD was allocated \$319,476,474 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Funding to issue grants to childcare providers through the Child Care Strong program. Providers received funding to support current monthly operating expenses in an effort to stabilize Mississippi’s system of childcare that experienced severe negative impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early Childhood Care and Development (DECCD)

The Division of Early Childhood Care and Development (DECCD) serves as the policymaking and service-delivery agent for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) in the State of Mississippi. Using a combination of federal and state dollars, DECCD houses the Child Care Payment Program, the Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral Network, and the Healthy Families Mississippi Program.

HEALTHY FAMILIES MISSISSIPPI (HFM)

Healthy Families Mississippi provides home visiting services to assist families with parenting skills, access to community supports and services, financial planning, and the building of healthy social support networks. Healthy Families Mississippi serves pregnant mothers, low-income families with children up to three years of age, families with a history of substance abuse, domestic violence, incarceration, and families with children diagnosed with developmental delays. HFM is available in 15 counties.

CHILD CARE PAYMENT PROGRAM (CCPP)

The CCPP is designed to assist low-income Mississippi families by offering a seamless system of high-quality childcare through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) subsidy program. The CCDF provides federal funds to subsidize the cost of childcare for low-income families who are engaged in work, education, or job training and who have children under the age of 13 or children under age 19 who have special needs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

Child Care Payment Program	32,871 18,157	Children Families
Resource & Referral Network R&R Centers	8,775	Visitors
Family Engagement Events	121 3,143	Events Attendees
Technical Assistance Visits	8,775	Visitors
Trainings:	847	Events

CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK DECCD

DECCD serves as the source for professional development, training and technical assistance for all childcare providers across the state, regardless of their provider type. DECCD works with early childhood educators working in licensed, license-exempt, and home-based care environments to build a strong, skilled workforce and expand parental access to quality childcare options.

Each year, DECCD provides multiple hours of training and professional development to over 6,000 early childhood educators.

DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY



TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

The TANF Program provides benefits for families with needy children under the age of 18. The TANF Program is a workforce development and training program designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency through employment and training activities provided by the TANF Work Program (TWP). TANF supportive services such as assistance with childcare and transportation expenses are available to help the adults in the family prepare for employment and promote self-sufficiency.

The four tenets of TANF are:

1. - **To provide assistance to needy families with children so that they can live in their own home or the homes of relatives;**
2. - **To end the dependency of needy parents on government benefits through work, job preparation, and marriage;**
3. - **To reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and**
4. - **To promote the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.**

SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps, provides monthly benefits that help households buy the food they need for good health. Persons who have little or no income, who work for low wages, are elderly and/or disabled, or receive TANF, SSI or other assistance payments, may qualify. Nationally, SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

1,800

Average number TANF households

383,528

Average number of SNAP households

15,523

Total Number of Youth SNAP-Ed Participants

3,038

Average number TANF clients

4,498

Total Number of SNAP Outreach Applicants

4,387

Total Number of Adult SNAP-Ed Participants

\$4,031,877

Amount TANF benefits awarded

764,982

Average number of SNAP clients

156,290

Total Number of Boxes Issued Through the Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP)

1,995

Number of households that received a PEAFF payment (Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds)

\$1,818,640,111

Amount SNAP benefits awarded

700,557

Total Number of Families That Received Assistance From The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

\$1,995,000

Amount of PEAFF benefits

\$233,504,038

SNAP Emergency Allotments disbursed

310

Total Number of Adult Participants For The Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) program

\$262,698,275

P-EBT benefits

1,403

Total Number of Youth Participants For the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) program

2,052,134

Total Number of Individuals That Received Assistance From The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

DWDPM

DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPEMENT & PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT

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The Division of Workforce Development and Partnership Management continues to engage and collaborate with partners to improve workforce participation across the state and connect job seekers to resources necessary for success.

SNAP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (SNAP E&T)

Through third-party partnerships, the SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Program continues to connect eligible SNAP recipients to education, short-term workforce skills training, and work experience so participants can stack credentials to obtain a career with a livable wage.



REFILL JACKSON INITIATIVE

Miranda Turner Success Story

Maranda Turner joined Refill Jackson Initiative (RJI)'s 11th Cohort in October 2021. Maranda graduated from Refill in December 2021 and achieved a Gold rating on her NCRC and a Smart Start Credential. Maranda was also awarded the RJI Certificate of Employability and the Davis Award for Perseverance.

Maranda was dedicated to all aspects of training and went above and beyond both in the training room and on the job. Maranda completed her on-the-job training at Stewpot Community Services where she primarily worked in the community clothing closet alongside RJI's supervisor.

Maranda also made significant headway on preparing to take her GED while at RJI. Although GED preparation is not an element of RJI training, Maranda created a study plan with RJI's instructor and worked diligently in her time outside of training to prepare for the exam. Before graduating from RJI, Maranda had already passed the Language Arts section of the GED and plans to take the other three sections soon.

Prior to Refill, Maranda held multiple jobs, mainly in food service. During her interview, she indicated a strong desire to move into other areas of work, where she hoped she could find greater joy and stability. Maranda stated that she was looking for "new opportunities, different scenery, and work to be excited about." It was clear during her interview that Maranda was determined and motivated to succeed in the program and to make these goals a reality.

Maranda was still surprised by all that she was able to ac-

complish during the 8-weeks of training. Maranda originally indicated that she wanted to obtain a cosmetology license. She also had a strong interest in foster care advocacy but was unsure whether she had the education and credentials to do advocacy work in any sort of formal role.

After eight weeks of hard work, focusing primarily on resume writing and interview preparation, and through researching job opportunities with RJI's career coordinator, Maranda secured a paid internship and will begin working with First Place for Youth and their MS Youth Voice, and Opportunity Passport programs in January 2022. This will allow her to gain experience in working in foster youth advocacy. Maranda says, "I'm very excited. This is something that I've always wanted to do but didn't think I ever could. Now, I know it is possible." Maranda will use her experience in the foster care system to help improve outcomes for youth coming up in the system behind her.

Maranda's long-term career plans—though not certain—are quickly developing and beginning to fall into place. For now, Maranda wants to focus on making the most of her new role as an advocate and on passing the remaining sections of the GED. She maintains an interest in cosmetology and hopes to one day utilize this interest to build relationships with young people in the foster care system. Maranda reports that her communication skills and confidence greatly improved through her participation in RJI's training and the SNAP E&T program. Maranda also says that the program "provided me with extensive support which allowed me to open doors to new opportunities that I didn't think could be opened." Participating in SNAP E&T, Maranda says, "allowed me to be more independent and to focus on job training. This sense of security has been especially important during the holiday season."

PROVIDER	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF CREDENTIALS EARNED IN FFY 2021	SNAP E&T/ AWARD EXPENDED
East Mississippi Community College (EMCC)	36	22	20,971.63
Hinds Community College (HCC)	99	43	725,368.58
Mississippi Low-Income ChildCare Initiative (MLICCI)	14	0	4,079.00
Refill Jackson Initiative (RJI)	16	12	127,202.71
FFY 2021 TOTALS	165	77	877,621.92

HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Marsha Currie Ford

Marsha Currie Ford applied for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at the Hinds County MDHS Office.

During the assessment phase, it was discovered that she was a single mother with no high school diploma. She was underemployed, working minimal hours, earning minimum wages, and lacked essential benefits and resources. Marsha was referred to the SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) Skills2Work (S2W) Program.

Once approved for the SNAP (E&T) Skills2Work Program in September 2020, Marsha enrolled in Logistics Technology through the MIBEST Program at Hinds Community College. Since her enrollment, she has earned her MS Smart Start Credential, Bronze National Career Readiness Certificate, and her HiSet (High School Equivalency).

Marsha has consistently maintained satisfactory attendance and grade requirements and completed the Fall semester at Hinds with a 3.0 GPA. She graduated in May with an Associate of Applied Science.

Marsha is proud of what she has accomplished and is very grateful for the opportunities that the Skills2Work program has afforded her. She is very active on campus, encouraging other students

and assisting with recruitment activities.

Her greatest joy is being a positive role model for her own children. She praises the support she has received throughout her journey. The credentials earned and the valuable skills gained will equip her to compete for higher wage jobs.

TANF SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS MDHS

MDHS partners with agencies across the state to provide services that align with the four tenants of TANF. In 2021, this included eleven partners providing Afterschool Program Activities (APA) in 42 counties, nine partners providing Parent Initiative (PI) programming throughout all 82 counties, and seven Workforce Training and Education Program (WTEP) partners.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES – MS

MS Children’s Museum (MCM) Rocket Club Testimonial by Brooke Floyd, Director of Stewpot Children’s Services “MCM Rocket Club means a great deal to the Stewpot Children’s Program. MCM provides a safe space, internet access, space to spread out, and the ability to allow our children to play and just be kids!

I know our students were successful in school last year due in part to the exceptional MCM staff and their dedication to making sure our students succeed. One Rocket Club student in particular did so well in school last year – he made the Honor Roll for the first time as a 3rd grader. The afterschool educators at MCM are amazing! They bring out the best in our students. MCM truly cares for all of Mississippi’s children – their organization is a game changer for our community. They are helping to mold young minds and shape Mississippi’s future. We are all so blessed to be a part of their programming!”

PARENTHOOD INITIATIVE (PI) – Program Participant, Tina McKinion, writing MSU TIPPS/Protect & Connect Parenthood Initiative

“Good morning!! I just wanted to let you know that I received my first toolkit and my kids are so excited! I’m thrilled over the conversation cards, my youngest loves the book and my oldest is excited about the Mad libs notebook. We did some of the conversation cards per my oldest child’s request and we really enjoyed it! We can’t wait to receive future kits, we will be anxiously awaiting them. Again, thank you for putting this together, I believe it will be beneficial to us.”

Workforce Training & Education Program (WTEP) – Fulfilling a Business Dream: The Kiara Chinn Story

Kiara Chinn and her husband had always dreamed of owning their own New Orleans inspired restaurant. With the desire to be a successful business person, Kiara wanted to return to school to hone her business management skills. Returning to school also fulfilled a long-standing promise to her grandfather, who had only completed seventh grade, that she would complete her college degree. These were important motivating factors in Kiara’s steadfast desire to seek workforce training and education support from the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

She earned an associate degree from Mississippi Delta Community College in 2013, but her promise to her grandfather was to receive a bachelor’s from Delta State University. During her first semester at Delta State, Kiara faced a series of setbacks. Kiara experienced a stroke which led to a diagnosis of clinical depres-

sion. To exacerbate the matter, her daughter was diagnosed with Leukemia. “My first semester at Delta State was hard, and I just kept pressing on,” Kiara recounts. Despite her best efforts, she hit a wall when her financial aid ran out. “It literally took the life out of me,” Kiara explains.

Remaining committed to the promise she made to her grandfather and the dream of running a successful restaurant with her husband, Kiara pushed on once again in the face of adversity. She fought for two years to get into Mississippi Valley State University but only saw this as a stepping stone to her main goal of walking across the stage at Delta State University. Kiara thrived academically and was inducted into the Honors Society at Mississippi Valley but she still wasn’t where she wanted to be. Her sights remained set on Delta State.

When confiding in an old friend about her struggles to realize that dream, Kiara learned about the Complete to Compete (C2C) Program. Skeptical but determined, Kiara reached out to Darla Poole, C2C Coach at Delta State who helped her combine her earned credits. It was there that Kiara received the news that based on the work she had completed, she had enough combined credits to earn a University Studies degree. After having persevered through years of obstacles, Kiara’s dream had finally come true. With degree in hand, she could turn her focus to the goal of starting her own restaurant.

Kiara and her husband have opened Cafe Dat Taste of New Orleans - a creole-themed restaurant in the heart of Greenville, Mississippi.

“Thanks to the C2C Program, I was able to make the most of my previous credits and now I have even more confidence to run my business in a better and more efficient way,” Kiara explained. More determined and connected than ever, Kiara plans to pursue a master’s degree in Business Administration. “I want to make sure I can effectively manage my business and what better way to do that than to have an MBA. Lifelong learning and education will take me where I couldn’t have gone otherwise.”

DYS

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) administers probation/aftercare services and institutional programs for juveniles adjudged delinquent in Mississippi Youth Courts or youth who are at risk of becoming delinquent. More importantly, DYS is charged with providing youth with the skills needed to be successful in life.

YOUTH SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS

We are proud of our youths' achievements from our success stories. Of the 49 counties reported:

19 received their High School Diploma or GED

15 remained drug free or enrolled in a drug program

13 gained employment

8 were removed from probation or parole

6 attended college or trade school

1 joined the military

Oakley Youth Development Center

Six students passed the GED and eight are currently working toward passing the high school equivalency exam. The Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) data improved from the previous year: 50% achieved passing scores in English Language

Arts, 50% in English II, 66.8% in Algebra I, and 100% in U.S. History.

- The "New Start" program, funded through a Community Service Grant, provided clothing, school supplies, and/or work tools for students paroled from Oakley Youth Development Center. Since implementation, twenty-three students paroled have been released with the care packages.
- Year to date: Eight students enrolled in Family Therapy with seven of the eight graduating. One was released before completion.
- Eight students were enrolled in Grief, Trauma and Recovery Therapy. Seven graduated and one was released before completing.
- Nine students enrolled in Parenting Class and eight graduated. One student was paroled before completing the course.
- Select staff attended the Juvenile Justice Symposium where Tonie London, was awarded the "Most Distinguished Counselor Award."

Success Stories:

A young man from north Mississippi had been in and out of the youth court for various infractions since 2017 and in 2021 was ordered to Oakley Youth Development Center for eight months. While at Oakley Youth Development Center, the young man began to thrive including being placed on student council while also completing coursework toward his GED. While his time at Oakley was not perfect, he remained positive, honest, and responsive to the guidance of case workers and teachers. He was paroled from Oakley at the end of 2021 and completed his GED testing with flying colors. Upon completion of his GED, he entered the Gateway Program where he worked until parole.

A youth who had resisted all attempts at redirection from his Youth Services Specialist did not take probation seriously because of outside negative influences discouraging him from completing the terms of his probation and drawing him back into harmful behavioral patterns. As his probation progressed, his relationship with his Youth Services Specialist developed to one of respect and trust. As time progressed, the young man realized that his Youth Services Specialist was there to help him, accepting the guidance to enroll in a GED Program. Currently, the student has obtained employment and has been attending counseling services to assist with substance abuse and remaining drug free.

A high school dropout who only needed a couple of classes to graduate was introduced to the Grade Results Program by the court. In June 2022, he graduated from the program and took the ACT, receiving a score of 13. The young man has begun studying for the ACT with even more vigor in hopes of scoring at least a 16 to gain eligibility to play Junior College baseball.

Compliance

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Office of Compliance (Compliance) is comprised of four divisions: Internal Audit, Monitoring, Programmatic Quality Control (QC), and SNAP Quality Control (QC). Compliance continues to honor the Agency's commitment to promote the highest level of integrity, to focus on compliance and to strive towards excellence. Compliance manages the processes of the Agency to ensure employees and the Agency as a whole abide by internal rules of conduct and external laws and regulations. The number of laws, regulations and policies that impact the services carried out at the Mississippi Department of Human Services is enormous and can be challenging.

COMPLIANCE

The work of the Divisions of Monitoring, Programmatic Quality Control, SNAP Quality Control and Internal Audit helps to ensure the Agency has effective internal controls, adheres to all laws and regulations, ensures processes are streamlined and assists all divisions to work collaboratively and maintain communication. The Office of Compliance recognizes that a strong compliance program demonstrates the commitment of the Agency and its employees not only to adhering to the laws that govern our Agency but also to the values at the core of this Agency as a place of public trust and service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DIVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT

The Division of Internal Audit provides independent, objective assurance and risk assessments designed to add value and improve the Agency's operations. Internal Audit helps the Agency accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. Our activities strengthen the Agency's performance through standard audits and other activities to promote the safeguarding and effective use of assets and resources.

Division of Programmatic Quality Control (QC)

The Division of Programmatic Quality Control (QC) conducts reviews of the programmatic functions of MDHS. For state fiscal year 2021, Programmatic QC reviewed a total of 5,490 cases, which resulted in 528 findings.

As a result of these reviews, \$30,901.63 in overpayments were identified.

DIVISION OF MONITORING

The Division of Monitoring monitors the Agency's subgrant agreements to ensure compliance with applicable laws and to ensure subgrantee funds are used for the purposes for which they are awarded. For state fiscal year 2021, Monitoring assessed \$5.9 million in questioned costs across all agency programs. This amount is based on initial findings identified and is subject to change if additional documentation is submitted to clear questioned costs and/or any decisions as a result of administrative appeals.

DIVISION OF SNAP QUALITY CONTROL

The Division of SNAP Quality Control is responsible for conducting quality control reviews to measure how accurately the state determines eligibility and benefit amounts. The state's current cumulative active error rate (October through April) is 7.40 percent as reported by FNS for federal fiscal year 2022. Mississippi currently ranks 14 out of 53 state agencies reported.

Inspector General

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The purpose of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is to detect and deter fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct within MDHS programs and support services, while promoting efficiency for the agency. OIG's core values are comprised of integrity, independence, transparency, and accountability.

OIG consists of three divisions: Administrative Hearings, Benefit Recovery, and Investigations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION

The Administrative Hearings Division conducts programmatic administrative disqualification hearings and programmatic administrative agency appeal hearings for most MDHS programmatic divisions. Administrative Hearings heard approximately:

- 1,350 SNAP administrative disqualification hearings
- 700 SNAP fair hearings
- 6 Childcare administrative disqualification hearings
- 68 Childcare fair hearings
- 32 subgrant administrative appeals
- 1 LIHEAP fair hearing.

THE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division conducts in-depth investigations of all MDHS cases involving suspected fraud, misuse, and/or abuse preliminary to an administrative hearing or the initiation of a civil or criminal action. Open investigations:

- 6,250 SNAP investigations
- 22 Child Care investigations
- 9 TANF investigations
- 33 Retainer investigations
- 2 Weatherization/LIHEAP/Community Services investigations
- 10 OYDC
- 2 Subgrant investigations
- 8 Internal Affairs

Cases prosecuted through the District Attorney's Office and funds to be recouped by the State of Mississippi.

- 5 SNAP investigations totaling \$124,674.75
- 1 Internal investigation totaling \$6,648.75
- Total: 7 investigations - \$131,323.50

THE BENEFIT RECOVERY DIVISION

The Benefit Recovery Unit (BRU) is responsible for establishing, monitoring, tracking and recovering overpayments as a result of improper benefit payments found within programs at MDHS. BRU is also responsible for the recovery of subgrantee collections related to Monitoring Audits and OIG Investigations. BRU established and recovered overpayments:

INSPECTOR GENERAL				
HIGHLIGHTS				
	SNAP/TANF	DECCD	LIHEAP	SUBGRANTS
Overpayments Established	1728	26	9	67
Amount of Overpayments Established	\$4,276,684.54	\$112,855.41	\$15,519.45	\$132,403.35
Amount of Overpayments Recovered	\$4,282,273.42	\$187,303.49	\$23,900.54	\$125,355.45

*Amount of overpayments recovered is the total amount recovered from all open claims established within MDHS.

The total amount of 2022 Fiscal Year Recovery is \$4,618,812.90. This amount represents an increase of approximately \$1.3 million over the Fiscal Year 2021.

Budgets & Accounting

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

DIVISION	SALARIES	TRAVEL	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
Economic Assistance	31,963,338	182,188	23,135,552
Child Support	1,732,975	25,073	37,850,747
Early Childhood Care and Development	6,463,919	125,589	3,096,292
Social Services Block Grant	69,642		11,083
Aging & Adult Services	2,510,376	138,769	1,838,454
Youth Services	13,609,536	184,613	2,895,402
Community Services	805,495	2,772	1,390,715
Support Services	18,588,109	142,506	6,186,498
TOTAL	\$75,743,392	\$801,511	\$76,404,743

SOURCE OF FUNDING BY DIVISION

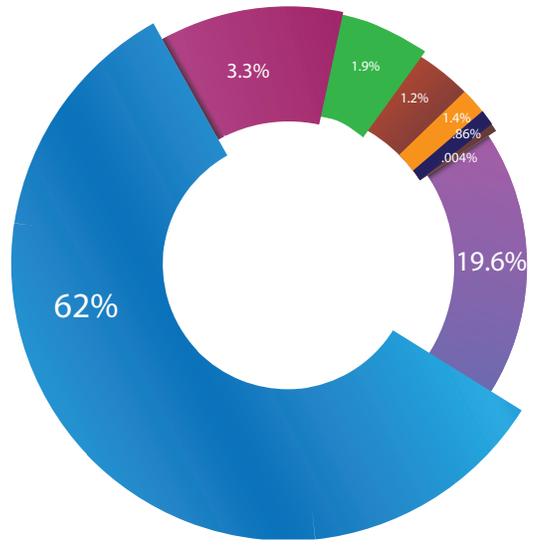
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

DIVISION	FEDERAL	STATE
Economic Assistance	1,295,267,339	23,681,825
Child Support	26,310,272	11,596,756
Early Childhood Care & Development	405,647,438	8,114,203
Social Services Block Grant	80,933	
Aging & Adult Services	24,311,407	2,393,414
Youth Services	3,277,083	13,456,424
Community Services	70,234,406	
Support Services	16,735,144	9,085,953
TOTAL	\$1,841,864,023	\$68,328,575

COMMODITIES	CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT	SUBSIDIES, LOANS, & GRANTS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
977,326	36,901	1,263,918,521	1,320,213,826
82,696	1,734	170,823	39,864,048
2,031,117	317,521	401,727,202	413,761,641
		208	80,933
198,805	59,420	24,477,756	29,223,580
974,546	355,625	105,735	18,125,457
93,543	59,223	67,882,657	70,234,406
239,390	223,430	441,164	25,821,097
\$4,597,424	\$1,053,853	\$1,831,802,152	\$2,114,733,099

OTHER	TOTAL
1,264,661	1,320,213,826
1,957,020	39,864,048
0	413,761,641
	80,933
2,518,759	29,223,580
1,391,951	18,125,457
	70,234,406
	25,821,097
\$7,132,391	\$1,917,324,988

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Acronyms & Glossary

A

AAA - Area Agency on Aging are responsible for planning, advocating, coordinating, initiating, providing supportive services to older adults. There are 10 locations throughout the state: Central, East Central, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, Southern, Golden Triangle, Three Rivers, North Delta, and South Delta.

ACL - Administration for Community Living

APS - Adult Protective Services seeks to ensure that every older Mississippian is living the best life possible and protects their rights while expanding their opportunities for and access to quality services. They investigate reports of alleged abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable persons residing in private home settings.

C

CARES - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

CCAIR - Childcare Crisis Assistance in Isolation Response

CCDF - Child Care Development Fund assists low-income families in obtaining childcare so they can work or attend training/ education.

CCPP - Child Care Payment Program

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations is a codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

CMPDD - Central Mississippi Planning and Development District

CRRSA - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations.

CS - Community Services

CSBG - Community Services Block Grant funds are used to alleviate the causes and effects of poverty. These programs are designed to relieve the immediate problems faced by low-income families as well as long-range programs to lift individuals out of poverty conditions.

CSFP - Commodity Supplemental Food Program

D

DAAS - Division of Aging and Adult Services

DCS - Division of Community Service

DCSE - Division of Child Support Enforcement

DEAE - Division of Economic Assistance Eligibility

DECCD - Division of Early Childhood Care and Development

DED - Division of Employee Development

DWDPM - Division of Workforce Development and Partnership Management

E

EW - Eligibility Worker. The individual who determines eligibility for TANF, SNAP, and TWP.

F

FLOW - Fixing Leaks or Water Breaks

H

HCC - Hinds Community College

HCBS - Home and Community-Based Services

HCC - Hinds Community College

HFM - Healthy Families Mississippi

L

LIHEAP - Low-Income Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance for home heating and cooling, energy crisis intervention, and low-cost weatherization to low-income households, including the elderly, people with disabilities, families with young children, the working poor, and those making the difficult transition from welfare to work.

LMS - Learning Management System is a software application for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting, automation, and delivery of educational courses, training programs, or learning and development programs.

M

MAC Center - Mississippi Access to Care Centers are welcoming and accessible places located across the state where older adults, persons with disabilities, and any individual, as well as their families, and representatives, can obtain information and assistance in locating services or applying for benefits.

MDCC - Mississippi Delta Community College

MDES - Mississippi Department of Employment Security

ME - Management Evaluation are reviews conducted at the county level to determine if the State agency is administering and operating SNAP in accordance with program requirements.

MIECHV - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting

MIPPA - Medicare Improvements for Patients

and Providers Act that assists Medicare beneficiaries with applying for Medicare Part D Extra Help/Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program.

O

OIG - Office of Inspector General

P

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

PRSA - Public Relations Society of America

Q

QC - Quality Control is a system for measuring the accuracy of state eligibility and benefit determinations.

R

RCHRA - Rankin County Human Resource Agency

R&R - Resource and Referral

S

SHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program provides free, in-depth, unbiased, one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare parts A, B, C, and D.

SMPDD - Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is designed to help low-income households obtain a more nutritious diet by supplementing the funds they have to spend on food.

SNAP E&T - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Acronyms & Glossary

Program Education & Training

SNAP-QCS - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Quality Control

SOP - Standard Operating Procedures are set of instructions of steps for handling routine operations.

SRAE - Sexual Risk Avoidance Education

T

TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a fixed block grant that provides time-limited assistance and requires those who receive it to work in exchange for benefits.

TCR - Transition to Community Referral

TEFAP - The Emergency Food Assistance Program

TRPDD - Three River's Planning and Development District

TWP - TANF Work Program assists TANF clients to become self-sufficient by providing needed employment-related activities and supportive services.

W

WAP - Weatherization Assistance Program provides assistance to low-income households to correct problems of air infiltration in order to provide a healthier dwelling environment and to conserve energy.

WEEAD - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



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