

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
1971

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gentlemen:

The following Annual Report for the year 1971, is self-explanatory.

The gross cost of operation of this department increased from \$3,688,590.48 in 1970 to \$4,385,108.14 in 1971, while the net cost to the county increased from \$999,109.42 to \$1,143,602.03 the past year.

I can only repeat what I said last year that it appears that we cannot expect any appreciable decrease in caseloads in the foreseeable future; neither can we see a reduction in costs. Welfare has become a way of life and the only way in which that way of life can be terminated is for the Congress and the State Legislature to pass more restrictive laws which will stand up in the Federal Courts.

Once again, I recommend the enactment of State Laws whereby strikers and their dependents cannot become eligible for Welfare benefits while a strike is in progress.

I sincerely hope that the Federal Government will soon assume the total administration of all Welfare Programs; this, at least, will remove the tremendous tax burden from real property. In addition, uniform state standards would necessarily be established nationwide, thus discouraging the movement of families from state to state in order to receive greater welfare benefits.

I wish again to express my deep appreciation to the members of the Board and, especially to the members of the committees with whom I have worked during the past year for their continued cooperation.

I also wish to again thank the various city, town, village and other county departments for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Liddle

William Liddle, Commissioner

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements:

Personal Services	\$331,354.07	
Equipment	2,104.50	
Supplies & Materials	6,143.66	
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	47,620.10	
Outstanding encumbrances	<u>502.50</u>	
		\$387,724.83

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$120,781.95	
Federal Reimbursement	222,573.02	
Repayments	<u>10.00</u>	
		<u>\$343,364.97</u>

NET LOCAL COST \$ 44,359.86

The gross administrative costs increased from \$352,251.09 in 1970 to \$387,724.83 in 1971, while the net local cost decreased from \$65,781.28 to \$44,359.86.

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Cash Grants	\$239,223.48	
Other Payments	<u>4,651.80</u>	
		\$243,875.28

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 59,810.28	
Federal Reimbursement	117,211.54	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>4,982.86</u>	
		<u>\$182,004.68</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$ 61,870.60
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The average monthly caseload in this category for 1971 was 207 persons compared to 198 persons in 1970. Gross costs increased from \$199,166.69 in 1970 to \$243,875.28 in 1971, while the net cost to the county increased from \$36,736.84 to \$61,870.60.

HOME RELIEF

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$358,308.22	
Other expenses	<u>2,628.91</u>	
		\$360,937.13

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$175,465.85	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>2,133.89</u>	
		<u>\$177,599.74</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$183,337.39
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The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 157 cases representing 676 persons in 1970 to 204 cases representing 867 persons in 1971. The gross cost increased from \$261,067.05 to \$360,937.13, while the net local cost increased from \$133,793.37 to \$183,337.39.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$1,287,206.12	
Other expenses	<u>2,749.54</u>	
		\$1,289,955.66

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$330,869.33	
Federal Reimbursement	580,662.44	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>42,522.01</u>	
		<u>\$954,053.78</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$335,901.88
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The average monthly caseload in this category in 1971 was 462 representing 1868 persons compared to 410 representing 1696 persons in 1970. The gross cost increased from \$1,096,272.07 to \$1,289,955.66, while the net cost to the county increased from \$298,186.65 in 1970 to \$335,901.88 in 1971

AID TO THE BLIND

Disbursements:

Cash Grants	\$6,297.14	
Other expenses	<u>639.20</u>	
		\$6,936.34

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$1,893.86	
Federal Reimbursement	<u>3,148.57</u>	
		<u>\$5,042.43</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$1,893.91
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The average monthly caseload in this category was 6 compared to 4 in 1970. The gross cost increased from \$2,949.13 in 1970 to \$6,936.34 in 1971, while the net local cost increased from \$797.89 to \$1,893.91

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AID TO THE DISABLED

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$115,905.18	
Other expenses	<u>659.56</u>	
		\$116,564.74

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 29,605.77	
Federal Reimbursement	58,485.72	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>2,123.32</u>	
		<u>\$ 90,214.81</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$ 26,349.93
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The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 81 in 1970 to 104 in 1971. The gross cost increased from \$78,722.72 to \$116,564.74, while the net cost to the county increased from \$17,134.18 in 1970 to \$26,349.93 in 1971.

BURIALS

Disbursements	\$20,839.25
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Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$3,845.65	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>8,194.78</u>	
		<u>\$12,040.43</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$ 8,798.82
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The gross cost of burials decreased the past year from \$21,638.85 to \$20,839.25, while the net local cost decreased from \$12,772.40 to \$8,798.82 in 1971.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Nursing home care	\$121,219.31	
Hospital care	563,321.14	
Physicians' Services	187,611.28	
Dentists' Services	97,525.65	
Druggists	149,738.98	
Opticians, optometrists,		
Prosthetic devices, etc.	26,102.31	
Other care	<u>57,186.97</u>	
		\$1,202,705.64

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$296,930.84	
Federal Reimbursement	593,861.68	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>14,982.28</u>	
		<u>\$905,774.80</u>

NET LOCAL COST		\$296,930.84
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The gross cost of this program increased from \$1,039,833.25 in 1970 to \$1,202,705.64 in 1971, while the net cost to the county increased from \$263,888.19 to \$296,930.84.

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Board, clothing, supplies	\$149,556.34	
Other expenses	<u>40,821.18</u>	\$190,377.52

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$ 74,157.73	
Repayments	<u>19,792.61</u>	\$ 93,950.34

NET LOCAL COST		\$ 96,427.18
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The total monthly caseload in this Division ranged from a low of 214 children to a high of 256 in 1971 compared to a low of 208 children and a high of 227 in 1970.

The number of children in Foster Care in 1971 ranged from a low of 115 children to a high of 127, while in 1970 the range was from a low of 108 to a high of 126.

The number of referrals to this Division was 319 in 1971 compared to 320 in 1970. The greatest number of referrals came from court, 87; families, 69; Public Assistance, 41; while the remainder came from schools, private citizens and other sources.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Disbursements:

Board, tuition, etc.	<u>\$3,908.01</u>	\$3,908.01
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Credits:

No credits

NET LOCAL COST		\$3,908.01
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PURCHASE OF SERVICES

Disbursements

Total expenditures	<u>\$44,080.81</u>	\$44,080.81
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Credits:

State reimbursement	\$16,748.00	
Federal reimbursement	11,844.02	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>1,384.80</u>	
		<u>\$29,976.82</u>

NET LOCAL COST		\$14,103.99
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The above purchase of services is comparatively new, having begun in 1970, and with the advent of Day Care Homes the amount expended in 1971 is substantially greater than in 1970. Therefore, no accurate comparison can be made.

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GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL INFIRMARY

Disbursements:

Salaries, wages and fees	\$389,852.68	
Equipment	4,452.49	
Food	39,848.94	
Maintenance supplies	12,545.18	
Drugs & medical supplies	36,947.81	
Fuel	6,800.12	
Drygoods and linen	1,226.08	
Gasoline	359.70	
Repairs	6,234.33	
Laundry & Diaper service	11,304.43	
Light and Power	3,929.02	
Telephone	1,504.01	
Elevator service	360.00	
Other(Extermination service, petty cash, freight, garbage disposal, advertising, clean- ing Septic tanks, etc.	<u>1,838.14</u>	
		\$517,202.93

Credits:

Refunds & repayments	\$101,415.18	
State reimbursement	115,356.04	
Federal reimbursement	<u>230,712.09</u>	
		<u>\$447,483.31</u>

NET LOCAL COST		\$ 69,719.62
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The total number of days' care rendered to patients during 1971 was 34,312 compared to 34,047 in 1970. The total number of patients under care at the beginning of 1971 was 93; the total number of patients under care during 1971 was 163; the total number of discharges, including deaths, was 68 and the total number of patients under care at the end of 1971 was 95.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Disbursements:

General Administration	\$ 387,724.83	
Old Age Assistance	243,875.28	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,289,955.66	
Aid to the Disabled	116,564.74	
Home Relief	360,937.13	
Medical Assistance	1,202,705.64	
Child Welfare	190,377.52	
Aid to the Blind	6,936.34	
Purchase of Services	44,080.81	
Burials	20,839.25	
Juvenile Delinquents	3,908.01	
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>517,202.93</u>	
		\$4,385,108.14

Credits:

General Administration	\$343,364.97	
Old Age Assistance	182,004.68	
Aid to Dependent Children	954,053.78	
Aid to the Disabled	90,214.81	
Home Relief	177,599.74	
Medical Assistance	905,774.80	
Child Welfare	93,950.34	
Aid to the Blind	5,042.43	
Purchase of Services	29,976.82	
Burials	12,040.43	
Juvenile Delinquents	<u> </u>	
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>447,483.31</u>	
		<u>\$3,241,506.11</u>
 TOTAL NET LOCAL COST		 \$1,143,602.03