

ANNUAL REPORT  
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
1973

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gentlemen:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the year 1973.

I am pleased to report that the gross cost increase of the operations of this department for 1973 was only \$15,626.37 (see pg. 13). Compared with the gross cost increase of 1972 over 1971 of \$237,371.03 I feel that this reflects a remarkable achievement in the attempt to provide maximum service at minimal cost. Also keep in mind that the gross cost includes the pay raises for department employees as negotiated with CSEA.

To stress the importance of this accomplishment the following figures give the gross cost increase in expenditures for the last four years.

Year	Gross Cost	Increase over Previous Year
1970	3,688,590.48	479,415.19
1971	4,385,108.14	696,517.66
1972	4,622,479.17	237,371.03
1973	4,638,105.54	15,626.37

The net cost to the County for 1973 has decreased by \$91,965.14 or almost double the \$46,077.89 decrease in 1972. The explanation for this decrease is noted on various pages of this report.

Although the State Department has mandated increases in fuel, and shelter costs for 1974 without our prior knowledge, and there is anticipated another increase in the state standard of need; I believe that our continuing progress in streamlining the operations of the department will help offset any unbudgeted increase in expenditures.

Naturally, it would have been impossible to accomplish the reduced rate in welfare costs without the complete cooperation of the Board of Supervisors.

I also wish to thank the Social Services Committee for the excellent advice and support which has made progress in welfare administration a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Carlson  
Commissioner

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIONDisbursements:

Personal Services	\$334,032.67
Equipment	1,180.10
Outstanding Encumbrances	1,069.90
Contracted Expense (Travel, postage, tel., etc.)	63,010.88
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>3,379.23</u>
	\$402,672.78

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$124,144.07
Federal Reimbursement	276,468.02
Repayments	<u>2.34</u>
	<u>\$400,614.43</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$ 2,058.35</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Gross Cost	419,402.27	402,672.78		16,729.49
Net Local Cost	42,467.37	2,058.35		40,409.02

The large reduction in the net local cost of General Administration for 1973 came about because we claimed reimbursement on approximately \$100,000 of indirect expenses. Although we cannot show these expenses as disbursements they are nevertheless allocable to the Social Services Department for claiming purposes.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCEDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$200,122.88
Vendor Payments	<u>2,699.68</u>
	\$202,822.56

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 49,413.17
Federal Reimbursement	110,398.18
Refunds or Repayments	<u>6,599.06</u>
	<u>\$166,410.41</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$ 36,412.15</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	232	199		33
Gross Cost	236,632.69	202,822.56		33,810.13
Net Cost	41,463.28	36,412.15		5,051.13

The average monthly Old Age Assistance caseload decreased by 33 cases in 1973 resulting in decreases in gross and net costs to the county.

AID TO BLINDDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$4,230.29
Vendor Payments	<u>1,055.87</u>
	\$5,286.16

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$1,585.53
Federal Reimbursement	2,470.66
Refunds or Repayments	<u>-0-</u>
	\$4,056.19
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$1,229.97</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	5	6	1	
Gross Cost	4,996.64	5,286.16	289.52	
Net Local Cost	1,525.94	1,229.97		295.97

Although the gross cost of Aid to Blind increased slightly in 1973, there was a decrease in the net local cost because of a new claiming procedure permitting us to claim reimbursement for indirect costs allocable to Social Services.

AID TO DISABLEDDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$162,704.47
Vendor Payments	<u>1,407.48</u>
	\$164,111.95

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 58,105.71
Federal Reimbursement	135,617.69
Refunds or Repayments	<u>1,671.90</u>
	<u>\$195,395.30</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>-\$ 31,283.35</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	130	131	1	
Gross Cost	133,987.28	164,111.95	30,124.67	
Net Local Cost	24,342.40	<u>-31,283.35</u>		55,625.75

Credits exceeded disbursements in our Aid to Disabled category for 1973 because many cases in which funds had been disbursed in prior years were finally determined to be disabled in 1973. Consequently, reimbursement was claimed in 1973.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDRENDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$1,096,407.43
Vendor Payments	<u>3,175.29</u>
	\$1,099,582.72

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 264,101.47
Federal Reimbursement	552,526.24
Refunds or Repayments	<u>46,232.07</u>
	\$ 862,859.78
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>236,722.94</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	508	453			55
Average Monthly Persons	1,707	1,669			38
Gross Cost	1,190,706.36	1,099,582.72			91,123.64
Net Local Cost	244,510.84	236,722.94			7,787.90

The average monthly Aid to Dependent Children caseload decreased by 55 cases in 1973 resulting in decreases in gross and net costs to the county.

HOME RELIEFDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$261,143.74
Vendor Payments	<u>2,443.05</u>
	\$263,586.79

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 92,931.34
Federal Reimbursement	None
Refunds or Repayments	<u>344.00</u>
	<u>\$ 93,275.34</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$170,311.45</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	254	182		72
Average Monthly Persons	897	663		234
Gross Cost	343,194.78	263,586.79		79,607.99
Net Local Cost	178,074.20	170,311.45		7,762.75

The average monthly Home Relief caseload decreased by 72 cases in 1973 resulting in decreases in gross and net costs to the county.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCEDisbursements:

Nursing Home Care	\$536,461.93
Hospital Care	530,725.37
Physicians Services	198,626.01
Pharmacy & Drugs	169,164.74
Dentists	87,546.40
Opticians & Optometrists	21,700.14
Misc. (clinics, prosthetic devices, etc.)	<u>64,589.58</u>
	\$1,608,814.17

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$410,848.19
Federal Reimbursement	835,192.42
Refunds or Repayments	<u>25,780.31</u>
	<u>\$1,271,820.92</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$ 336,993.25</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	744	671		73
Gross Cost	1,411,496.85	1,608,814.17	197,317.32	
Net Local Cost	334,650.26	336,993.25	2,342.99	

The large increase in Medical Assistance costs resulted from higher mandated fees for physicians and nursing home care. The net local cost showed only a slight increase because we were able to claim reimbursement on many indirect expenses in 1973.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES

(Day Care Program)

Disbursements:

## Vendor Payments to

Day Care - Mothers	\$21,179.00
Day Care - Centers	8,103.70
Baby Sitters & Housekeepers	<u>8,675.99</u>
	\$37,958.69

Credits:

## State Reimbursement

\$17,988.01

## Federal Reimbursement

27,200.88

## Refunds or Repayments

3,076.95\$48,265.84

## NET LOCAL COST

-\$10,307.15

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Gross Cost	104,309.03	37,958.69		66,350.34
Net Local Cost	7,978.64	<u>-10,307.15</u>		18,285.79

Credits exceeded disbursements in 1973 in the Purchase of Services category because in accordance with New York State Department of Social Services instructions, 63.2% of the cost of board and care of children in private child caring facilities is claimed under the Purchase of Services category rather than under Foster Care.

CHILD WELFARE

(Foster Care)

Disbursements:

Boarding Homes	\$154,012.58
Private Institutions	<u>47,057.29</u>
	\$201,069.87

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 71,374.30
Federal Reimbursement	None
Refunds or Repayments	<u>28,555.76</u>
	\$ <u>99,930.06</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$101,139.81</u>

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Average Monthly Caseload	125	150	25	
Gross Cost	195,351.04	201,069.87	5,718.83	
Net Local Cost	105,199.13	101,139.81		4,059.32

Although the gross cost of Child Welfare increased, the net local cost decreased. This was due to an increase of almost 100% in the amount of our refunds and repayments.

BURIALSDisbursements:

Cash Payments to Funeral Directors	\$19,193.50
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Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$4,097.40
Federal Reimbursement	None
Refunds or Repayments	<u>282.20</u>
	<u>\$ 4,379.60</u>

NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$14,813.90</u>
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	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Number of Burials	35	43	8	
Gross Cost	18,699.00	19,193.50	494.50	
Net Local Cost	14,260.50	14,813.90	553.40	

There were 8 more burials in 1973 than in 1972 resulting in slight increases in gross and net costs.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Disbursements: \$33,535.44

Credits:

State Reimbursement	None
Federal Reimbursement	None
Refunds or Repayments	<u>None</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$33,535.44</u>

In the Juvenile Delinquents category there were no credits because the method of payment for these costs differs from all other categories. Rather than pay the costs locally and subsequently submit a claim for reimbursement, the costs are paid by the state, which in turn bills the local agencies for their 50% share of the cost. No bills were received in 1972.

GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL INFIRMIARYDisbursements:

Salaries	\$469,350.10
Equipment	2,365.23
Food	52,028.76
Drugs	19,457.31
Medical Supplies	12,949.64
Underpads	2,490.45
Fuel	5,853.71
Inspection Fee	126.00
Propane Gas	632.84
Gasoline	249.55
Service on Elevator	432.00
Exterminator Service	216.00
Telephone	1,427.59
Electricity	4,851.30
Garbage Removal	440.00
Diaper Service	4,142.16
Laundry Service	5,213.45
Repairs	1,547.67
Registration, Meals & Mileage	620.21
Maintenance Supplies	12,072.31
Septic Tank Cleaning	400.00
Storage Charge (Surplus Food)	76.86
Training Fee - Nurse Clinician	500.00
Maintenance Contract on Duplicating Machine	50.00
Petty Cash	268.59
Linen	1,185.28
Ads	196.25
Freight	15.65
Care of Cemetery Lots	12.00
Sprinkling System Inspection	<u>300.00</u>
	\$599,470.91

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$123,032.41
Federal Reimbursement	246,064.82
Refunds or Repayments	<u>116,141.44</u>
Net Local Costs	<u>\$485,538.67</u>
	\$113,932.24

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Total number of days' care	34,371	33,221		
Monthly average no. of patients	97	95	2	1,150
Gross Cost	563,703.23	599,470.91	35,767.68	
Net Local Cost	103,051.58	113,932.24	10,880.66	

The increases in gross and net costs of the Gerrit E. Smith Memorial Infirmary for 1973 were due to the general cost increases for all products and services.

STATISTICAL SUMMARYDisbursements:

General Administration	\$402,672.78
Old Age Assistance	202,822.56
Aid to Dependent Children	1,099,582.72
Aid to Disabled	164,111.95
Home Relief	263,586.79
Medical Assistance	1,608,814.17
Child Welfare (F.C.)	201,069.87
Aid to Blind	5,286.16
Purchase of Services (Day Care)	37,958.69
Burials	19,193.50
Juvenile Delinquents	33,535.44
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>599,470.91</u>
	\$4,638,105.54

Credits:

General Administration	\$400,614.43
Old Age Assistance	166,410.41
Aid to Dependent Children	862,859.78
Aid to Disabled	195,395.30
Home Relief	93,275.34
Medical Assistance	1,271,820.92
Child Welfare (F.C.)	99,930.06
Aid to Blind	4,056.19
Purchase of Services (Day Care)	48,265.84
Burials	4,379.60
Juvenile Delinquents	-0-
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>485,538.67</u>
	\$3,632,546.54

NET LOCAL COST	\$1,005,559.00
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	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Gross Cost	4,622,479.17	4,638,105.54	15,626.37	
Net Local Cost	1,097,524.14	1,005,559.00		91,965.14