

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
1969

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gentlemen:

The following Annual Report for the year 1969 is self-explanatory.

The gross cost of operation of this department decreased from \$3,559,189.20 in 1968 to \$3,209,175.29 this past year. The net cost decreased from \$939,261.97 in 1968 to \$893,162.44 in 1969.

This decrease in costs was largely due to a tremendous reduction in the cost of Medical Assistance as shown on Page 6.

The picture for 1970 is not pleasant. Applications for Public Assistance are increasing substantially with no let-up in sight. This is particularly true in the Aid to Dependent Children category. In my opinion the Welfare Laws have become more liberal than they should be. If the costs continue to increase, as I anticipate they will, the only solution to the problem is for the State or Federal Government to assume the entire administration of Welfare, thus removing this tax burden from real property taxes.

I wish again this year to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors for the salary increases and additional fringe benefits granted to us during the past year. Again, I am grateful to the members of the various committees with whom I have worked for their continued understanding of the many problems in the administration of the Social Services Department with which we are confronted.

I also wish to express my appreciation for the continued cooperation which we have received from city, town, village and other county departments and officials.

Respectfully submitted,

William Liddle

William Liddle, Commissioner

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements:

Personal Services	\$238,552.14	
Equipment	21,326.45	
Supplies and materials	7,056.44	
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	42,216.49	
Outstanding encumbrances	<u>4,070.12</u>	
		\$313,221.64

Credits:

Refunds	\$ 444.34	
Federal Reimbursement	121,666.54	
State Reimbursement	<u>103,172.61</u>	
		<u>\$225,283.49</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$ 87,938.15
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Included in the above is the expense of Distribution of Federal Surplus Commodities, which is shown on the following page.

The gross administrative costs increased from \$245,398.62 in 1968 to \$313,221.64 in 1969, while the net local cost increased from \$61,374.78 to \$87,938.15.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COST:

Disbursements:

75% Clerk's salary	\$2,862.00	
Clerk's travel expense	338.00	
Deputies' wages and expenses	4,307.60	
Trucking	2,649.91	
Storage	1,372.97	
Postage	200.00	
Printing	50.00	
Estimated value of other departmental supplies and services used	<u>200.00</u>	
		\$11,980.48

PURCHASES OF SERVICES

Disbursements	<u>\$1,130.71</u>	\$1,130.71
<u>Reimbursement:</u>		
State	\$125.03	
Federal	<u>491.95</u>	
		\$ 616.98
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 513.73

The above Service appropriation was set up October 1, 1969, to pay for services formerly paid for direct to vendors for other-than-cash grants.

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$169,654.46	
Other payments	<u>3,582.27</u>	\$173,236.73

Credits

Federal reimbursement	\$ 83,001.45	
State reimbursement	57,904.22	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>9,869.60</u>	\$150,775.27

NET LOCAL COST		\$ 22,461.46
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The average number of recipients of Old Age Assistance per month in 1969 was 188 compared to 174 in 1968. The gross cost in this program increased from \$148,255.54 in 1968 to \$173,236.73 in 1969, while the net cost to the county increased from \$17,721.74 to \$22,461.46.

HOME RELIEF

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$193,232.10	
Other payments	<u>5,250.64</u>	\$198,482.74

Credits:

State reimbursements	\$97,520.20	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>1,807.20</u>	\$ 99,327.40
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 99,155.34

The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 131 representing 527 persons in 1968 to 143 representing 564 persons in 1969. The gross cost increased from \$171,814.70 to \$198,482.74 while the net cost to the county increased from \$83,395.15 in 1968 to \$99,155.34 in 1969.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$811,109.42	
Other expenses	<u>13,263.00</u>	
		\$824,372.42

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$338,447.90	
State reimbursement	234,786.74	
Repayments and refunds	<u>56,042.91</u>	
		<u>\$629,277.55</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$195,094.87

The average monthly caseload in this category in 1969 was 312 representing 1305 persons compared to 300 cases in 1968 representing 1269 persons. The gross cost increased from \$744,267.74 to \$824,372.42, while the net cost to the county increased from \$150,029.15 in 1968 to \$195,094.87 in 1969.

AID TO THE BLIND

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$1,760.47	
Other expenses	<u>615.50</u>	
		\$2,375.97

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$ 871.49	
State reimbursement	<u>1,207.71</u>	
		<u>\$2,079.20</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 296.77

The average monthly caseload in this category was 3, the same as in 1968. The gross cost was \$2,375.97 in 1969 compared to \$2,305.15 in 1968, while the net cost to the county decreased from \$327.55 in 1968 to \$296.77 in 1969.

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AID TO THE DISABLED

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$65,989.83	
Other expenses	<u>176.69</u>	
		\$66,166.52

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$32,561.36	
State reimbursement	22,148.09	
Repayments and recoveries	<u>594.21</u>	
		<u>\$55,303.66</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$10,862.86
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The average monthly caseload in this category decreased from 79 in 1968 to 72 in 1969. The gross cost decreased from \$70,652.14 to \$66,166.52 while the net cost to the county decreased from \$10,914.70 in 1968 to \$10,862.86 in 1969.

BURIALS

Disbursements:

Payments to funeral directors	<u>\$13,138.50</u>	
		\$13,138.50

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$3,903.85	
Repayments	<u>1,572.62</u>	
		<u>\$5,476.47</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$7,662.03
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The gross cost of burials decreased from \$16,705.90 in 1968 to \$13,138.50 in 1969, while the net local cost to the county decreased from \$9,334.73 to \$7,662.03.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Nursing Home Care	\$ 38,581.40	
Hospital Care	337,768.07	
Physicians' Services	238,218.26	
Dentists' Services	154,035.87	
Druggists	156,776.93	
Opticians, Optometrists, Prosthetic devices, etc.	34,252.80	
Other care	<u>28,490.35</u>	
		\$988,123.68

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$260,072.91	
Federal reimbursement	465,512.49	
Repayments & recoveries	<u>14,698.71</u>	
		<u>\$740,284.11</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$247,839.57
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The gross cost of this program in 1969 decreased from \$1,637,599.59 in 1968 to \$988,123.68. The net cost to the county decreased from \$490,002.97 in 1968 to \$247,839.57 in 1969. This substantial reduction is due largely to the reduction in eligibility which became effective in 1969.

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)

The total monthly caseload in this division ranged from a low of 197 children to a high of 221 in 1969 compared to a low of 154 children and a high of 212 in 1968.

The number of children in Foster Care in 1969 ranged from a low of 107 children to a high of 131 compared to a low of 88 and a high of 112 in 1968.

The above substantial increase in children in Foster Care points up the need for additional Foster Care Homes in the county.

The number of referrals to this division decreased from 280 in 1968 to 234 in 1969. The greatest number of referrals came from Court, 64, Families 43, while the remaining numbers were almost evenly divided between Our Public Assistance Division, Private citizens, Schools, out of county and other sources.

There were also 27 unmarried mothers referred for advice and services.

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Board	\$117,314.57	
Supplies	865.47	
Clothing	11,387.04	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,145.51</u>	
		\$130,712.59

Credits:

Repayments	\$12,915.52	
State reimbursement	<u>58,478.72</u>	
		\$ 71,394.24

NET LOCAL COST		\$ 59,318.35
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JUVENILE DELINQUENTSDisbursements:

Board	\$10,974.16	
Miscellaneous	3,655.71	
To State for Institutional Care	<u>46,612.92</u>	
		\$61,242.79

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 7,480.40	
State reimbursement	<u>3,595.01</u>	
		\$11,075.41

NET LOCAL COST		\$50,167.38
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GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL INFIRMARY

Disbursements:

Salaries, wages and fees	\$308,027.77	
Equipment	6,803.00	
Food	36,577.32	
Maintenance supplies	12,028.34	
Drugs and medical supplies	24,921.52	
Fuel	5,698.18	
Drygoods and linen	752.49	
Razor blades, etc.	66.95	
Gasoline	251.32	
Repairs	24,742.37	
Laundry and Diaper service	10,148.96	
Light and Power	3,442.40	
Telephone	1,505.35	
Elevator service	360.00	
Other (extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, cleaning septic tanks, etc.)	<u>2,775.74</u>	
		\$438,101.71

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 74,283.68	
Federal reimbursement	167,634.91	
State reimbursement	<u>83,817.46</u>	
		<u>\$325,736.05</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$112,365.66

The total number of days' care rendered to patients during 1969 was 33,134 compared to 33,039 in 1968. The total number of patients under care at the beginning of 1969 was 89, total number of patients under care during the year was 153, total number of discharges, including deaths, was 64 and the total number of patients under care at the end of 1969 was 89.

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General Administration	\$313,221.64	
Old Age Assistance	173,236.73	
Home Relief	198,482.74	
Aid to Dependent Children	824,372.42	
Aid to the Blind	2,375.97	
Aid to the Disabled	66,166.52	
Medical Assistance	988,123.68	
Burials	13,138.50	
Child Welfare	130,712.59	
Juvenile Delinquents	61,242.79	
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>438,101.71</u>	
		\$3,209,175.29

Credits:

General Administration	\$225,283.49	
Old Age Assistance	150,775.27	
Home Relief	99,327.40	
Aid to Dependent Children	629,277.55	
Aid to the Blind	2,079.20	
Aid to the Disabled	55,303.66	
Medical Assistance	740,284.11	
Burials	5,476.47	
Child Welfare	71,394.24	
Juvenile Delinquents	11,075.41	
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>325,736.05</u>	
		\$2,316,012.85
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 893,162.44