

Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA)

Service Plan



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Type of Service plan

Individual county plan

Multi-county plan

County name: Waseca	County names:
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Part A: Needs and Priorities

State the type of needs that the county will be addressing for vulnerable children and adults who experience dependency, abuse or neglect using VCA funds?

Vulnerable children

The county continues to strive to support families to meet the safety and well-being needs of the children in their family unit. The families in which the children are vulnerable usually have a combination of the following needs: emotional health, mental health, parenting skills, chemical health, housing, finances, physical health and family relationships.

Vulnerable adults

We will be addressing the needs of those individuals unable to protect their own interests by providing adult protection services. These services may include investigation; immediate intervention; arranging for immediate medical services and/or emergency shelter; initiation of legal action, if needed; arranging for counseling services for the individual and family; assessment/evaluation of family circumstances; preparing for a foster placement if necessary (or other supervised living arrangements); case management including the development of a case plan; and referral to other service providers that may benefit the vulnerable adult.

Part B: Strengths and Resources

A county has many strengths and resources to address the diverse social services needs of vulnerable children and adults. Briefly state what strengths and/or resources will be engaged (continued or implemented) to address the needs stated in Part A above?

Vulnerable children

The county utilizes strength-based engagement skills to support and empower families to address their areas of need. The county assists by offering assistance with or making referrals for chemical use assessments and treatment options; psychological testing, assessments and services; in-home family based services; financial assistance from community resources including food shelves and emergency funds; housing assistance; case management; support groups; and recreation opportunities. The county utilizes Family Group Decision Making with most families to engage the families in identifying their barriers to safety and well-being and in developing a plan to address the barriers.

Vulnerable adults

Our strengths include the reincarnation of our Adult Protection team to bring the various players together to share issues, problem solve, and work cooperatively on improving our system and also consulting on complex cases, such as the many financial exploitation cases we are beginning to experience. The county utilizes a number of resources to strengthen and enhance the services needed including: the Adult Protection team, dual investigations with law enforcement, case planning and monitoring with community agencies such as public health, training cooperatively with other community agencies, use of the county attorney's office and court as needed, and making appropriate referrals to other community resources to meet the needs of the vulnerable adult.

Part C: Measures and Performances

Access the link below to review the county's CY 2010 performance on VCA measures.

[CY 2010 Performance Summary on VCA Federal and State Measures](#)

Use the county’s performance summary to complete the table and questions below. In the table, enter the county’s performance on each of the measures and enter a “✓” if the standard was met, or an “✗” if the standard was not met in CY 2010. In the last two columns, set practical performance targets the county will work towards achieving in 2012 and 2013.

Federal and State Measures

Measures (abbreviated)	Standard (STD)	2010 State/County Performance			Anticipated Targets	
		State	County	STD Met? (✓ or ✗)	2012	2013
1. No repeat maltreatment w/in six mths.	≥ 94.6 %	✓ 95.1%	100%	✓	100 %	100%
2. Re-entered foster care w/in 12 mths.	≤ 9.9 %	✗ 24.4%	20%	✗	10%	5%
3. Reunified w/in 12 mths.	≥ 75.2 %	✓ 84.5%	100%	✓	90%	100%
4. Adopted w/in 24 mths	≥ 36.6 %	✓ 48.2%	75%	✓	80%	90%
5. Two or fewer pl. settings w/in 12 mths.	≥ 86.0 %	✓ 86.8%	100%	✓	100 %	100%
6. Health examination w/in 12 mths.	≥ 63.5%	✗ 56.4%	73.1%	✓	75%	80%

≥ = Greater than or equal to; ≤ = Less than or equal to; ✓ = Standard met; ✗ = Standard not met

For each measure for which the county did not meet the standard, identify the measure below and discuss what plans are in place to improve performance on the respective measure. Include what issues/barriers/challenges are hindering the county from meeting the standard, and what may need to be changed or be done differently to achieve the stated targets (add more boxes, if needed).

Measure #: 2	Use more of FGDM meetings to get family involvement and family support to be able to support the family and child when he/she returns home and to have a crisis plan in place as well; continue utilization of trial home visits; use of regular respite care to alleviate the need for crisis placement; and continuing to work with law enforcement to recognize the need for a safety placement if there is to be a placement.
Measure #:	

Part D: Budget

Access the link below to review the county’s CY 2012 allocation. Use the county’s allocation to complete the budget table below.

[Vulnerable Children and Adults Act CY 2012 Allocation](#)

Fill in the proportion (percent) of the county’s VCA allocation that will be budgeted for vulnerable children and adult services for CY 2012 and beyond. Because VCA funds are directed at vulnerable children and adults, only two budget line items are listed. Subsequently, the department will apply these proportions to the most currently available allocation data. If the county changes these proportions at any time, the department should be informed by sending an email to: paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us.

VCA budget	CY 2012 and beyond
Children services	65%
Adult services	35%
Total	100%

Part E: Certification and Assurances

Federal Certifications

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) requires the following certifications for the use of federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds (CFDA # 93.667, federal award number 0901MNSOSR, 1001MNSOSR, 0601MNSOS2). Follow the links for a complete description of each certification. Checking these boxes certifies that the county complies with these requirements for the use of SSBG funds administered through the service plan and county sub-contracting process.

- Drug Free Workplace
x http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/drug_free.html
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke
xx <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/tobacoo.html>
- Lobbying

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/lobbying.html>

Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/debarment.html>

Public Input

Prior to submission, did the county facilitate a process for soliciting public input for at least 30 days on the contents of the agreement?

Yes No Was public input received/used? Yes No

Assurances

It is understood and agreed by the county board that funds granted pursuant to this service plan will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minn.Stat.§256M; that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service plan, and that documentation of compliance will be available for audit; and that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all VCA requirements including documenting annual public input processes.

Service Plan Certification

Checking this box certifies that this service plan has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of [Minn. Stat. §256M](#). In the box below, state the name of the chair of the county board of commissioners or authorized designee, their mailing address and the name of the county.

Name (chair or designee)	Mailing address	County

Date of Certification: