



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FARIBAULT &
MARTIN
COUNTIES

QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024



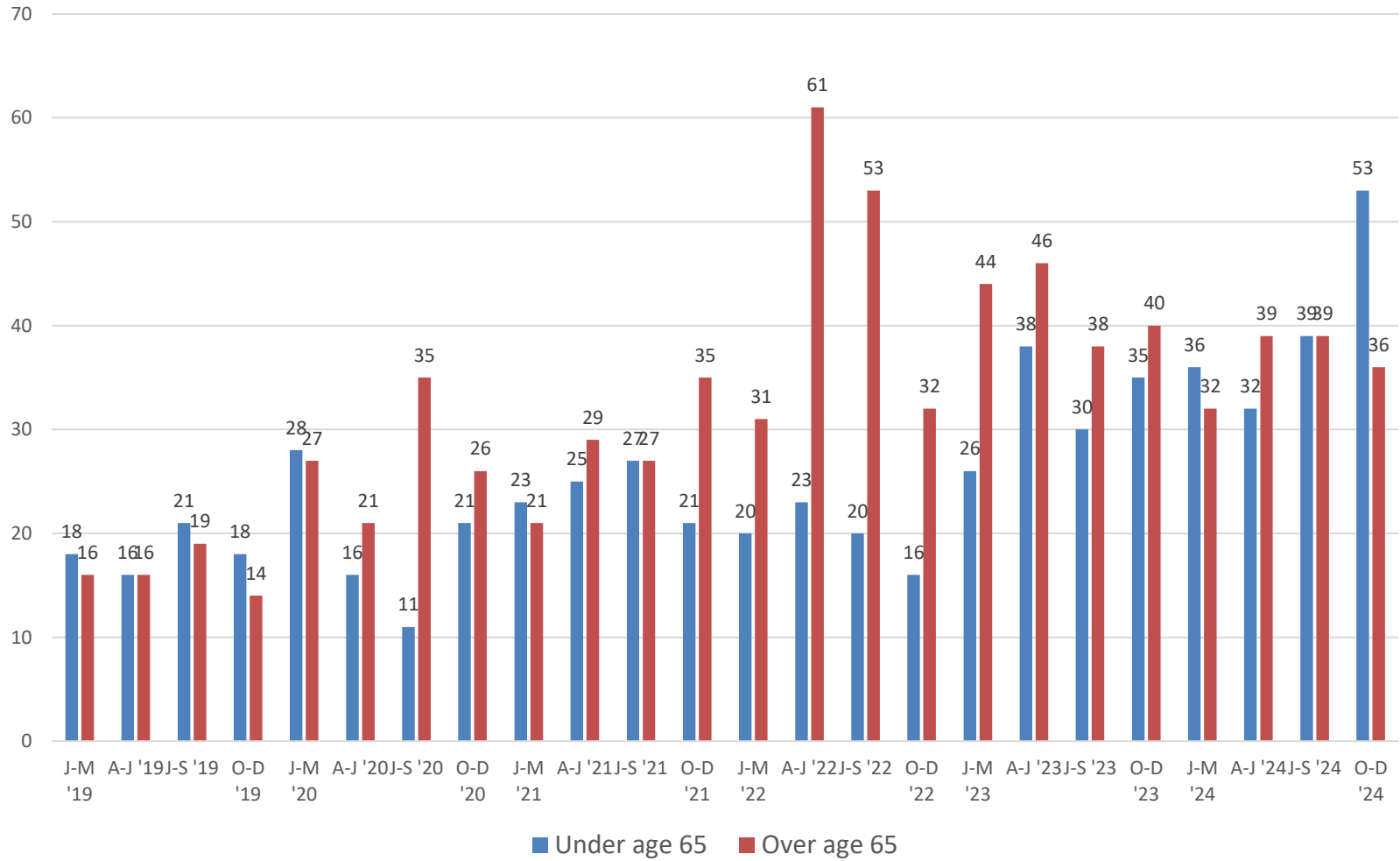
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS



Goal I.A

All residents will safely live within the community and be free to participate at their highest functional level.

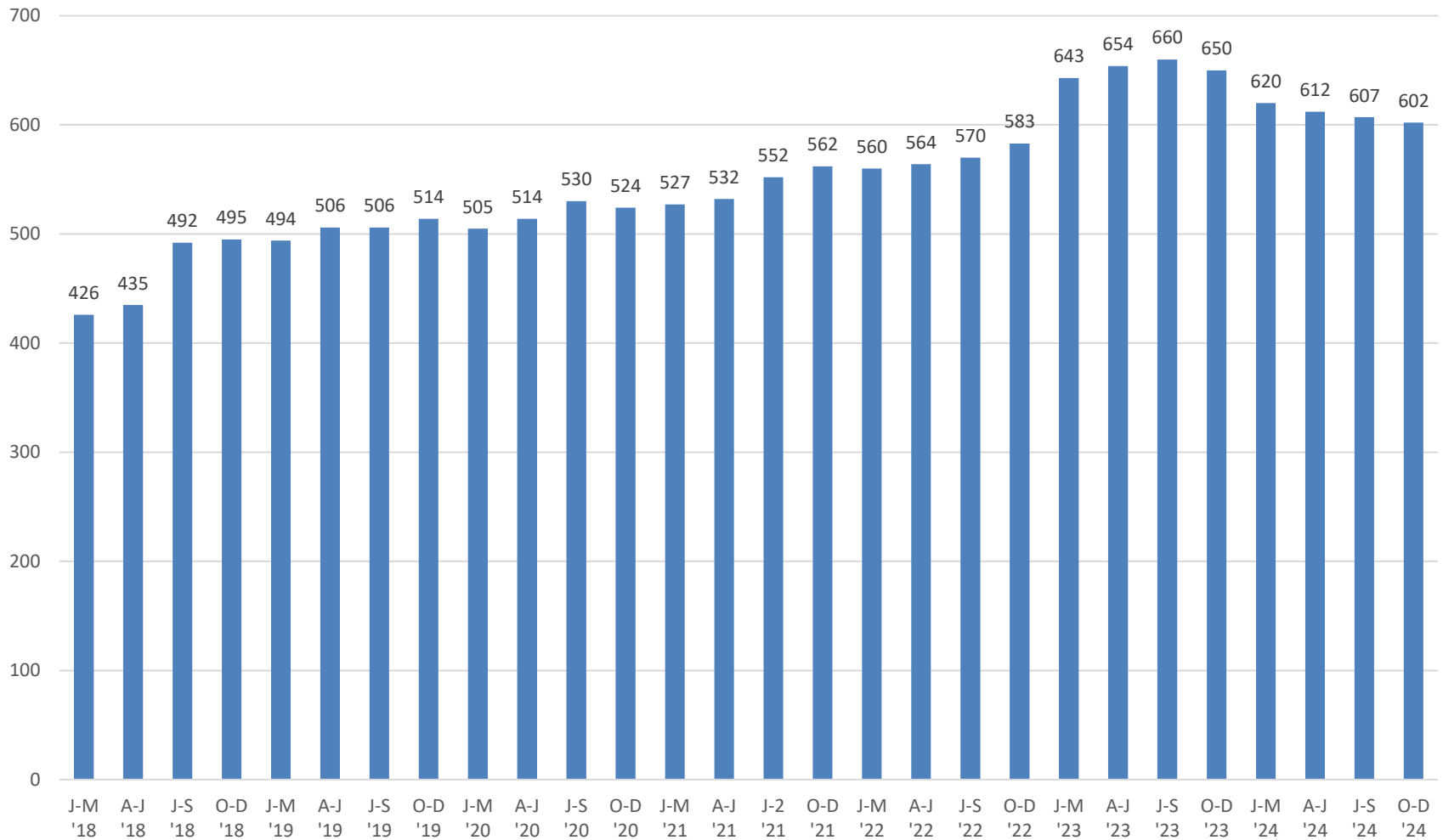
MnCHOICES Referrals



MNCHOICES Referrals to Open to Waiver Services

- There were 53 referrals for MnCHOICES for people under the age of 65 this past quarter.
- There were 36 referrals for MnCHOICES for people over the age of 65 this past quarter.
- Additionally, there were nine (9) County of Location assessment referrals and seven (7) Personal Care Attendant assessment referrals.

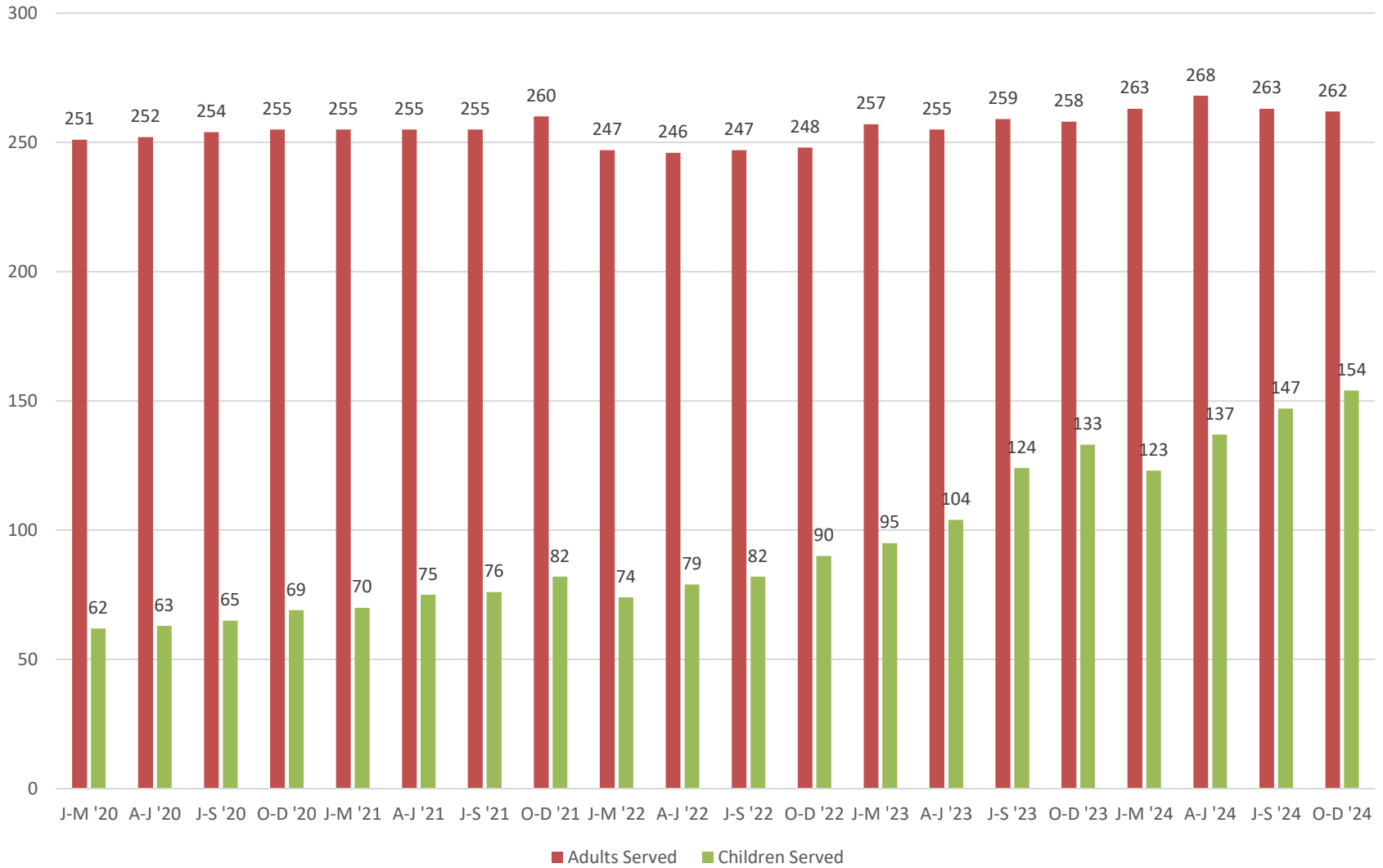
65+ Care Coordination Caseload – Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)



Minnesota Senior Health Options & Elderly Waiver

- MSHO is managing a caseload of 602 clients as of December 31, 2024. Caseloads have decreased due to people not reapplying for medical assistance and therefore services ending. Other fluctuations in caseload occur due to clients passing away.
- Staff completed 87 re-assessments in addition to the 36 new community referrals and 30 referrals from the managed care organizations (MCOs)
- There are currently 4 clients needing homecare services. Our Care Coordinators have called an average of 5 providers/client without success in securing services. Only 2 clients needing home care services were able to start services within two months of request.

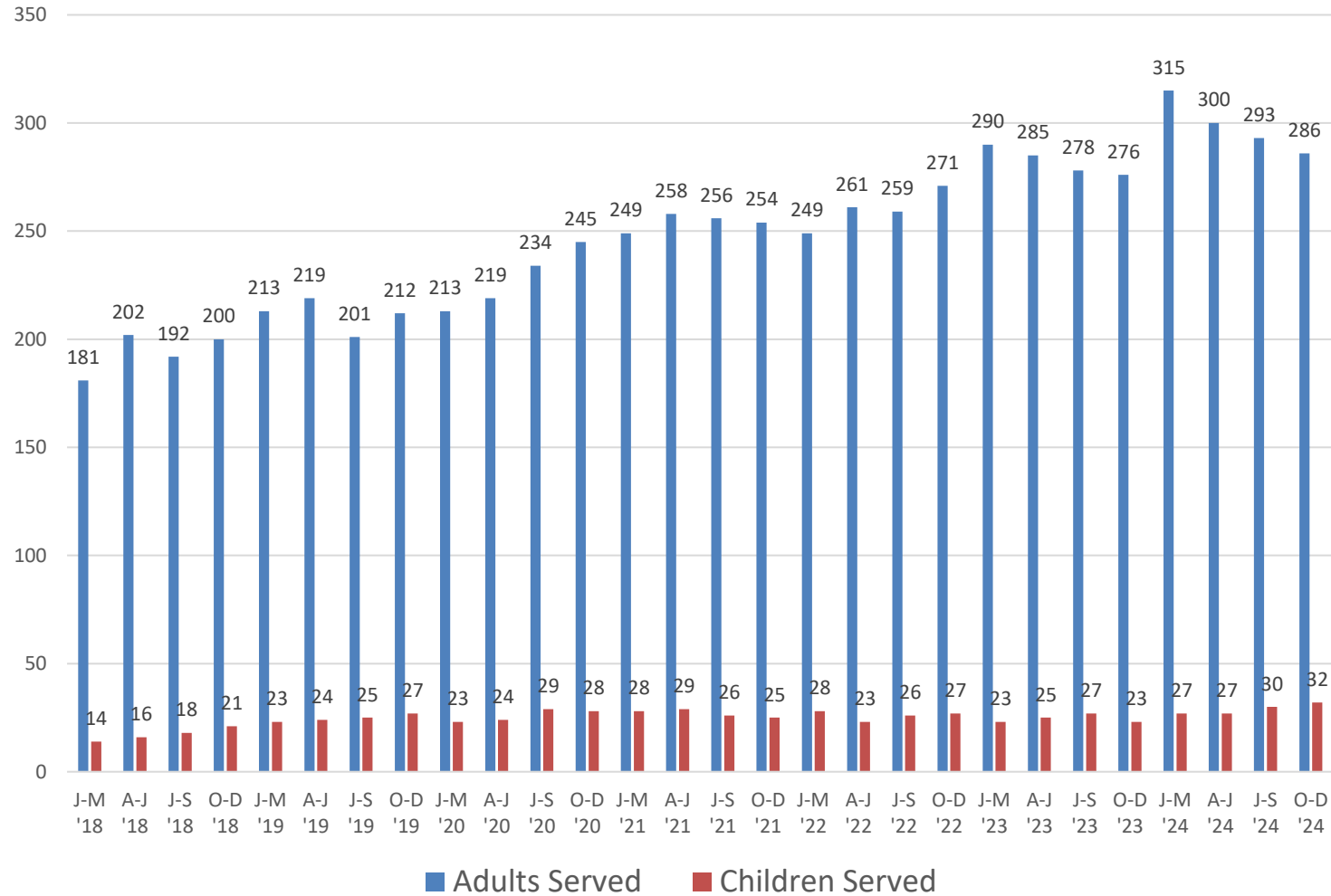
Developmental Disabilities Case Management



Developmental Disabilities Case Management

- Seven of eight of the children referred for Developmental Disabilities Case Management were determined eligible for Rule 185 case management services.
- Two “new” teenagers were referred for Rule 185 services.

CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload



CADI – Community Access for Disabled Inclusion
CAC – Community Alternative Care
BI – Brain Injury

CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload

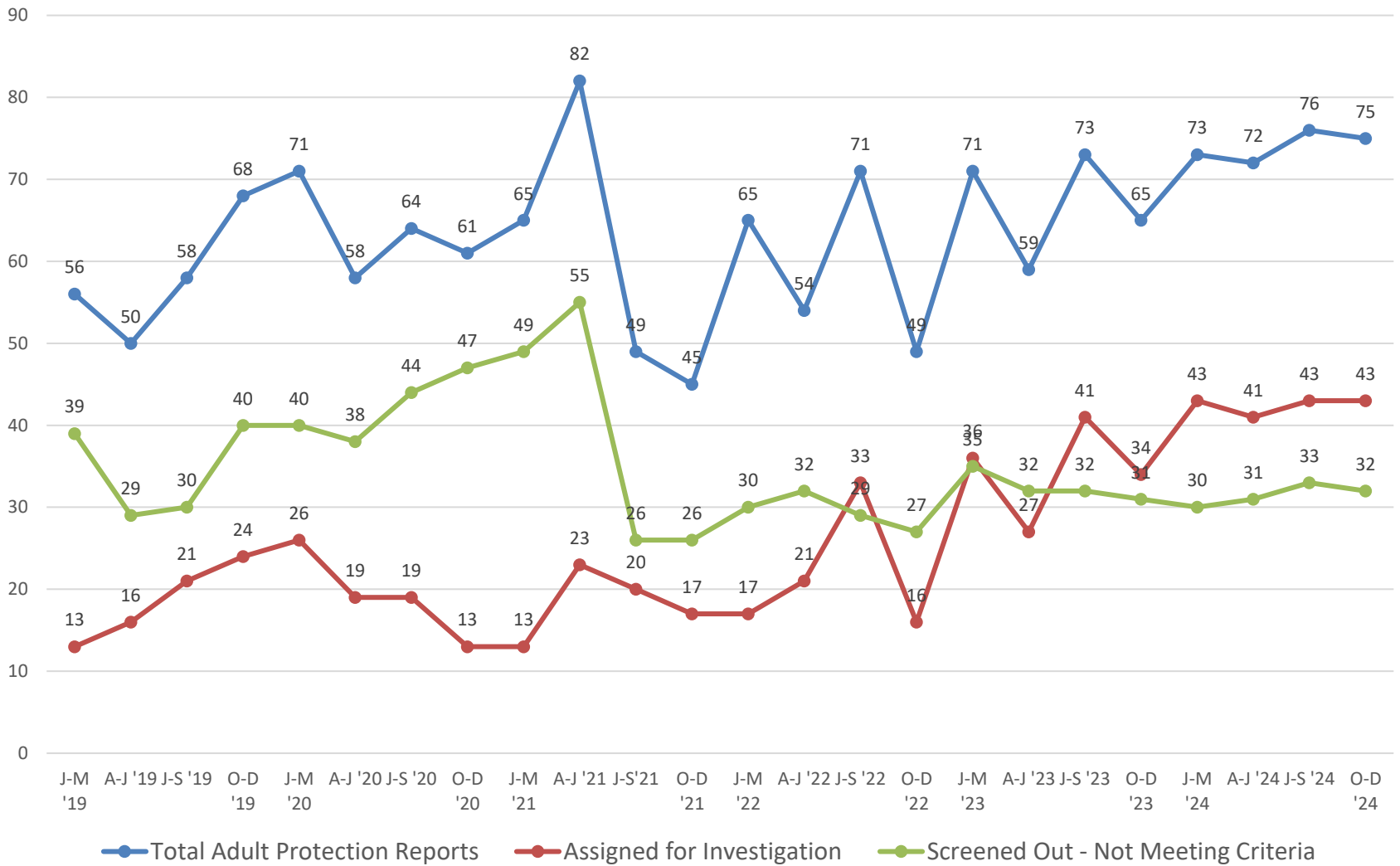
- 53 CADI referrals were accepted.
- SMRT (State Medical Review Team) process has slowed the process considerably so the timelines do not start until SMRT is complete. We have 20 days to complete assessment.
- A wait list has been established.

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CAC – Community Alternative Care

BI – Brain Injury

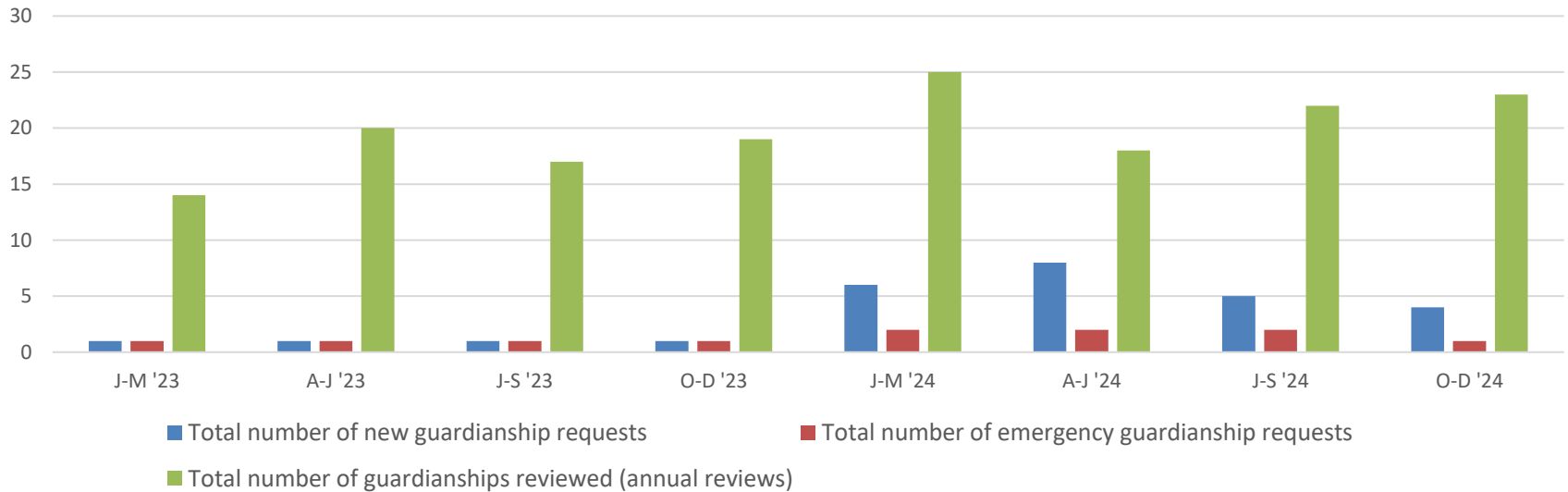
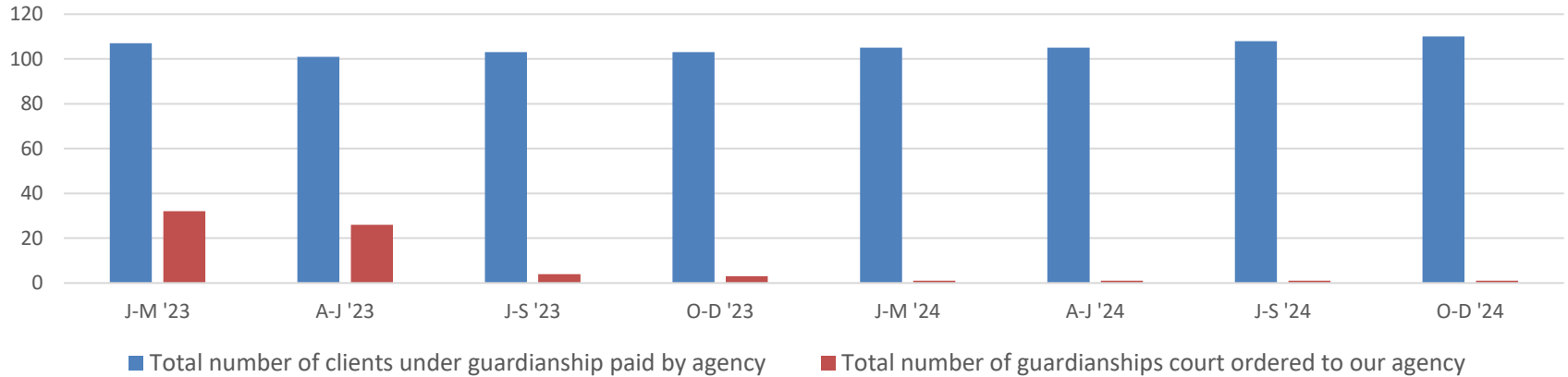
Adult Protection



Adult Protection

- During Quarter 4, 75 adult protection reports were received.
- 43 of the reports were assigned for investigation.
- 32 were screened out as not meeting criteria.
- No reports were assigned for emergency protective services.

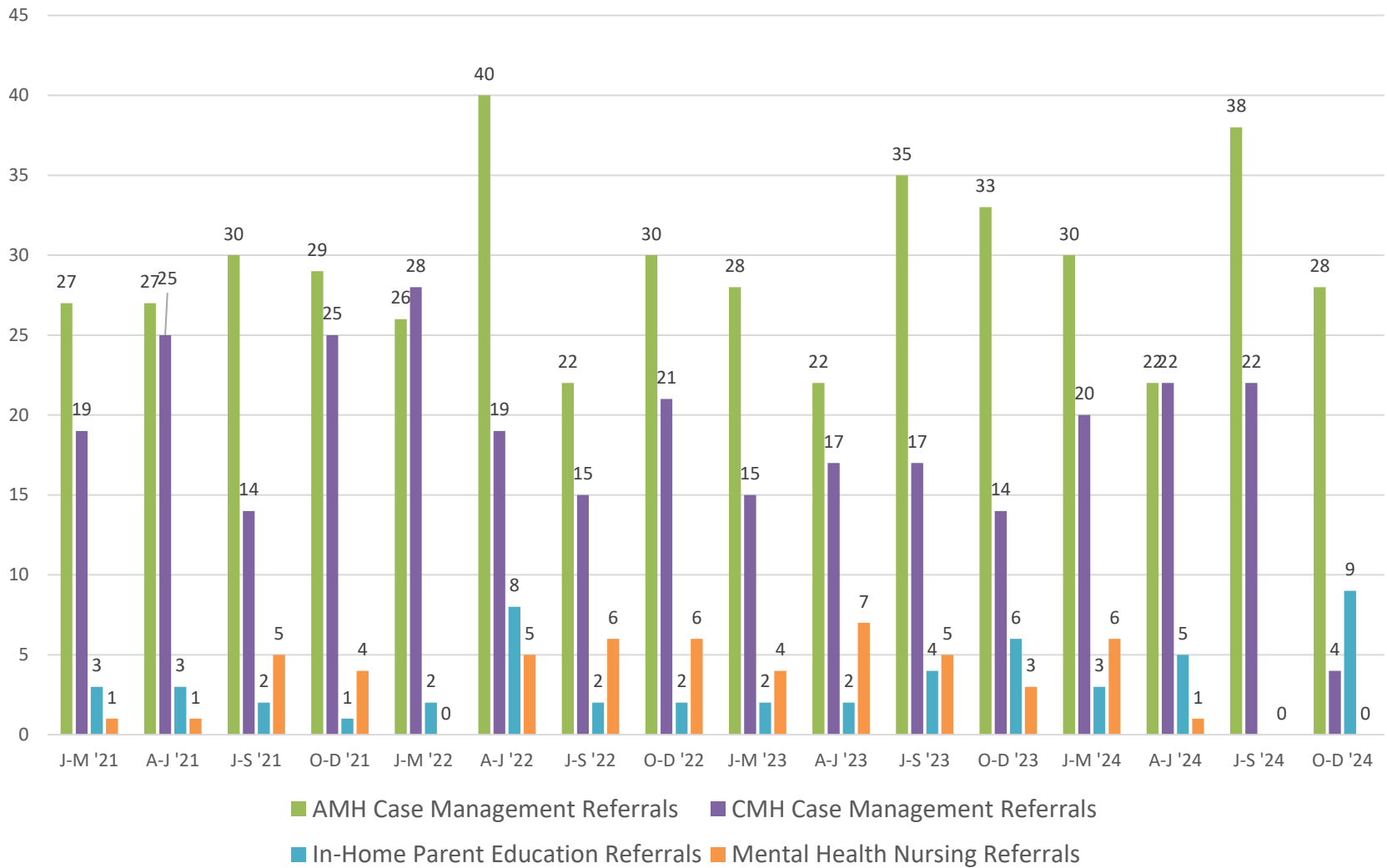
Guardianship Services



Guardianship Services

- We have 110 individuals court ordered for guardianship services paid for by Faribault & Martin Counties.
- Of the 110 clients, one (1) is being provided guardianship services by our counties until a successor guardian can be identified.
- 23 clients received annual review of guardianship services. The new standard will be to review all clients on guardianship annually to determine continued need for service.
- Four (4) new clients were evaluated for guardianship service. One (1) emergency guardianship was requested.

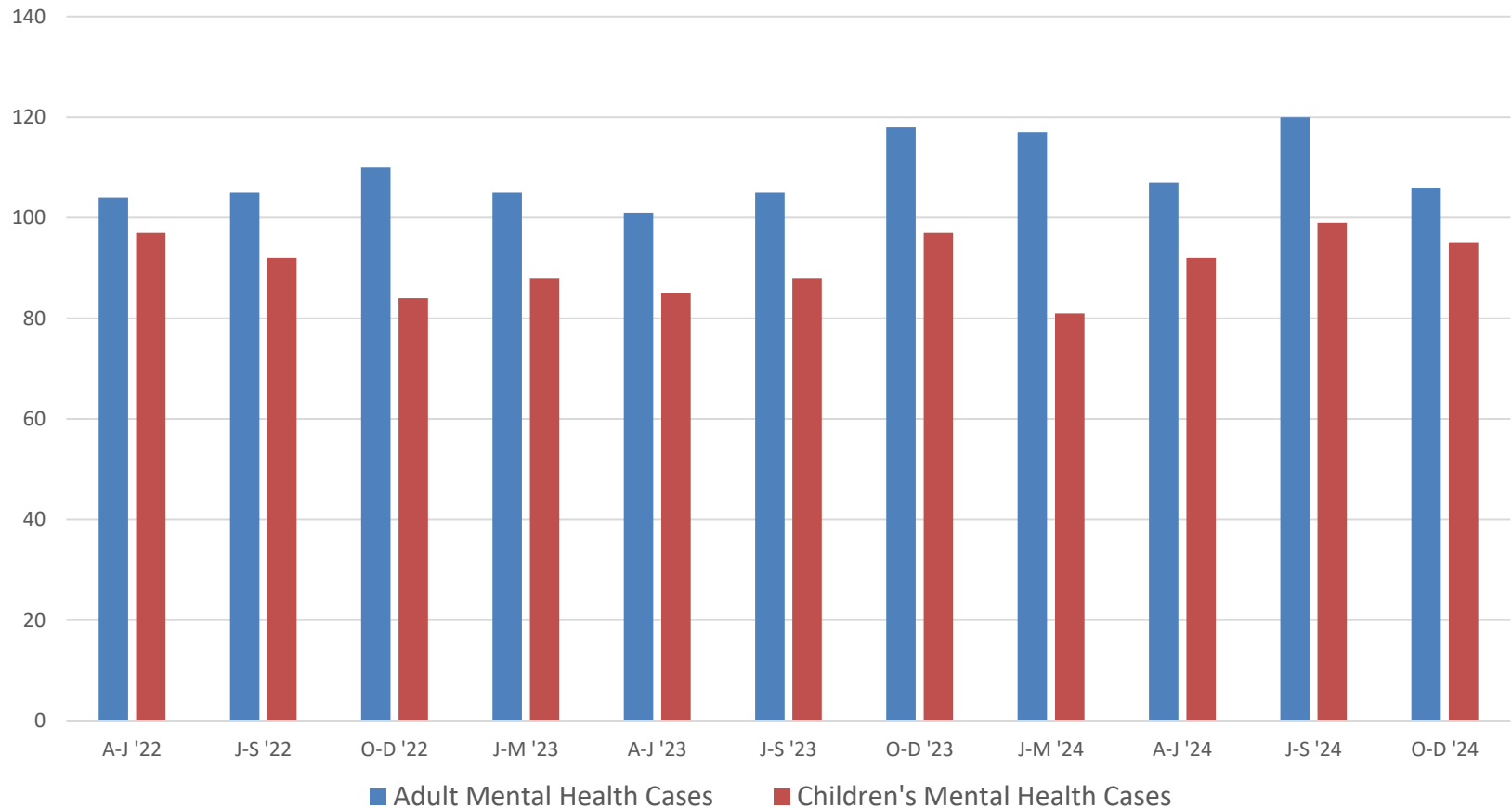
Mental Health Referrals



Mental Health Referrals

We had 28 new referrals for Adult Mental Health Services, 14 new referrals for Children's Mental Health Services, nine (9) referrals for In-Home Parent Education, and no referrals for mental health nursing services this past quarter.

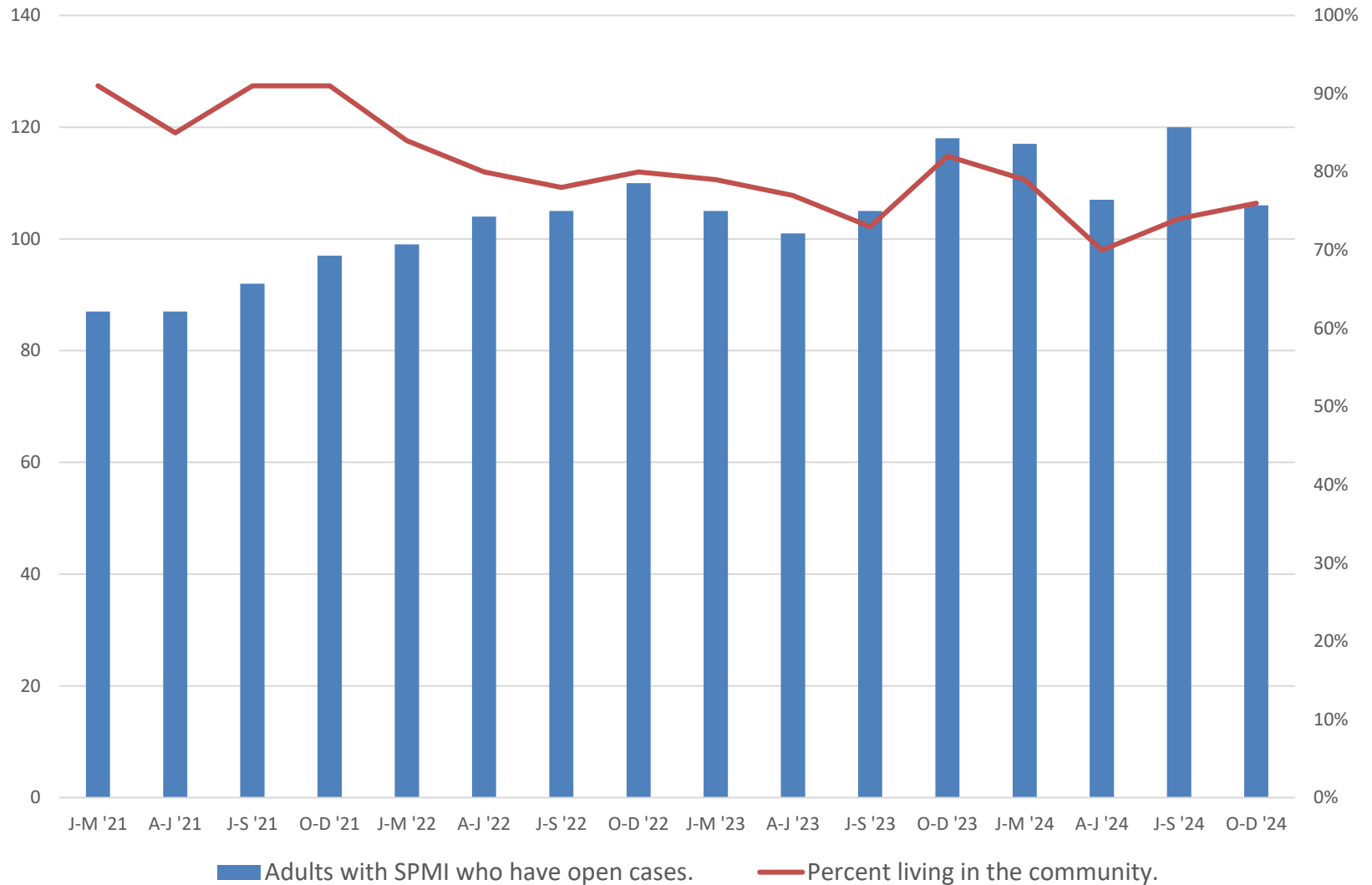
Mental Health Caseloads



Mental Health Caseloads

- The adult mental health caseload this quarter was 106 cases.
- The average adult mental health caseload this quarter was 26.75 (standard is 30 cases per case manager).
- We had 95 children who meet Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) criteria open to targeted case management.
- The average children's mental health caseload this quarter was 15.83 (standard is 15 cases per case manager).

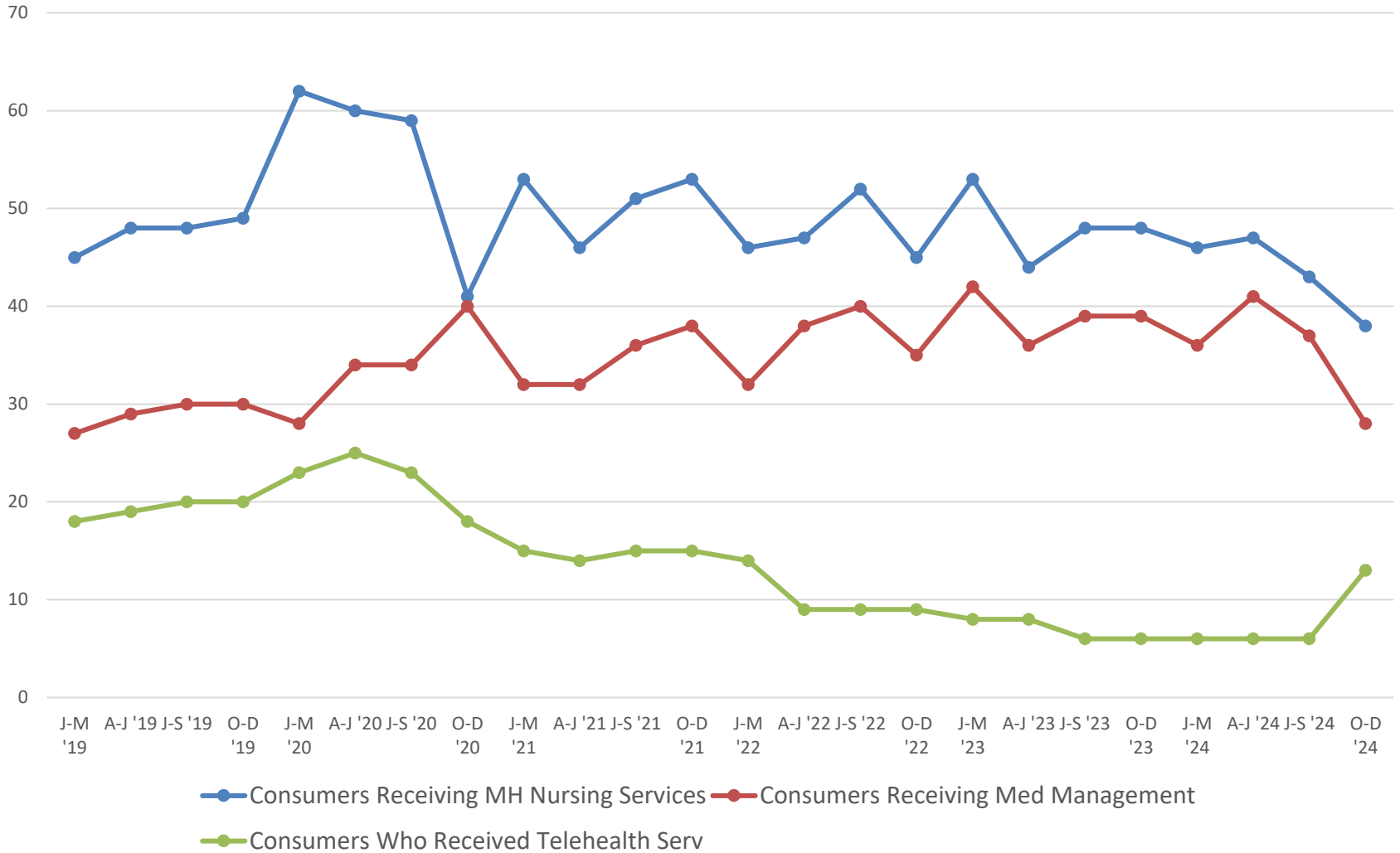
Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness



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Of the 106 adults with serious and persistent mental illness open to targeted case management services, 76% are living within the community.

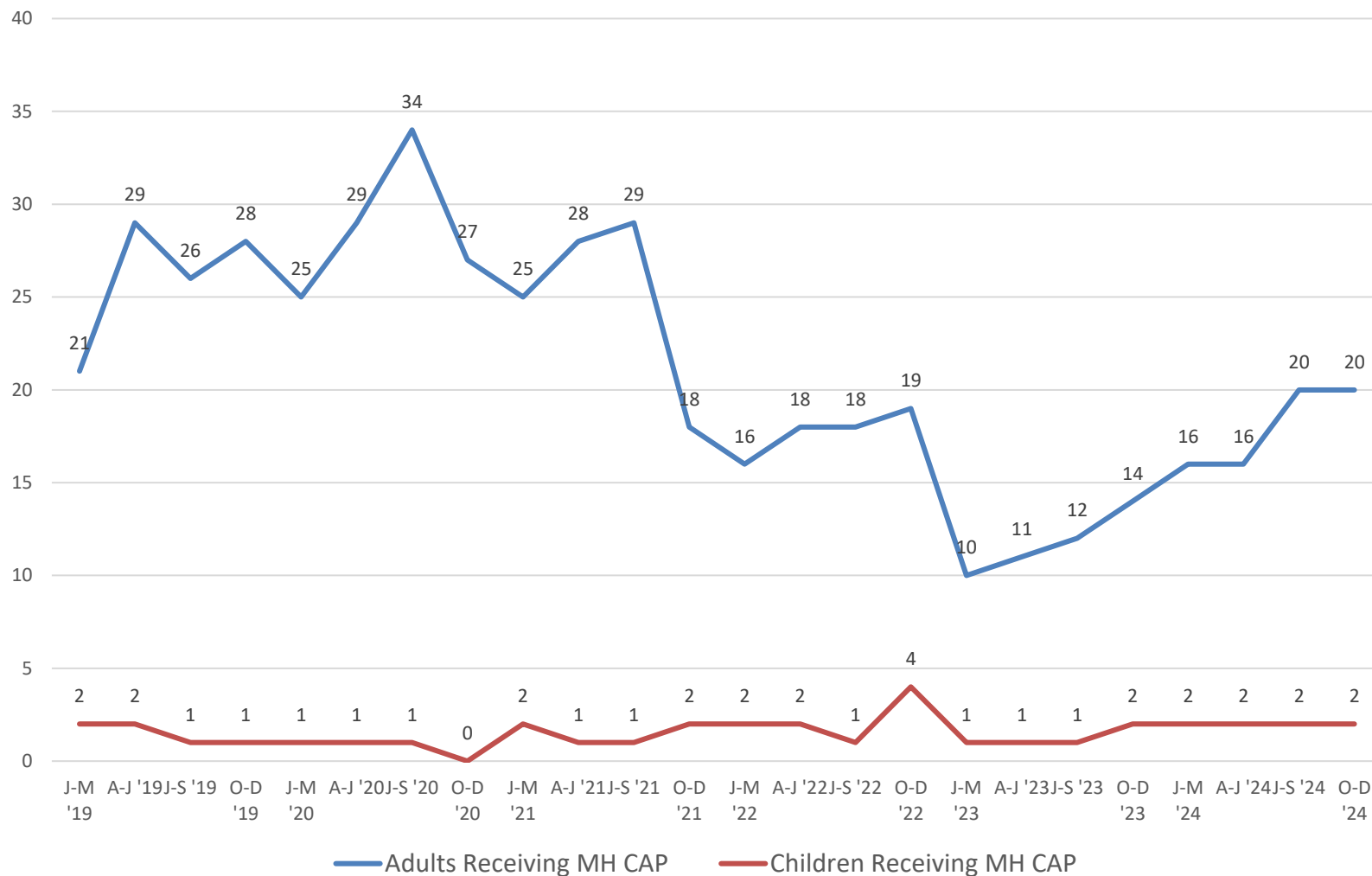
Mental Health Nursing Services



Mental Health Nursing

- We have 38 consumers receiving mental health nursing services.
- 28 consumers are receiving mediation management.
- 13 consumers are receiving telehealth services.
- 15 consumers are receiving injections.

Mental Health Client Assistance Program



Mental Health Client Assistance Program

- The Mental Health Client Assistance Program (MHCAP) assists adults, youth, and their families who have no insurance or expensive insurance with accessing free or affordable mental health services. MHCAP contracts with local mental health agencies.
- In this quarter, we had two (2) children and 20 adults who used the MH CAP program.

Clubhouse Activities



Many members had a great time visiting, singing, eating food and Christmas cookies, and playing Bingo at our clubhouse Christmas Party!

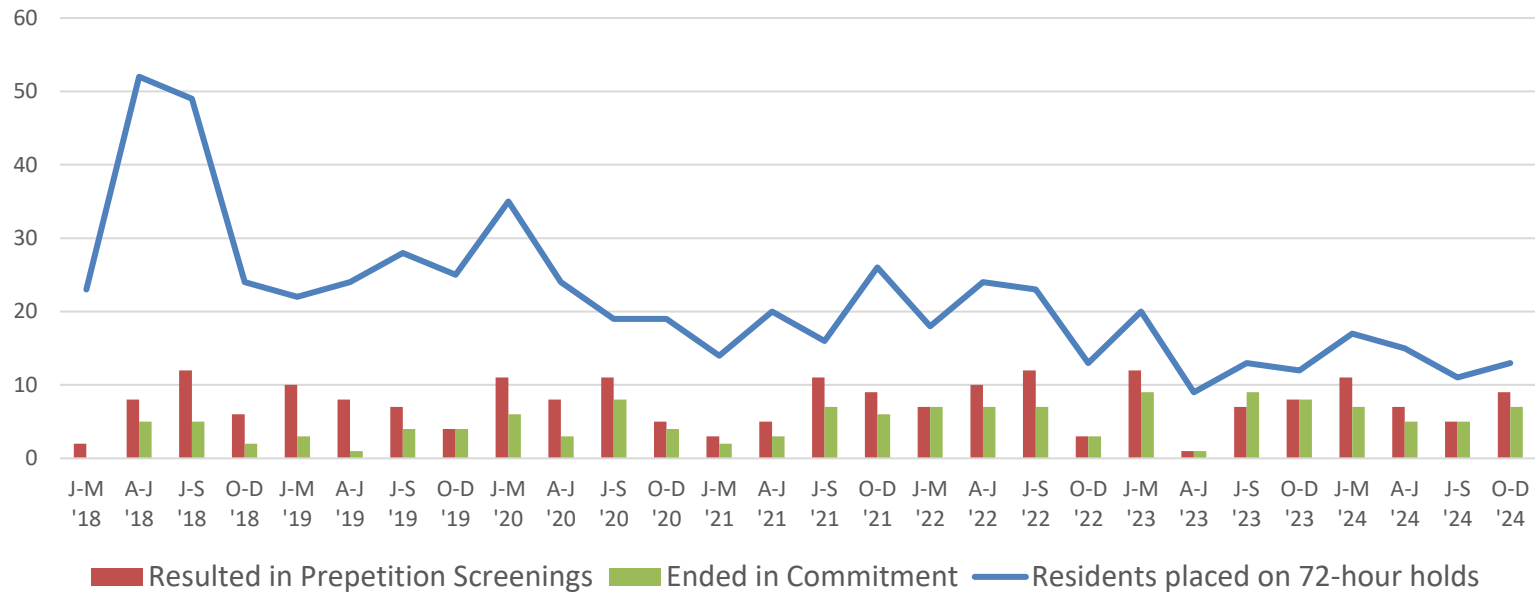


Members had a wonderful time seeing the Kiwanis Holiday Lights

Clubhouse

- Unduplicated individuals who participated in activities at the Clubhouse = 34.
- As our clubhouse renovations began in May and continued into this quarter, we continued to do a lot of our usual activities which took place outside or at a remote inside location. Outdoor activities included mini golf, water aerobics, walk group, and pontoon rides on local lakes. Remote indoor activities included embroidery and plastic canvas and board meetings at Friendship Village, other crafts along with classic movies and chair fitness at the library, and also presentations at the Historical Society. We continued having monthly Mankato shopping trips, community meals, and picnics and playing board games at local parks. Other remote activities included trips to Mankato for a sculpture walk and bison drive, the SPAM Museum in Austin, as well as each of the Minnesota State, Martin County, and Clay County Fairs.
- We began resuming activities at the clubhouse in September as the majority of the bigger-scale renovations were completed. This allowed us to resume other usual indoor activities such as painting, wood burning, Wii bowling, movies with popcorn, board games, and crafts. Human Services staff helped cover open times on a couple of occasions as well, and even offered additional activities such as origami and chair yoga. Clubhouse members have been very pleased in their return to the clubhouse after our exciting renovations and upgrades for them to enjoy. The new flooring, walls, lighting, cabinets, computers, furniture, and more will all be appreciated for years to come.
- There were several “10 County” activities with other clubhouses. We had a nice picnic in Albert Lea, spent a day at Valleyfair, the Stakeholder’s Meeting, and also another beautiful day at the Arboretum in St. Peter. All of these activities include meals and some interaction with other clubhouses and their members.

Residents Placed on 72-hour Holds and Results of 72-hour Holds



2024 Costs:

Faribault Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$94,512

Faribault Mn State Hospital - \$28,946

Faribault Does Not Meet Criteria - \$0

Martin Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$246,172

Martin Mn State Hospital – \$119,706

Martin Forensic Nursing Home - \$6,647

Martin Does Not Meet Criteria - \$57,536

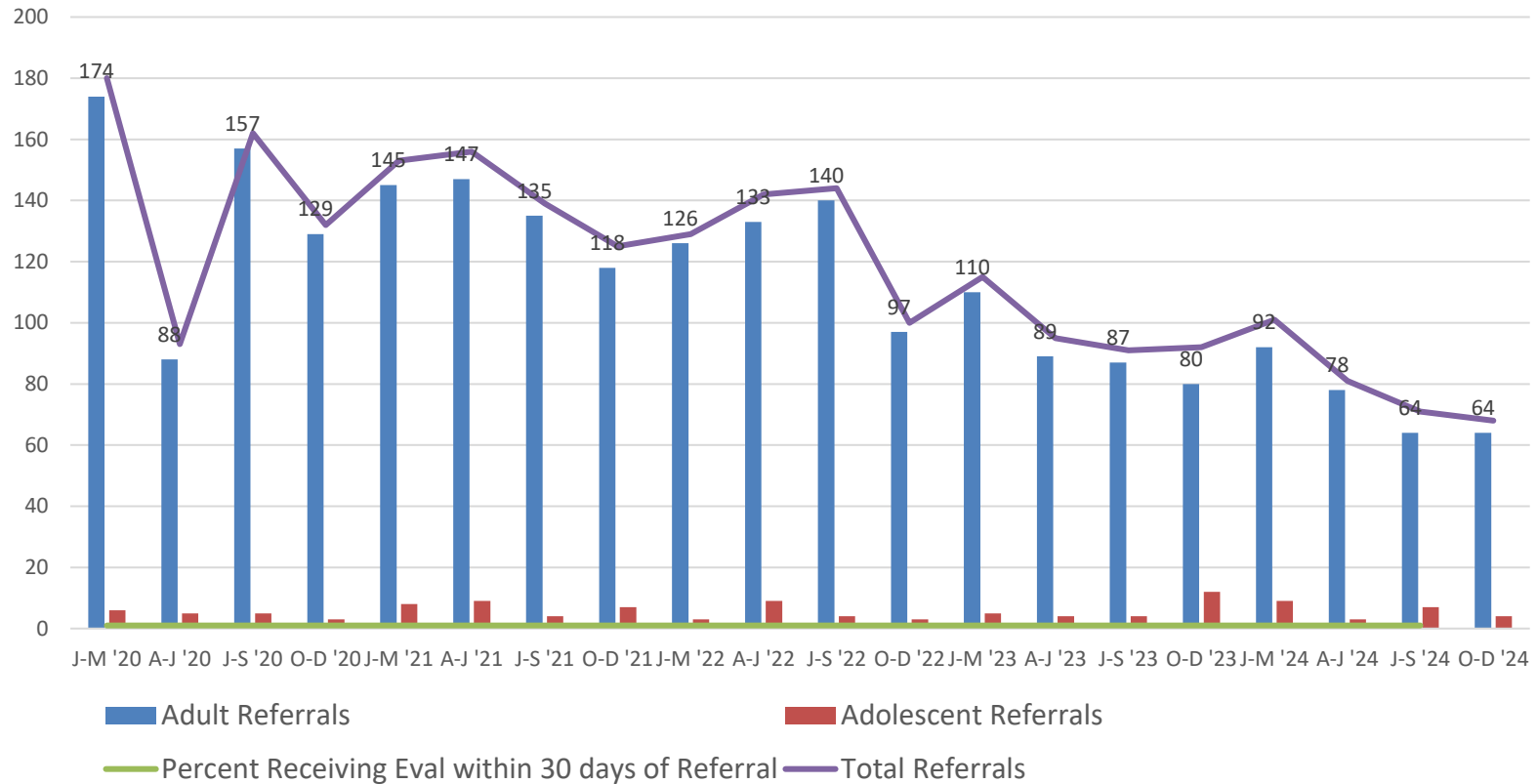
Residents Placed on 72 Hour Holds

- During this quarter, 13 residents were placed on 72-hour holds.
- This resulted in nine (9) prepetition screenings with seven (7) civil commitments and two (2) Rule 20 commitments. Clients screened for Rule 20 commitments are not typically on a hold leading up to the PPS.

Goal I.B.

High risk juveniles and adults will develop into productive, law abiding members of the community.

Chemical Dependency Evaluations

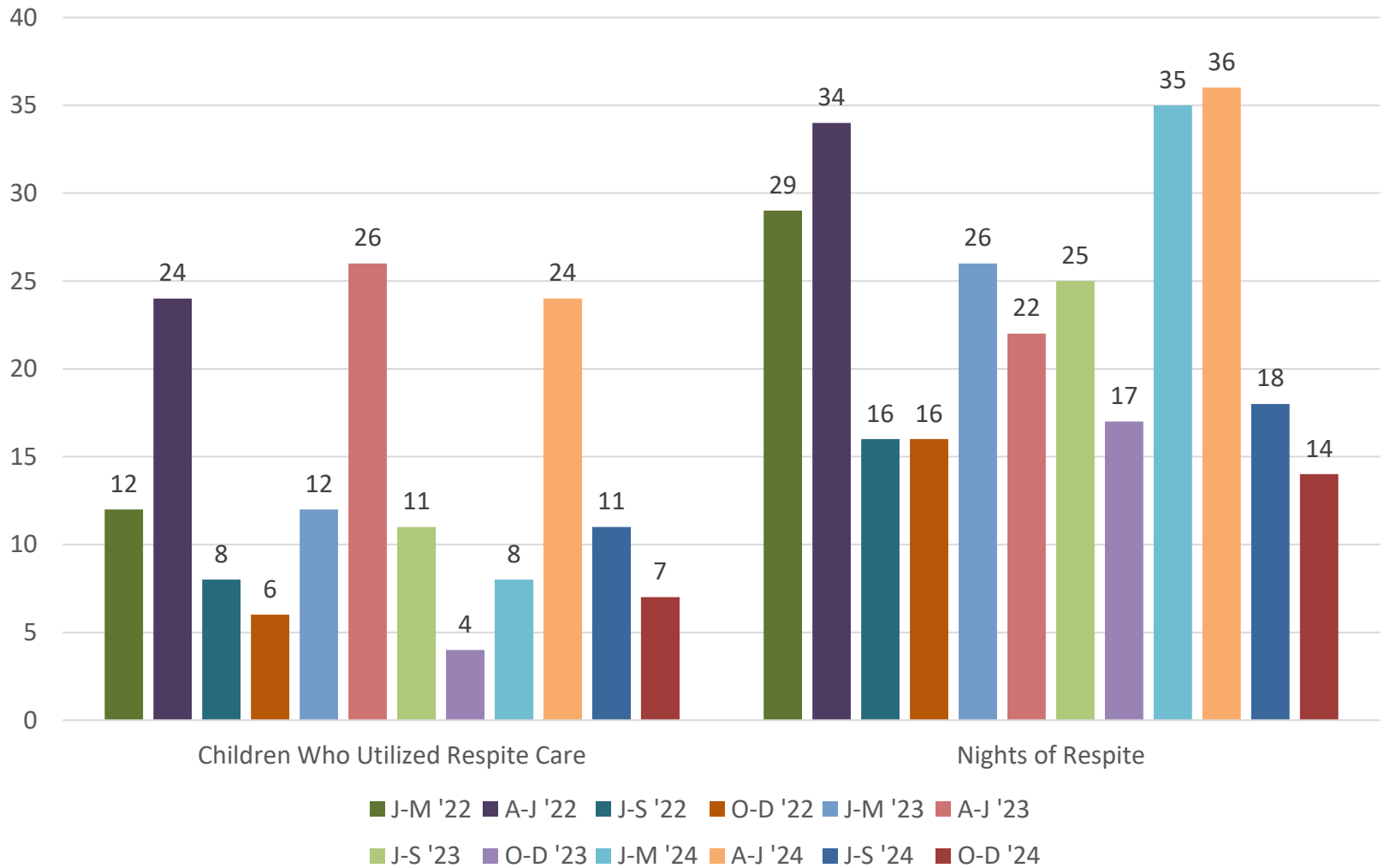


100% of high risk youth and adults received chemical dependency evaluations within 30 days of a court, self, or agency referral.

Chemical Dependency Evaluations

- We received 64 adult referrals for comprehensive assessments and four (4) referrals for adolescents.
- All assessments were completed within 30 days of the referral

Mental Health Respite Grant



Mental Health Respite

In this quarter, we had seven (7) children utilize respite for a total of fourteen (14) nights of respite care.

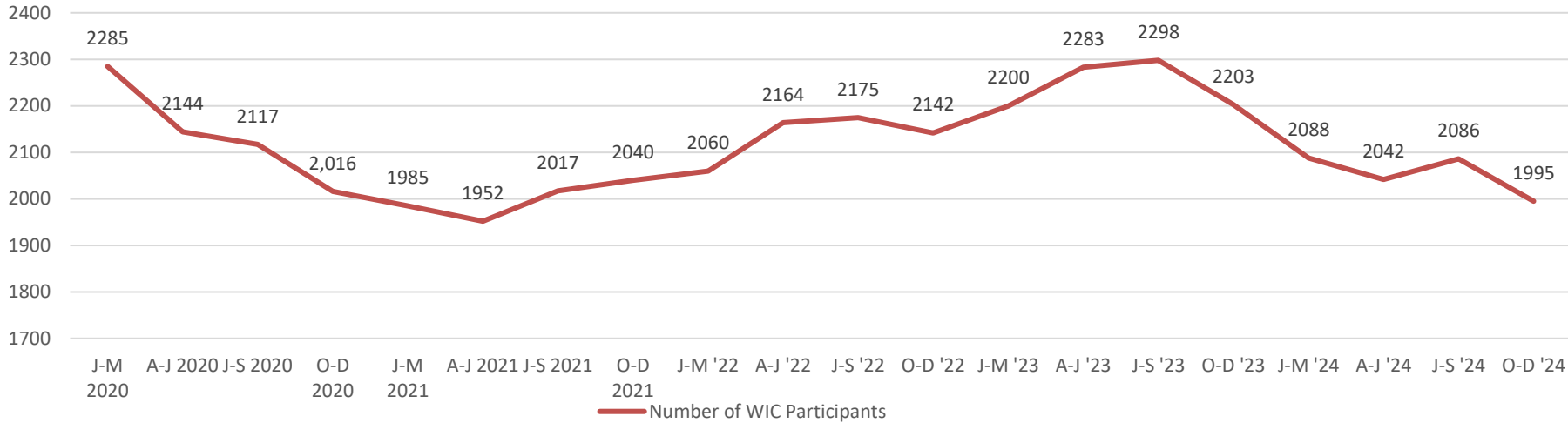
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES



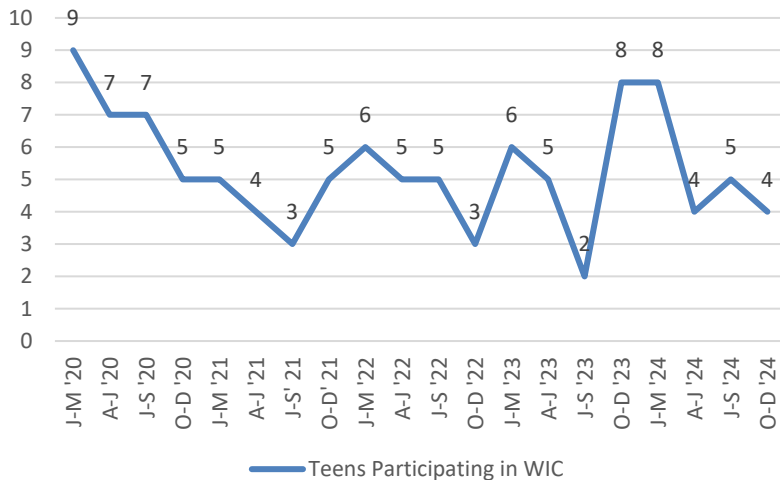
Goal II.A.

Families will have healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and parenting so all children will grow and develop to their full potential. Help parents prevent overweight in their children by influencing their health-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. Increase the duration of breastfeeding among Minnesota WIC participants.

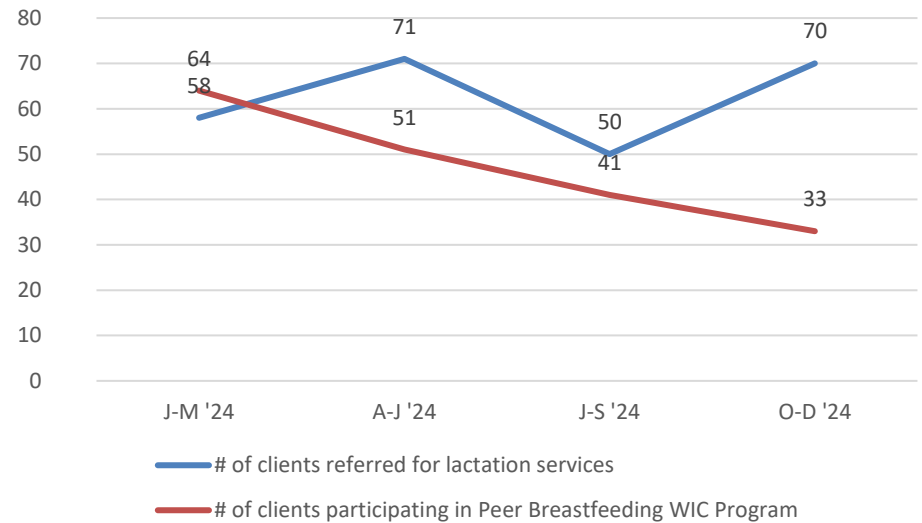
WIC Participation



Pregnant or Parenting Teens



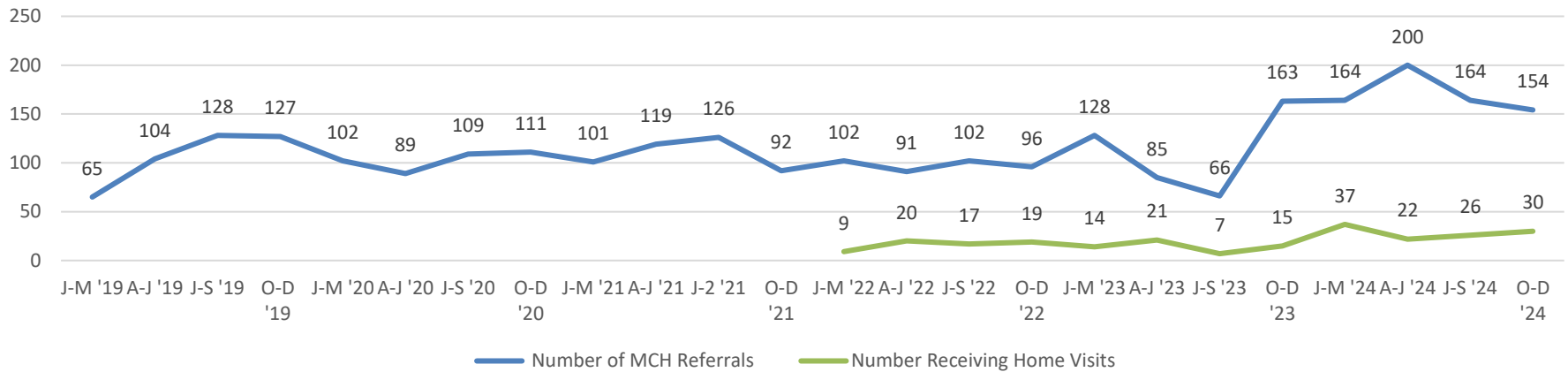
WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program



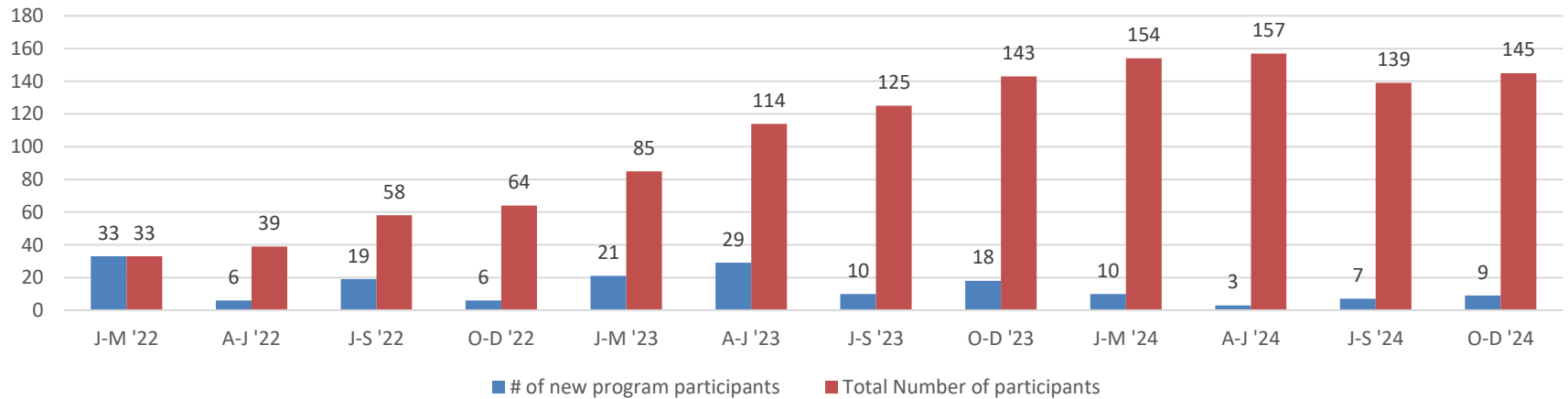
Women Infant Children (WIC)

- The agency serviced 1995 WIC clients during Quarter 4, 2024. Overall WIC has decreased across the region in 2024, but we also saw increased reductions in Q4 due to weather, sickness, and holidays with people not keeping appointments. The agency will be joining the MNbenefits pilot project to help connect more eligible families to WIC. The pilot project adds prompts directing MNbenefits applicants to the WIC online application or website at the end of the application. It also sends text messages as follow ups promoting WIC. The pilot project began with several counties in October 2024, to enhance connections with WIC and [MNbenefits](#). Those counties are receiving more applications than counties not participating in the pilot. During November and December 2024, a time when participation historically declines, counties not in the pilot had five times the drop in WIC applications (-23.4%) compared to counties participating in the pilot (-4.6%).
- We served 4 pregnant or parenting teens in WIC this quarter.
- The WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program is serving 33 clients at the end of the quarter. 70 clients were referred to lactation services during the quarter.

Maternal Child Health Referrals



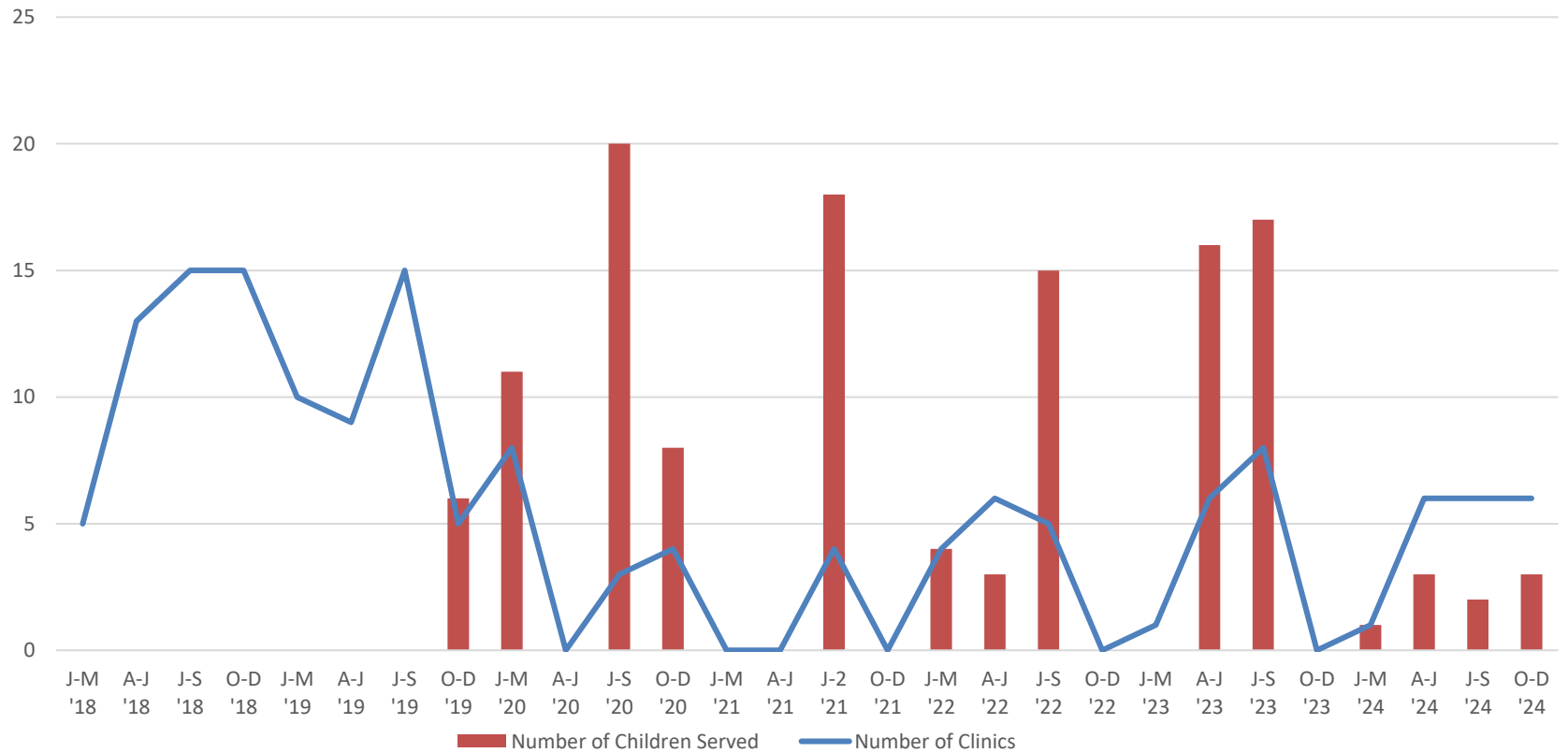
Follow Along Program



Maternal Child Health (MCH)

- This quarter we received 154 referrals for pregnant and postpartum women.
- 9 new clients enrolled in the Follow Along Program.
- MCH nurses completed 30 home visits with prenatal and postpartum women this quarter and visited 4 new mothers in the hospital after delivery.

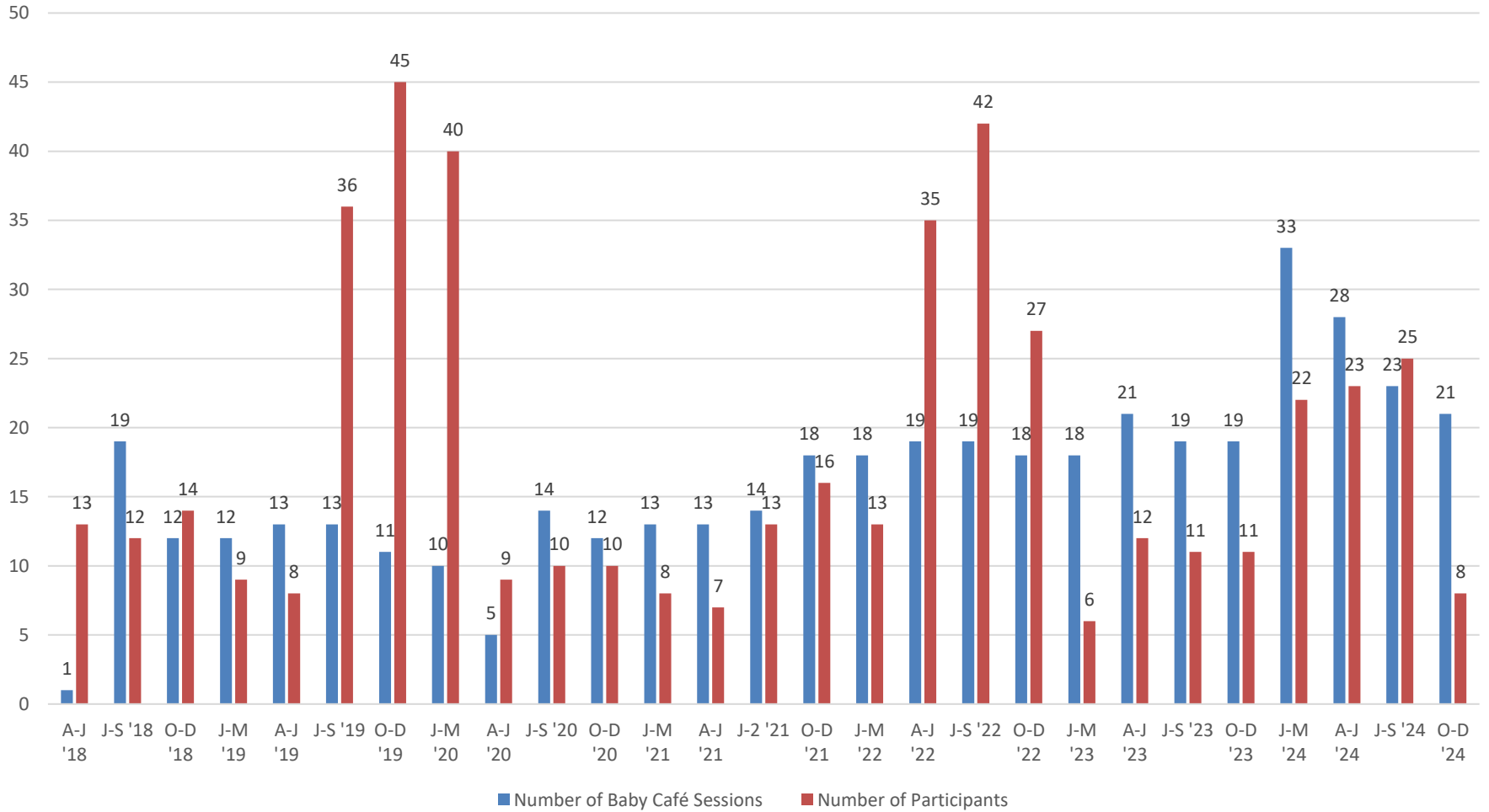
Number of Child & Teen Checkup Clinics



Child & Teen Check-Up Clinics

- We offered six child and teen check-up clinics this quarter, however, only 3 children were served.

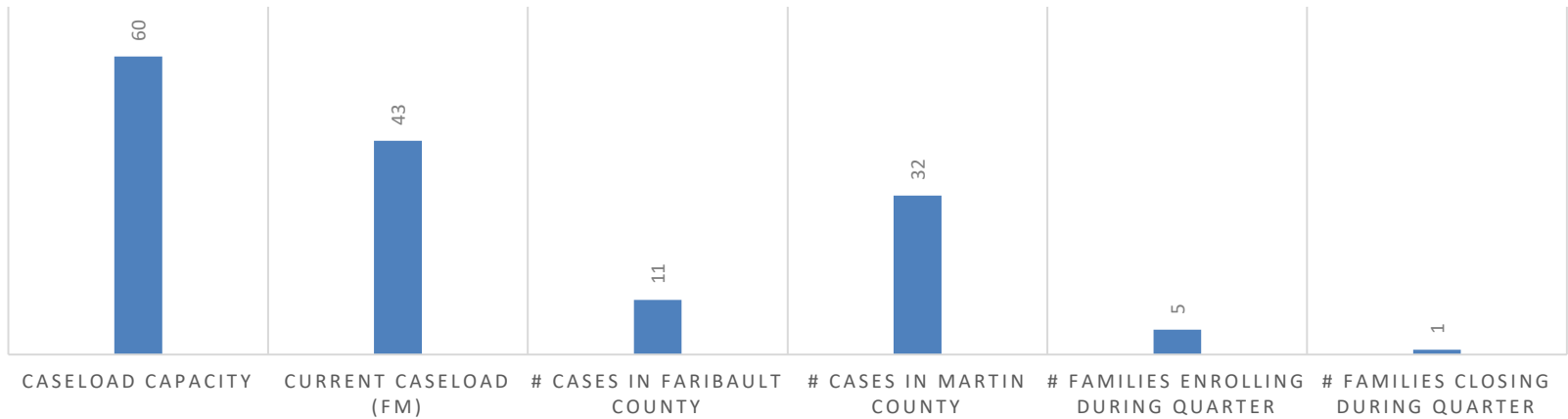
Baby Cafe



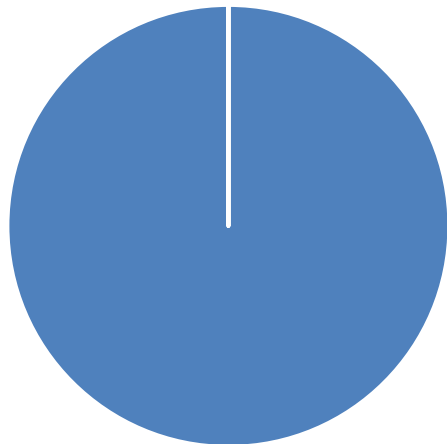
Baby Café Breastfeeding Program

- We held 25 baby café clinics between both counties this quarter serving 23 total families.
- Clinics are being offered in Fairmont weekly at the elementary school, bi-weekly in Blue Earth at United Hospital District.

HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA CASELOAD

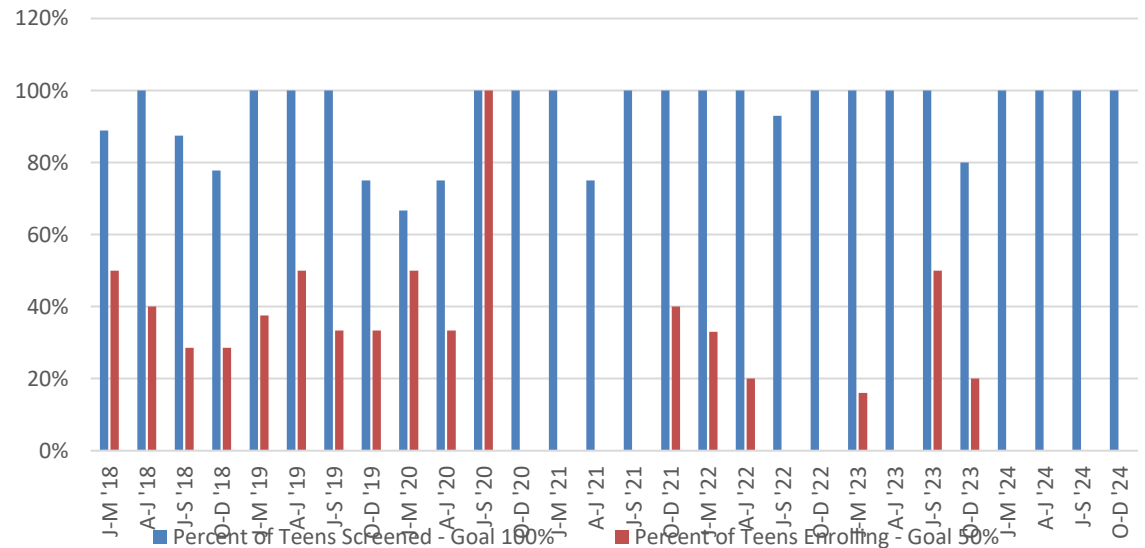


Reasons for Closures



- Moved out of service area
- Not able to contact
- Successfully completed program
- Closed due to personal reasons (work, etc.)

Teens Enrollment in HFA



Healthy Families America Home Visiting Program

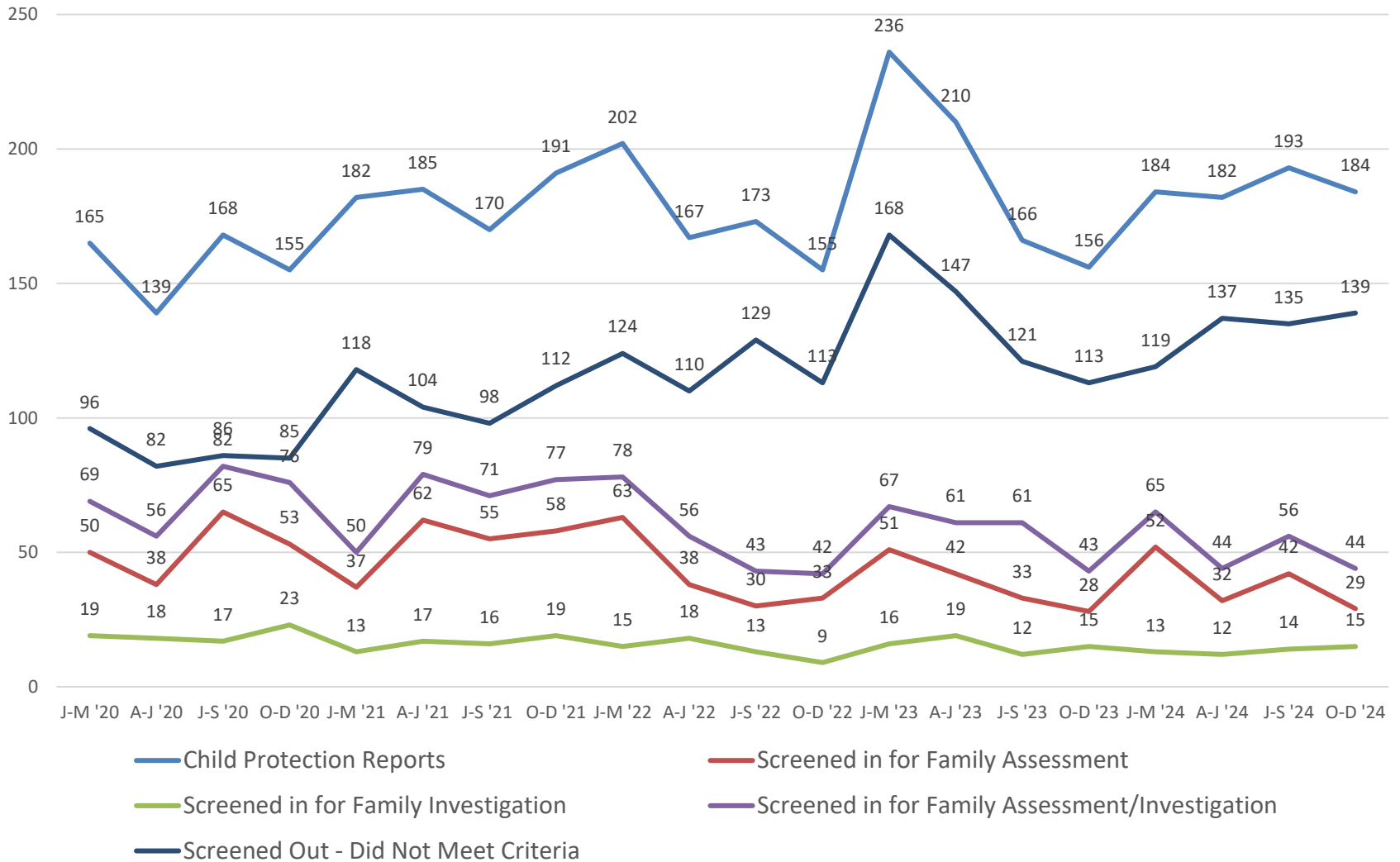
- As of December 31, 2024 we had a caseload of 43 families, which is 72% of our target caseload size of 60 families.
- 11 cases are families who reside in Faribault County and 32 families reside in Martin County.
- We had 6 families enroll during the quarter. We closed 1 families to services –who moved out of our service area.



Goal II.B.

Children will be raised in a healthy,
happy, safe, permanent family
environment.

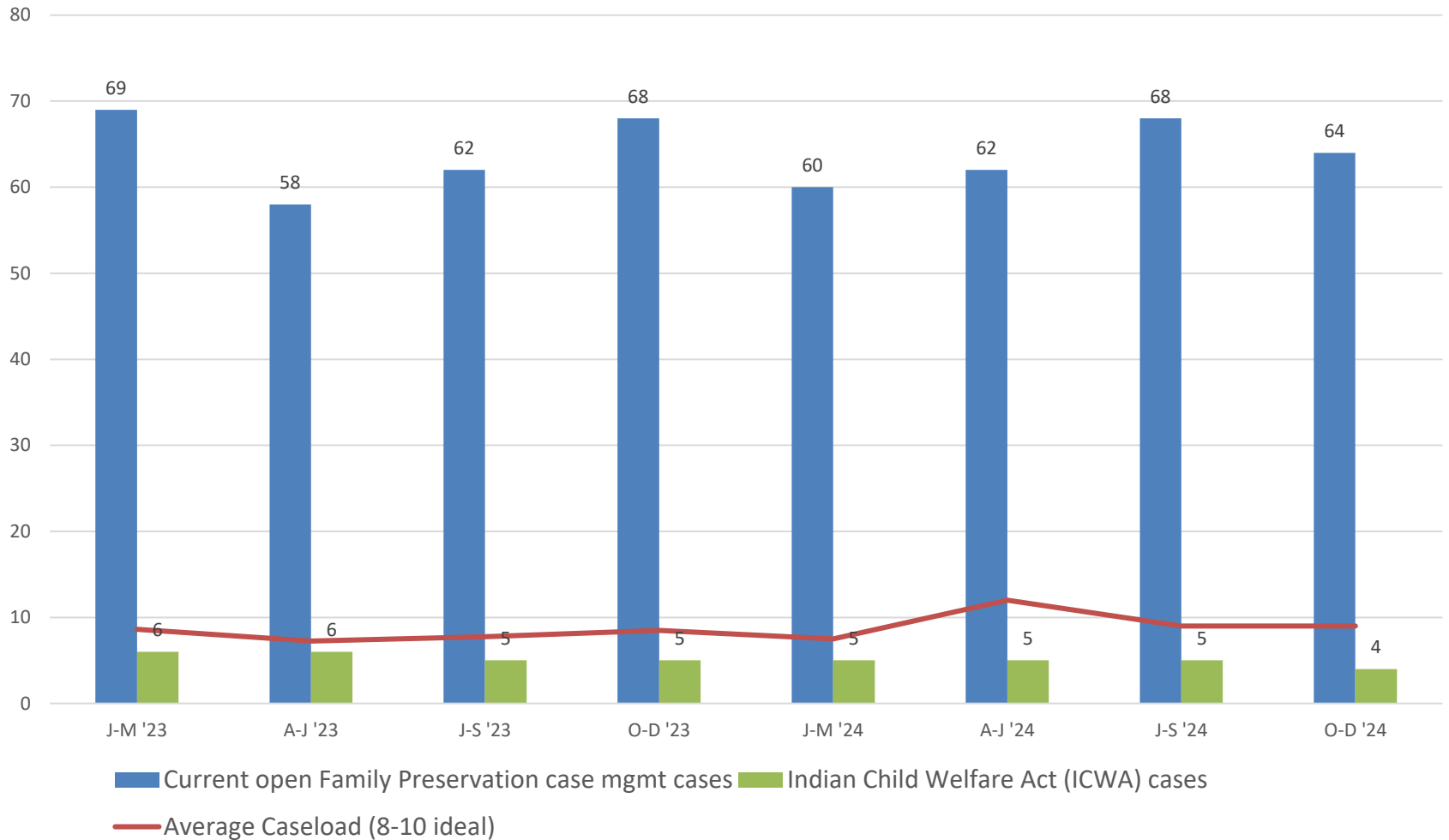
Child Protection Investigations



Child Protection Investigations

- During the quarter, 184 child protection reports were received.
- 139 reports were screened out as did not meet criteria.
- 44 reports were screened in for Family Assessment/Investigation

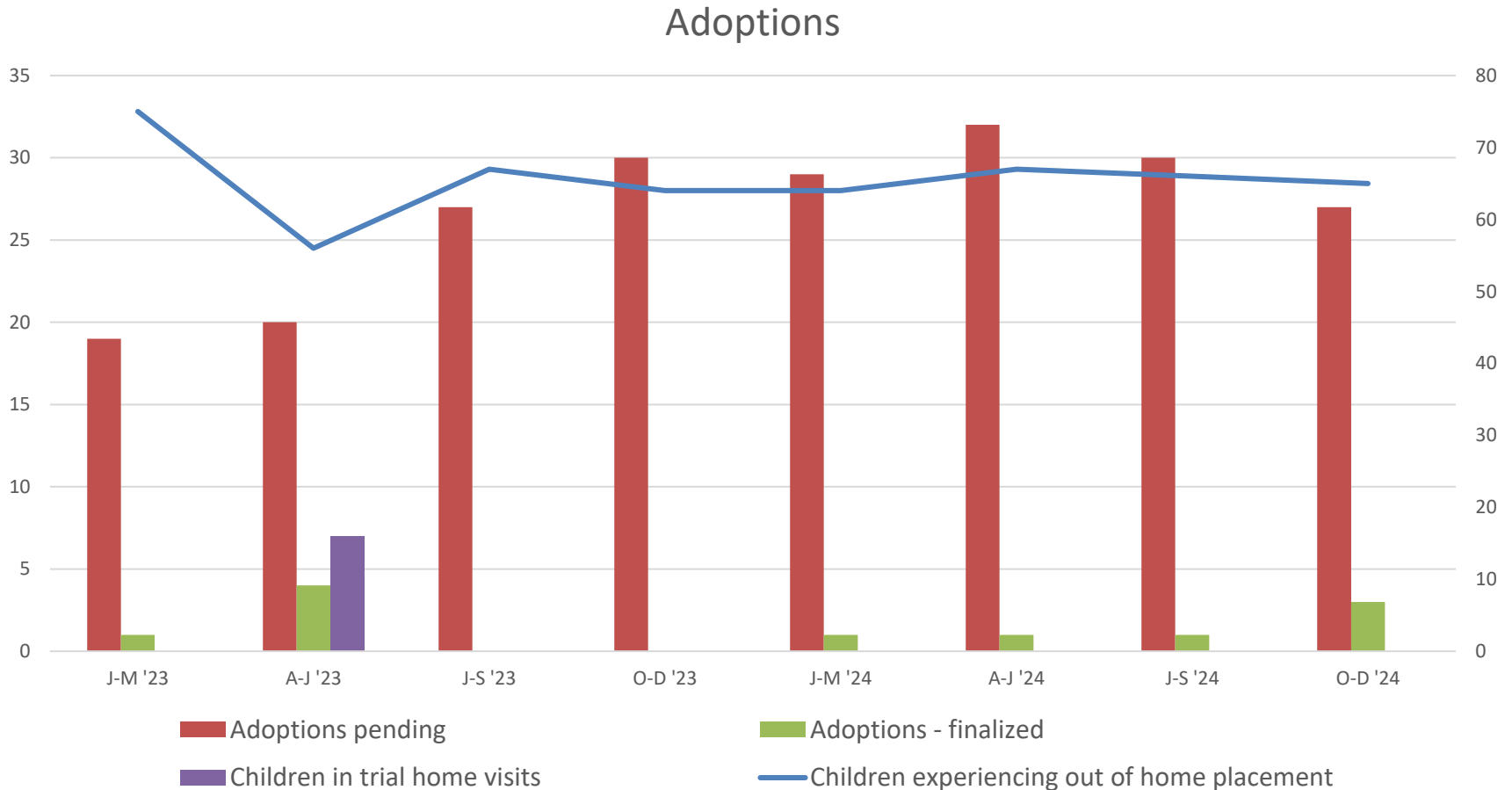
Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management



Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management

- The Family Preservation case management caseload was at 64. With seven active case managers and one recovery specialist, this results in nine (9) average caseload (8-10 is ideal).
- Within the 64 cases, four (4) were ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) children which basically doubles the paperwork involved.

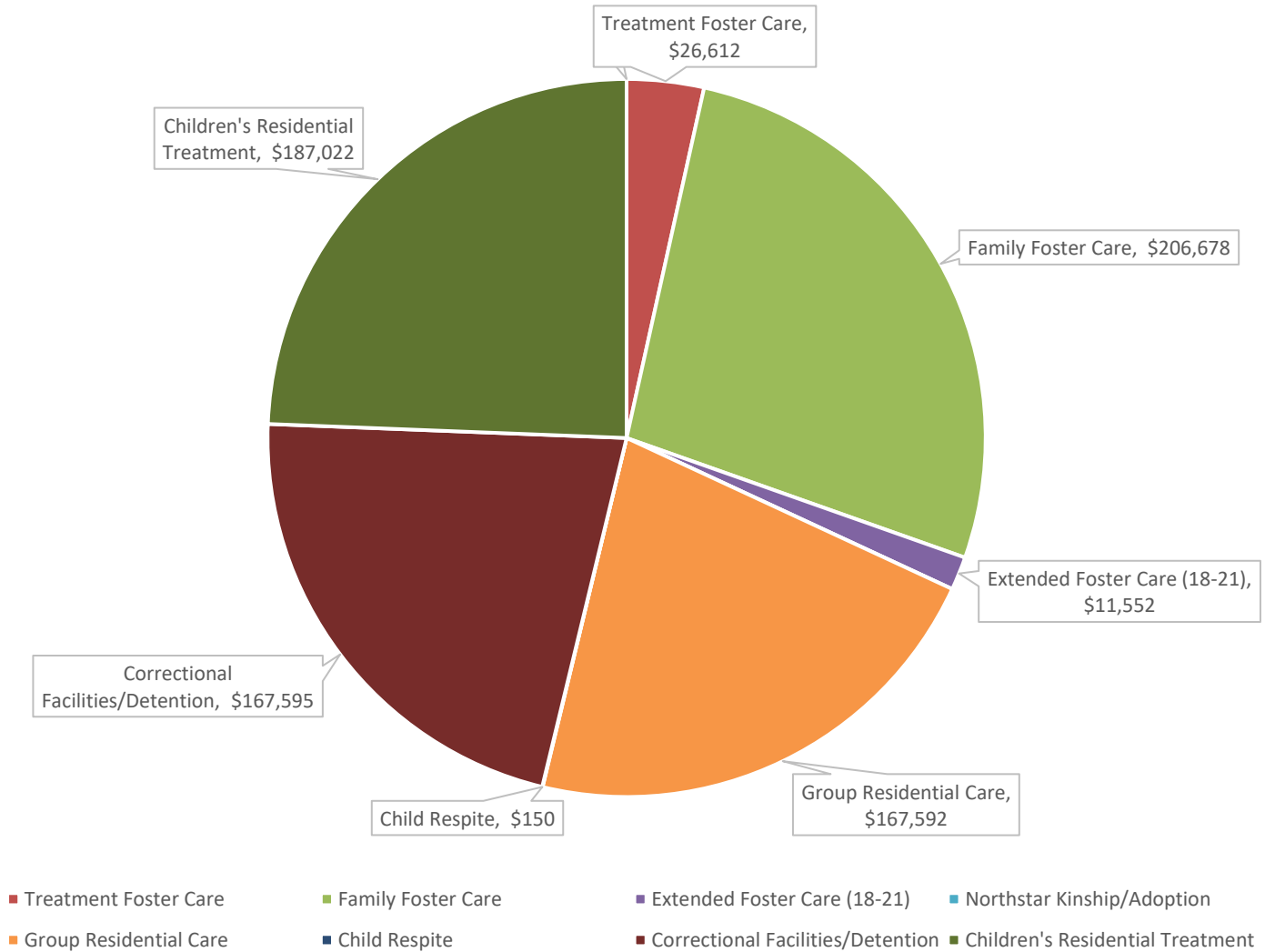
Child Protection/Adoptions



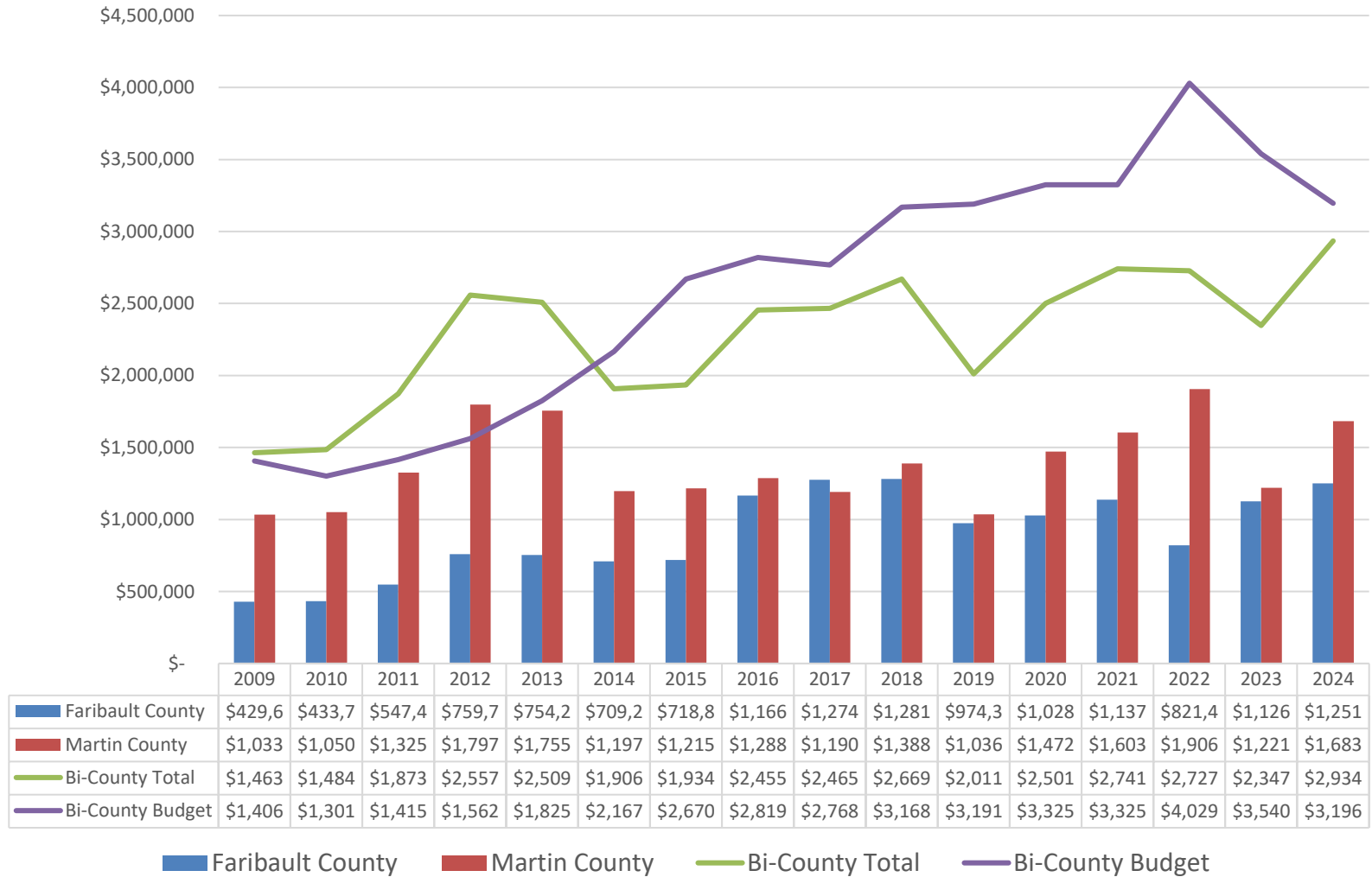
Child Protection/ Adoptions

- Children experiencing out of home placement this quarter totaled 65.
- Adoptions finalized this quarter equal one (1). Twenty-seven (27) adoptions are pending.

Out of Home Placement by Type - Quarter 4



Actual vs Budget Out of Home Placement Costs



OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT BY COUNTY

	3rd Qrt 2023	4th Qrt 2023	1st Qrt 2024	2nd Qrt 2024	3rd Qrt 2024	4th Qrt 2024	
FARIBAULT COUNTY							
# of Kids	39	33	32	29	26	24	
# of Days	2,895	2,881	2,107	1,773	1,676	1,749	
Cost	303,555	394,594	354,679	285,555	307,264	303,707	
MARTIN COUNTY							
# of Kids	55	62	54	62	61	66	
# of Days	3,994	4,481	4,464	4,838	4,913	4,902	
Cost	280,799	301,435	377,169	348,412	494,075	463,481	
TOTAL BI-COUNTY							
# of Kids	94	95	86	91	87	90	
# of Days	6,889	7,362	6,571	6,611	6,589	6,651	
Cost	\$ 584,353	\$ 696,029	\$ 731,848	\$ 633,967	\$ 801,339	\$ 767,188	

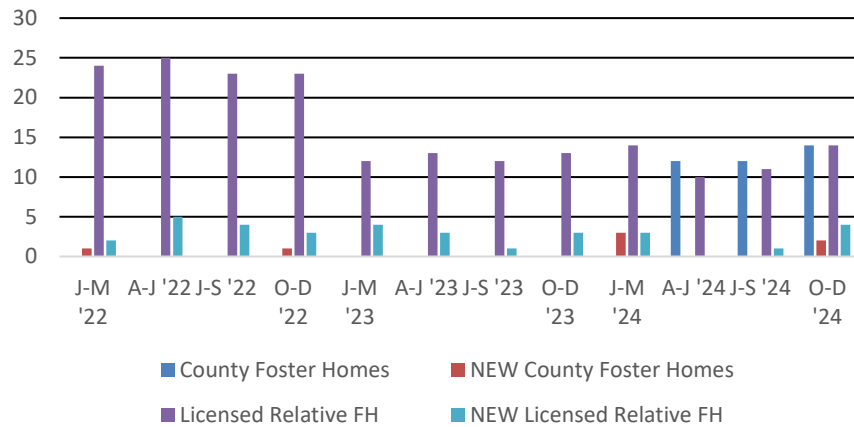
School Social Workers

Summary Data (with 14 of 14 SSW reporting)

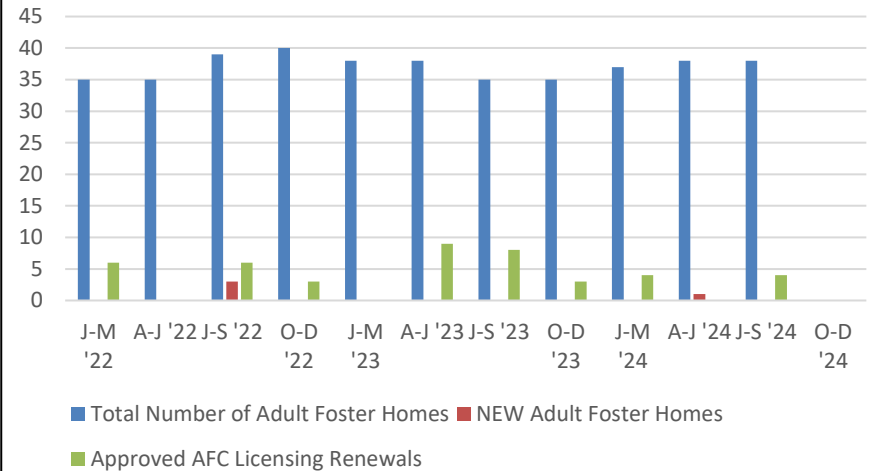
- Cases Open at End of Quarter: 574
- Number of Reports to Human Services this Quarter for Child Abuse/Neglect: 25
- Cases Closed for Completion of Program: 19
- Percent of problems identified at case opening that have resolved upon closure: 100%
- Looking at same quarter last year, cases closed: 10
- Percent of cases were NOT later active with Human Services: 100%

Day Care & Foster Care Licensing

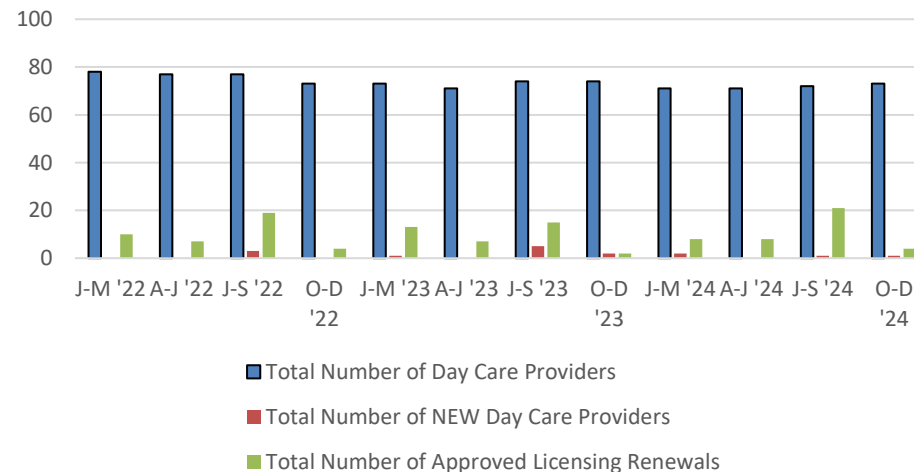
Licensed Relative Foster Care and Licensed County Foster Homes



Adult Foster Care Homes



Licensed Day Care Services



Licensing

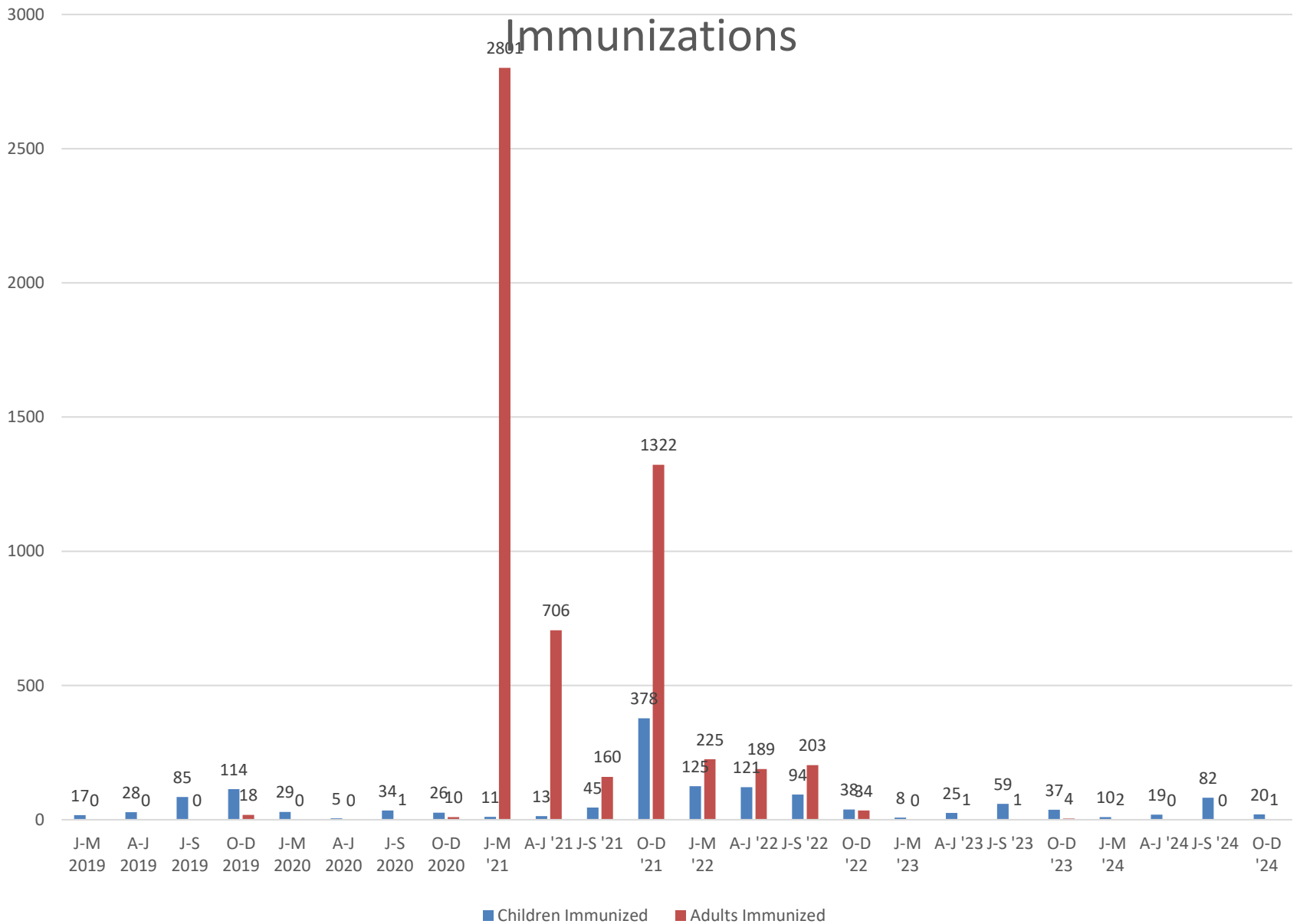
- For Quarter 4, there were 73 licensed day care providers, one (1) new day care provider was licensed, and 4 licenses were renewed.
- There were fourteen (14) licensed county foster homes.
- There were fourteen (14) licensed relative foster homes; four (4) new homes were added.
- Data was not available for adult foster care licensing for Oct-Dec quarter.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



Goal III.A.

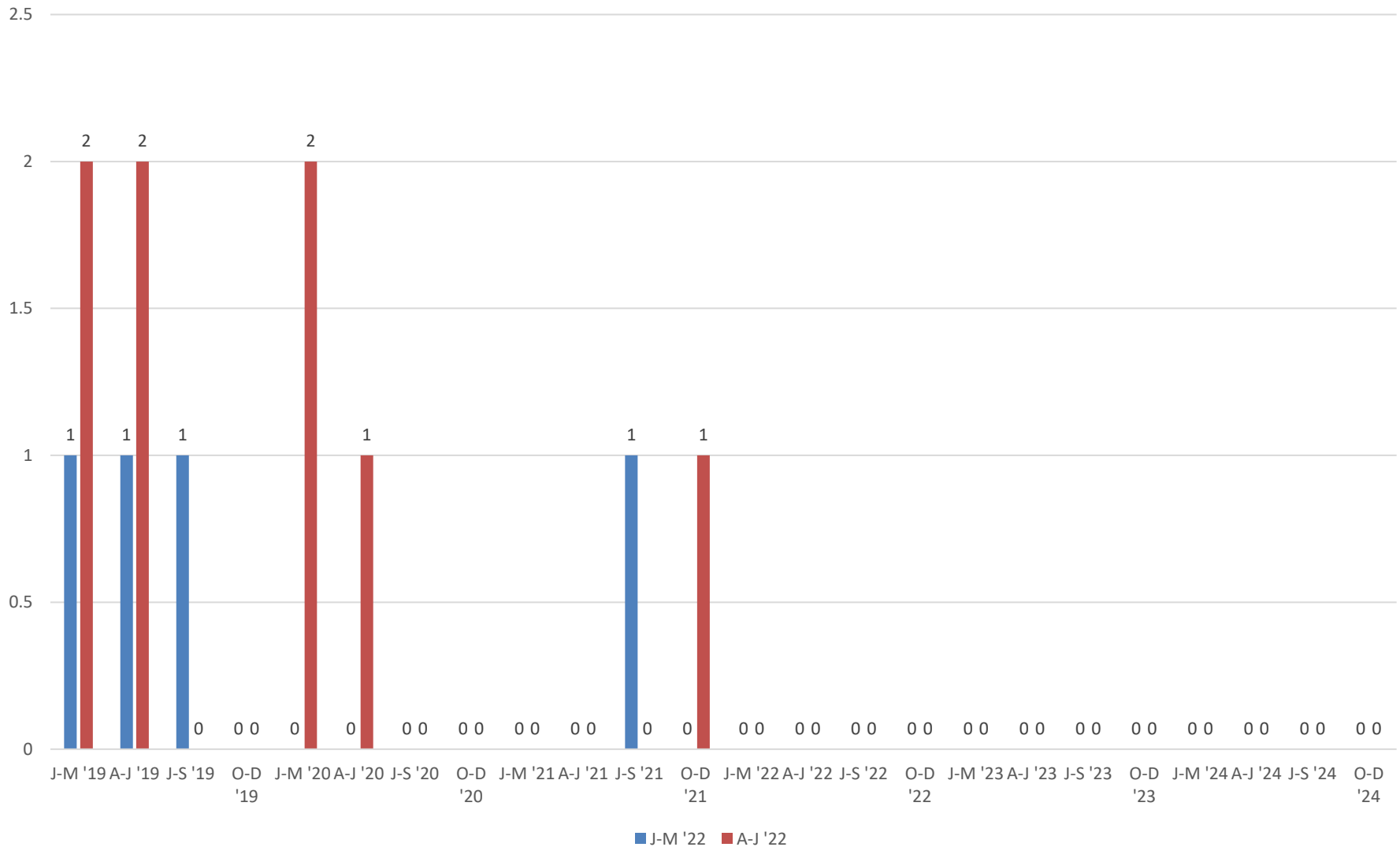
Residents and visitors are protected from acute communicable diseases and other health threats including unintentional injury.



Immunizations

- This quarter we vaccinated 20 children for routine childhood immunizations. We provided vaccine to one adult.

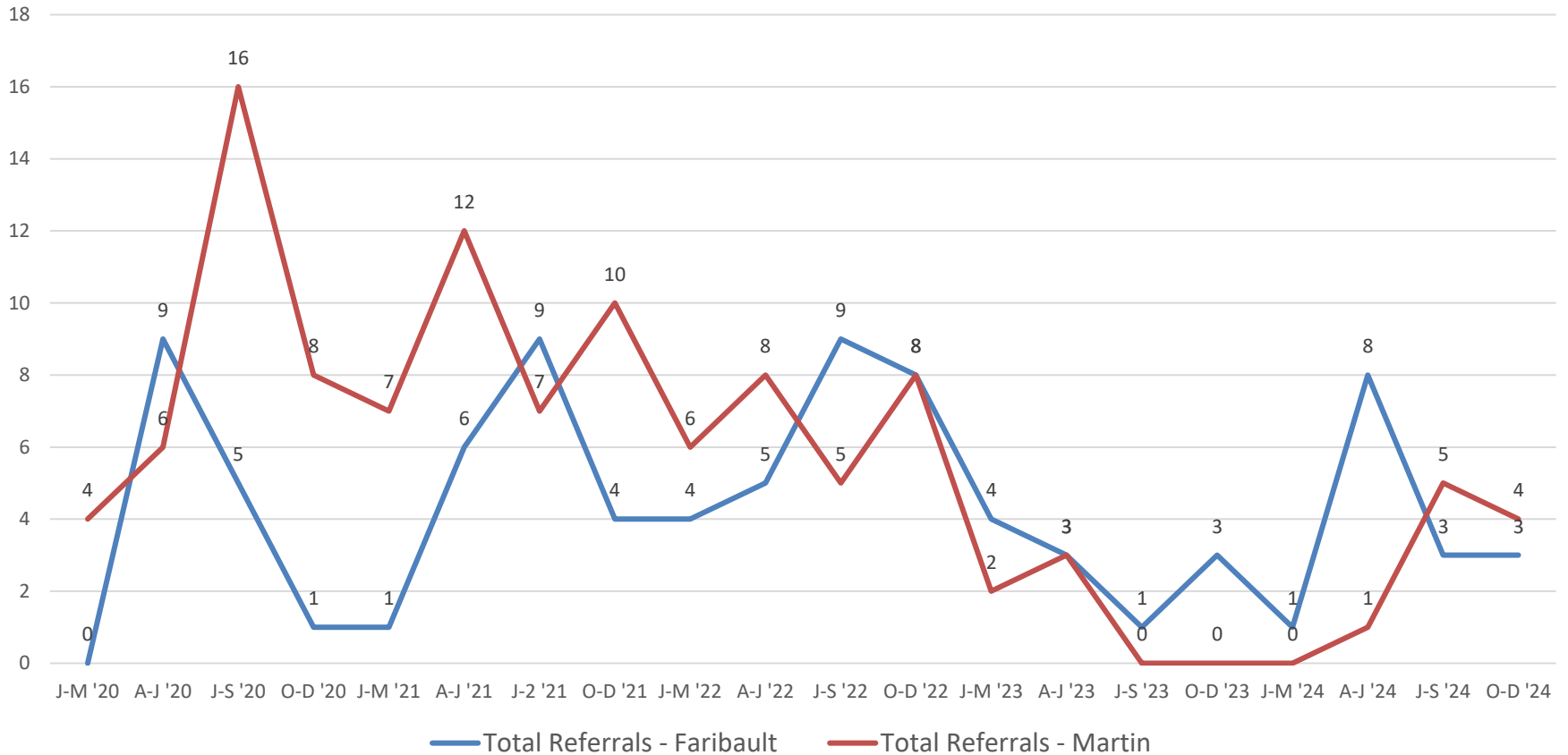
Tuberculosis Case Management



Tuberculosis

- This quarter we received no new referrals for latent or active Tuberculosis case management services.

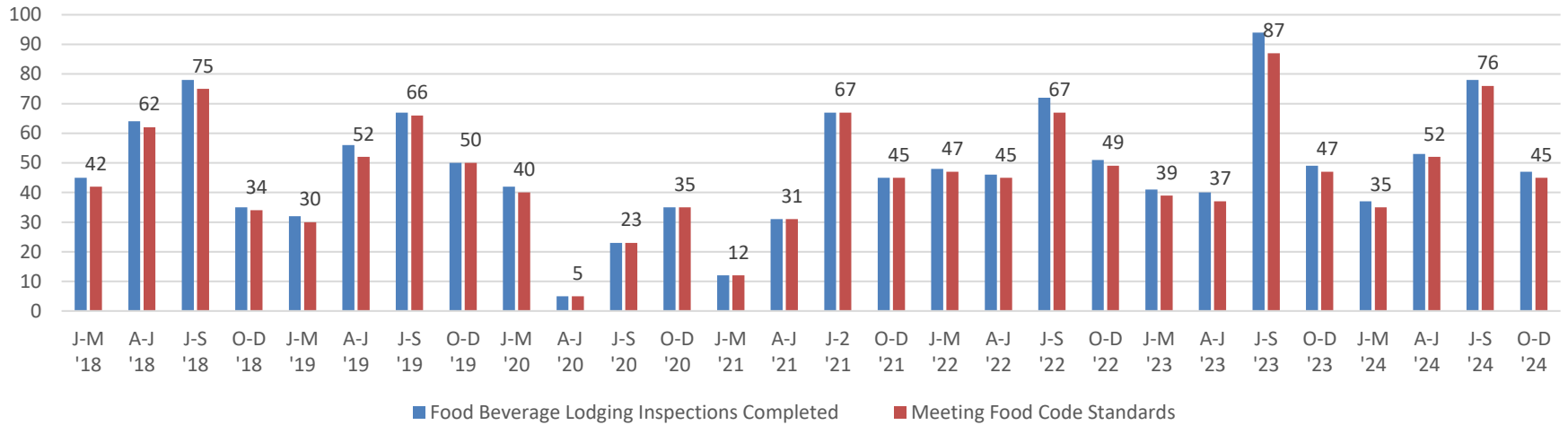
Elevated Blood Lead



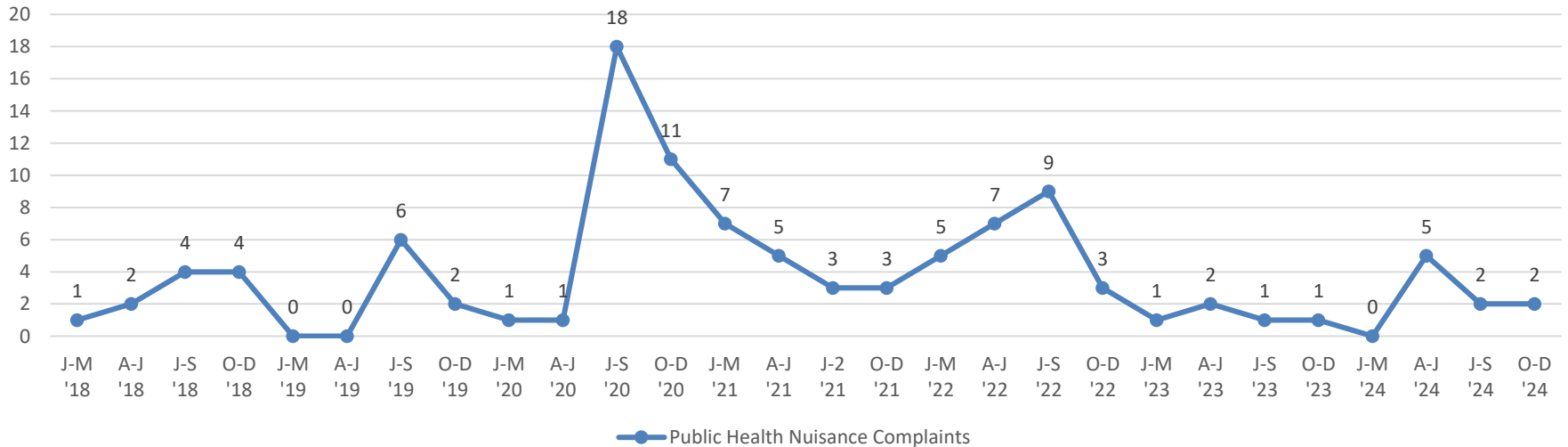
Elevated Blood Lead

- We provided case management on 3 cases in Faribault County and 4 in Martin County. All had levels greater than 3.5.
- Challenging case with child who had a level of 19, parents refusing home inspection.

Food Beverage Lodging Inspections Completed



Public Health Nuisance Complaints



Environmental Health

- Our Sanitarian completed 47 inspections in food, beverage, lodging and pool establishments this quarter. Of those, two (2) required a follow-up inspection.
- Eight (8) plan reviews were completed for establishments. Plan reviews were conducted for 5 reopened establishments, new Mobile Food units, and a proposed new coffee shop.
- Two (2) public health nuisance complaints received for environmental hazards this quarter.
- Started 2025 licensing fee process.
- This quarter we received numerous reports of individuals selling food from their homes who were not licensed. In response to this unlawful activity, we have taken enforcement action to ensure that those that are selling food are properly licensed when required.

Stronger Together



COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE OF
FARIBAULT & MARTIN COUNTIES

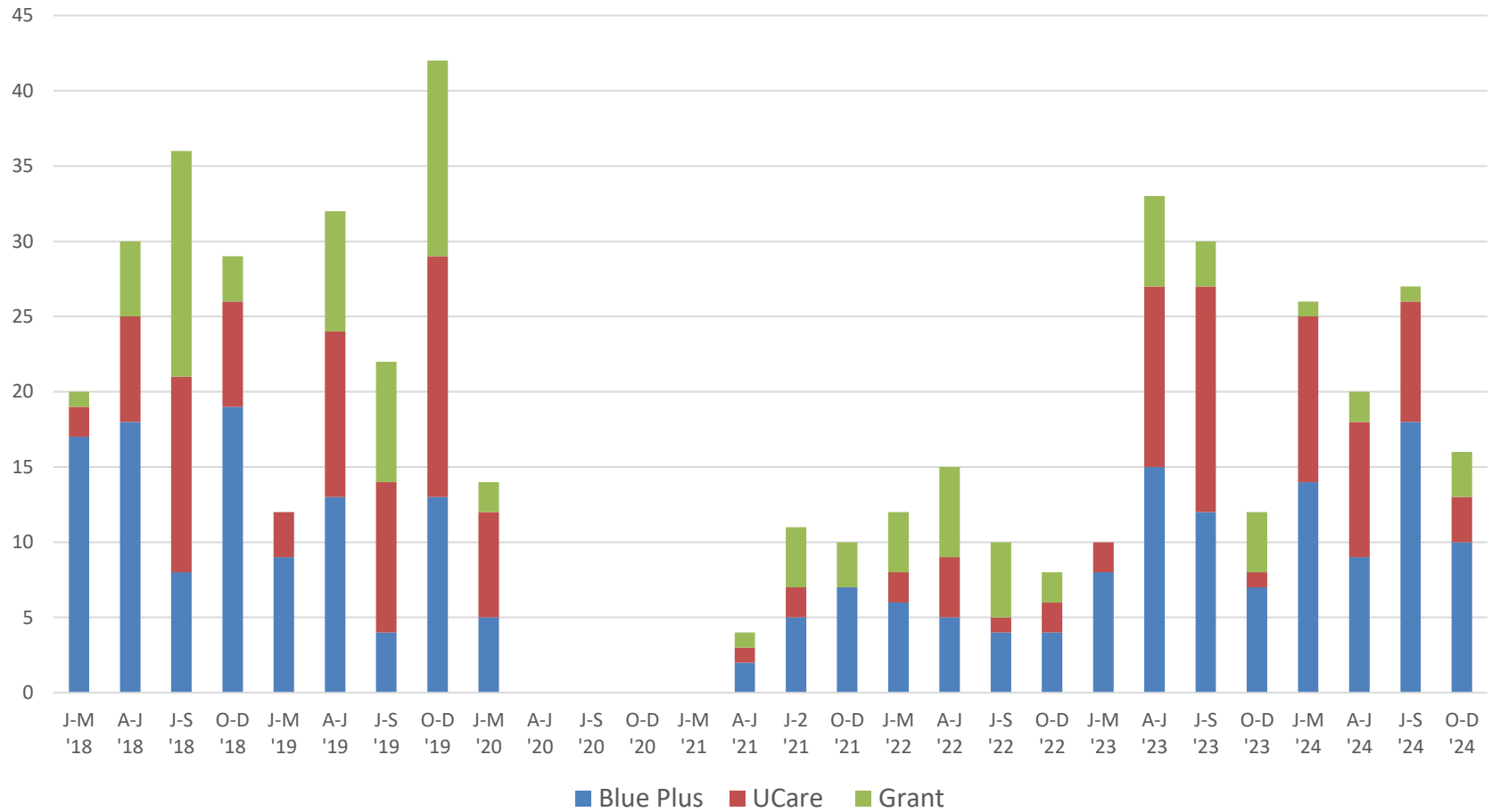
Inspire healthy, resilient communities through partnership and collaboration.

Stronger Together Coalition

- Health Care Transportation Assessment data collection completed to understand the current the complicated landscape in getting residents to their medical appointments.
- Completed project with Region 9 Development Commission on a project to look at how to improve regional food rescues and keep food resources local.
- Martin County was identified as a hunger hot spot by Second Harvest Heartland, and staff are working to pull community partners together to address.
- Staff completed five trauma informed care trainings for community partners in Q4.
- Tobacco prevention work in collaboration with FariCares and MCSAP. Staff are also working to support Cannabis ordinance development at the city and county levels.
- Staff working with Krueger Realty to discuss smoke-free multi-unit housing policy work with their rental properties.
- Opioid Settlement fund contracts developed and executed with community partners approved by Stronger Together in Fall 2024. Work will begin Jan 1.



Car Seat Distribution



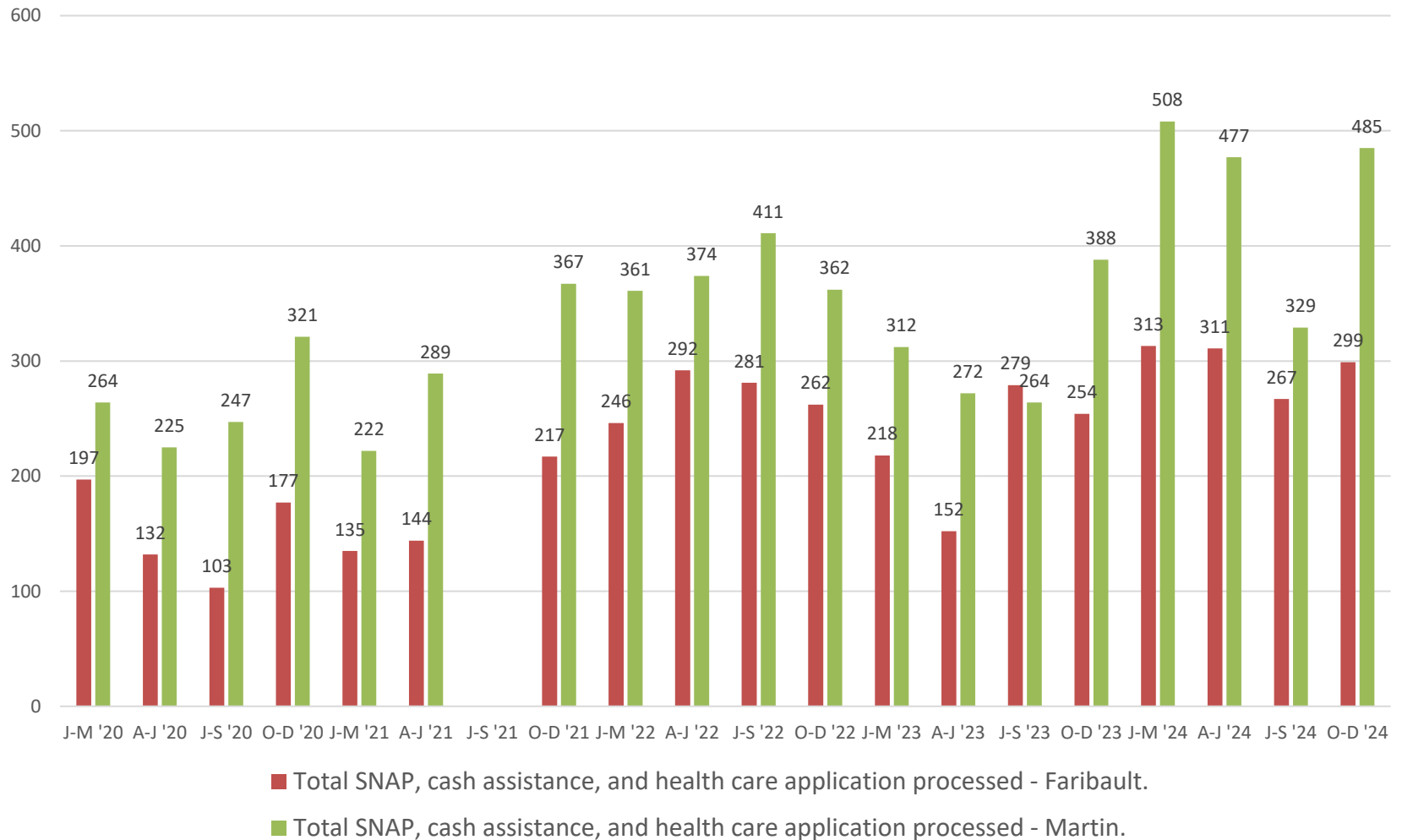
Car Seats

- This quarter we distributed 16 car seats to families.

Goal III.B.

Residents will be financially secure while also maintaining family stability.

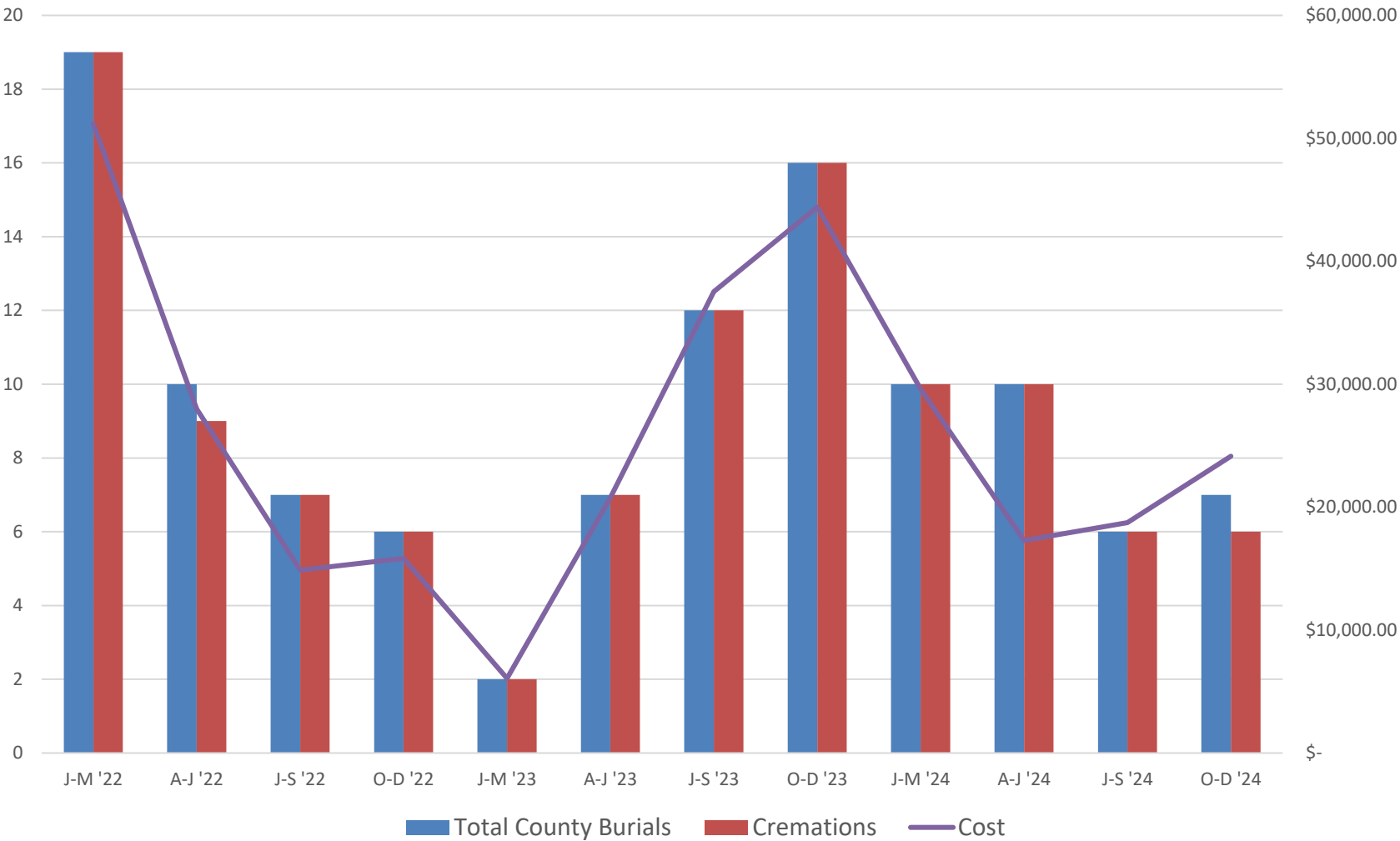
Total Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, cash assistance, and health care application processed



Financial Assistance

- Applications increased during quarter 4.
- 299 applications in Faribault County – 11% increase from the 3rd quarter.
- 482 applications in Martin County – 32% increase from 4th quarter

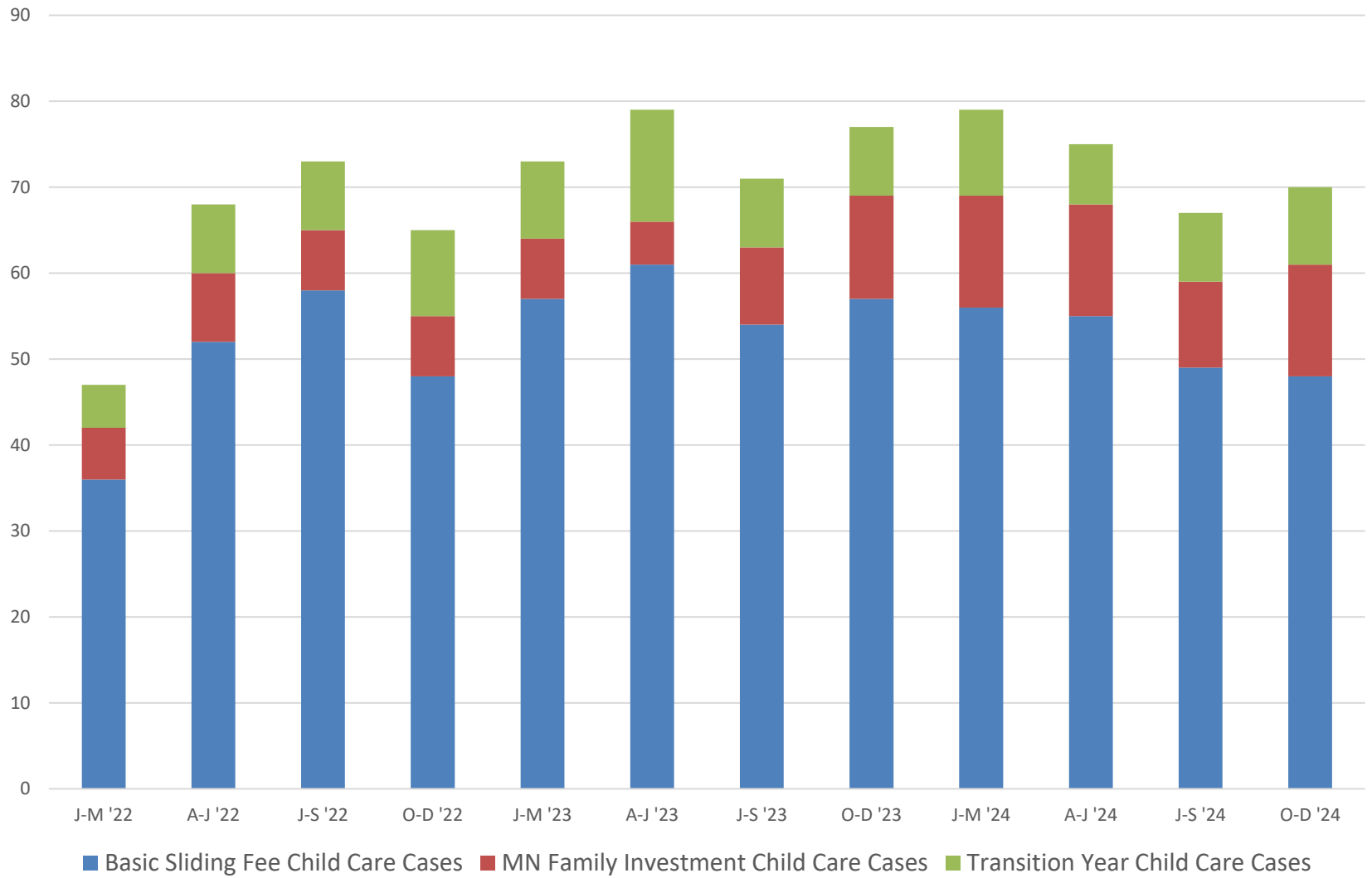
County Burials



County Burials

- For 4th Quarter 2024, we approved seven (7) county burials at a cost of \$24,142.
- One was traditional burial.
- For 2024 total, thirty-three (33) county burials were approved at a cost of \$89,770.
- All but the one burial in Quarter 4 were cremation.

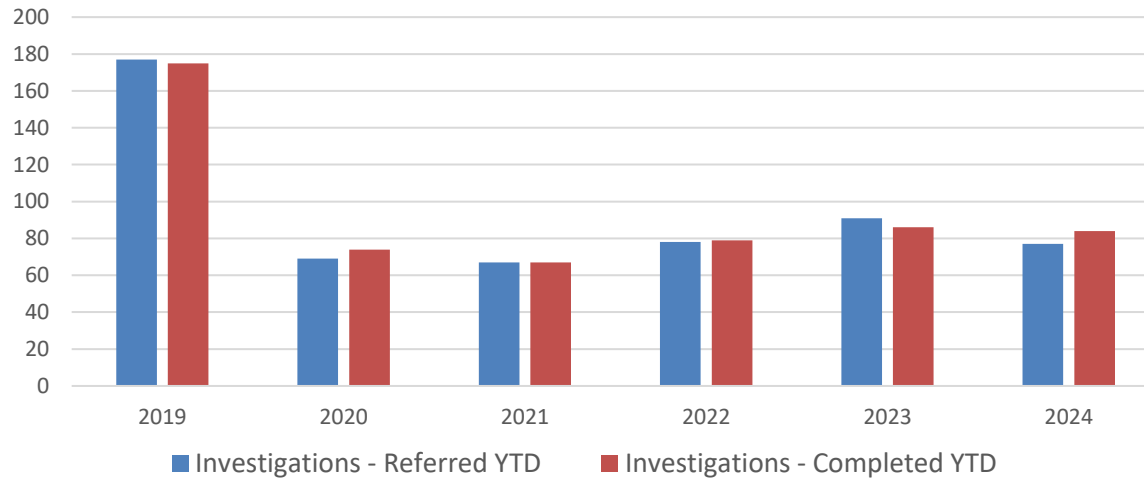
Child Care



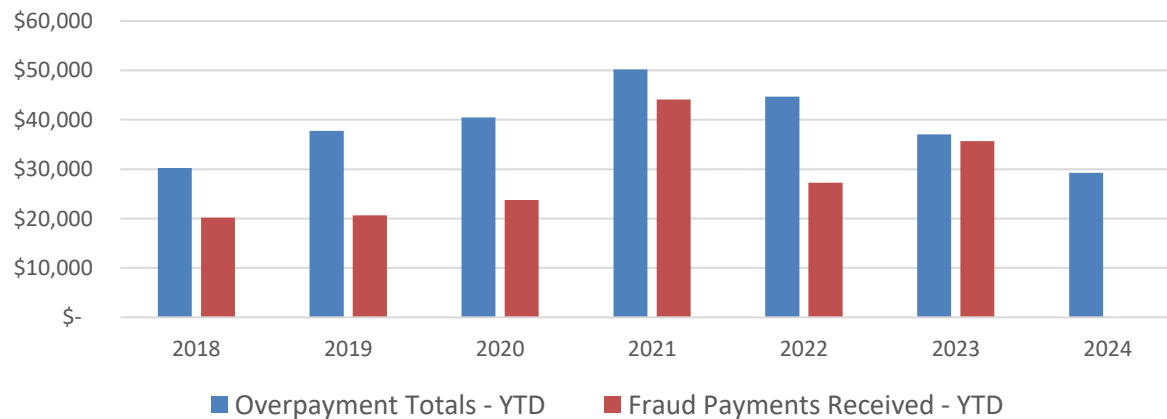
Child Care

- During the 4th quarter, we served forty-eight (48) basic sliding fee cases.
- Thirteen (13) cases were served by MN Family Investment Program childcare.
- Nine (9) cases were served by Transition Year childcare.
- This quarter we spent \$165,564 for childcare assistance.

Fraud Investigations Year to Date



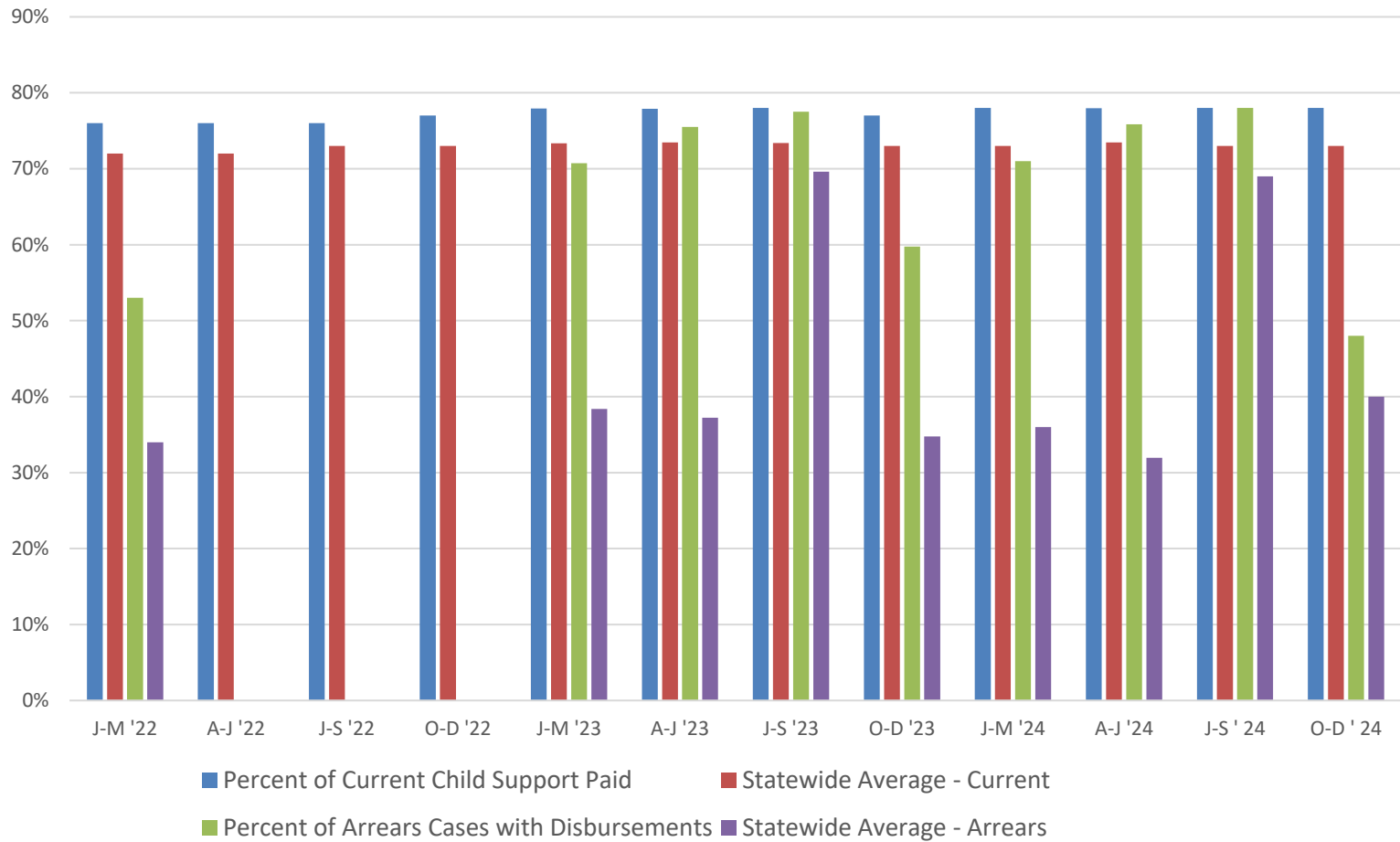
Fraud Overpayments/Payments Received Year to Date



Fraud

- New fraud investigation referrals year to date 2024 totaled ninety-nine (99) with one-hundred-seven (107) completed.
- Overpayments year to date 2024 totaled \$55,507. Fraud payments received totaled \$10,941.

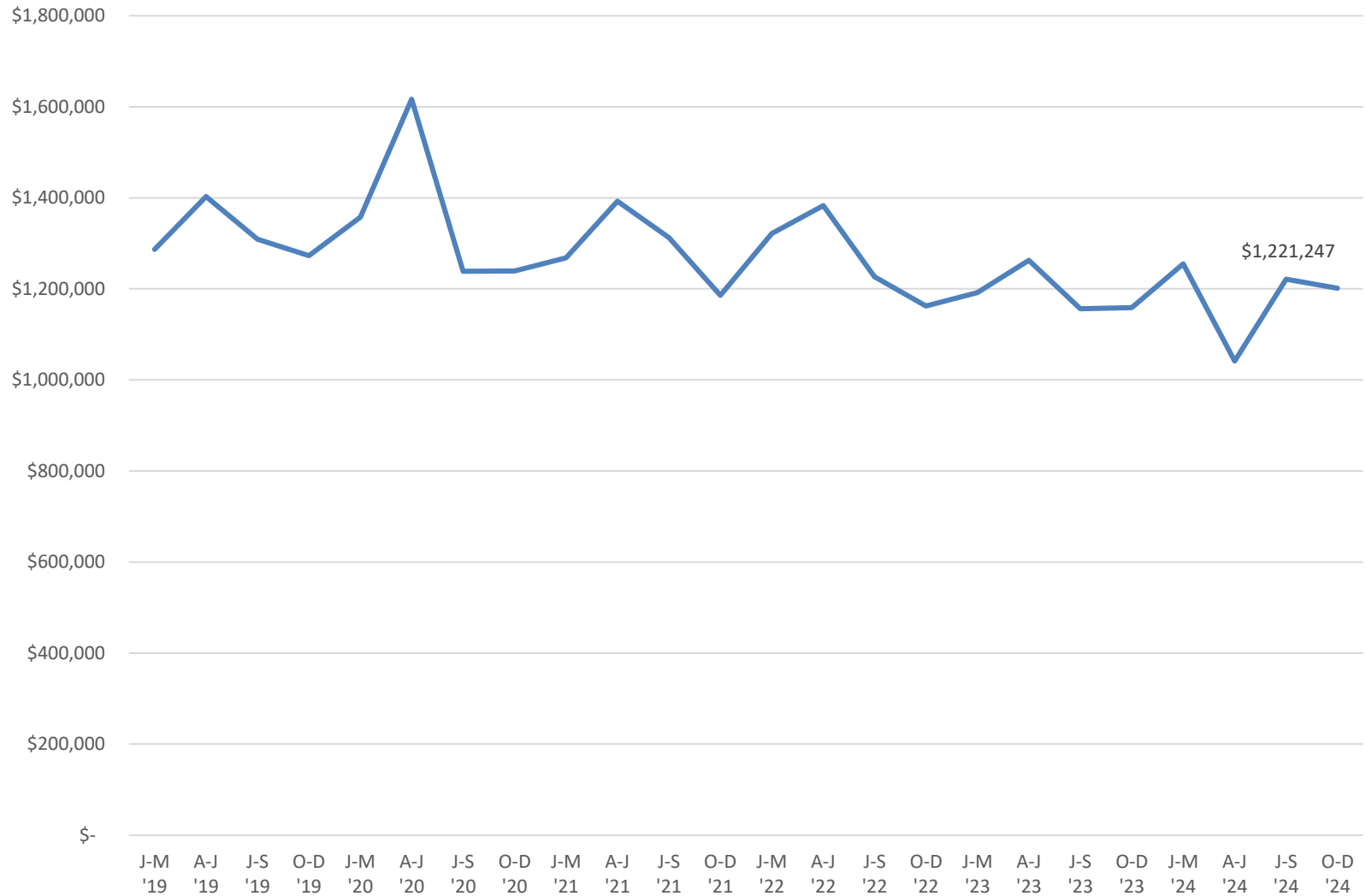
Child Support



Child Support

- 78% of current child support was paid compared to the state average of 73%.
- 48% of arrears cases had disbursements compared to the state average of 40%.

Child Support Collections



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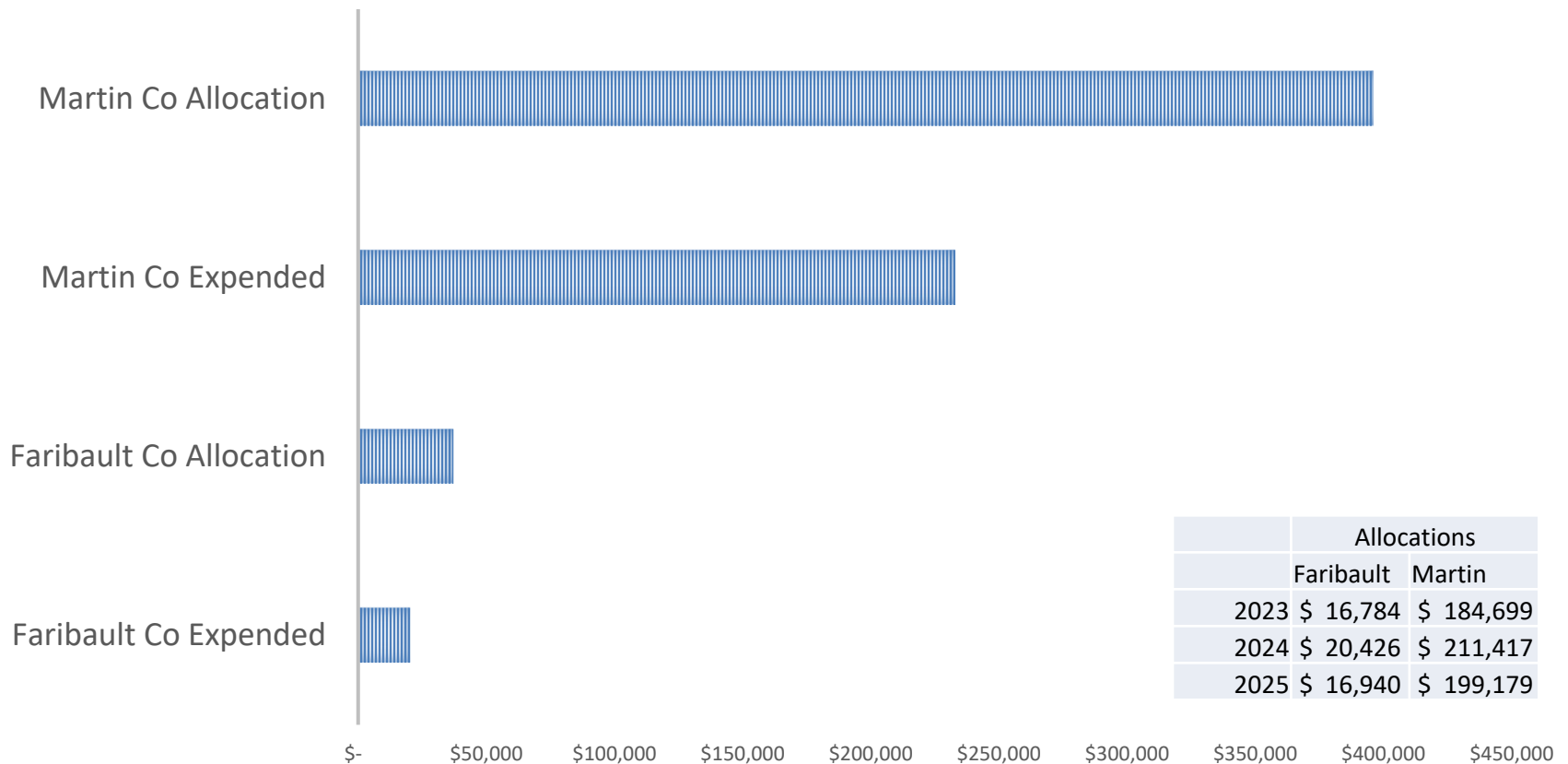
- During the 4th quarter of 2024, \$1,201,718 was collected in child support.
- Year to Date, \$4,719,240 has been collected.

AGENCY UPDATES & SPECIAL PROJECTS



Local Homeless Prevention Aid

EXPENDED COMPARED TO ALLOCATION THRU 12/31/24





Local Homeless Prevention Aid

- Faribault County – Nineteen (19) families were served in 2024.
- Martin County – Ninety-eight (98) families were served in 2024.



Collaborative for Rural Public Health Innovation

- Initiative led by our agency focusing on supporting 25 counties in South Central and Southwest MN to meet Foundational Public Health requirements by partnering to complete work together and utilizing University partner and student/faculty support. Received a \$530,000 grant that started July 1.
- Within first six months, we have:
 - Established name, operating guidelines, mission and vision.
 - Conducted assessment of all participating counties to collect baseline data.
 - Completed a strategic planning process to support 3–5-year planning for the work.
 - Developed work groups to start working on key needs.
 - Partnered with MSU, Mankato Dept of Applied Health Science to incorporate public health needs into coursework and through internships.
 - Presented on work at Minnesota Conference and accepted to present work at National Conference in April.

Business Office/Financial Updates



As of December 31, 2024

- Total Revenues **\$19,568,469.00**
- **Budgeted Annual Revenues** **\$20,828,470.00**
- Total Expenditures **\$20,195,061.30**
- **Budgeted Annual Expenditures** **\$20,828,470.00**
- Active Staff = 135

In quarter 4, we transitioned from UKG to Paylocity, a software suite to help us manage our payroll and human resource functions. We were also recognized by the Commissioner of Human Services for perfect performance in meeting the Department of Human Services (DHS) financial reporting requirements.