



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. GLENN WEBSTER, CHAIR
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025
BOARD ROOM AND VIA YOUTUBE
5:30 PM**



DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

- A. Crisis Intervention Services - Citizen Advocates - James Button, President & CEO, and Kaitlyn Gervais, Network Senior Director of Behavioral Health Services (Discussion)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Citizen Advocates, Inc., to Provide Comprehensive County-Wide Crisis Intervention and/or Response Services for St. Lawrence County and Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services (Re)
- C. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency (Res)
- D. Community Services Clinics Update (Info)

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

- A. Urging the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention to Ensure Functionality of the Early Intervention Hub (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for Preparation of the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for Public Health Department for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Program Year (Res)

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEGER

- A. Social Services Monthly Statistics - Financial Analysis (Info)

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health (Curran)
- B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke)
- C. Community Services Board (Haggard)
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha)

E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Litigation
- B. Negotiations
- C. Personnel
- D. Appointments

10. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN ADVOCATES, INC., TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY-WIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION AND/OR RESPONSE SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board (CSB) has recognized the need to improve the behavioral health crisis response for St. Lawrence County, and therefore issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Comprehensive County-wide Crisis Services, and

WHEREAS, these Comprehensive Services will include twenty-four (24) hours per day mobile crisis response services, available licensed/certified staff able to practice in New York State, an electronic health record and the ability to bill Medicaid Managed Care for both telephonic and mobile responses, an appropriate level of crisis follow-up services, and provide the current community provider (if indicated) documentation of the crisis contact the following day, and

WHEREAS, these comprehensive services are focused to support and assist law enforcement who are too often tasked with the majority of in-person behavioral health crisis contacts, and

WHEREAS, after forming an ad hoc committee to bring forth recommendations, the CSB convened and unanimously awarded the contract and the associated pass-through funding from New York State to Citizen Advocates, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Citizen Advocates will receive \$150,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for start-up costs to include the purchase of a vehicle, staffing, and electronic health record enhancements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Citizen Advocates, Inc., to provide Comprehensive County-Wide Crisis Services for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2742304 465CA OSF	Citizen Advocates OSF Payments	\$150,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A2727355 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$150,000
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Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE LOCUM
TENENS STAFFING AGENCY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, Resolution No. 260-2024 was adopted authorizing an amended contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addictions Clinics in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS and DOH, and

WHEREAS, the Department needs continued support by a medical provider for three (3) months to provide care to the individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics due to unanticipated leaves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43007 DSRP	A CACD Other Fees & Services	\$35,000
A1342504 43007 DSRP	A OGCD Other Fees & Services	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$35,000
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

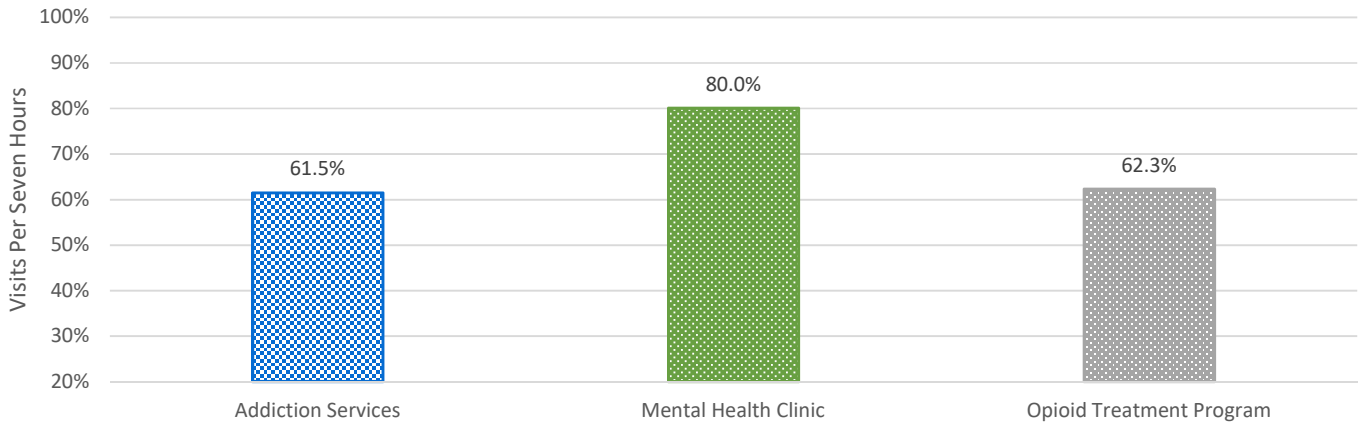
Community Services Clinic Update

December 2024

Monthly Clinic Counselor Visits Average

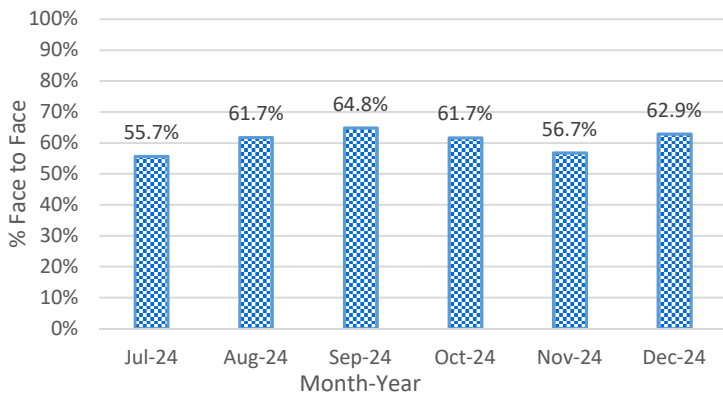
Average of Clinics: 66%

6 Month Average of Clinics: 63%



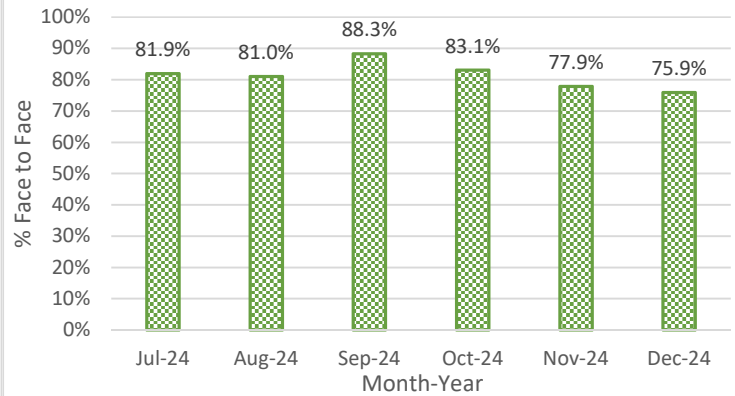
Addiction Services/OTP Face to Face %

Average 61%



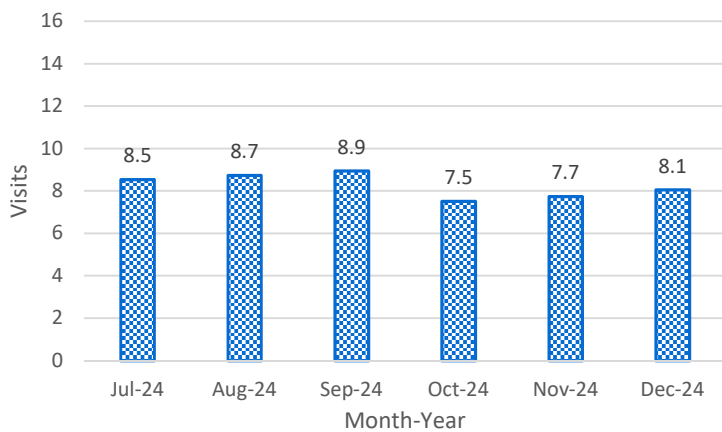
Mental Health Face to Face %

Average 81%



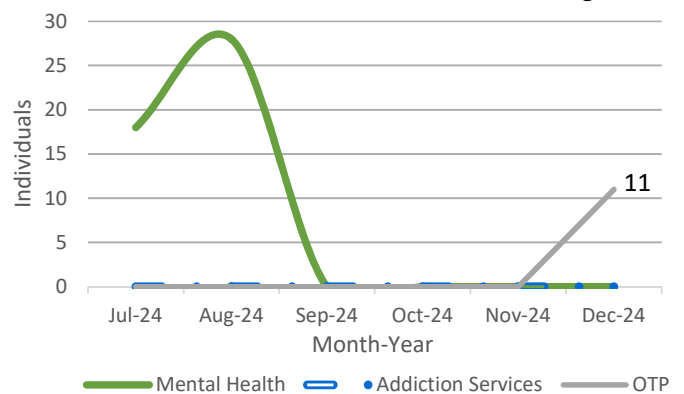
Prescribers Visits Per Seven Hours

Average 8



Wait Lists

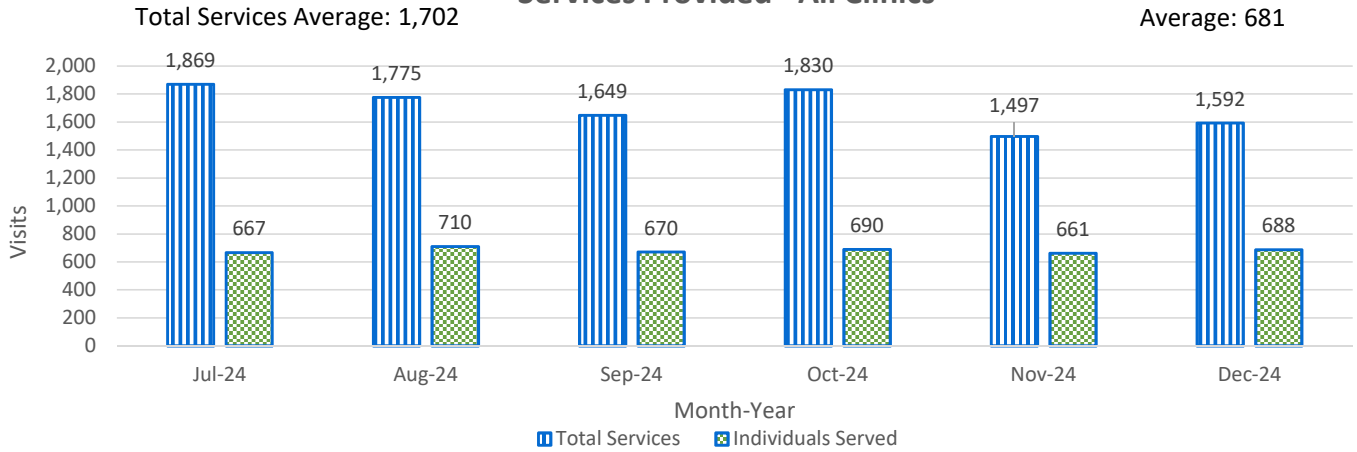
Average: 8



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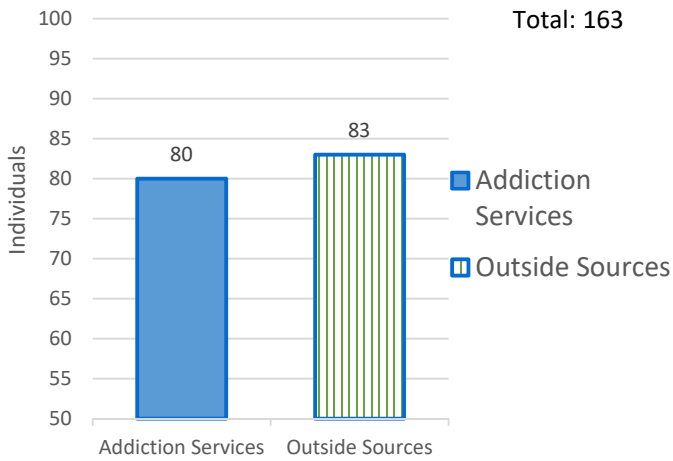
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Services Provided - All Clinics

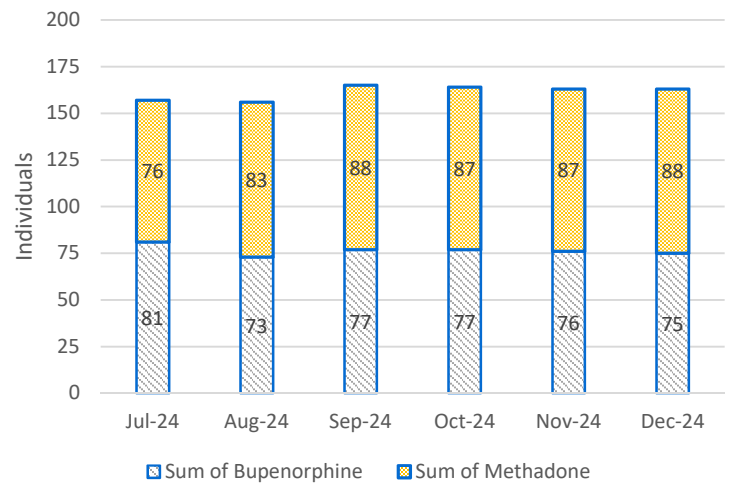


*This does not include OTP medication dispenses

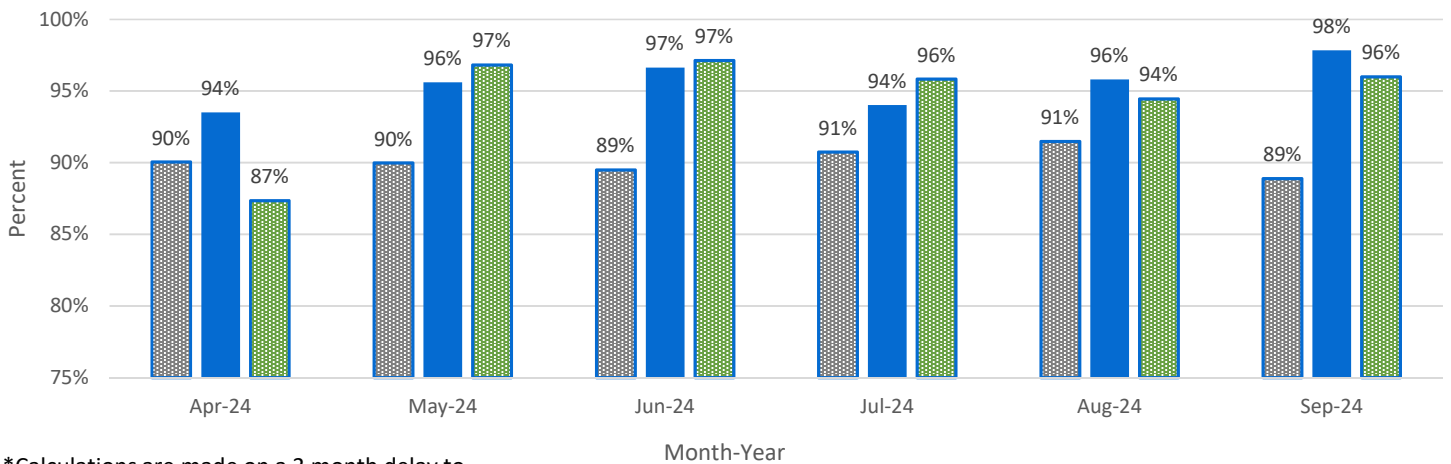
Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Population Source



OTP Medication Breakdown



Reimbursement Rate by Clinic



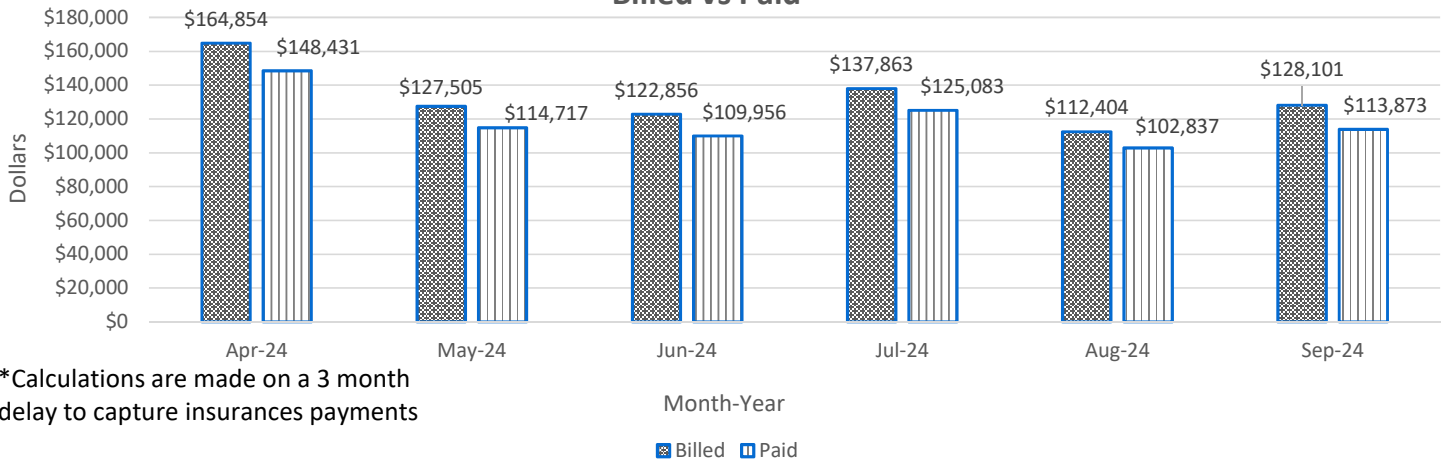
*Calculations are made on a 3 month delay to capture insurances payments

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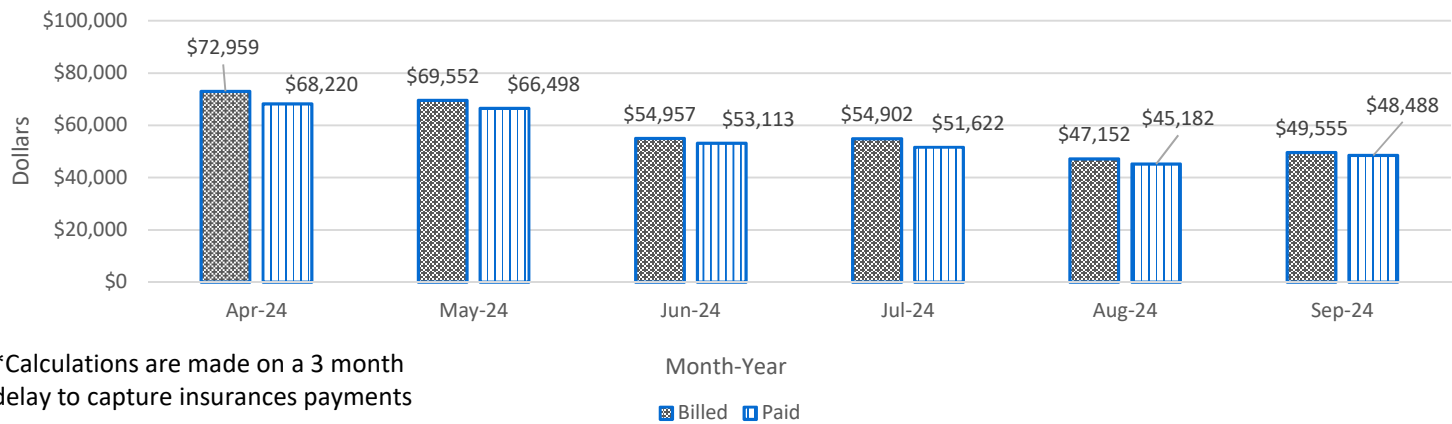
Opioid Treatment Program Billed vs Paid

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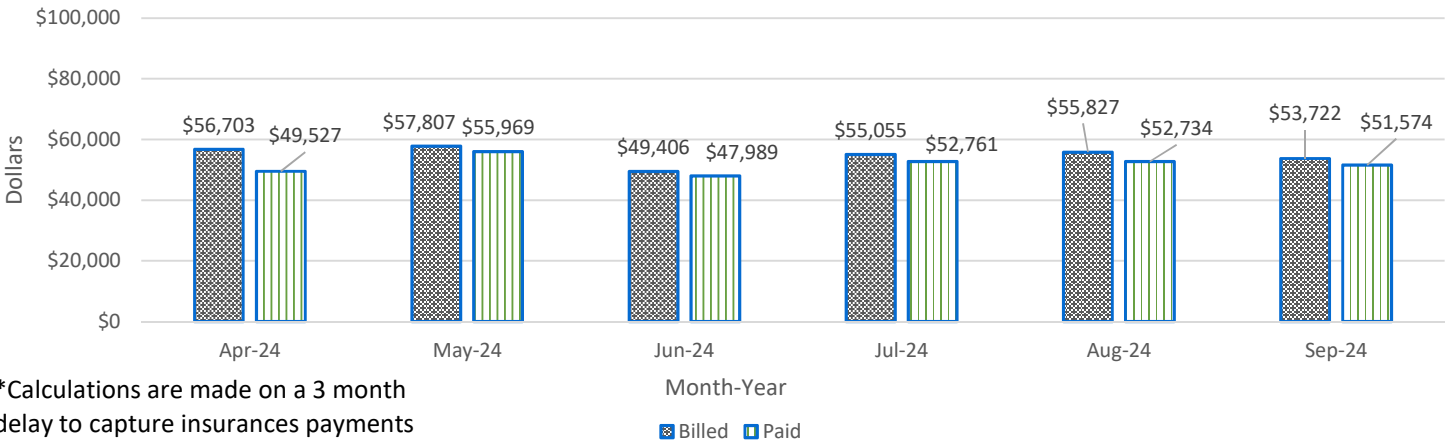
Mental Health Billed vs Paid

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Addiction Services Billed vs Paid

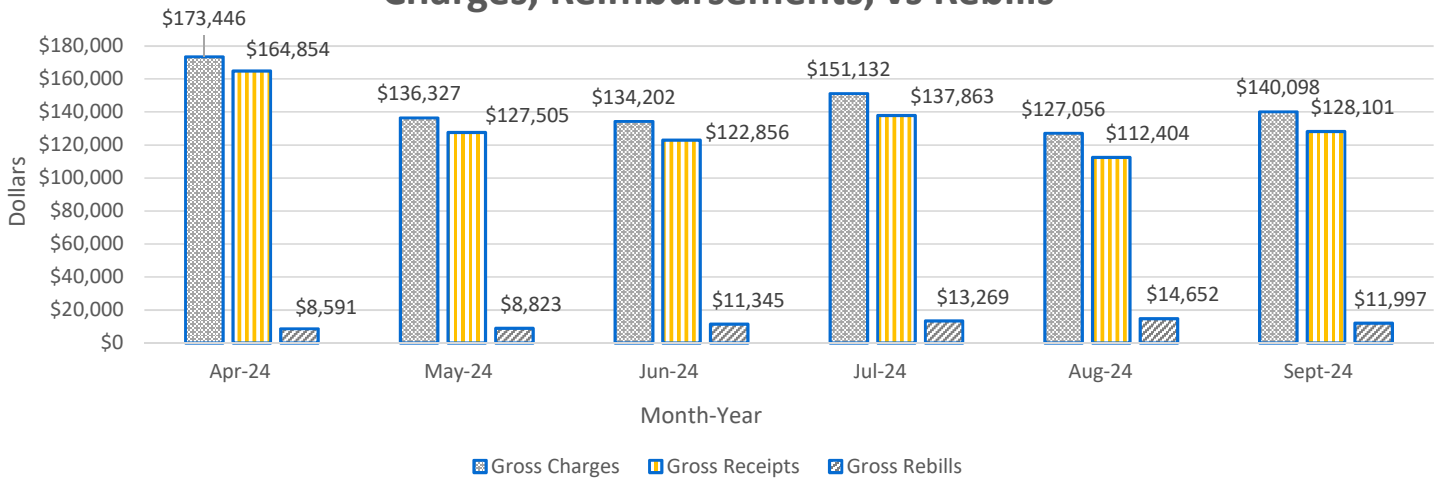
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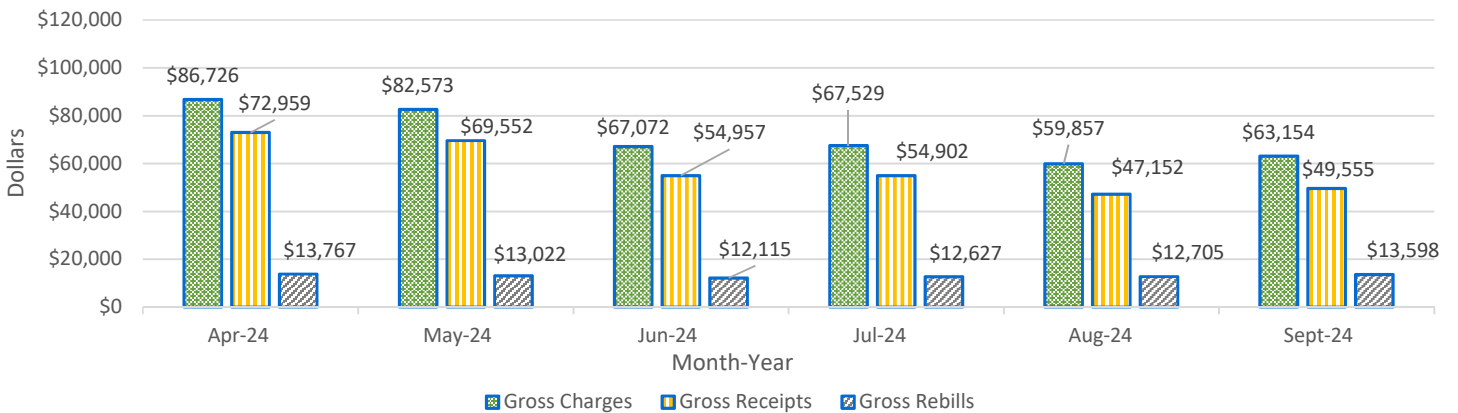
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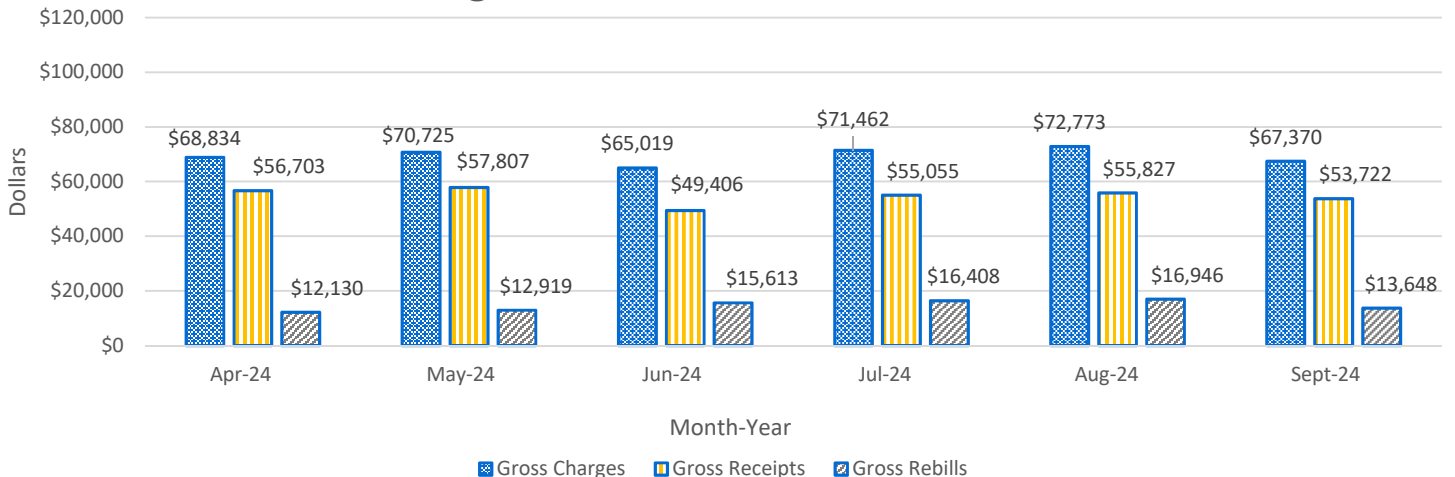
Opioid Treatment Program Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



Mental Health Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



Addiction Services Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



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RESOLUTION NO.

**URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF
EARLY INTERVENTION TO ENSURE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE EARLY
INTERVENTION HUB**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention transitioned from the New York State Early Intervention System (NYEIS) to the Early Intervention (EI) Hub as the system required to be utilized by counties for data entry pertaining to Early Intervention Services and billing, and

WHEREAS, both systems were offline effective October 5, 2024, and the EI Hub was to take effect on October 14, 2024, creating an initial backlog of data entry and billing, and when the EI Hub went into effect numerous issues precluded counties and providers from being able to effectively complete data entry and billing, and

WHEREAS, such issues included extending data entry time by 30-45 minutes per task (e.g. referral/intake, individualized family service plan (IFSP)), adding hours of additional work for each child enrolled and these extended data entry times have not been resolved, and

WHEREAS, additional issues included incorrect or incomplete data migration from the NYEIS to the EI Hub, for example incorrect therapist roles were assigned to providers, cases were closed incorrectly, prescriptions for children to receive services were not accurate, and

WHEREAS, these issues result in significantly increased and unreimbursed administration time for county staff as well as providers, which compounds the ongoing issue of data entry not correctly migrating to billing for vouchering, resulting in delayed payment to providers, and

WHEREAS, this impacted the services of the children to date in that one agency placed a temporary hold on multidisciplinary evaluations and one service provider continues to not accept new Early Intervention referrals, which further delays existing waitlists for services to children, and

WHEREAS, the county anticipates that if these issues remain unresolved we may lose additional Early Intervention Providers which would be a grave disservice to children and families in an area where we are already lacking providers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention to ensure functionality of the Early Intervention Hub.

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA
AND ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL
SUPPORTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (SSHSP) ANNUAL MEDICAID COST REPORT
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025
PROGRAM YEAR**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file an annual
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid Cost Report, and

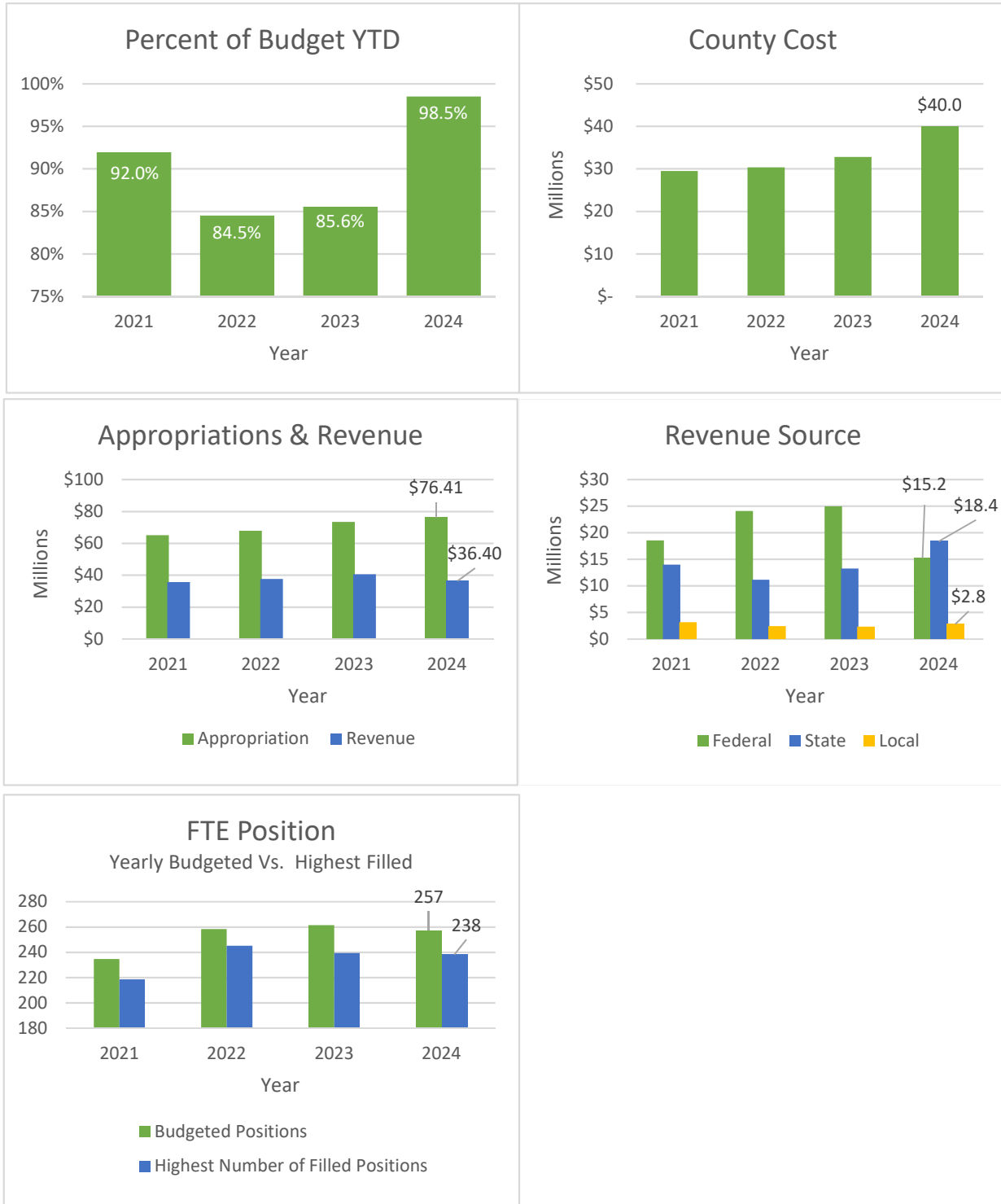
WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this
service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA &
Associates to continue providing these services (PK040504 43003) for \$4,500 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes
the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for preparation of the
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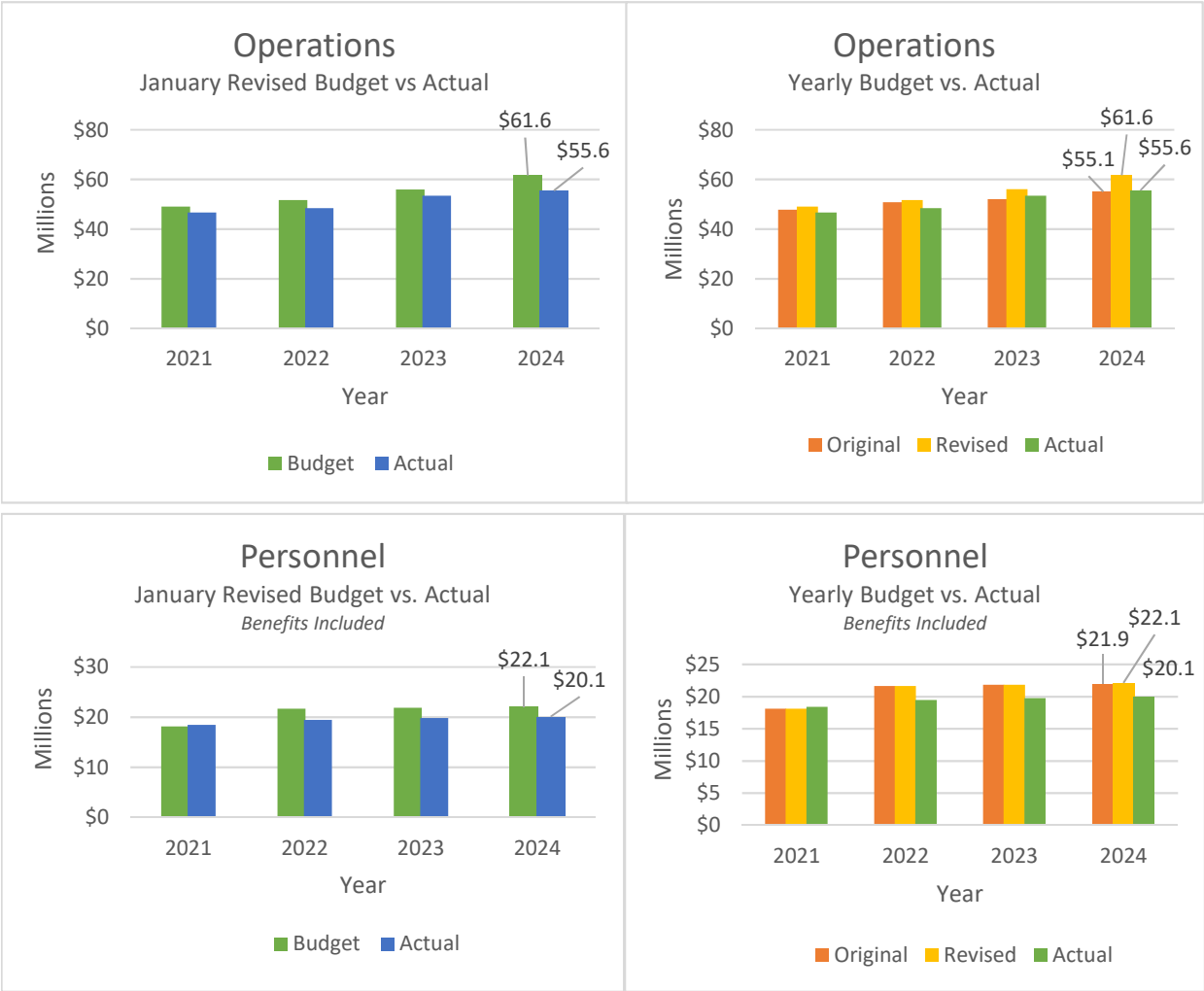
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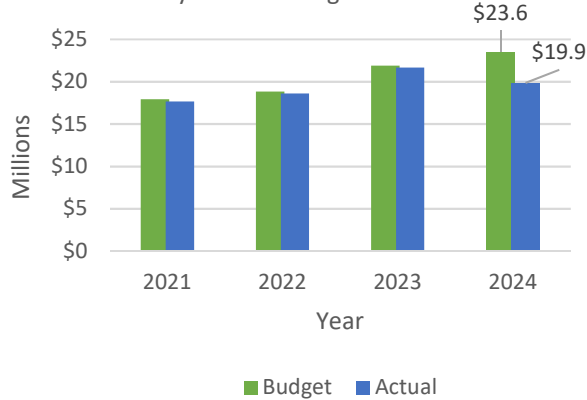


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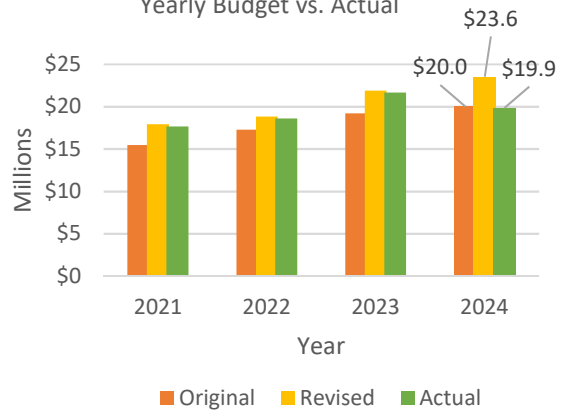
Adoption & Foster Care

January Revised Budget vs. Actual



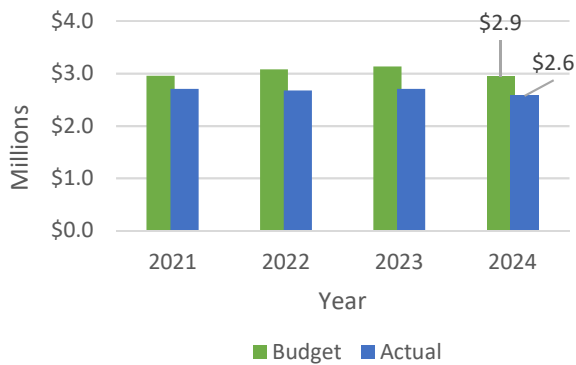
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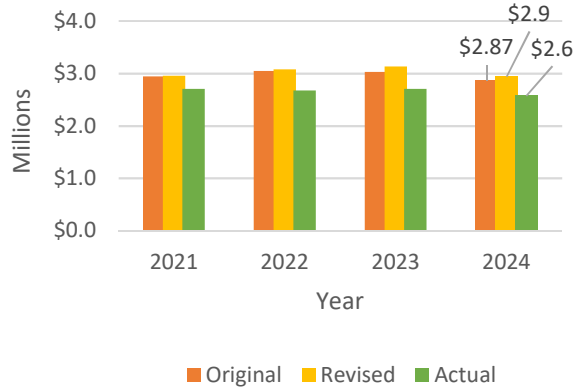
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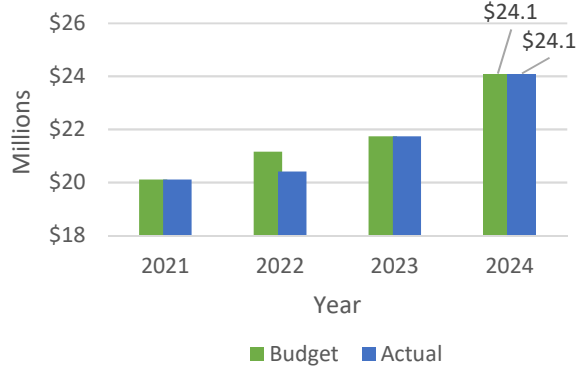
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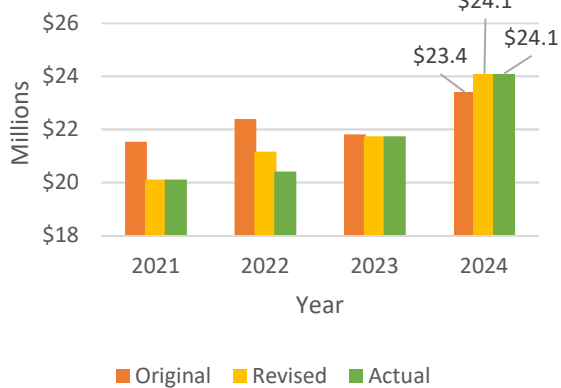
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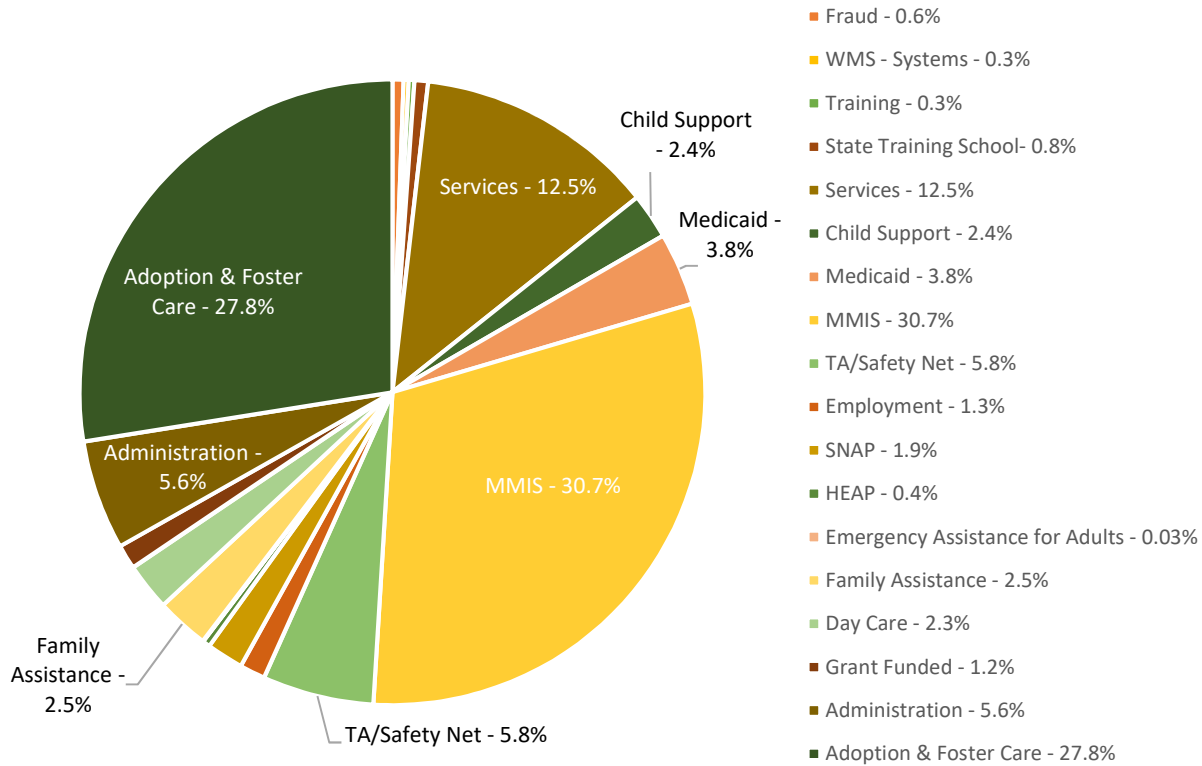
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2024 Appropriations by Category



2024 Revenue by Category

