

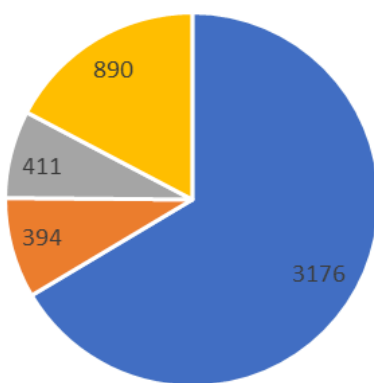


# 2023 Annual Report Summary

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Western Prairie Human Services has served in total persons ever eligible for Medical Assistance during the calendar year: 4,871 out of 11,431 residence in Pope County and 6,074 Residence in Grant County for a combined total of 17,505. Serving 27.8% of our combined populations.

MA Enrollees during 2022



- Families and Children
- Disabled
- Elderly
- Adults with no Children

## MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MIFP)

MFIP provides job counseling and up to 60 months of financial assistance to families in poverty with minor children, and to pregnant women with low incomes. Western Prairie Human Services provided service to 22 adults, 43 children and 28 cases in 2023 with an average payment of \$380.13 monthly payment per month.

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- EDUCATION (SNAP)

With proper nutrition, children learn more easily, adults work more productively, and seniors are healthier and more apt to maintain their independence. Federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, SNAP helps people with low incomes buy food, and buy plants and seeds to grow food to eat. Western Prairie Human Services served 1,125 people with the average of \$2028 per year.





**Child Care Assistance Programs**

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides financial assistance to help families with low incomes pay for child care in order for parents to pursue employment or education leading to employment and those children are well cared for and prepared to enter school ready to learn.

There are 35 registered Child Care Providers in Pope and Grant County, serving 17 families.

[Child Care Assistance: Facts and Figures](#)

**Child Support**

Child Support Enforcement help families receive child support, an important component in helping many families become self-sufficient and reduce or eliminate their need for public assistance. Western Prairie Human Services collected \$217,300.36 in 2023.

**Child and Family Services & Child Protection**

Minnesota’s child protection system responds to allegations of maltreatment and abuse, and helps support families to safely care for their children.

Western Prairie Human Services received 578 reports alleging child maltreatment or child welfare reports, 216 reports were opened were screened in. Western Prairie Human Services assessed a total of 91 families within the 2023 year. A total of 117 children were within these families. As children have returned to school, families are less isolated and schools and service providers are seeing children and families in person.

Reports are screened based on the [Minnesota Child Maltreatment Intake, Screening and Response Path Guidelines](#) published by the

MN Department of Human Services

**REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

Western Prairie Human Service	844.880.1547
Grant County Sheriff’s Office	218.685.8280
Pope County Sheriffs’ Office	320.634.5411
Glenwood Police Department	320.634.4518
Starbuck Police Department	320.239.2311
Traverse County Sheriff’s Office	320.422.7800



## Adoption & Transfer of Custody

Adoption or transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) are options for children in foster care who cannot be safely or timely reunified with their parents. While adoption is the preferred option, for some children, neither adoption nor reunification are appropriate permanency options, but TPLPC to a relative is. Adoption and TPLPC is a process that establishes a legal relationship between a child and their prospective adoptive parents or their adult relative, giving the adoptive parent(s) or relatives permanent decision-making authority for the child. In 2023 seven children were adopted.

## Licensing

Western Prairie Human Services provides licensing for Family Child Care and Family Foster Care Homes.

**Family Child Care Licensing** provides oversight and licensing services to 42 family care licensed locations.

**Child Foster Care Licensing** provides oversight and licensing services to 30 licensed homes this is composed of both relative and non-relative homes.

**Adult Foster Care Licensing** provides oversight and licensing services 17 homes.



## Children's Mental Health Services

Children's Mental Health (CMH) programs are voluntary services that support children and adolescents experiencing severe emotional disturbance (SED), along with their family. The overall objective is to improve functioning within home and educational settings, and to support families in managing symptoms & behavior in the most inclusive environment possible. Western Prairie Human Services provides CMH Case Management Services and in 2023, 119 children received CMH Case Management Services.

## Adult Mental Health Services

Adult Mental Health (AMH) programs support the overall objective of helping people with mental health issues live as independently as possible, be active, contribute to their community and have quality of life. The goal is to provide access to the right level of treatment at the right time, and thereby reduce the need for hospitalization.

Western Prairie Human Services provides AMH Case Management Services and in 2023, 98 people received AMH Case Management Services.



## Home & Community Based Services and Long-Term Care Services

People we serve: People with disabilities and Seniors

Medical Assistance (MA) home care and Minnesota waiver programs pay for a range of medical and health care-related support services. These services enable low-income Minnesotans, who are elderly or who have disabilities, to live as independently as possible in their communities. Disability and Elderly Waivers are home and community-based services available under a federal Medicaid waiver as an alternative to institutional care.

### Western Prairie Human Services offer an array of programs to our Senior community.

**Matter of Balance** to help increase senior physical mobility. Classes were held in 3 different locations in 2023. Glenwood, Cyrus, and Herman. Individuals attending in 2023, Glenwood 14, Cyrus 8 and Herman 10.

**Caregiver Coaching** provides caregivers with additional tools to assist them in their caregiving role.

**Live Well at Home Grant** to purchase numerous items to assist in disseminating information and education to Caregivers. Western Prairie Human Services were able to purchase Memory Maker bags for people with dementia. Also I-pads to access online support group, medical appointments, social support.

### **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (NAPS):**

Low-income seniors may qualify for a free box of healthy groceries each month. It's a benefit available through the federally funded Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

**Number of Boxes Delivered Monthly : Pope 36 Grant 4**



**Adult Protection Service** is a service for adults who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Western Prairie Human Service screened in 168 reports in 2023

**Developmental Disabilities Waiver** is a program that provides home and community based services to children and adults with a diagnosis of a developmental disability or a related condition who require the level of care provided in an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities. Western Prairie Human Services served 146 people in 2023.

**MnChoices** is an assessment and planning tool. It uses a person-centered planning approach to help people make decisions about long-term services and supports. This assessment is completed at no cost to the person. Western Prairie Human Services in 2023 had 14 New Assessments, 128 Reassessments and 26 County of Location

### **TO MAKE A REPORT OF ADULT ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

CALL 1-844-880-1574.  
IF THE ADULT WHO IS VULNERABLE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911 OR YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.



MANDATED REPORTERS PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE MANDATED REPORTER FORM

ALL OTHER REPORTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE MINNESOTA ADULT ABUSE REPORTING CENTER (MAARC) AT 1-844-880-1574.