Union County Human Services 2022 Annual Report



## Director's Letter

Union County Human Services provides services to our community including job search and readiness; food assistance; time limited cash assistance; Medicaid; subsidized child care; child support orders and collection; transportation; support services specific to seniors; and adult and child protection services.

In 2022, we assisted many of our community members as we all learned to exist in the COVID 19 world. Through our Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan (PRC) alone we assisted over 700 community members with services including education and training; housing assistance; assistance for kinship caregivers of minor children; transportation and utility assistance. We were able to provide \$500 cash assistance to 109 qualifying families and 123 school children with \$100 for school clothes, supplies and fees from special COVID funding.

Our Transportation Department, UCATS, provided special social trips for our seniors in addition to our medical and routine social trips. We took vans of seniors to see the holiday lights. Upon entering the UCATS vehicle, riders were given a necklace of lights and popcorn for the ride and stopped for a meal at a restaurant. We continue to look for additional ways to enhance the lives of our seniors in our community.

The following information provides statistical data for Human Services for 2022.

Respectfully,

Sue Ware

**Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Union County** is Union County's center for employment resources and business services. The center includes Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) services. Consumers can receive assistance including job search, job skills, job training, education, and resume writing. Businesses receive services including job posting, applicant screening and referral, employer orientation and interviewing.

- Visitors to the OMJ center: 1,534
- Businesses served: 152
- WIOA funds expended on participants: \$42,007

\* Ohio Works First (OWF) provides time-limited cash assistance to needy families with (or expecting) children, by furnishing parents or specified relatives with work, training, and other support services they need to attain permanent selfsufficiency while meeting the family's ongoing basic needs. The funding for this program is a mixture of federal and state funds.

- New applications processed: 220
- 167 recipients: 161 children; 6 adults
- Client Benefits: \$411,122

\*The Food Assistance Program provides food assistance to eligible low-income Ohioans.

- New applications processed: 1,279
- 4,440 recipients: 1,865 children; 2,575 adults
- Client benefits: \$8,652,291

\*Child Care is a subsidized program that financially assists eligible Ohioans to obtain child care for their children while they work, go to school or are in a training program. Parents or caretakers can choose a provider or center that is licensed, certified, and held to maintaining and complying with regulatory inspections and policies.

- Open cases: 78
- 158 children served

**\*Ohio Medicaid** provides access to health care with a wide array of medical benefits for eligible Ohioans.

- 8,514 individuals eligible
- 3,408 children; 5,106 adults
- Client benefits: \$75,212,465

**\*\*Child Support** provides services to help ensure that children receive the financial and medical support they are entitled to. By working with both parents, the program seeks to establish and enforce support orders and maintain consistent support payments.

- Open cases: 2,371
- New orders: 140
- Support % collected: 76.74%
- Support collected: \$5,166,271

Senior Services provides services for community members ages 60 and older. The funding for this program is from the Senior Services Sales Tax Levy.

- Total number of seniors served: 11,733
- Total new referrals for service: 385
- Total number of seniors receiving in home services: 367
  - Homemaking Services: 141
  - Personal Care: 34
  - Respite Care: 24
  - Emergency Assistance: 67
  - Emergency Response Systems and medication dispensers: 181
- Total number of seniors receiving case management services: 310
- Number of transportation trips paid for seniors: 9,681

Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation against Union County residents, ages 60 and older.

• Referrals investigated: 38

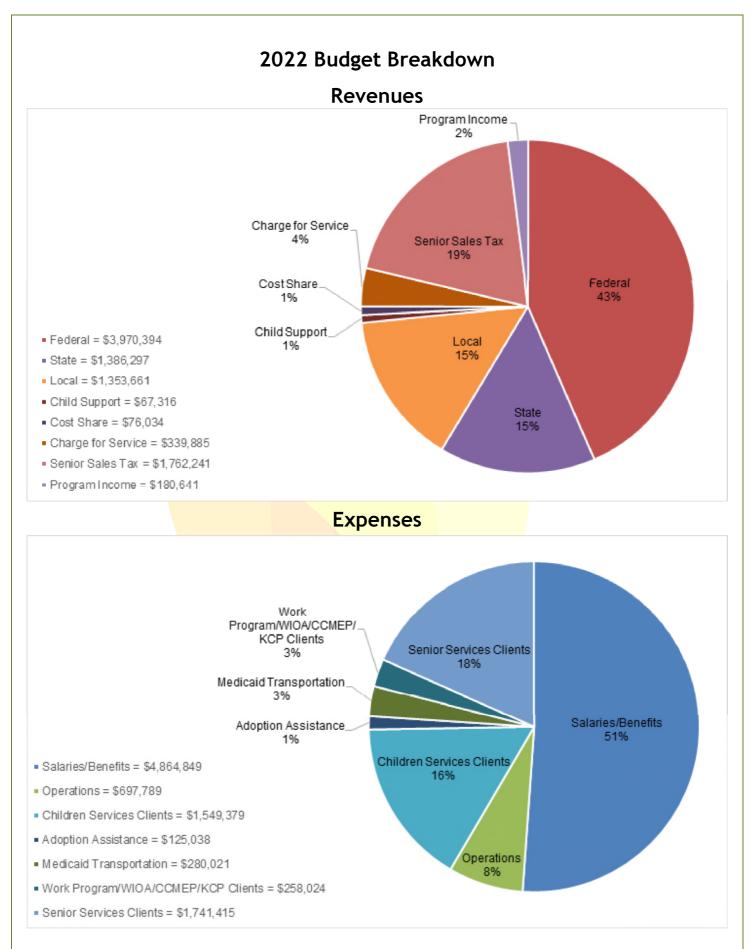
- Neglect investigations: 4
- Self-neglect investigations: 18
- Exploitation investigations: 11
- $\circ$  Emotional abuse investigations: 7
- $\circ$  Physical abuse investigations: 1
- $\circ$  Sexual abuse investigations: 0

**Union County Agency Transportation Services** (UCATS) provides transportation services primarily to residents needing assistance getting to medical appointments and seniors, ages 60 and over.

- Number of trips provided: 10,434
- Number of riders: 11,172

**Children Services** investigates/assesses allegations of abuse, neglect, and dependency of children. The goal is to protect children from harm and to maintain children in the least restrictive setting safely. Children services provides foster care and adoption services to provide temporary or permanent homes to children when it is not safe to remain in their home.

- Total number of Investigations and Assessments: 253
  - Neglect investigations: 88
  - Physical abuse investigations: 129
  - Sexual abuse investigations: 33
  - Emotional maltreatment investigations: 22
  - Family in Need of Services assessments: 14
  - Dependency assessments: 19
- Total number of children in custody: 69
  - Placements in kinship care: 20
  - Placements in Union County foster homes: 34
  - Placements in network foster or group homes: 20
  - Placements in residential facility: 5
  - Placements in Independent Living Program: 8
  - $\circ$  Other: 1
- Positive toxicology screened infants: 8



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