

Message from the Director

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Calvert County Department of Social Services Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. Social Services is a challenging field, working with individuals and families that need our services financially, for healthcare, childcare, child support, family support, support to secure safety, and support of the aging. The tireless commitment of our department staff continues to amaze me as they rise to the challenge and ensure that our agency performs above expectations. As you can see from the report, our highlights and accomplishments are many.

Our Agency would not be able to meet many of our mandates without the partnerships that we have established in the community. From other local and state agencies to nonprofits and our own Advisory Board, your assistance has made us stronger. By combining resources, we were able to meet the needs of more individuals and families in our community.

As I finalize my message for this Annual Report, it is bittersweet for me. As of February 1, 2025, I will be retiring from State Service. After 30+ years at Calvert County Department of Social Services, it feels like leaving home. I have had the pleasure of serving, learning, and growing in this community, meeting many wonderful people along the way. Calvert County Resources succeed because of the joint efforts of numerous people in numerous agencies, all working toward a common goal. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this ongoing journey. Best wishes!

-Amye Scrivener, LCSW-C, Director

Administration & Finance

Recruitment, New Hires and Reinstatements

Merit - New Hires: 5
Contractual - New Hires and Transfers:
2 Contractual, 3 Transfer
Reinstatements: 0

Retirements, Resignations and Transfers

Retirements: 1
Resignations: 5
Transfers: 3

Other Actions

Non-competitive Promotions: 5
Interns: 2



Family Investment

SNAP

Average caseload size monthly: 3723
Average number of recipients monthly: 6843
Average hh size: 1.8
Net expenditure amounts monthly: \$1,157,517

TCA

Caseload size on a monthly average: 54
Number of recipients on a monthly average: 155
Average HH size: 2.8
Net expenditure amount monthly: \$41,089

EAFC

Total expenditures: \$25,189
Grants: 16
Average Grant amount: \$1,574

Medical Assistance

Number of Community Care cases on a monthly average: 998
Number of Long-Term cases on a monthly average: 173
Number of SSI cases on a monthly average: 1075

TDAP

Average Caseload size monthly: 131
Average caseload size monthly for customers on short term disability:
26
Average caseload size monthly for customers on long term disability:
105
Average net monthly expenditure amount: \$48,354

Local Assistance

Total expenditure amount: \$8,163
Number of Grants: 30
Average grant amount: \$291.00

Burial Grants: 0

HPP Grant: One for \$400.00

Services

Child Protective Services (CPS)

CPS Investigated Cases

Total CPS Referrals: 923
Monthly Referral Average: 77
Referrals Accepted for a CPS Response: 312
Investigated Responses: 126
Alternative Responses: 186
Children interviewed at CAC: 54

Assessments

Substance Exposed Newborns: 37
Risk of Harm: 7
Requests from Other Agencies: 22
Protective Order Assessments: 40

Multidisciplinary Team

Cases Reviewed: 13
CAC Case Reviewed 79

After Hours

Calls for CPS Services: 115

Home Study

Total Home Studies: 16
Requests from Home: 8
Interstate Compact Placement of Children: 5
Supervised Placements: 5

Out of Home Care

Children Served: 53
New Entries: 6
Average Children in Care per Month: 45
Children who Exited Care: 13
Children who Aged Out of Care: 6
Children Reunified: 6
Adoptions Finalized: 1
Guardianship: 3
OOH was able to obtain permanency for 7 children.

Resource Home Providers

Resource Homes in Calvert County: 25
New Resource Homes Approved: 4
Closed Resource Homes: 8
Kinship Homes Approved: 2

Independent Living — As of June 30, 2024

Total Youth Independent Living Eligible: 18
45% of children in Foster Care are independent living aged.

Family Centered Practice

Family Team decision meeting (FTDM): 68
Families Served in FIMs: 93
Children Served in FIMs: 67

Family Preservation

In-Home Family Services: 85 families

Adult Services

Adult Protected Services (APS)

Total APS Referrals: 271
Completed Investigations: 72
Continuing APS services: 4
Financial Exploitation Total Investigations: 15

Adult Guardianship

Guardianship Assessments: 5
Total Guardianship (under 65 years old) Cases: 5

Senior Care

Customers Served per Month: avg. 11

Project Home Case Management and Home Licensure

Customers in Project Home: 4
Licensed Project Homes: 2

Social Services to Adults

Customers Served: 62

Respite Care

Customers Served: 21

In-Home Adult Services (IHAS)

Vulnerable Adults Served: 15 DSS: 8 Vendor: 10

Child Support

For FFY 2024 Calvert County Child Support Administration met and exceeded two out of four of our goals. Total Child Support Disbursed \$9.27 million for Calvert County's children. Our current caseload is 1919.

Court Order Establishment = 91.51% = #6 in the state
Goal 92.77%

Paternity Establishment % = 103.93% = #5 in the state
Goal 100.00% - ACHIEVED GOAL

Current Support Collected % = 73.41% = #1 in the state
Goal 72.55% - ACHIEVED GOAL

Arrears Paying % = 81.40% = #1 in the state
Goal 83.68%

Calvert County Social Services Advisory Board
"Calvert Family Advocates"

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FY 2024

Renita Alexander, SSAB Chair
Amye Scrivener, Director
Tracey Dolina-Watkins
Melissa Schaming
Denise Plater
Jenifer Duff
Nathalie Thon
Sarah David
Stefany Lang
Jennifer Moreland



Calvert County Department of Social Services
Christmas Tree of Angels Program



2024 Angel Tree Program served 280 families including 635 children served.

8,456 Children have been served from 2013-2024 through Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels (Angel Tree) Program.

Strategic Plan Highlights

- CAC executive and leadership team met late fall to begin the process of accreditation and completed an initial strategic planning session. The CAC is the process of exploring a move to a larger space.
- Provided CPS Mandatory reported training in April for 56 community partners.
- October 1st Maryland became a "Family First" state which prioritizes placing children experiencing foster care with family of origin or by choice. This change in regulation will allow the Department to fast-track families to become licenses foster homes to make them eligible for financial support as well as have access to the supports current licenses resource homes have. We licensed 7 homes for 13 children under kinship in less than 30 day once the policy was issued.
- Calvert Foster Parent Association opened the Kid's Closet which is one of the 1st in the state. It is a stocked closet of basic necessities to assist in supporting foster and kinship families to meet the needs of children who may be residing with them as well as biological parents during reunification.
- Adult Services was able to prevent 4 public adult guardian ship by providing critical resources, supports and locating family to intervene.

Vision

We envision a community where individuals and families have unlimited opportunities to achieve independence and where all people are safe from harm. In addition, we envision a department that engages all team members in the mission, provides clear expectations to team members, strengthens shared values, builds trust, communicates effectively, recognizes good performance, and inspires all to be the best they can be.

Mission Statement

We will work with individuals and families of Calvert County in order to achieve a better quality of life by:

- Creating opportunities for obtaining independence;
- Protecting vulnerable children and adults;
- Providing appropriate financial support;
- Promoting preservation of families;
- Establishing strong business and community partnerships;
- Adopting programs and policies to meet the changing needs of our citizens and community.



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