

Jackson County DSS

2025 Update

Medicaid

- Around 12,000 Jackson County citizens currently receive Medicaid Benefits.
- Jackson County added 2,983 new beneficiaries with Medicaid expansion.
- Federal Reconciliation HB 1 could end coverage for these new enrollees.
- New work requirements will make it difficult for citizens to enroll.
- The Federal government will no long reimburse counties for 75% of the administrative (Medicaid Caseworker's Salary) cost of operating Medicaid. This cost will passed down to counties.

Energy Assistance

- JCDSS offers 2 Energy Assistance Programs.
- Crisis Intervention Program (CIP).
- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program- Currently Not funded in the Federal Reconciliation HB1.

Food and Nutrition Services(FNS)

- Around 4,200 Jackson County citizens currently receive FNS benefits.
- FNS Benefits contribute roughly \$8,000,000 to our local economy.
- Federal Reconciliation HB 1 will no longer allow for 100% federal funding for this program. Counties will pay for 75% of the administrative costs (Caseworker Salaries) instead of 25%.
- HB 1 will also require counties to pay up to 15% of the total cost of the program. This would be an annual \$2,000,000 expense for Jackson County.

Child Support

- Child Support is 50 years old this year!
- Begun by congress in 1975 Child Support Enforcement is a program that ensures both parents share financial responsibility for raising children.
- This program was also seen as a means to lessen burden on Social Welfare Systems by providing extra income to custodial parents to reduce reliance on social programs.
- Jackson County has one of the best units in the state and annually collects nearly \$2,000,000 for children.

Adult Protective Services

- APS- Protection of adults who are at risk of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation.
- Guardianship- Director is appointment guardian for those who cannot make decisions to care for themselves and no other person is willing to provide care.
- Representative Payee- DSS can be appointed as Payee when the Social Security Administration determines that someone needs assistance managing their funds.

Child Protective Services

- Child Protection- 24/7/365 response to reports of abuse neglect and dependency. FY 2024 we received **698** reports and responded to **395** reports. We currently have **78** children in foster care.
- In-Home Services- When Risk of maltreatment is high and services are needed to prevent further maltreatment, but the risk is not high enough for immediate removal of a child, families are supported and monitored.
- Foster Care- When children are unable to safely remain in their home, JCDSS Director is awarded custody of the child. Foster Care is wrought with challenges.

Clerical and Administration

- Team of Processing Assistants- Handle complex and highly confidential information as well as all the accounting for 78 foster children and 28 adults in care.
- Fiscal Officer- Manages the budget as well as the complicated process of accounting for all the time spent on each program in order to maximize our reimbursements from the State.
- Administrative Assistant- Not the correct classification for this job because the additional HR and scheduling responsibilities.

Short Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hxlq1DBmSOA>