



**HEALTH &
HUMAN
SERVICES**
FARIBAULT &
MARTIN
COUNTIES

**QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2025**

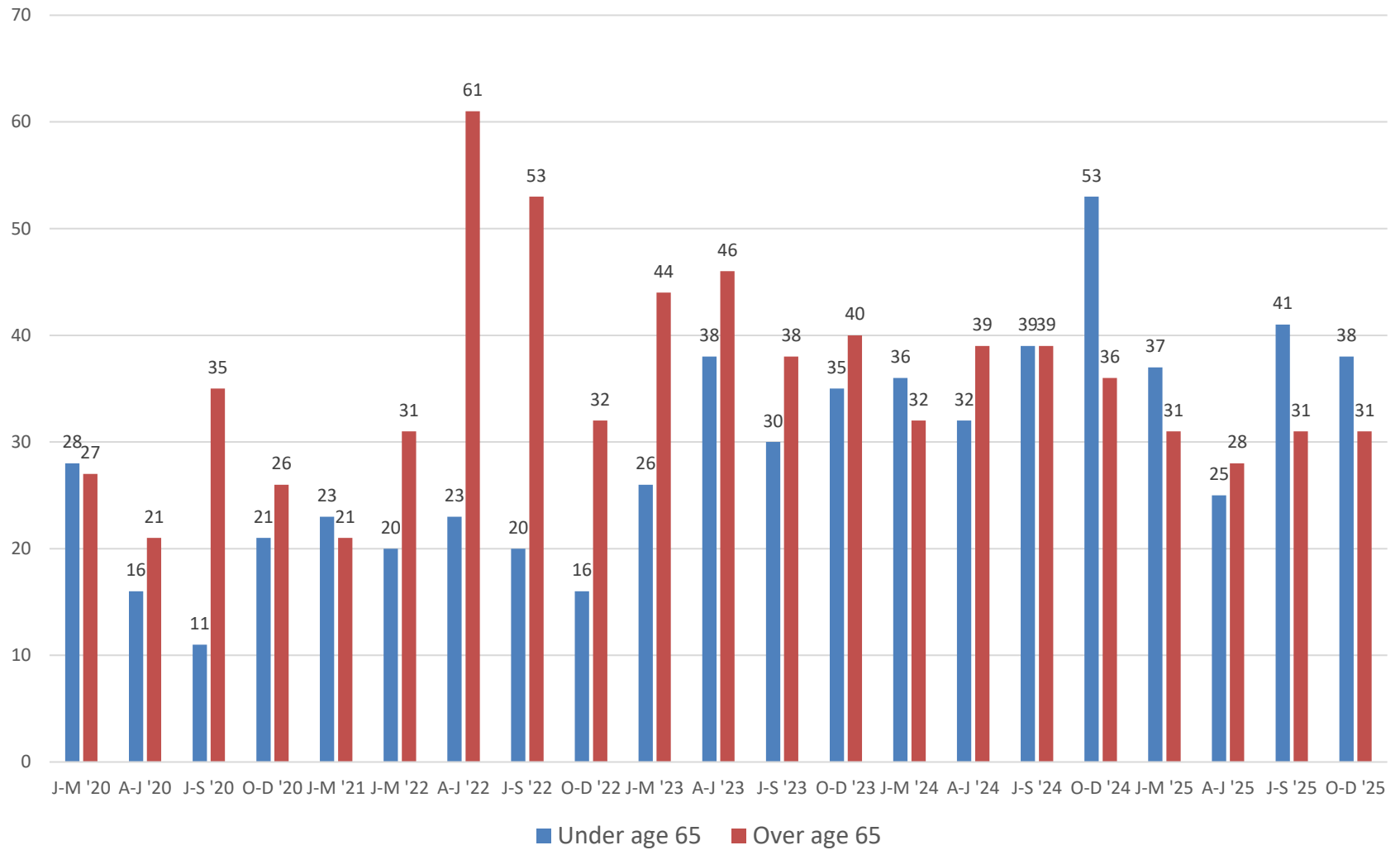


**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO
SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS**

Goal I.A

All residents will safely live within the community and be free to participate at their highest functional level.

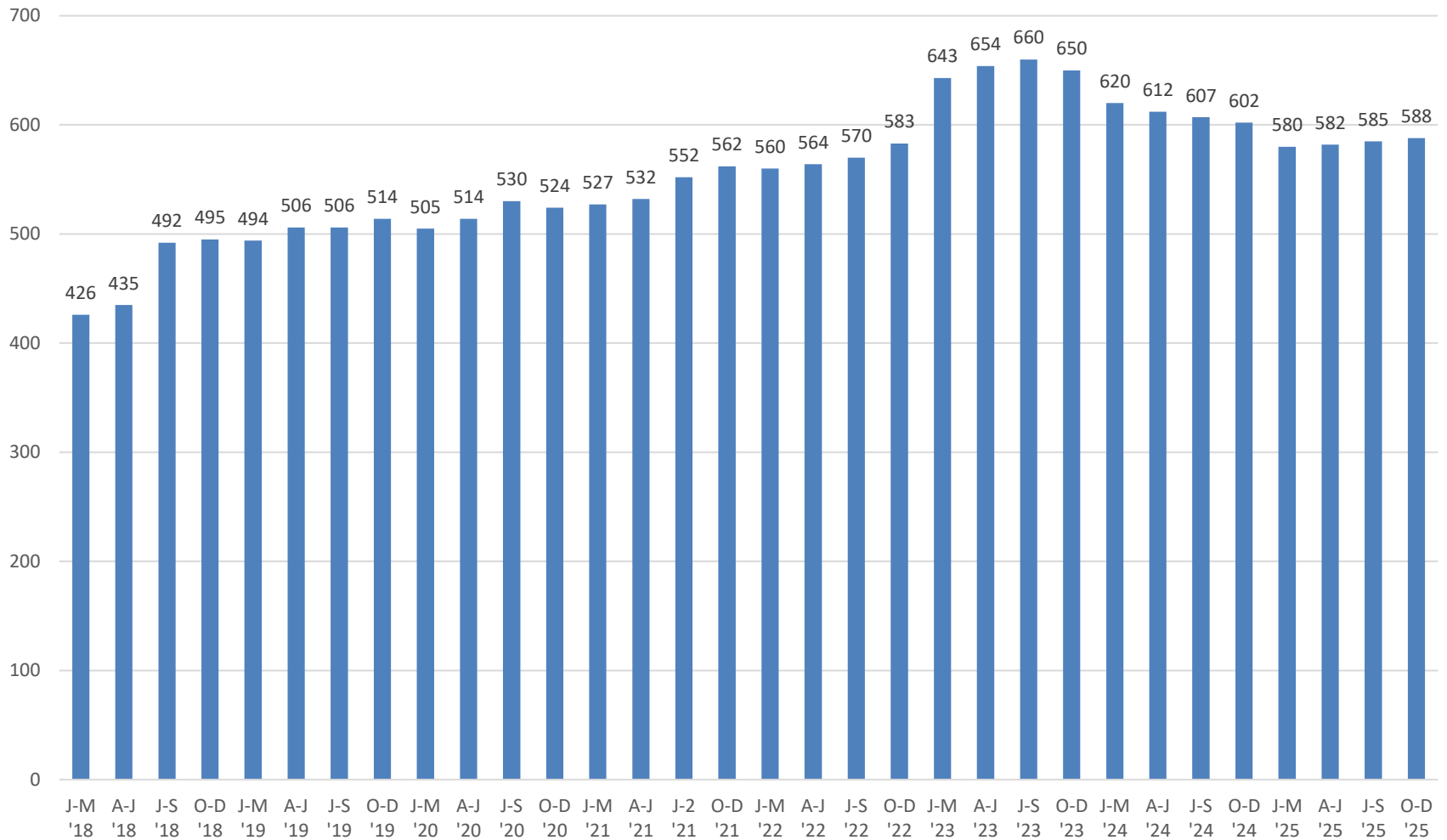
MnCHOICES Referrals



MNCHOICES Referrals to Open to Waiver Services

- There were 38 referrals for MnCHOICES for people under the age of 65 this past quarter.
- There were 31 referrals for MnCHOICES for people over the age of 65 this past quarter.
- Additionally, there were eight (8) County of Location assessment referrals and five (5) Personal Care Attendant assessment referrals.

65+ Care Coordination Caseload – Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)



Minnesota Senior Health Options & Elderly Waiver

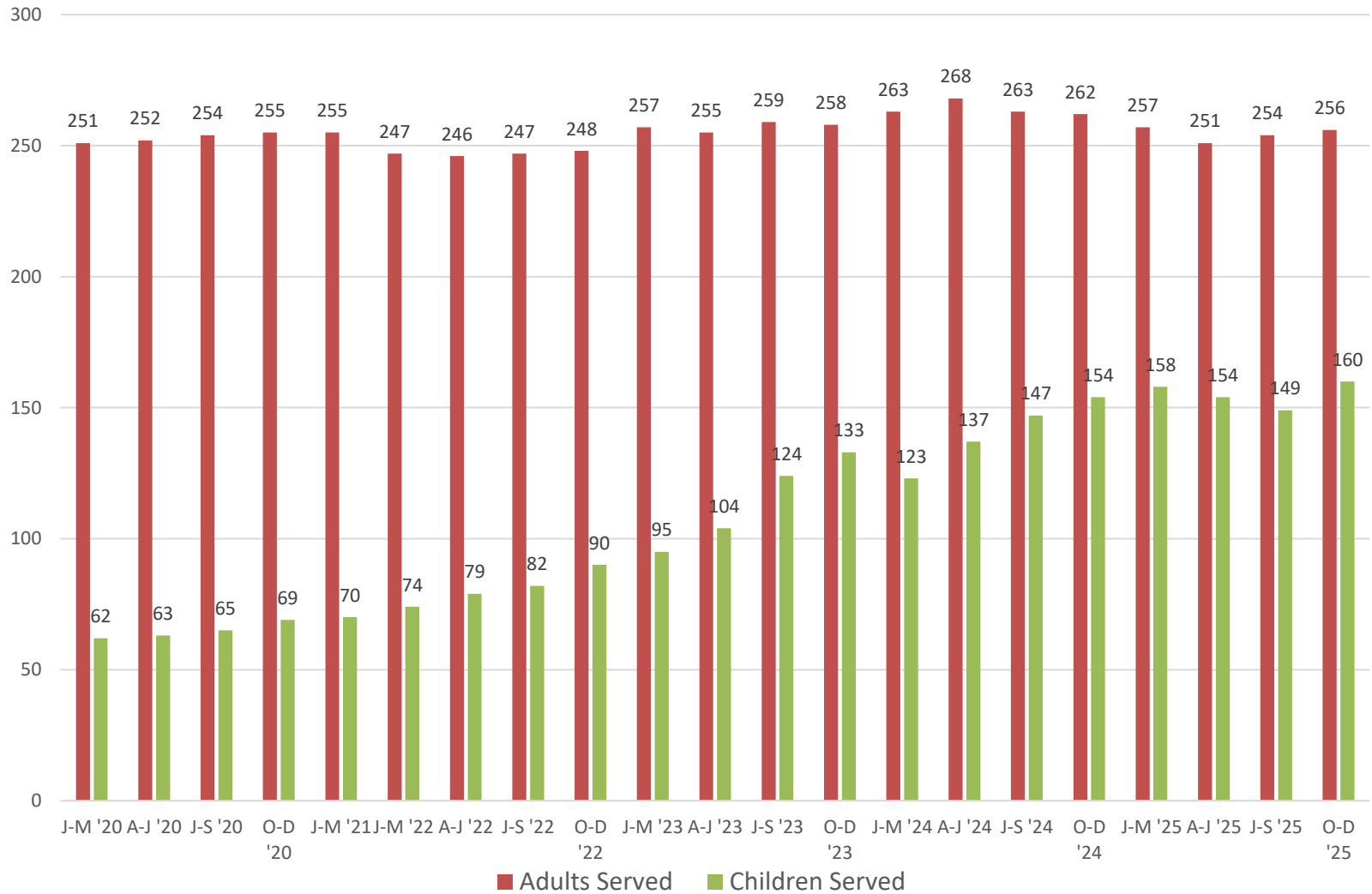
Program Updates:

- MSHO is managing a caseload of 588 clients as of December 31, 2025.
- Staff completed 167 re-assessments in addition to the 31 new community referrals and 42 referrals from the managed care organizations (MCOs).

Successes & Challenges:

- Around mid- December, UCARE would discontinue MSHO services effective 12/31. This resulted in staff needing to work with over 200 clients to transition them to another managed care plan quickly to maintain services. UCARE will be transition all clients and services to Medica over 2026.
- Season's Health Care in Trimont notified us in December they were planning to lose – resulting in our staff working with them to ensure relocation of all residents, 12 of whom were under our case management.
- With the loss of Mn Para transportation-care coordinators are struggling to help clients meet their transportation need. We are at a loss as how this will resolve. At this time, health plans will not allow medical transportation to be billed under the waiver.
- Ongoing fraud concerns in Minnesota are impacting service delivery – specifically home care services like personal care attendance services.

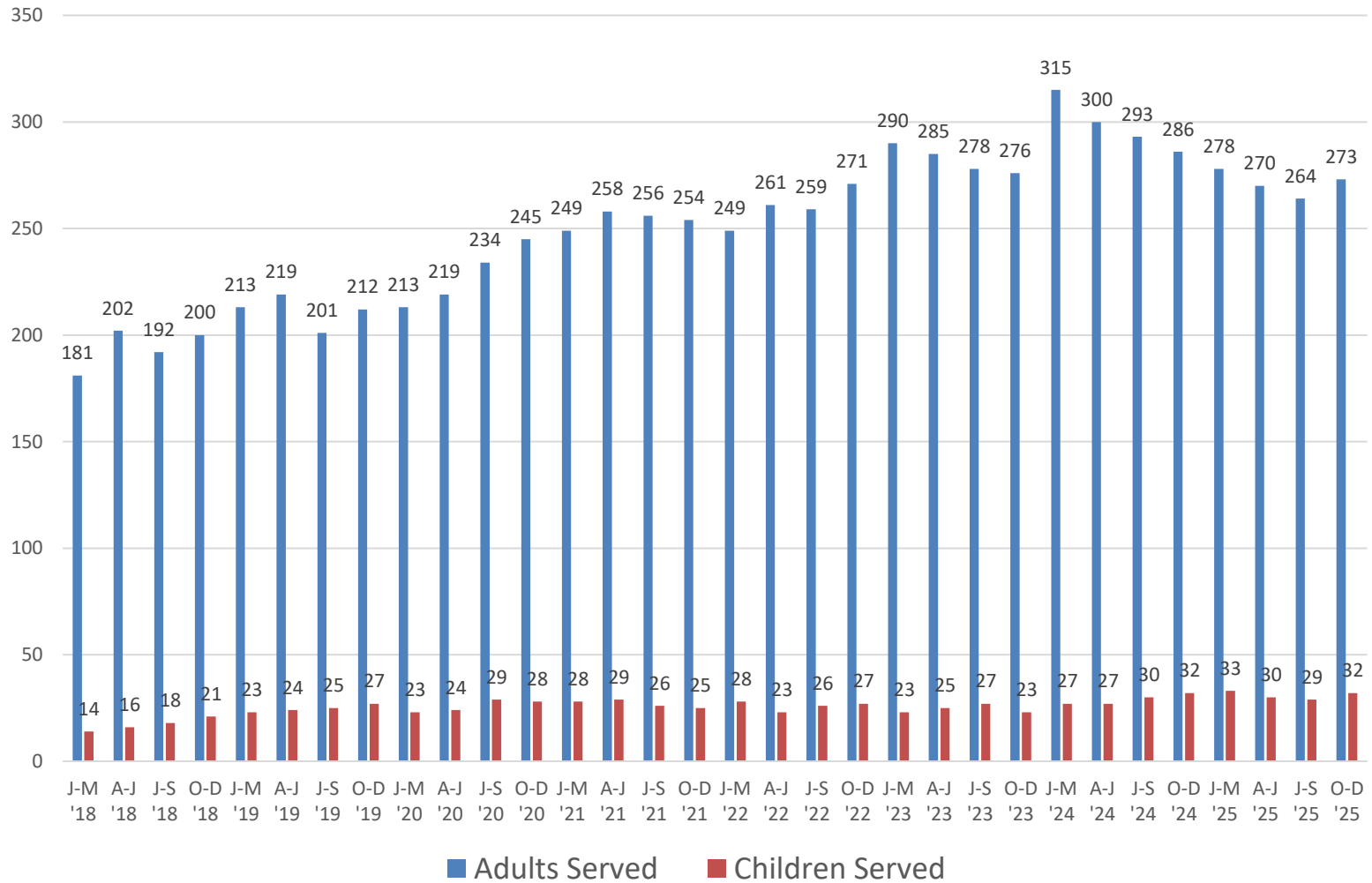
Developmental Disabilities Case Management



Developmental Disabilities Case Management

- Adults served total 256
- Children served total 160
- Eleven (11) of the children referred for Developmental Disabilities Case Management were determined eligible for Rule 185 case management services.
- No “new” teenagers were referred for Rule 185 services.

CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload



CADI – Community Access for Disabled Inclusion
CAC – Community Alternative Care
BI – Brain Injury

CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload

- Adults served by CCBI waiver total 278. Thirty-two (32) children are served.
- 51 CCBI/DD referrals were accepted.

CCBI – CAC/CADI/BI

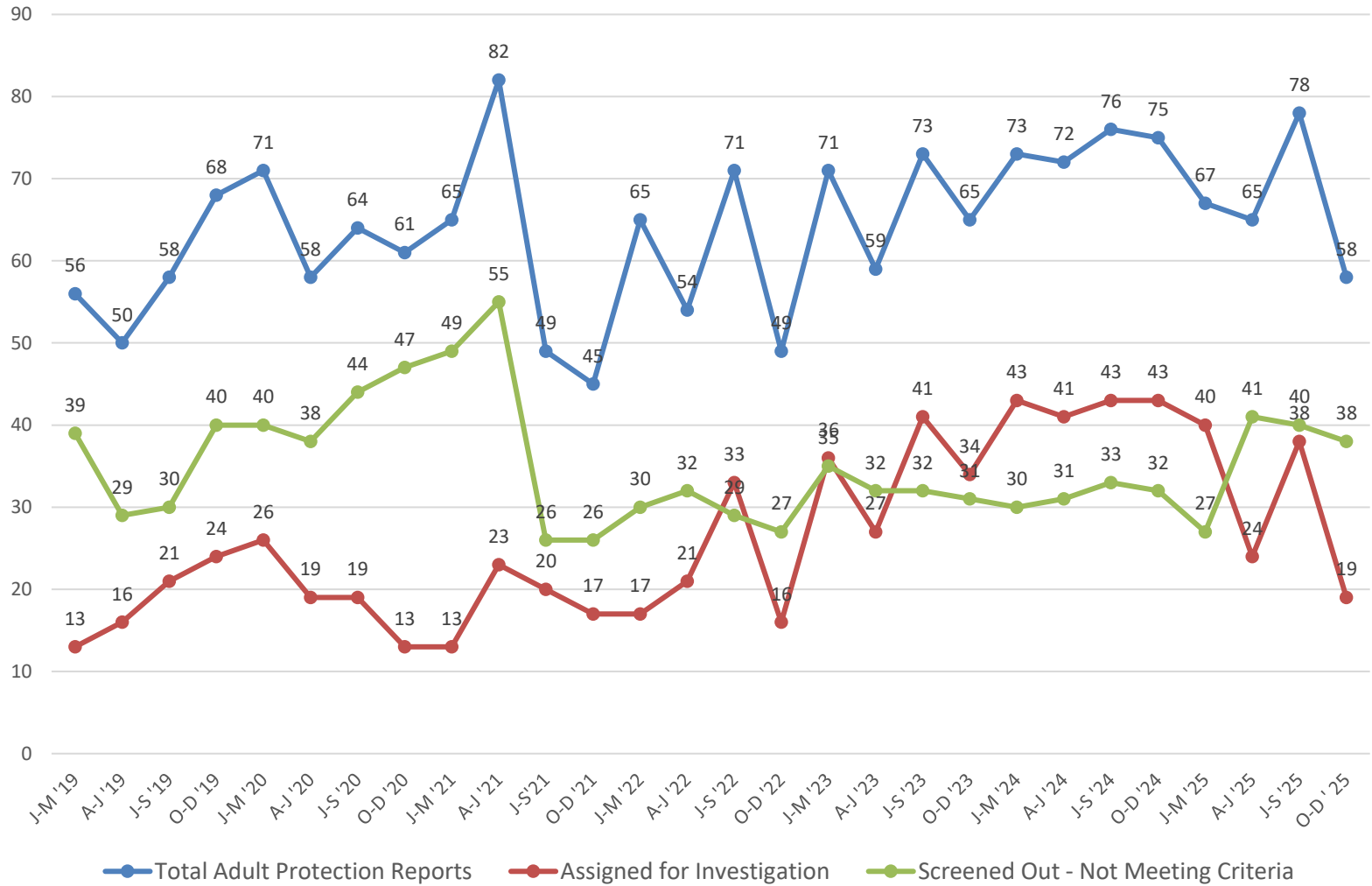
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CAC – Community Alternative Care

BI – Brain Injury

DD – Developmental Disabilities

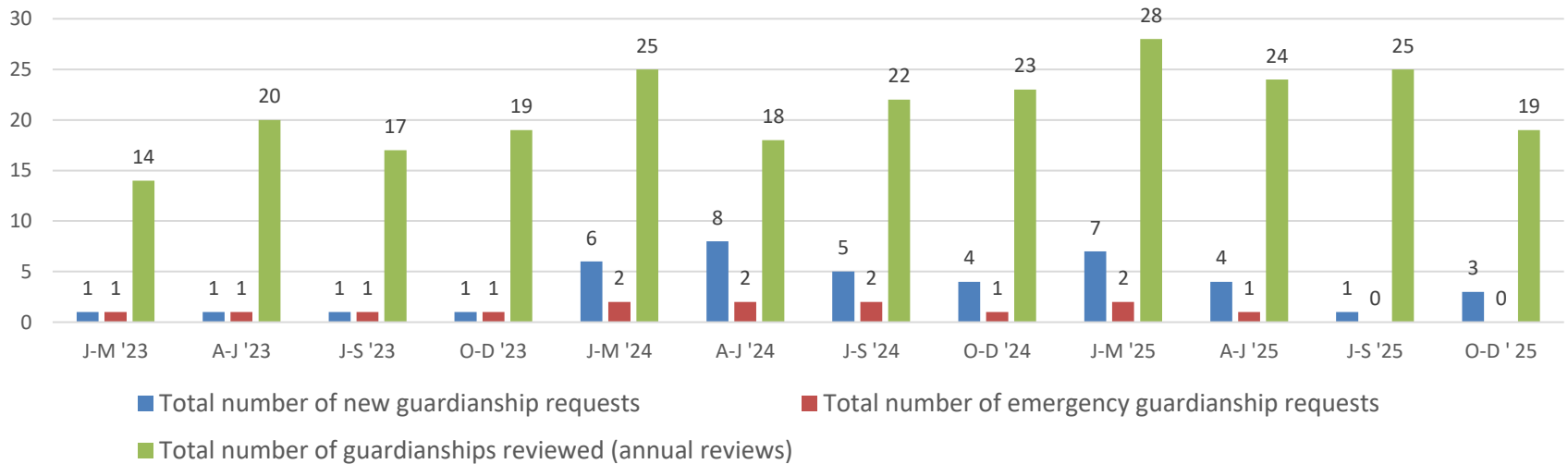
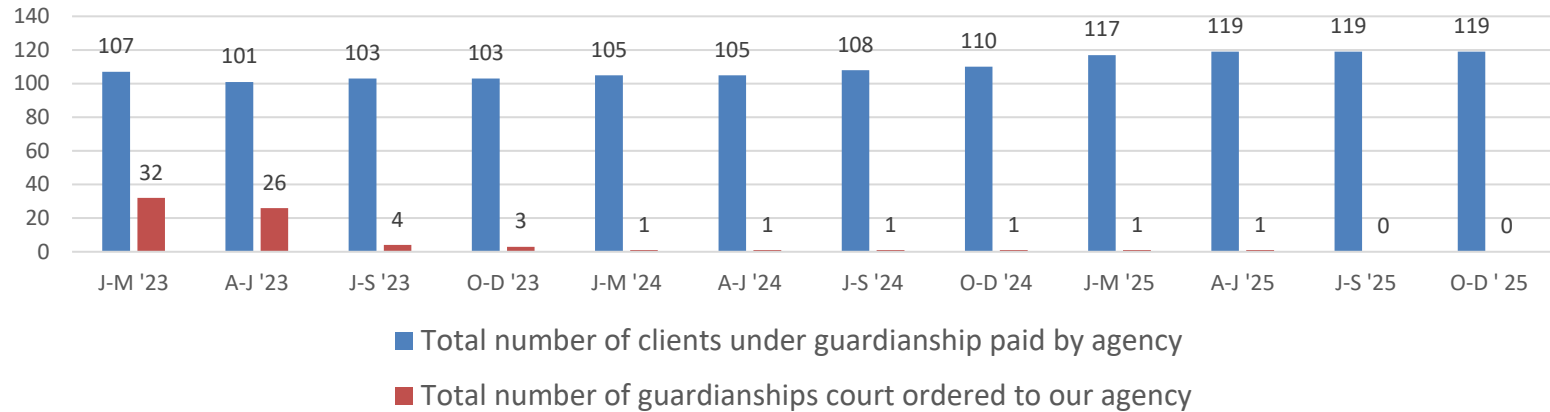
Adult Protection



Adult Protection

- During Quarter 4, 58 adult protection reports were received.
- 19 of the reports were assigned for investigation.
- 38 were screened out as not meeting criteria.
- One (1) report was assigned for emergency protective services.

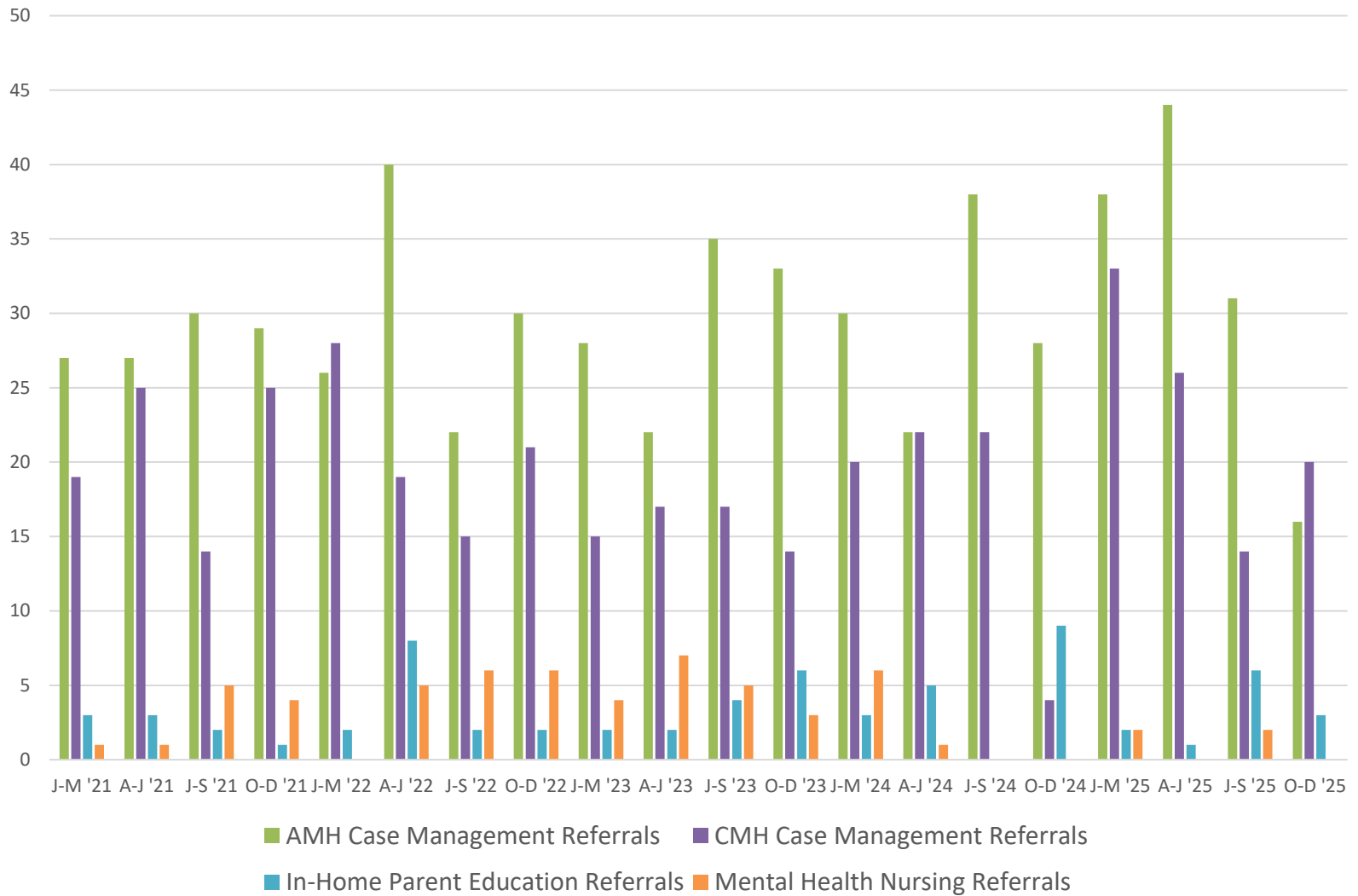
Guardianship Services



Guardianship Services

- We have 119 individuals court ordered for guardianship services paid for by Faribault & Martin Counties.
- 19 clients received annual review of guardianship services. The new standard will be to review all clients on guardianship annually to determine continued need for service.
- Three (3) new guardianships were approved.

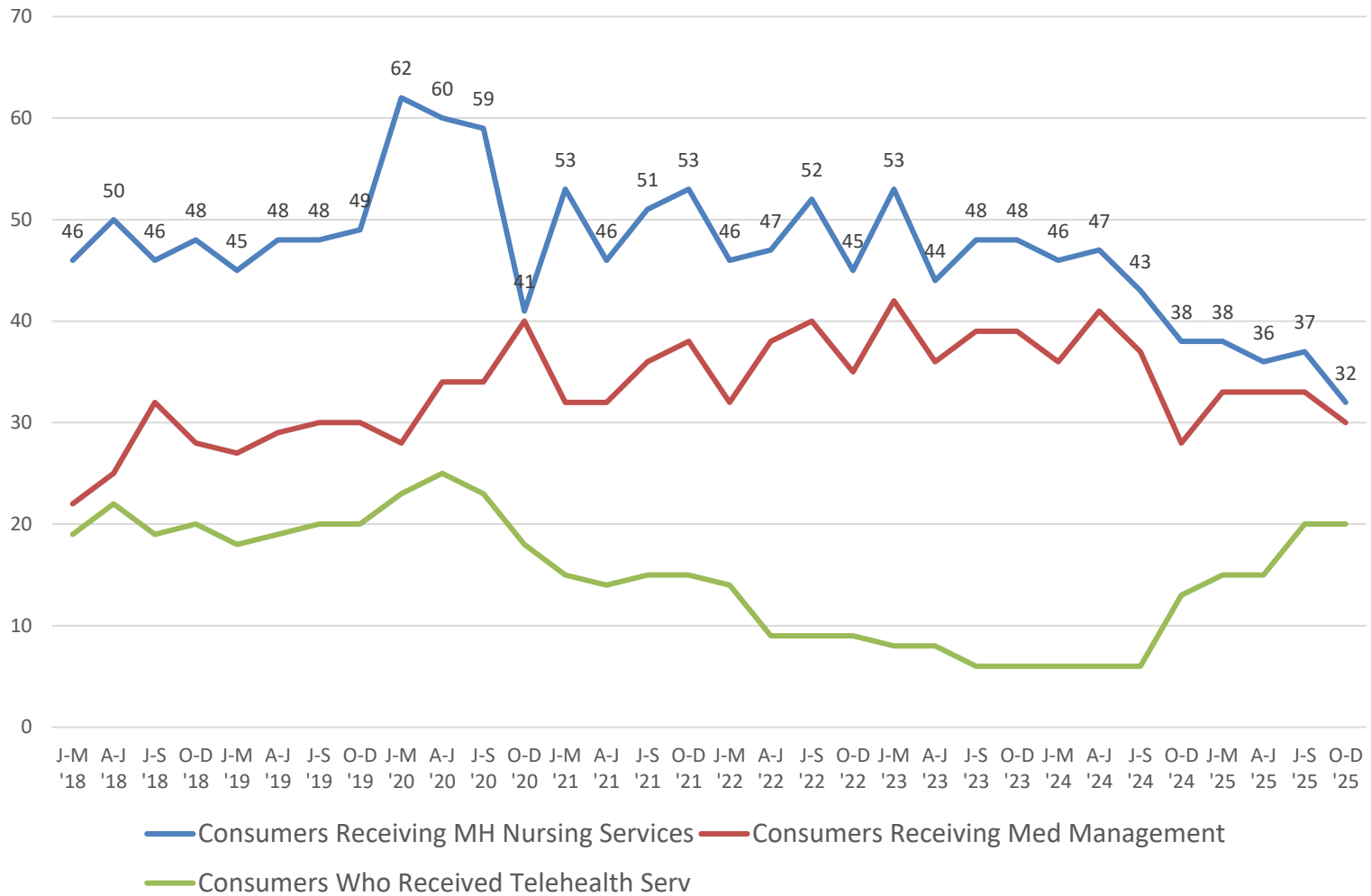
Mental Health Referrals



Mental Health Referrals

We had 16 new referrals for Adult Mental Health Services, 20 new referrals for Children's Mental Health Services, three (3) referrals for In-Home Parent Education, and no referrals for mental health nursing services this past quarter.

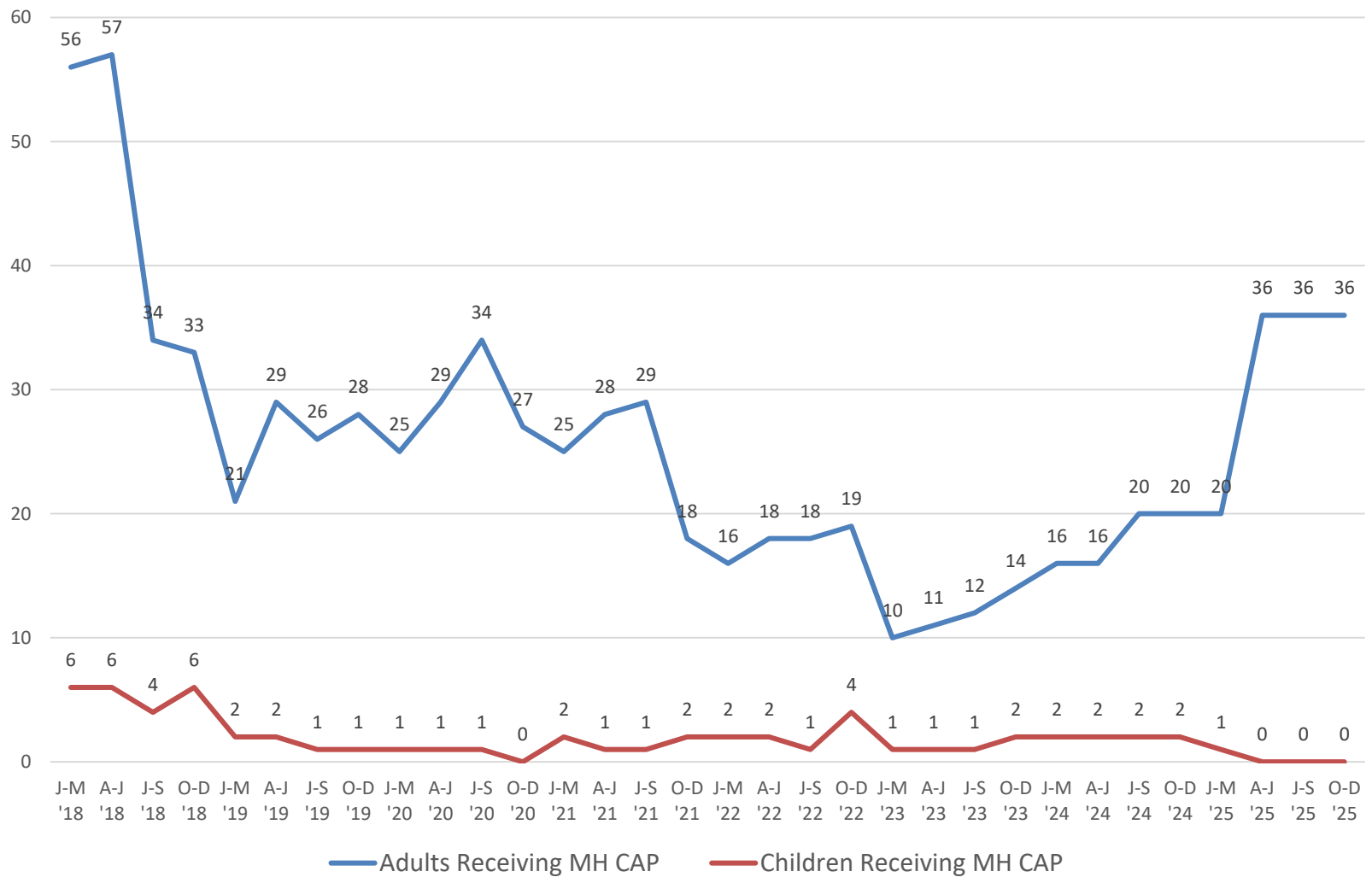
Mental Health Nursing Services



Mental Health Nursing

- We have 32 consumers receiving mental health nursing services.
- 30 consumers are receiving mediation management.
- 20 consumers are receiving telehealth services.
- 14 consumers are receiving injections.

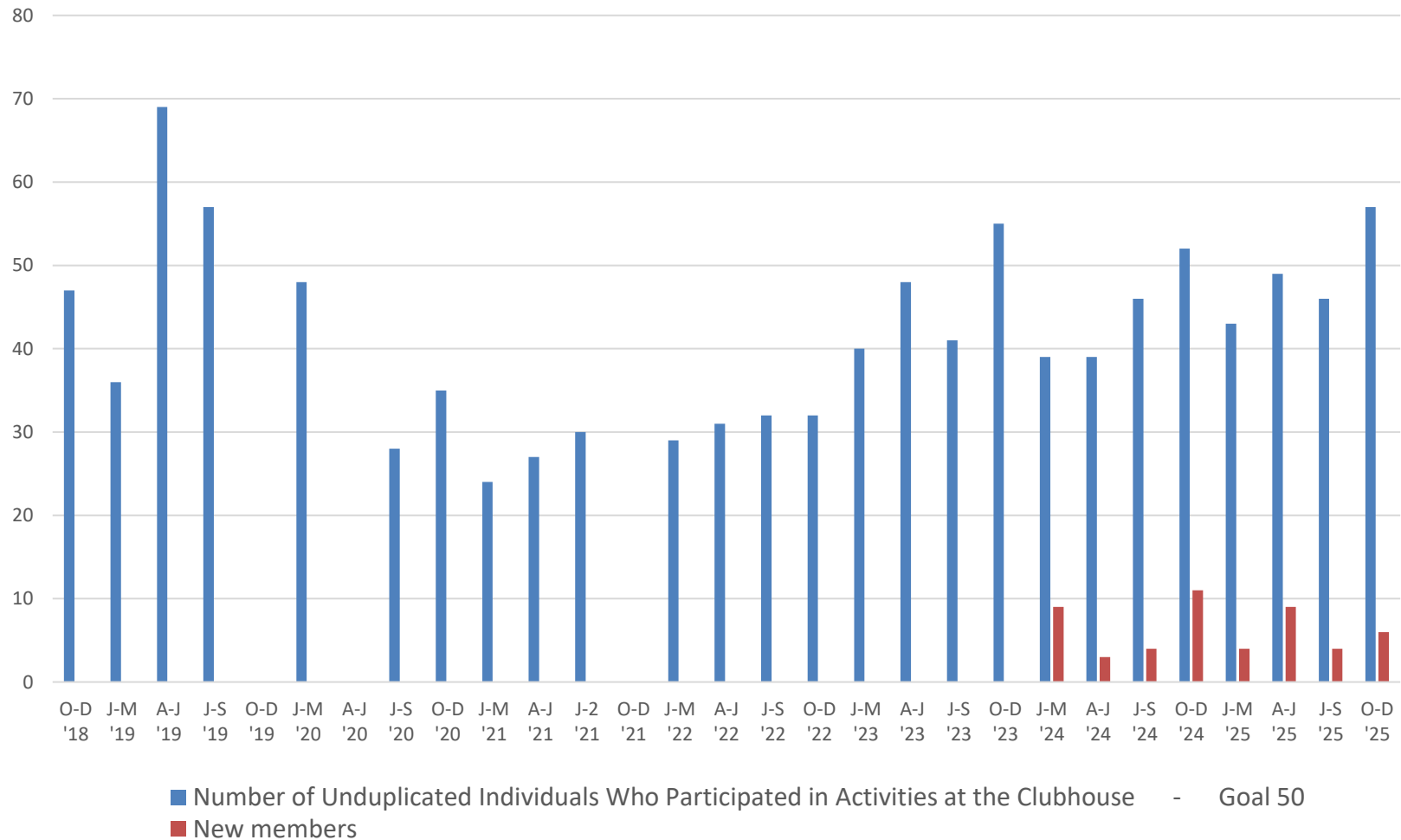
Mental Health Client Assistance Program



Mental Health Client Assistance Program

- The Mental Health Client Assistance Program (MHCAP) assists adults, youth, and their families who have no insurance or expensive insurance with accessing free or affordable mental health services. MHCAP contracts with local mental health agencies.
- In this quarter, we had 36 adults who used the MH CAP program. No children were served.

Clubhouse Activities





Come join us!

Upward Bound/5th Street Express Clubhouse



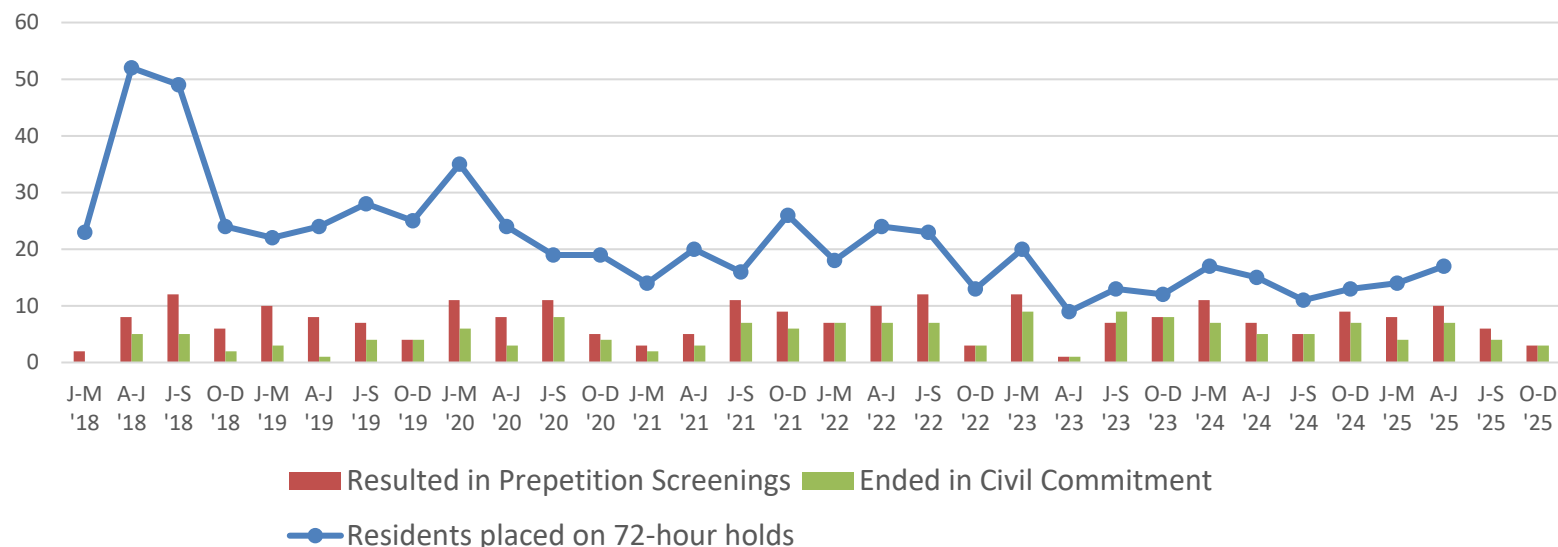
Clubhouse

The fourth quarter of 2025 saw 57 different clubhouse members participate in an activity, drop in, clean, or attend board meetings. This is the most members who have been active in a quarter in many years, which is a result of not only newer members attending but also renewed interest from current members who have not participated in some time, in addition to those who do participate frequently. The clubhouse was open a total of 69 days, and was utilized a total of 73 days, with only one snow day. A total of six new member applications were approved by the board this quarter as well. In addition to member attendance, we more than doubled our usual number of guests, due in part to our Holiday Meal, our hosting a memorial gathering for friends and family of a member who passed away, and members bringing staff or friends to check out the clubhouse with them.

As long as weather provided, members attended activities outside of the clubhouse such as mini golf, walk group, chair fitness at the library, snacks and a Minnesota Vikings game on tv, a new “peer pop up” group, cookie baking, monthly free community meals and shopping in Mankato, and trips to a rummage sale, the Odin Craft Mill, Center Creek Orchard, the Mall Of America, and also to the Kiwanis Holiday Lights in Mankato. Activities at the clubhouse itself included wii bowling, game days, multiple regular and holiday crafts led by members, movies and food, painting, and wood burning. Our larger activities included the memorial gathering (22 members), a special guest speaker from NAMI (14 members), a birthday lunch and bingo party (21 members), our annual Holiday Meal led by Human Services staff (35 members), and our clubhouse Christmas Party with food, cookies, bingo and karaoke (19 members).

In addition to all of our above gatherings, we also attended two “10 County activities” with other clubhouses: a mental health awareness walk and speakers in Saint Peter and our big annual Halloween Party in Le Center.

Residents Placed on 72-hour Holds and Results of 72-hour Holds



2025 Costs:

Faribault Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$112,768

Faribault Does Not Meet Criteria - \$28,027

Martin Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$258,068

Martin Mn State Hospital – \$124,361

Martin Forensic Nursing Home - \$41,129

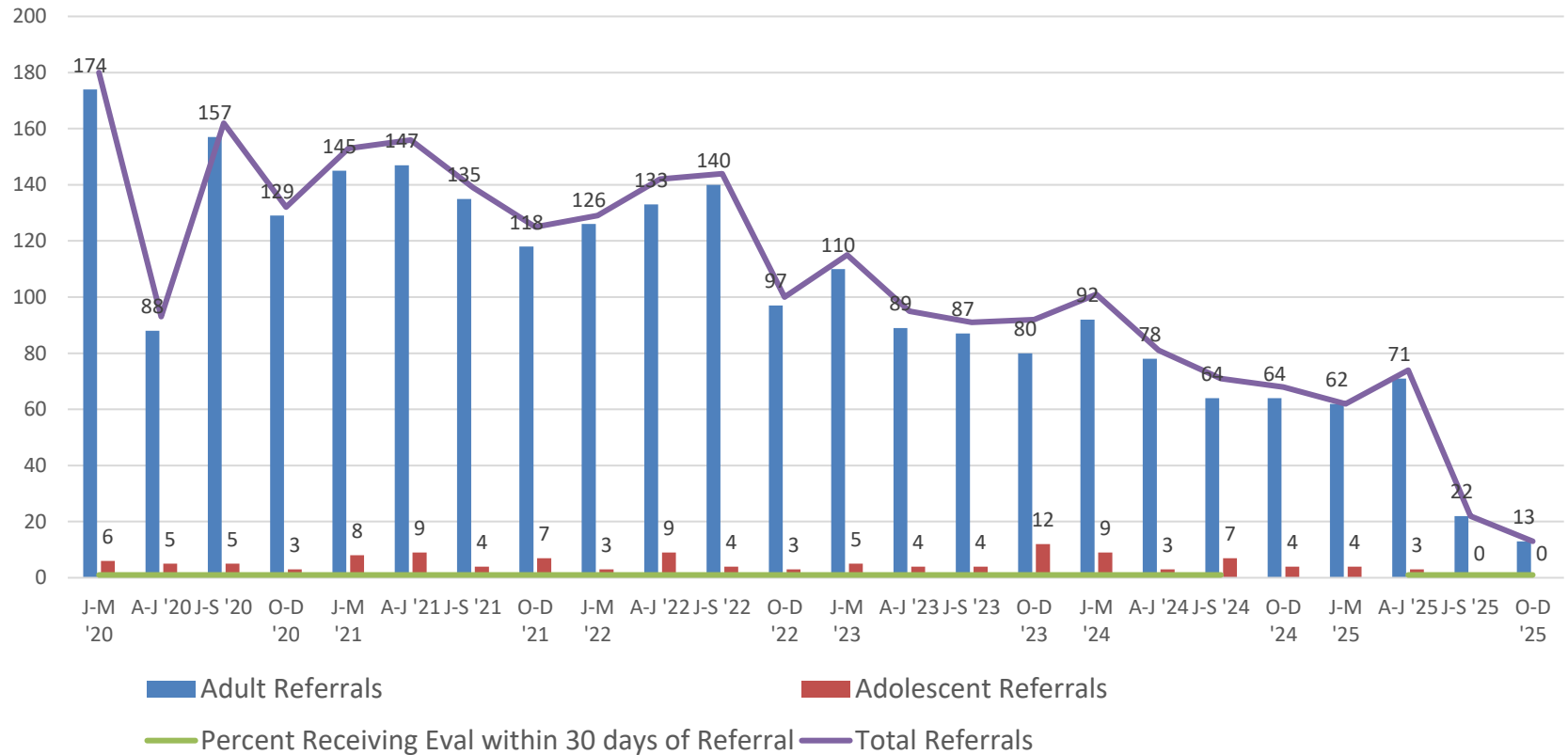
Residents Placed on 72 Hour Holds

- We were notified that the hospitals will no longer be alerting us when residents are placed on holds.
- Three (3) prepetition screenings with three (3) civil commitments and no Rule 20 commitments were completed.

Goal I.B.

High risk juveniles and adults will develop into productive, law abiding members of the community.

Chemical Dependency Evaluations

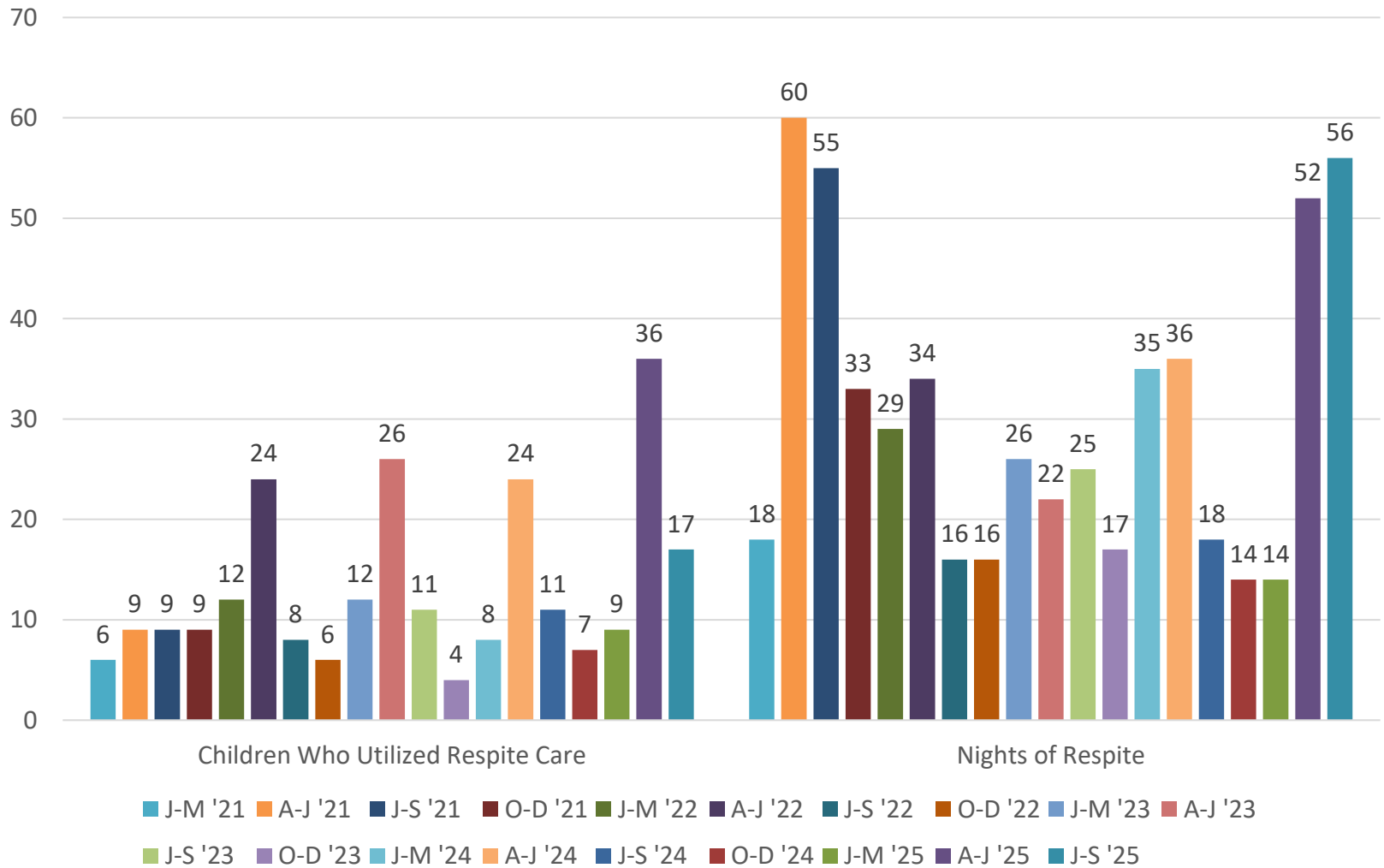


100% of high risk youth and adults received chemical dependency evaluations within 30 days of a court, self, or agency referral.

Chemical Dependency Evaluations

- Beginning in August, we reduced staffing for chemical dependency; leaving one assessor in Faribault Center.
- We received 13 adult referrals for comprehensive assessments and no referrals for adolescents.
- All assessments were completed within 30 days of the referral

Mental Health Respite Grant



Mental Health Respite

In this quarter, we had 13 children utilize respite for a total of 35 nights of respite care.

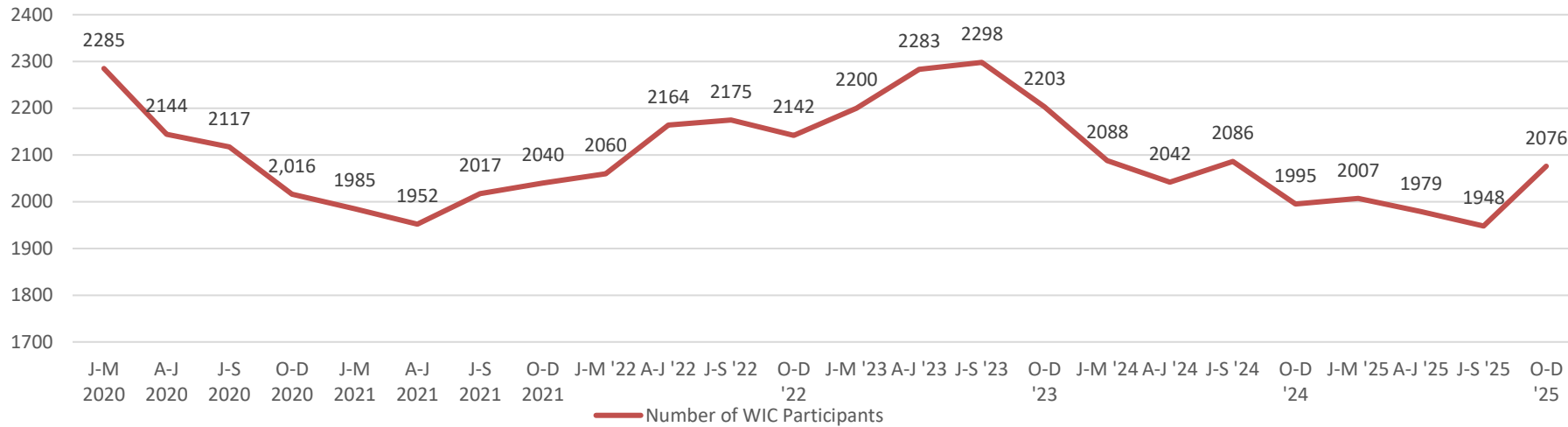
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES



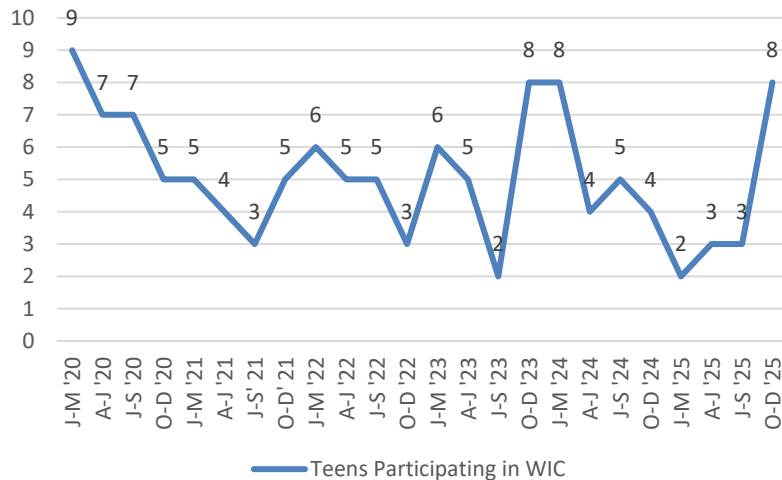
Goal II.A.

Families will have healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and parenting so all children will grow and develop to their full potential. Help parents prevent overweight in their children by influencing their health-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. Increase the duration of breastfeeding among Minnesota WIC participants.

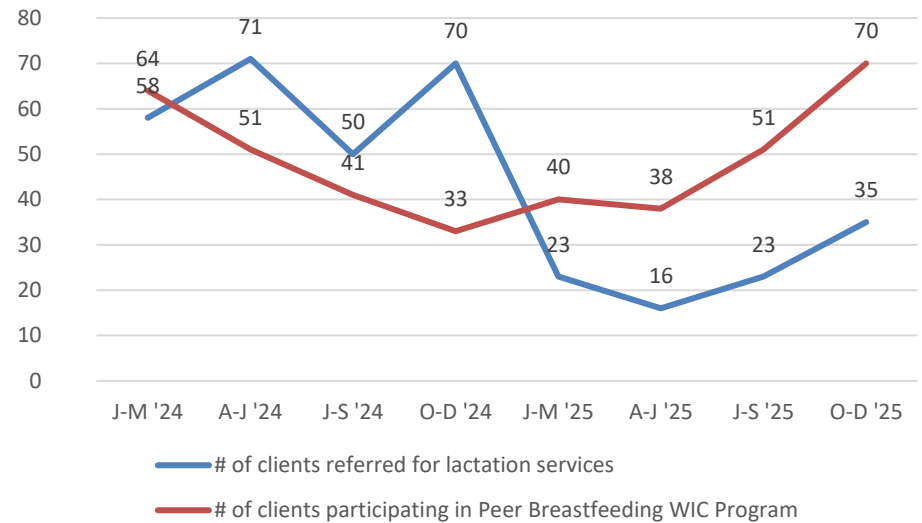
WIC Participation



Pregnant or Parenting Teens



WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program



Women Infant Children (WIC)

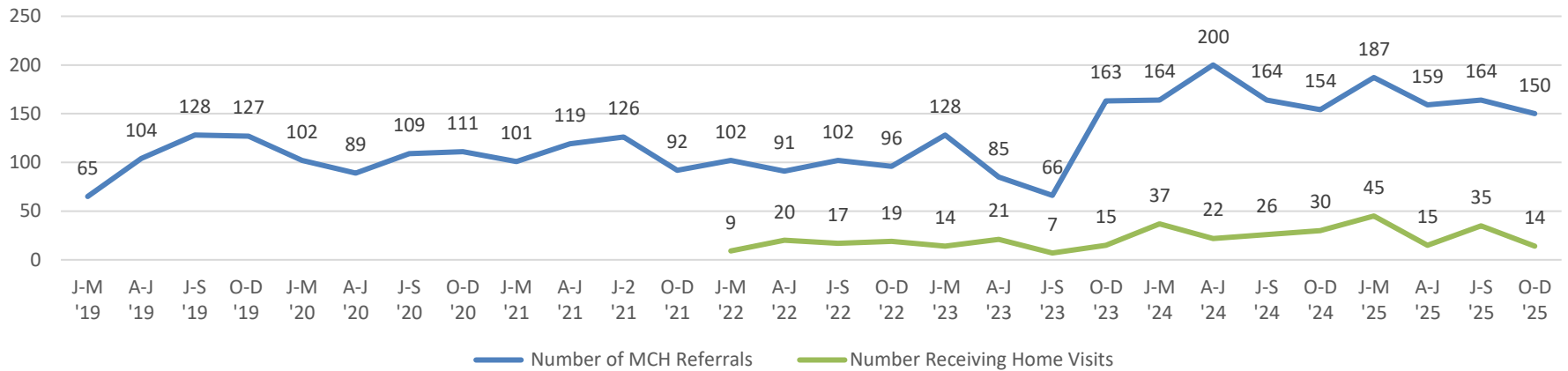
Program Updates:

- The agency supported 2,076 WIC clients during Quarter 4, 2025.
- We served 8 pregnant or parenting teens in WIC this quarter.
- The WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program is serving 70 clients at the end of the quarter. clients were referred to lactation services during the quarter.

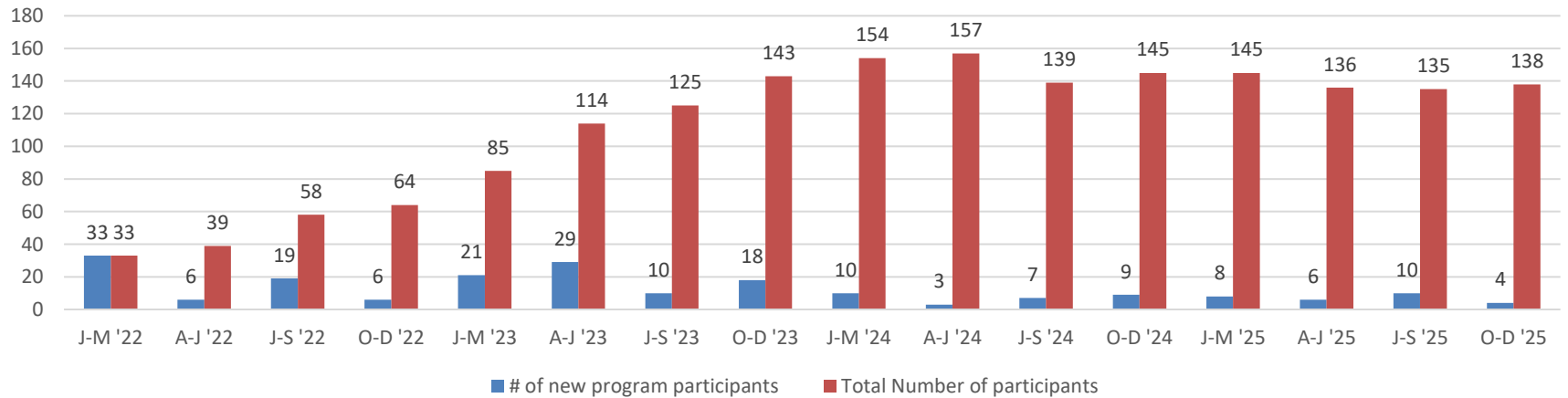
Successes & Challenges:

- While WIC was not impacted by the federal shutdown, many clients stopped using benefits because of conflicting information as well as a brief WIC outage that impacted Walmart shoppers.

Maternal Child Health Referrals



Follow Along Program



Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Program Updates:

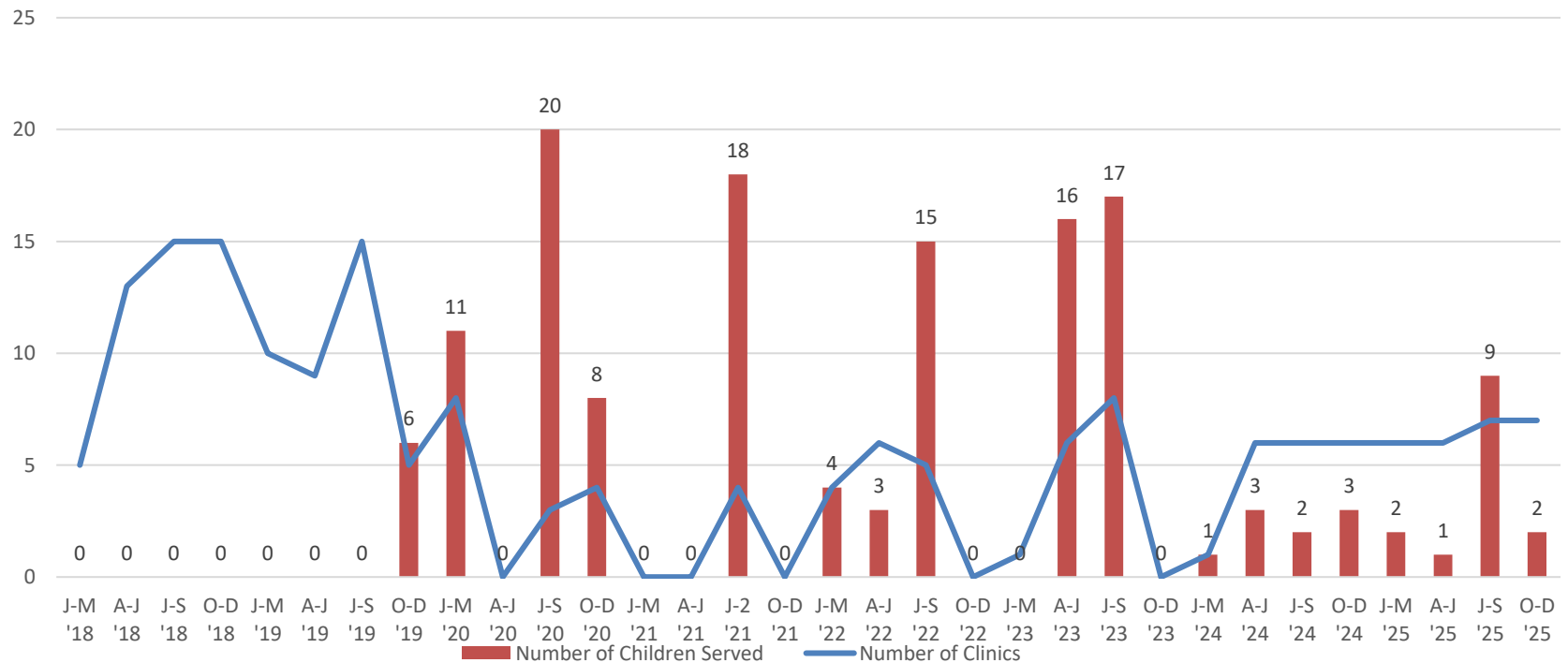
- This quarter we received 150 referrals for pregnant and postpartum women.
- 4 new clients enrolled in the Follow Along Program.
- MCH nurses completed 14 home visits with prenatal and postpartum women this quarter and visited 8 new mothers at UHD after delivery.

Successes & Challenges:

- One of our newer staff completed their Certified Lactation Consultant training.

Child & Teen Check-Up Clinics

Number of Child & Teen Checkup Clinics



Child & Teen Check-Up Clinics

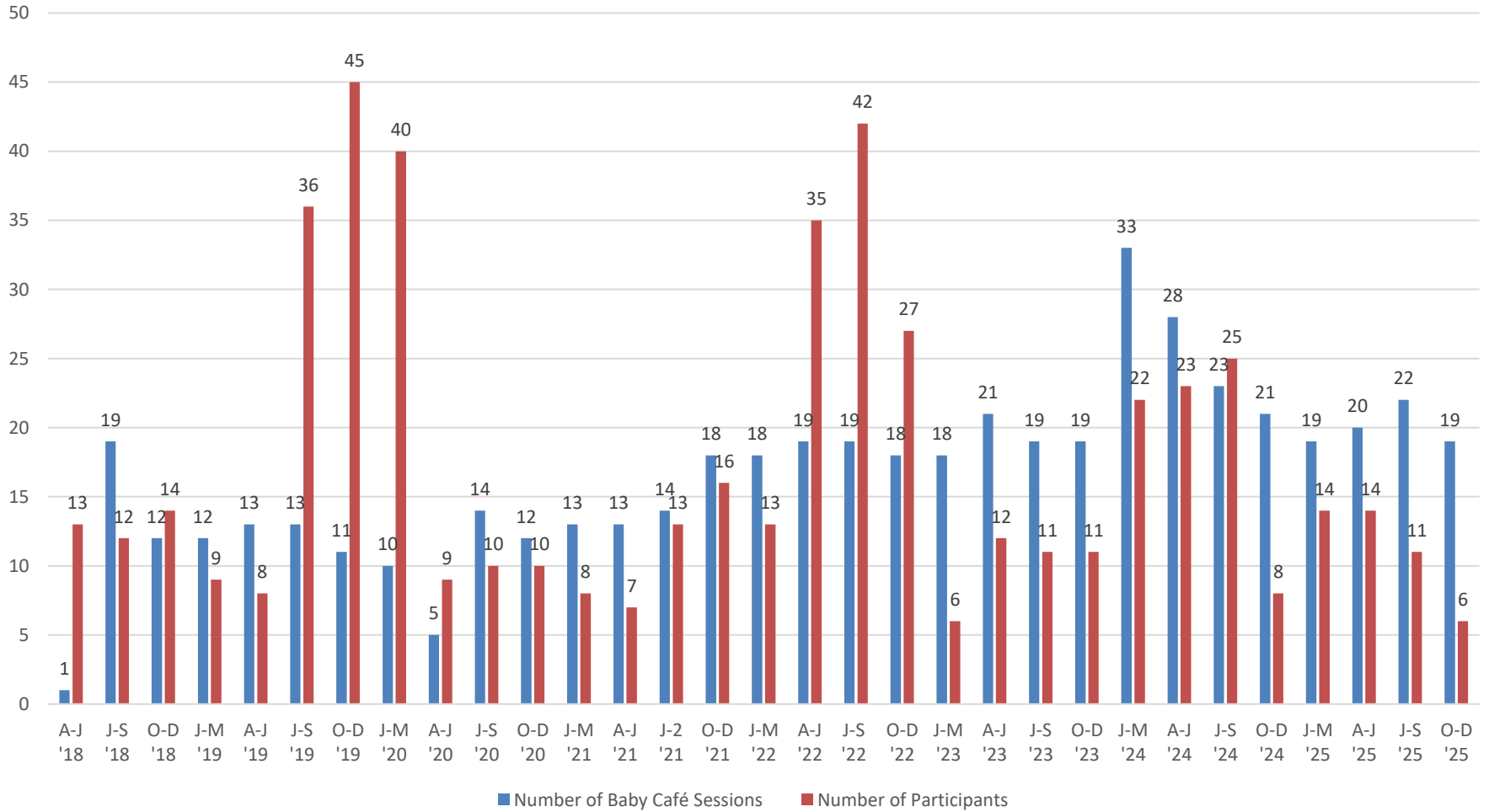
Program Updates:

- We offered seven (7) child and teen check-up clinics this quarter. Two (2) children were served.

Successes & Challenges:

- We continue to see low utilization and many canceled appointments with this service. Will be evaluating this service to determine next steps this year.

Baby Cafe



Baby Café Breastfeeding Program

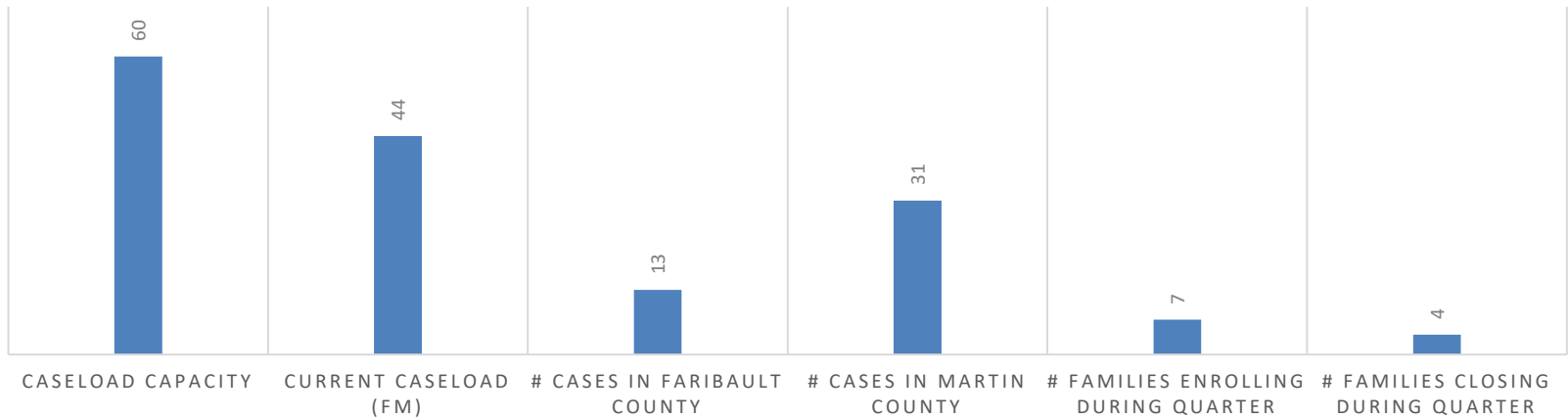
Program Updates:

- We held 19 baby café clinics between both counties this quarter serving 6 total families.
- Clinics are being offered in Fairmont weekly at the elementary school, bi-weekly in Blue Earth at United Hospital District.

Successes & Challenges:

- We continue to struggle getting participation at our Faribault County Baby Café site. Participation is down in Fairmont as well.

HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA CASELOAD

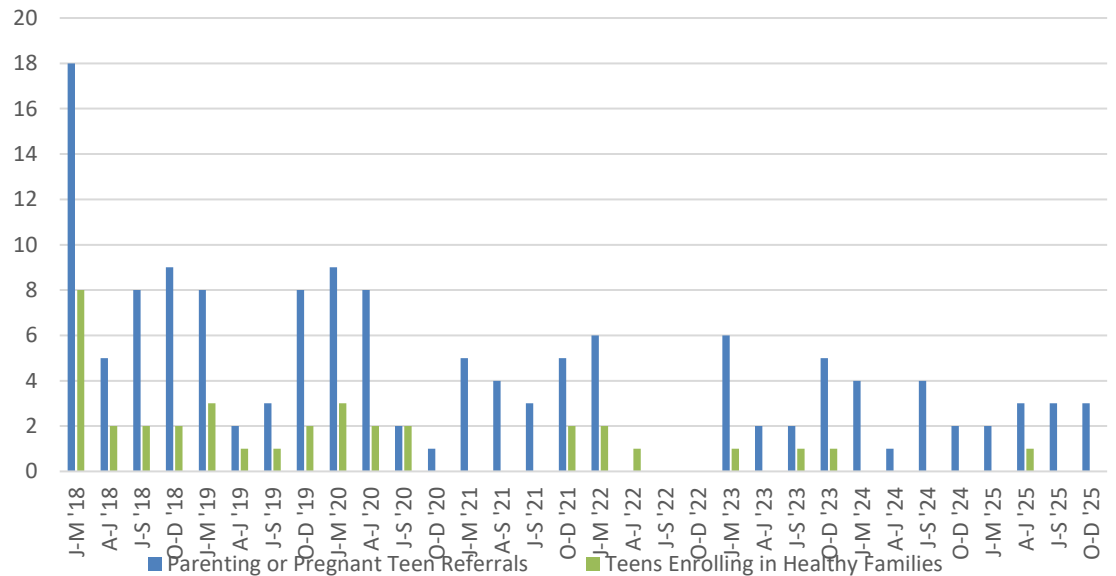


Reasons for Closures



- Healthy Families Reasons for Closure:
- Moved out of service area
- Not able to contact
- Successfully completed program
- Closed due to personal reasons (work, etc.)

Teens Enrollment in HFA



Healthy Families America Home Visiting Program

Program Updates:

- As of December 31, 2025, we had a caseload of 44 families, which is 73% of our target caseload size of 60 families.
- 13 cases are families who reside in Faribault County and 31 families reside in Martin County.
- We had 7 families enroll during the quarter. We closed 4 families to services – 1 successfully completed, 1 moved out of service areas, 1 was unable be contacted after 3 months and 1 closed for personal reasons.

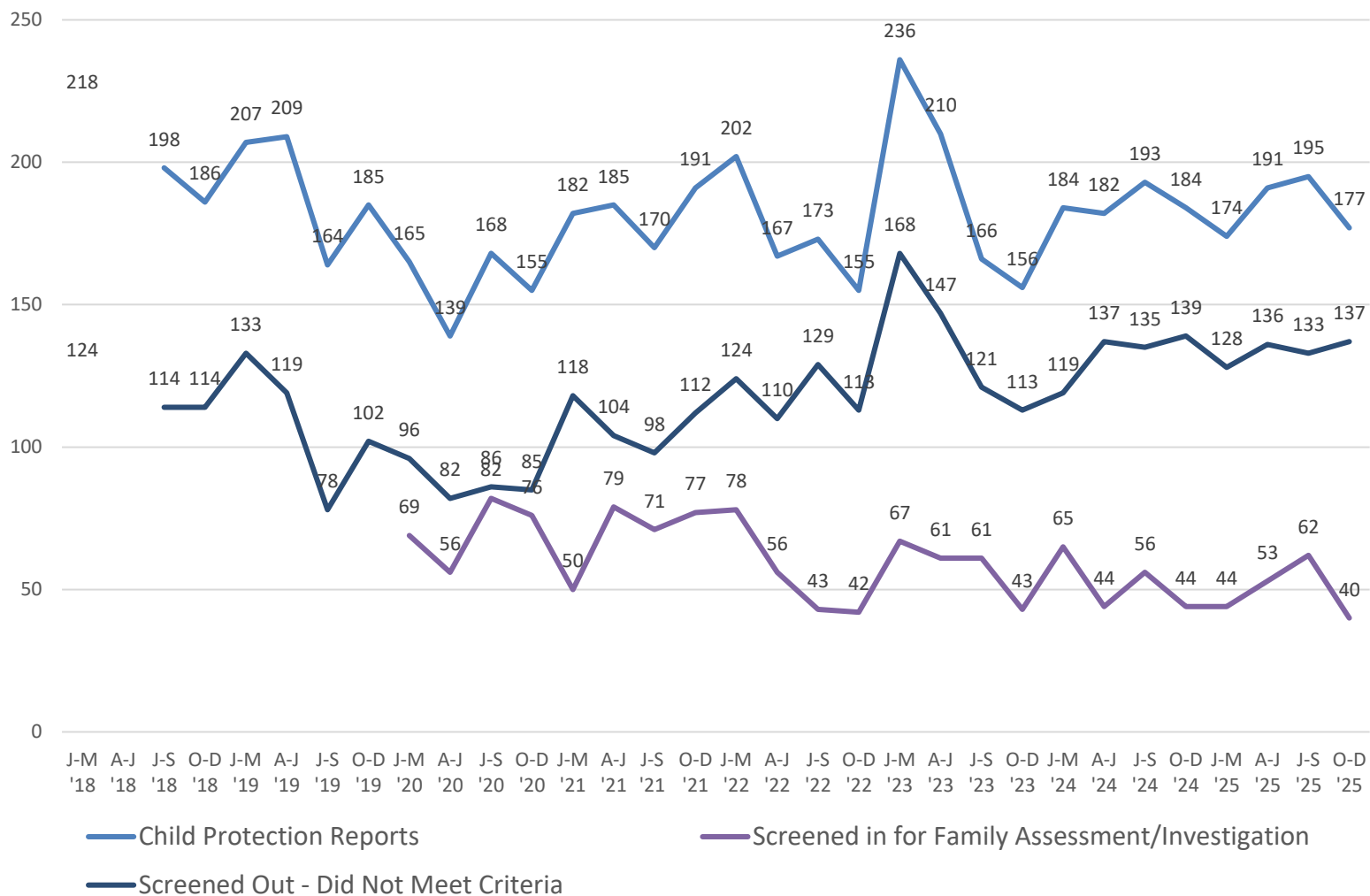
Successes & Challenges:

- Hosted family fun events with good participation from families, including fathers.
- Started the process for reaccreditation.
- Working to support families recently impacted by immigration efforts.
- Supporting low-income families through the government shutdown.

Goal II.B.

Children will be raised in a healthy,
happy, safe, permanent family
environment.

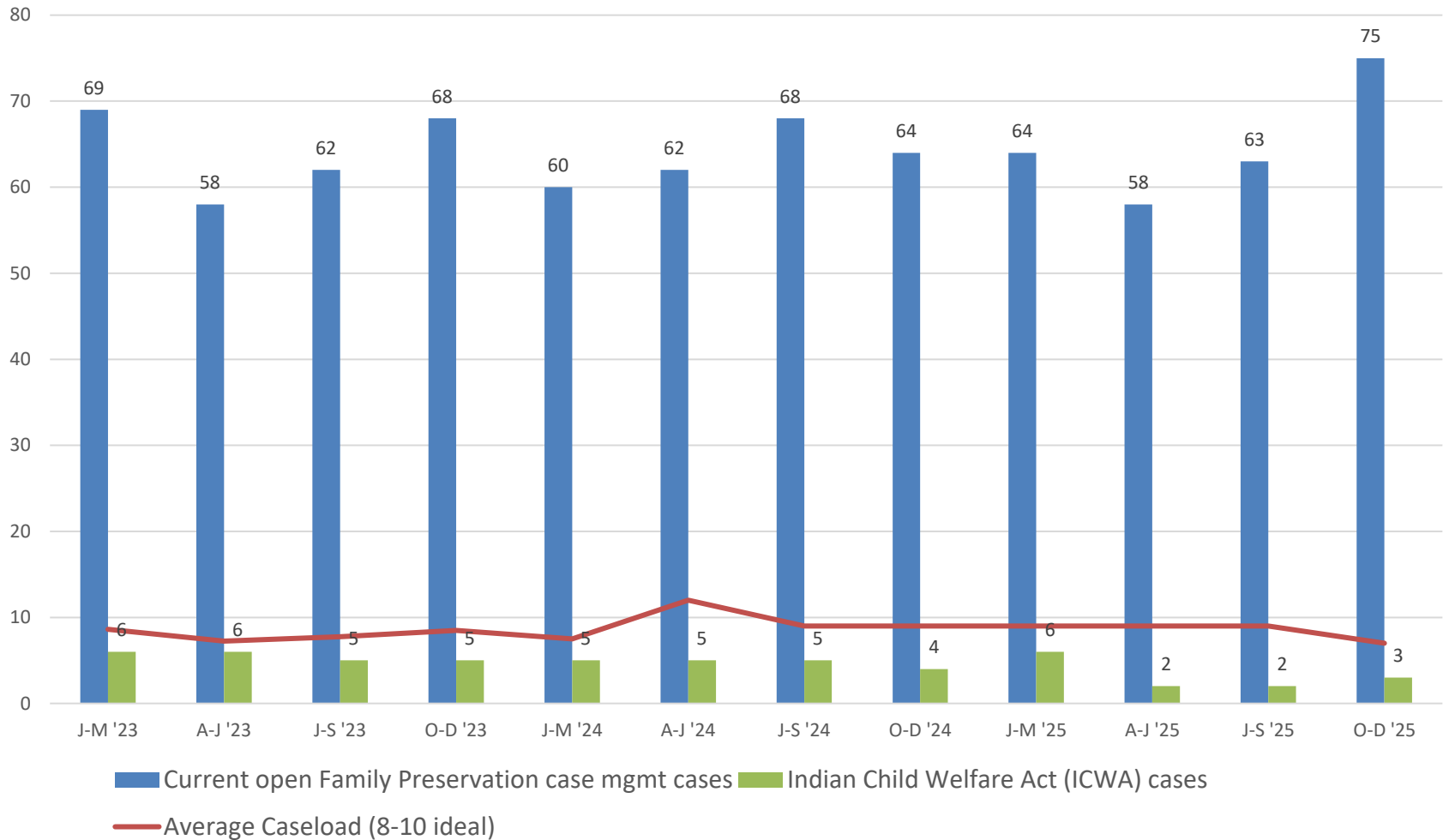
Child Protection



Child Protection Investigations

- During the quarter, 177 child protection reports were received.
- 137 reports were screened out as did not meet criteria.
- 40 reports were screened in for Family Assessment/Investigation

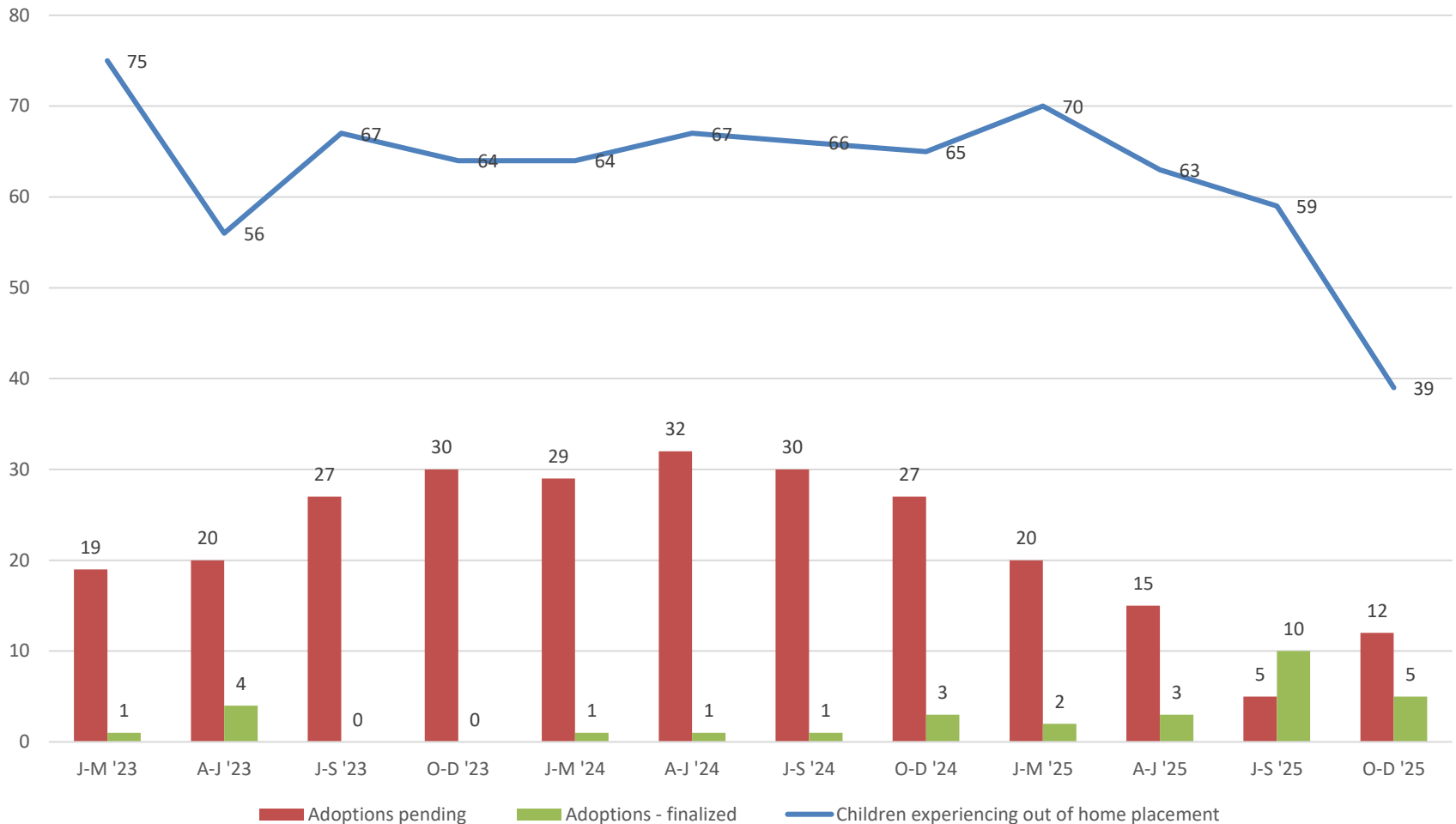
Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management



Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management

- The Family Preservation case management caseload was at 75. With seven active case managers and one recovery specialist, this results in nine (9.375) average caseload (8-10 is ideal).
- Within the 75 cases, three (3) were ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) children which basically doubles the paperwork involved.

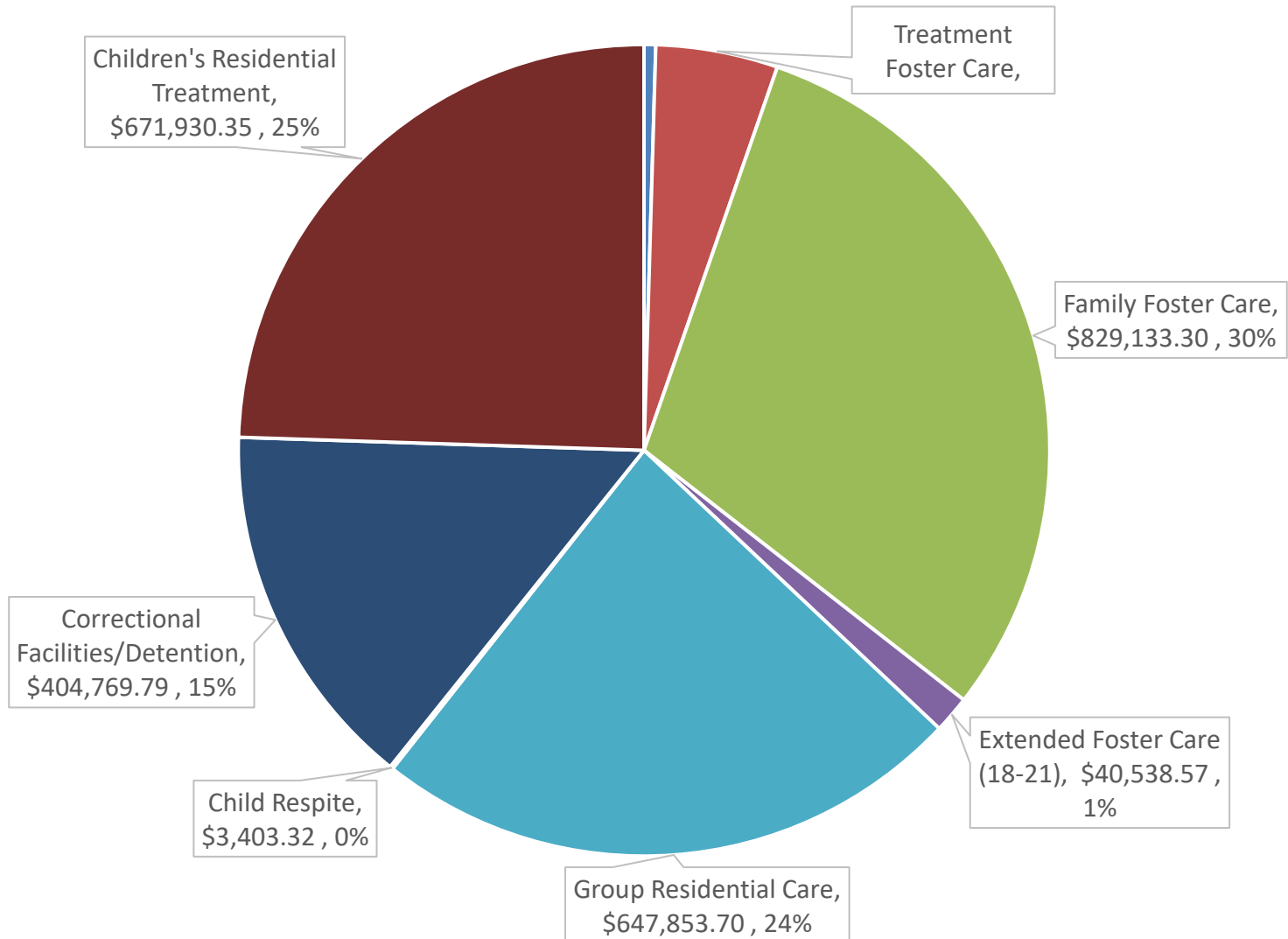
Child Protection/Adoptions



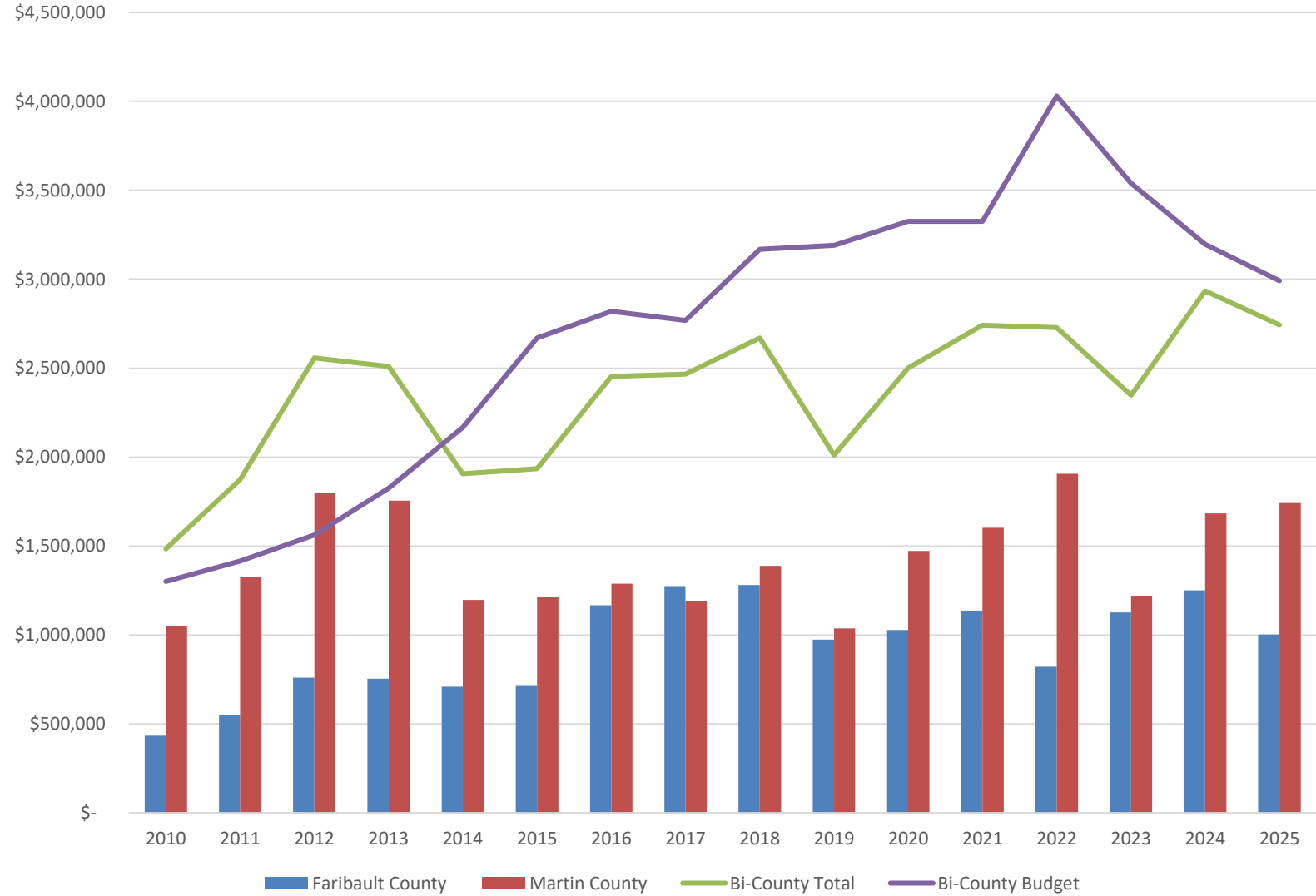
Child Protection/ Adoptions

- Children experiencing out of home placement this quarter totaled 39.
- Adoptions finalized this quarter equal five (5). Twelve adoptions are pending.

Out of Home Placement by Type - Year to Date 2025



Actual vs Budget Out of Home Placement Costs



OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT BY COUNTY

	3rd Qrt 2024	4th Qrt 2024	1st Qrt 2025	2nd Qrt 2025	3rd Qrt 2025	4th Qrt 2025	
FARIBAULT COUNTY							
# of Kids	26	24	23	24	26	22	
# of Days	1,676	1,749	1,628	1,941	1,996	1,682	
Cost	307,264	303,707	227,062	181,386	372,067	221,786	
MARTIN COUNTY							
# of Kids	61	66	67	55	56	39	
# of Days	4,913	4,902	4,982	4,375	3,972	3,013	
Cost	494,075	463,481	443,996	453,899	463,342	380,394	
TOTAL BI-COUNTY							
# of Kids	87	90	90	79	82	61	
# of Days	6,589	6,651	6,610	6,316	5,968	4,695	
Cost	\$ 801,339	\$ 767,188	\$ 671,058	\$ 635,285	\$ 835,409	\$ 602,181	

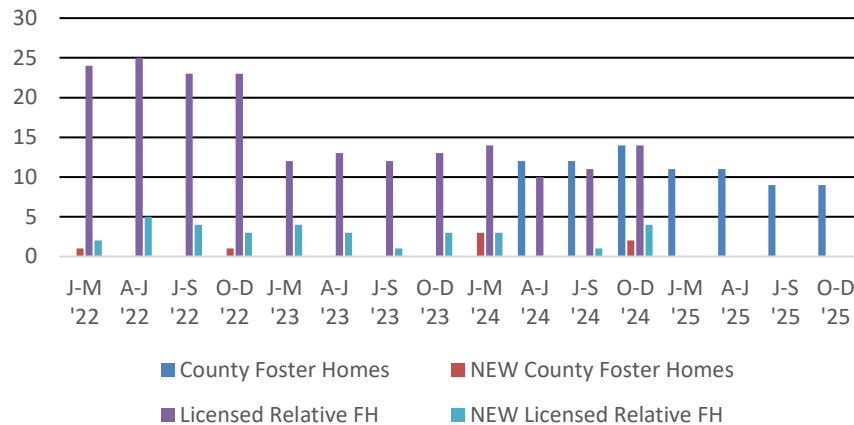
School Social Workers

Summary Data (with 12 of 14 SSW reporting)

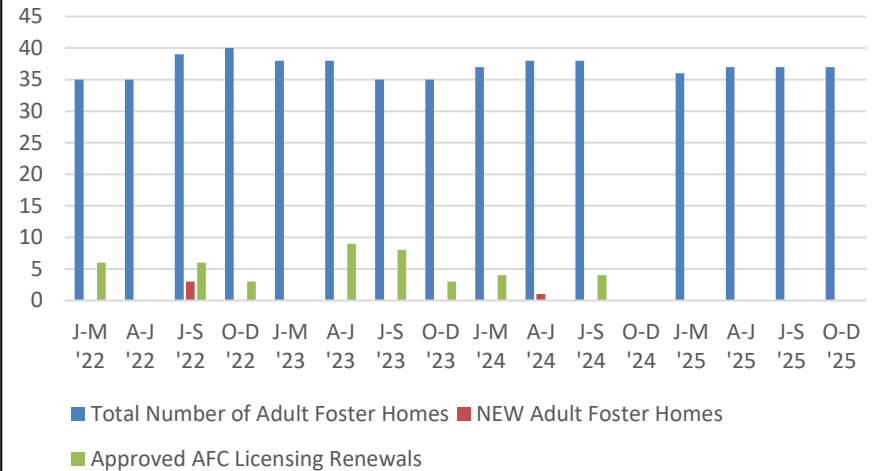
- Cases Open at End of Quarter: 454
- Number of Reports to Human Services this Quarter for Child Abuse/Neglect: 15
- Cases Closed for Completion of Program: 6
- Percent of problems identified at case opening that have resolved upon closure: 100%
- Looking at same quarter last year, cases closed: 19
- Percent of cases were NOT later active with Human Services: 100%

Day Care & Foster Care Licensing

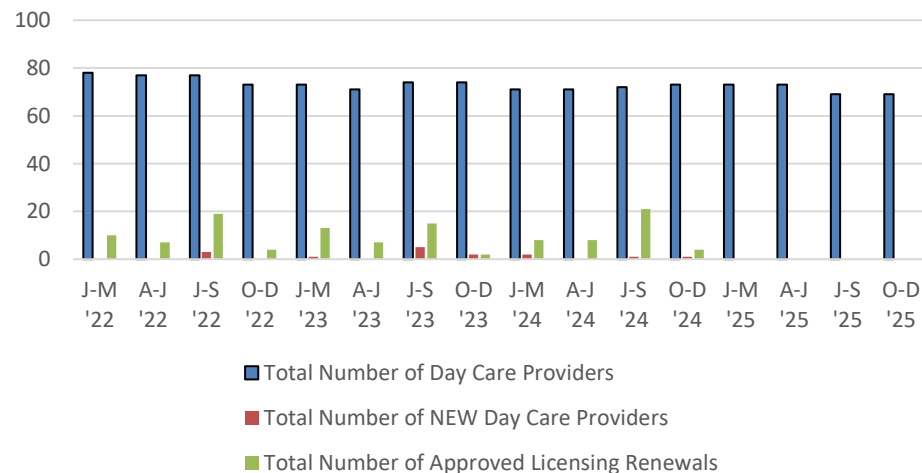
Licensed Relative Foster Care and Licensed County Foster Homes



Adult Foster Care Homes



Licensed Day Care Services



Licensing

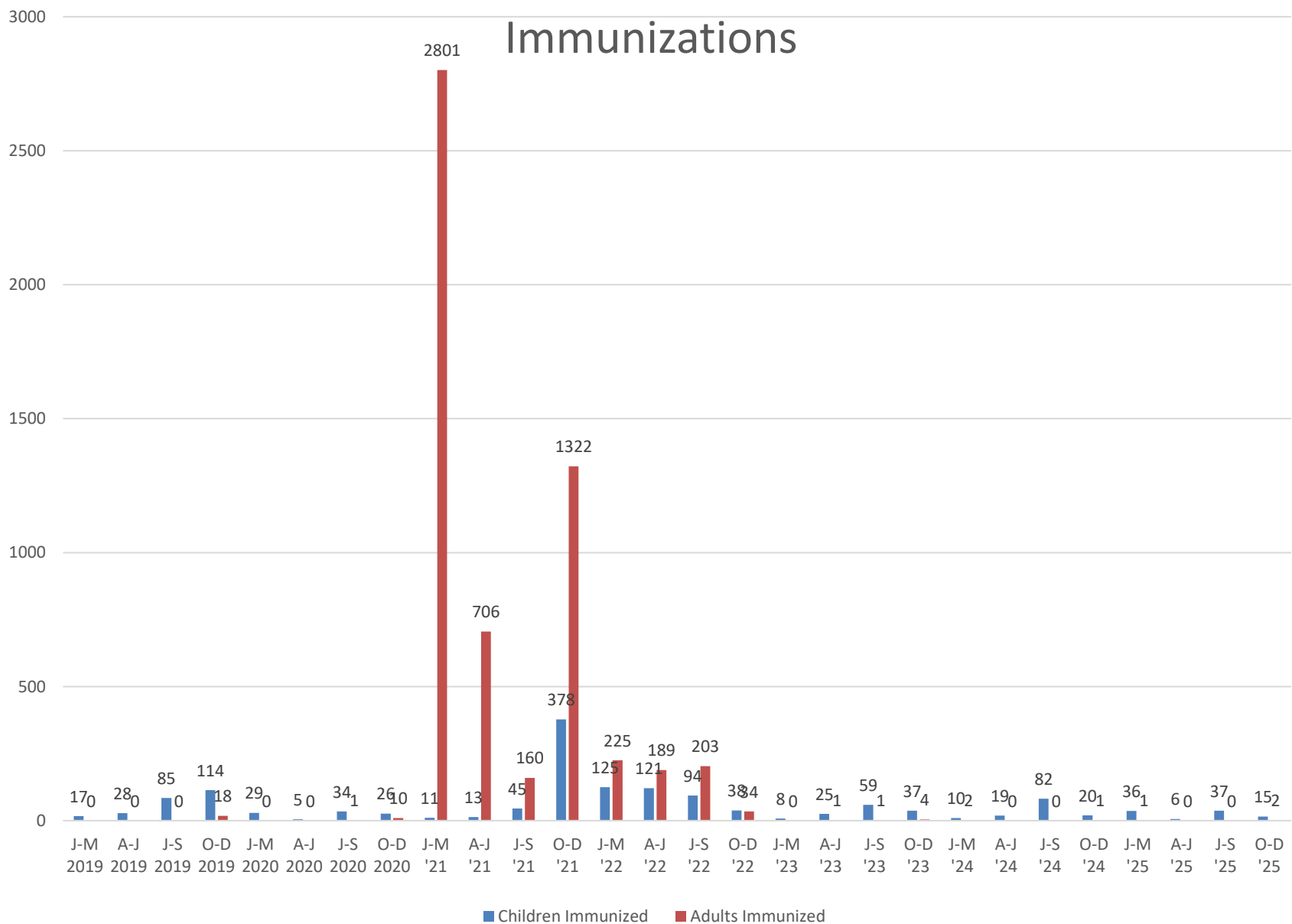
- For Quarter 4, there were 69 licensed day care providers.
- There were nine (9) licensed county foster homes.
- There were thirteen (13) licensed relative foster homes; one (1) new home was added.
- There were 37 adult foster homes.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



Goal III.A.

Residents and visitors are protected from acute communicable diseases and other health threats including unintentional injury.



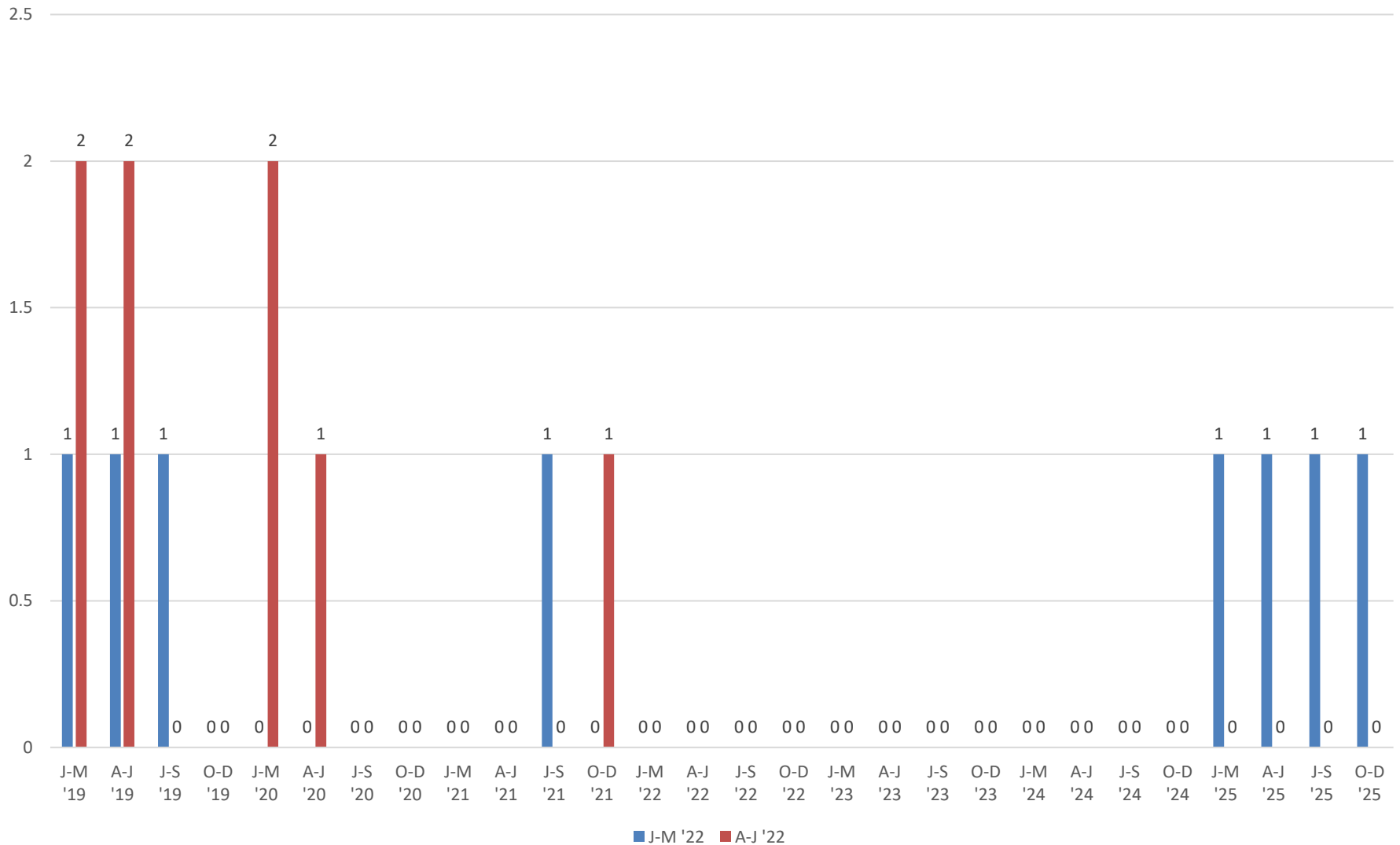
Immunizations

Program Updates:

- This quarter we vaccinated 15 children for routine childhood immunizations and 2 adults.

Successes & Challenges:

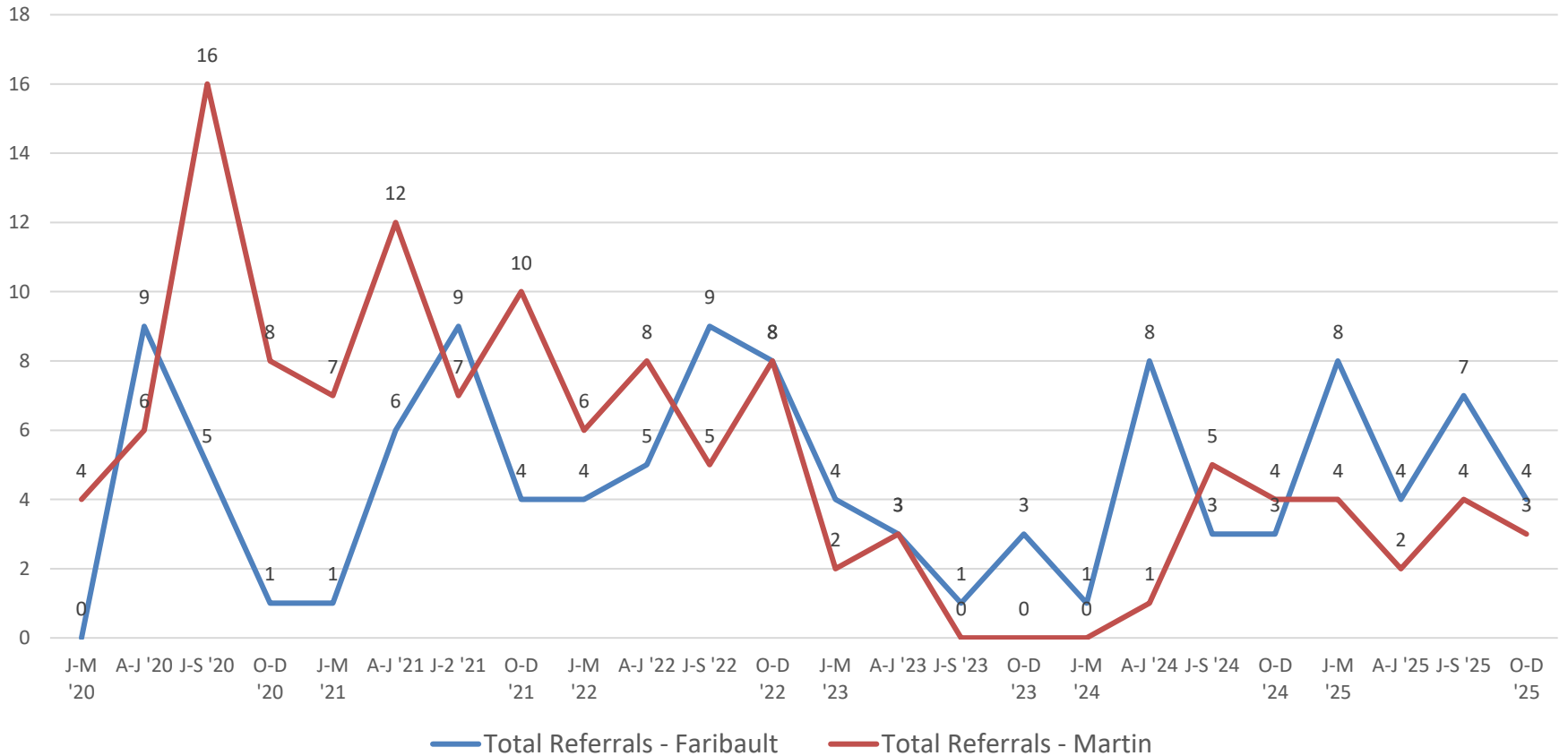
Tuberculosis Case Management



Tuberculosis

- This quarter we continue to manage one active Tuberculosis case.

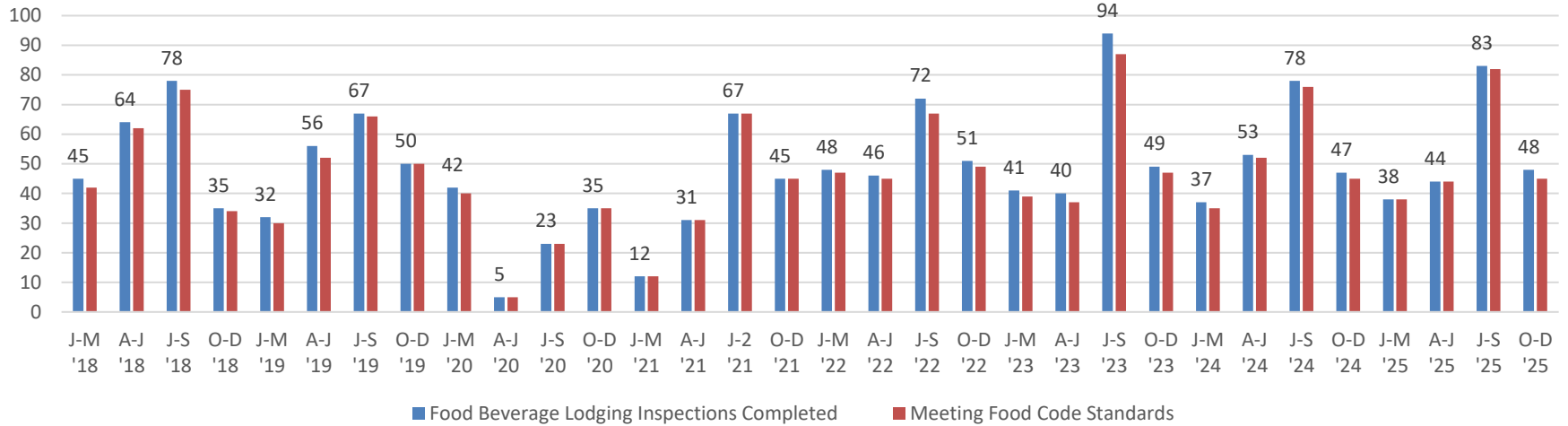
Elevated Blood Lead



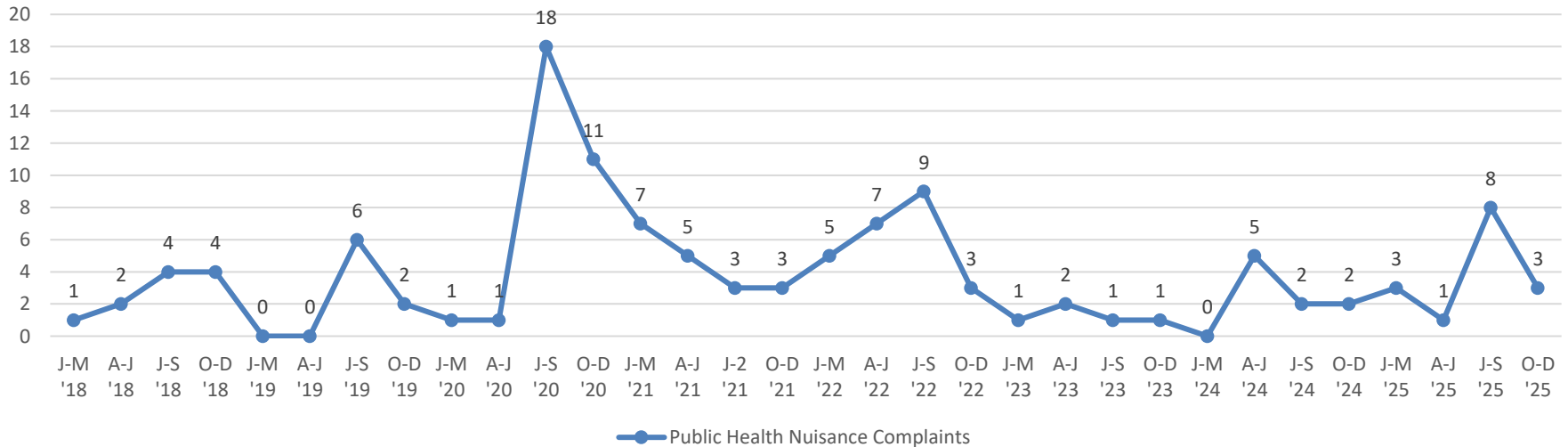
Elevated Blood Lead

- We provided case management on 4 cases in Faribault County and 3 in Martin County. All had levels greater than 3.5.

Food Beverage Lodging Inspections Completed



Public Health Nuisance Complaints



Environmental Health

Program Updates:

- Our Sanitarian completed 48 inspections in food, beverage, lodging and pool establishments this quarter. Of those, three (3) required a follow-up inspection.
- Six (6) plan reviews were completed for potential new or remodeled establishments.
- Three (3) public health nuisance complaints responded to this quarter for environmental hazards.

Successes & Challenges:

- 2026 licensing application process was initiated in Q4.
- Provided a courtesy daycare inspection for a new facility at Lakeview in Fairmont.
- Provided guidance to City of Frost regarding housing issues.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Program Updates:

- Developed a Risk Communications Plan for the agency.
- Developed 3-deep staffing plan using the National Incident Command System (NIMS) structure for responding to public health emergency, mass sheltering emergency or mass fatality situation.
- Continue to host bi-county Emergency Preparedness partner meetings.

Successes & Challenges:

- Staff planned and coordinated a community workshop that focused on how partners would work together to communicate during a community-wide emergency using the incident command process. Several different sectors were represented at this workshop and exercise: schools, churches, city utilities, public works, public health, long term care, emergency management, and healthcare emergency management.

Stronger Together Coalition

- Work has started to complete a health care gaps analysis to better understand the health care landscape in our area and to have solid data to help inform next steps.
- New partners joined the coalition – Martin County 4-H and Fountain Centers in Fairmont.

SHIP:

- All SHIP 5 mini-grantee reimbursements were submitted to MDH, with less than \$1,000 remaining at closeout! New grant cycle (SHIP 6) started on November 1, which required significant planning, reporting, and outreach to ensure a smooth transition for partners. Funding will be available for school partners.
- SHIP staff continued active participation in the regional food rescue team alongside Region Nine Development Commission and neighboring SHIP programs. This work remains a strong regional success story, supported by the Region Nine Food Rescue Coordinator, whose position was created because of the foundational work of this project. Ongoing work to strengthen regional partnerships, including exploring safe cold-food transport options and identifying policy and education needs with support from the Public Health Law Center. A survey was distributed in December to gather input from local food system partners regarding meeting times, desired topics, and priorities for the relaunch of a tri-county Community Food Partnership (CFP). This brings together community members engaged in food work to plan and coordinate activities.
- Staff continued preparing promotional materials for the new regional Bike Fleet, including the trailer and curriculum purchased earlier in the year. Promotion to school partners will begin in early 2026 to support spring and summer programming.
- Staff completed an active living case study detailing efforts related to communities establishing bike share programs.
- SHIP staff hosted a Trauma-Informed Community of Practice meeting in mid-December, where the Locally Led Evaluation (LLE) was shared with partners. Staff continue to support partners interested in trauma-informed training and implementation.
- SHIP staff delivered four commercial tobacco prevention presentations at Blue Earth Area Middle School as part of the Teen Awareness Program. Staff also continued attending coalition meetings and collaborating with regional partners to support tobacco prevention efforts.

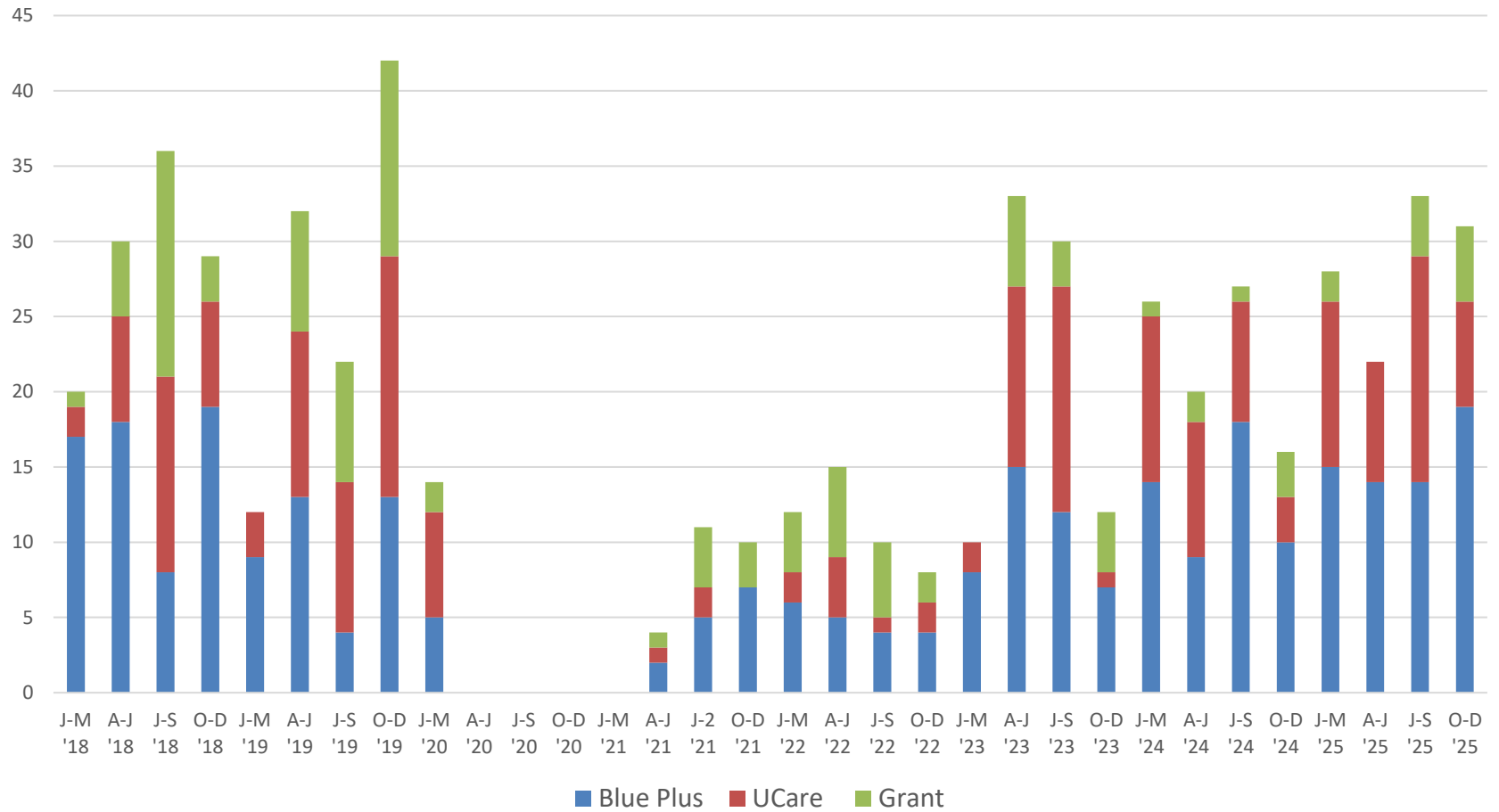
Opioid Settlement:

- Opioid projects were selected and contracts executed with partners to start in Q1 2026.

Cannabis Prevention

- Cannabis prevention campaign is underway to help community understand the law and provide education on cannabis use.
- Funding will be available to support schools with cannabis/vaping issues in Q1 2026.

Car Seat Distribution



Car Seats

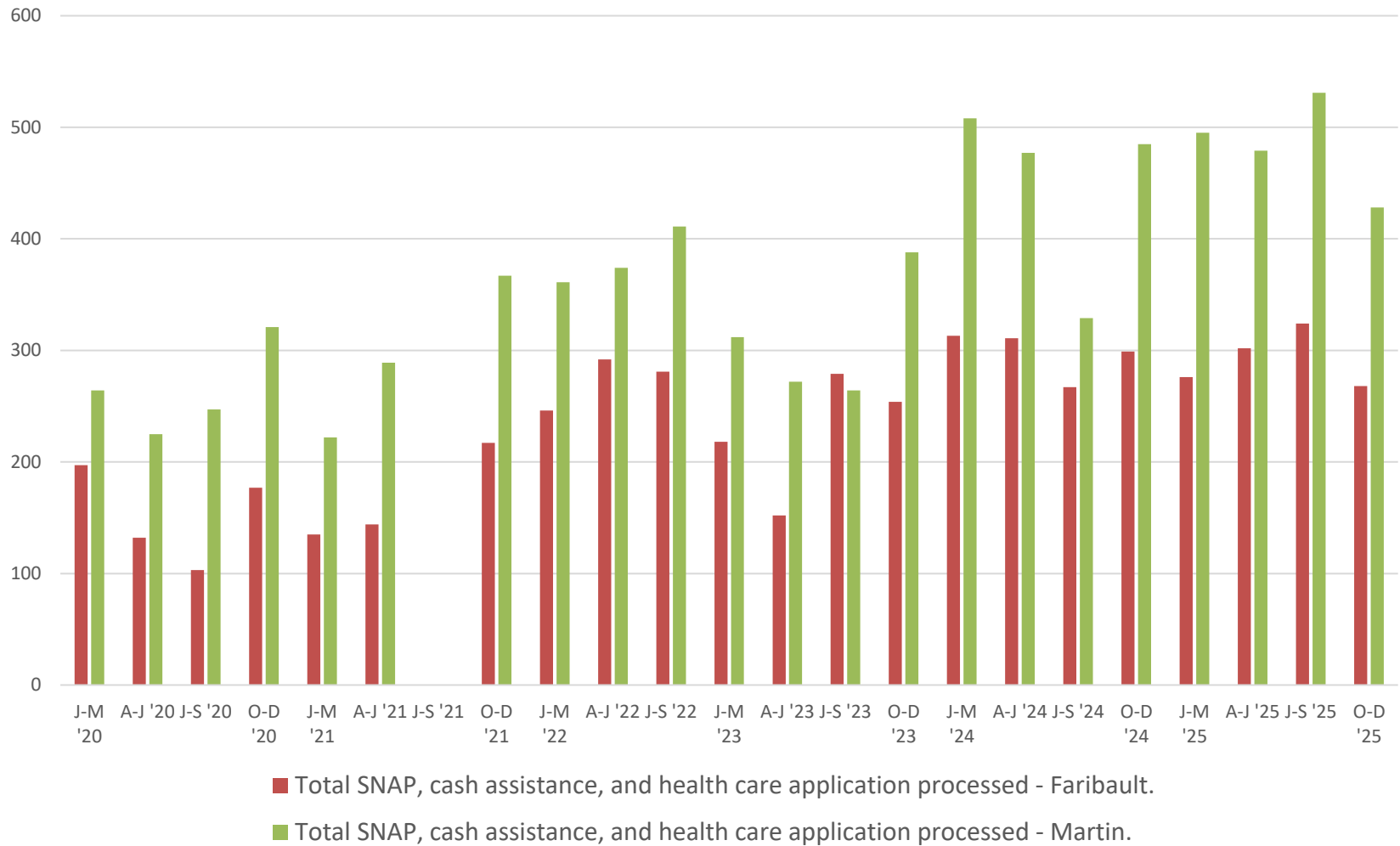
Program Updates:

- This quarter we distributed 31 car seats to families.

Goal III.B.

Residents will be financially secure while also maintaining family stability.

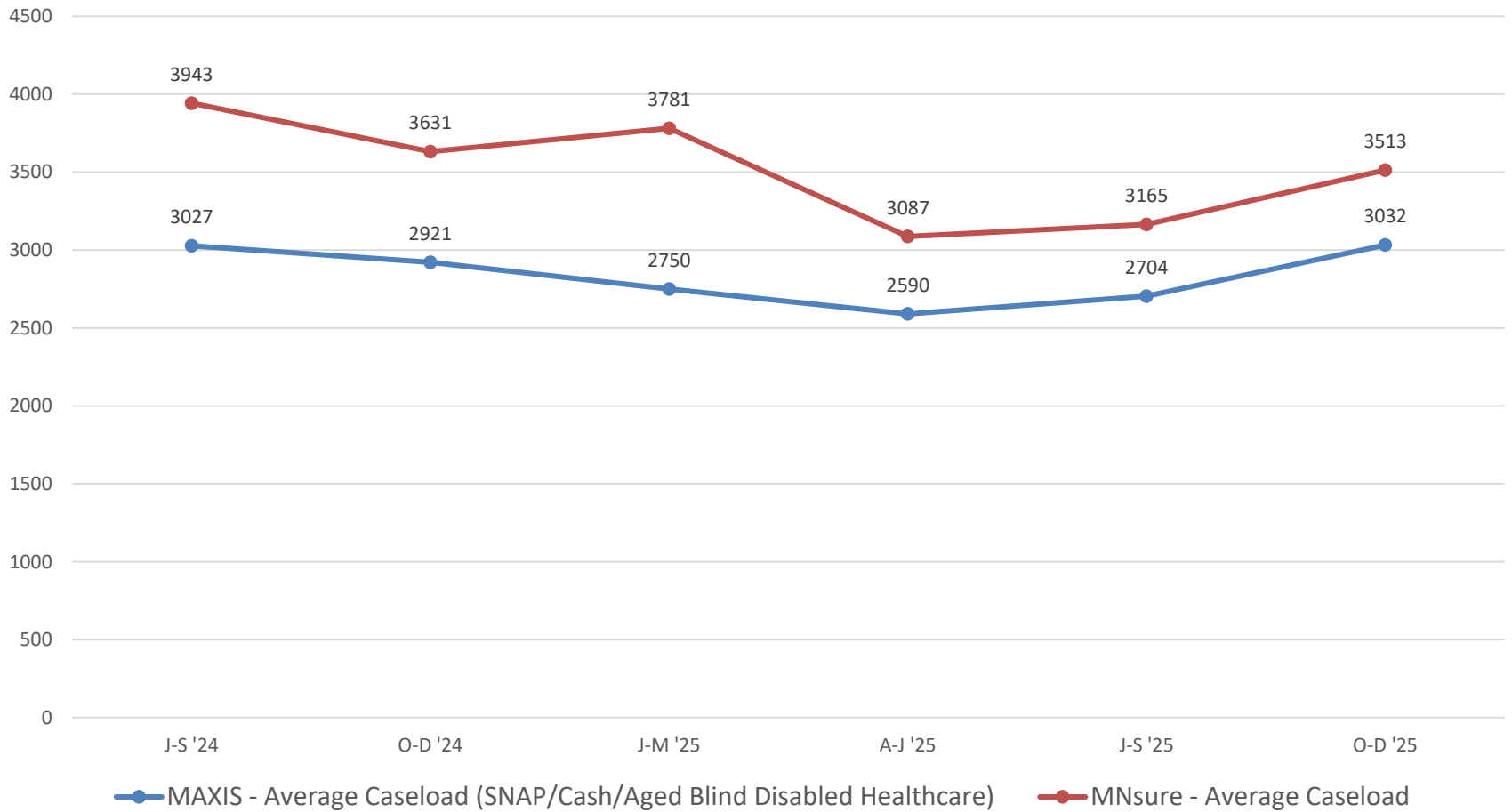
Total Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, cash assistance, and health care application processed



Financial Assistance

- 268 applications received for Faribault County – decrease from 3rd quarter 2025.
- 428 applications received for Martin County – decrease from 3rd quarter 2025.

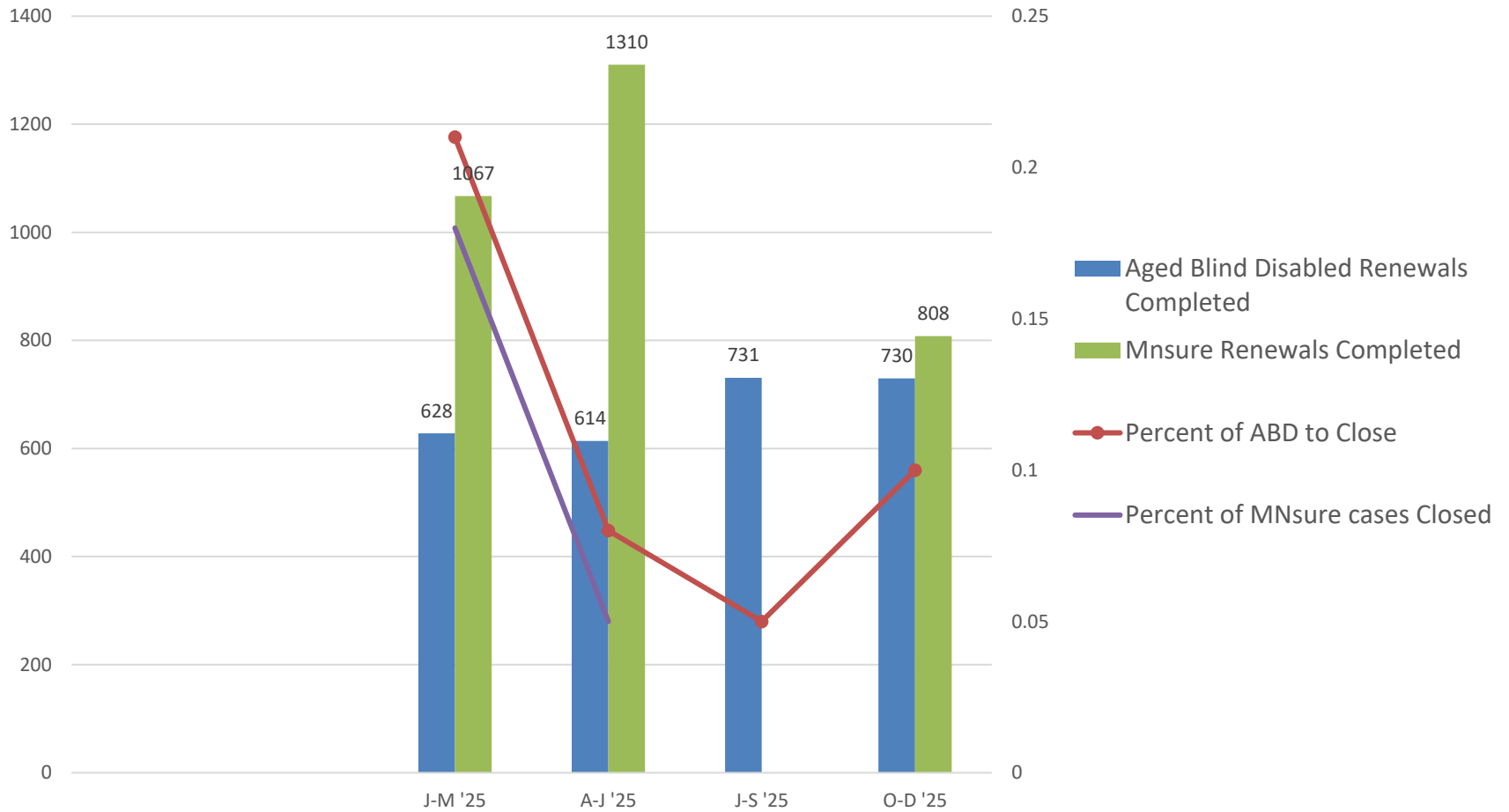
Financial Assistance Average Caseloads



Average Caseloads

- The average caseload for MAXIS cases (including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP, Cash, Aged Blind Disabled Healthcare) was 3,032.
- The average caseload for MNsure cases was 3,513.

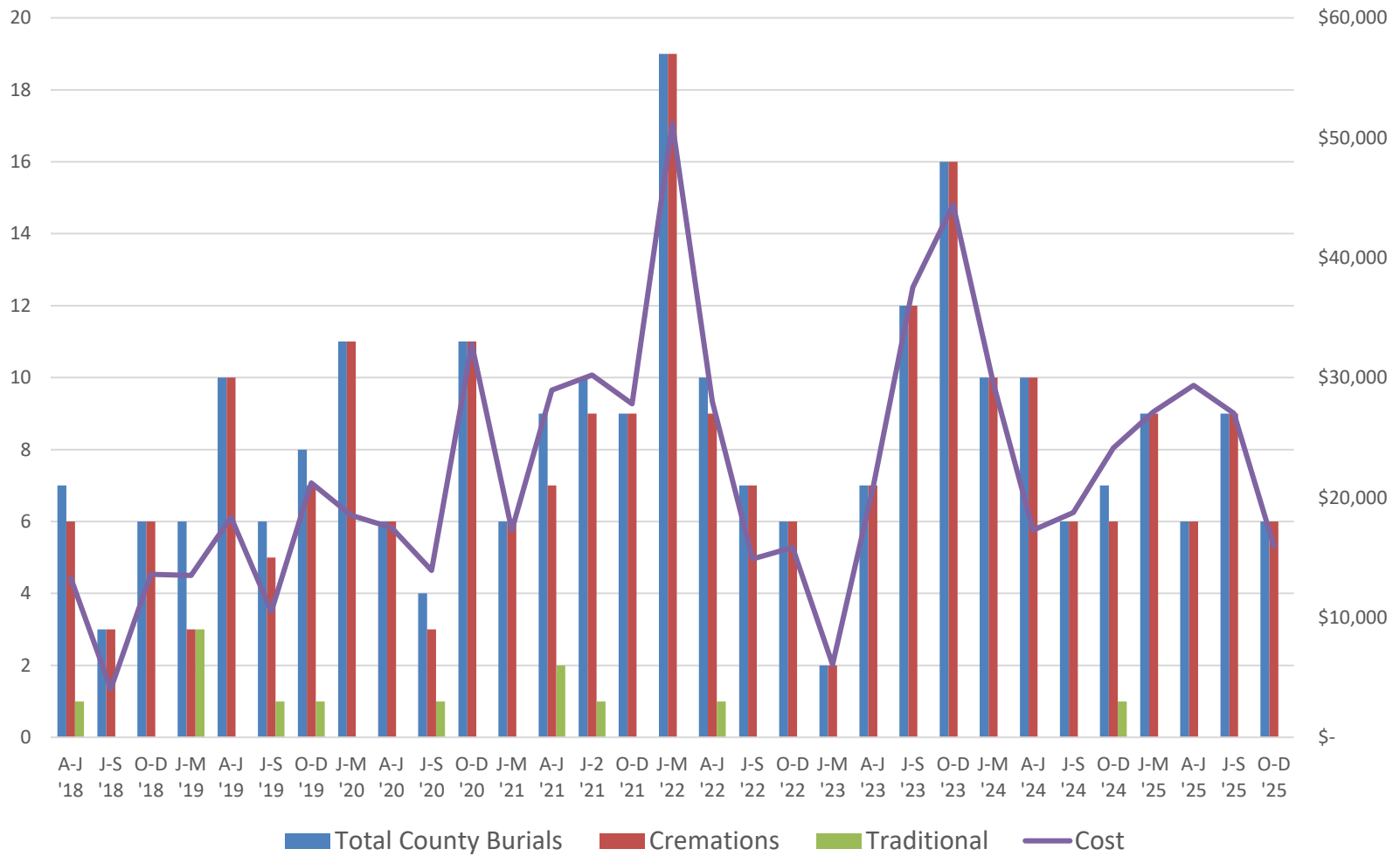
Completed Renewals/Cases Closed



Completed Renewals/Cases Closures

- Completed 730 renewals Aged Blind Disabled (ABD) Healthcare Applications.
 - 10% of ABD cases to close
- Completed 808 MnSure renewals

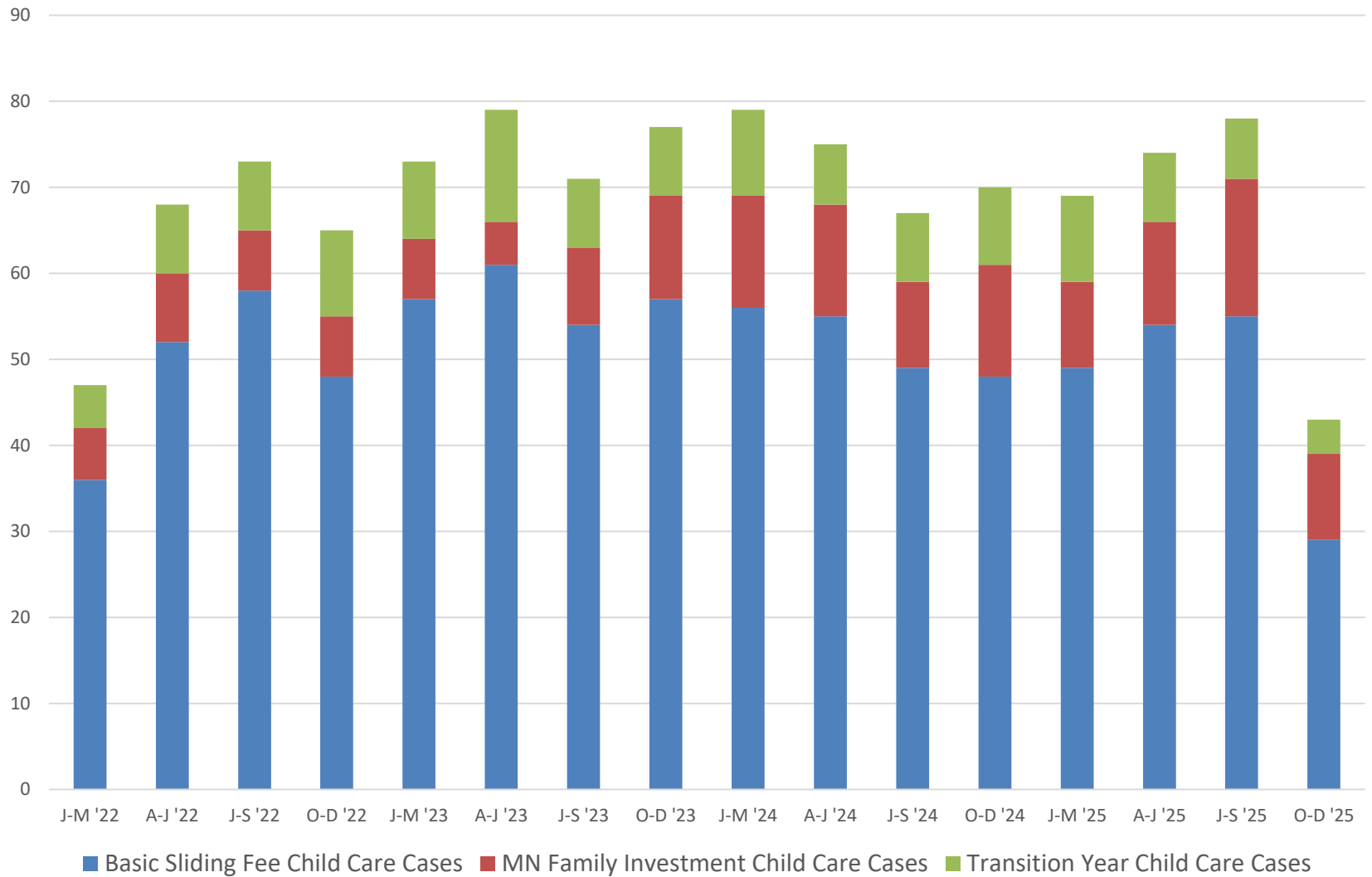
County Burial



County Burials

- For 4th Quarter 2025, we approved six (6) county burials at a cost of \$15,980.
- For all of 2025, thirty (30) county burials were approved at a cost of \$99,522.
- All were cremations.

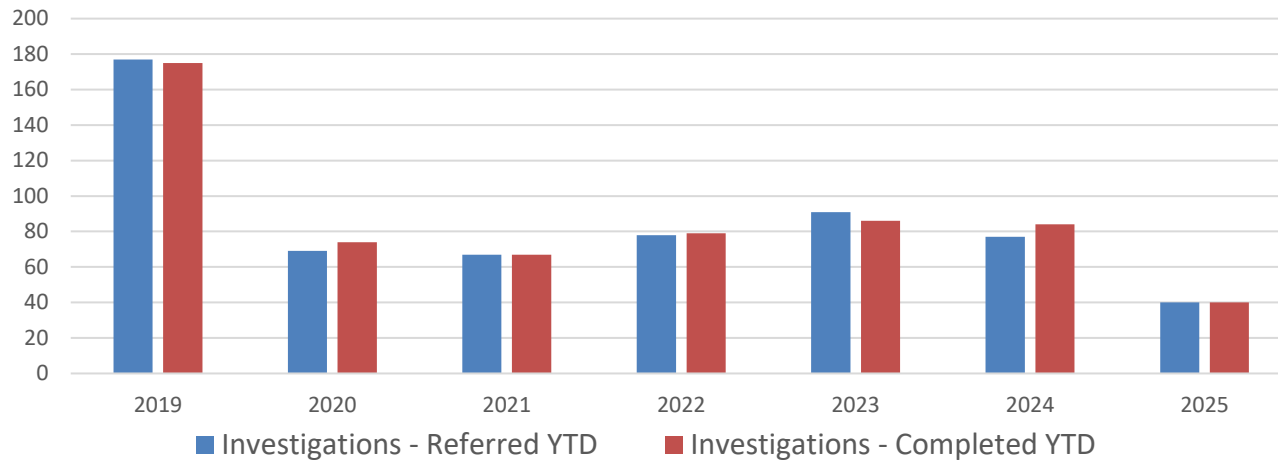
Child Care



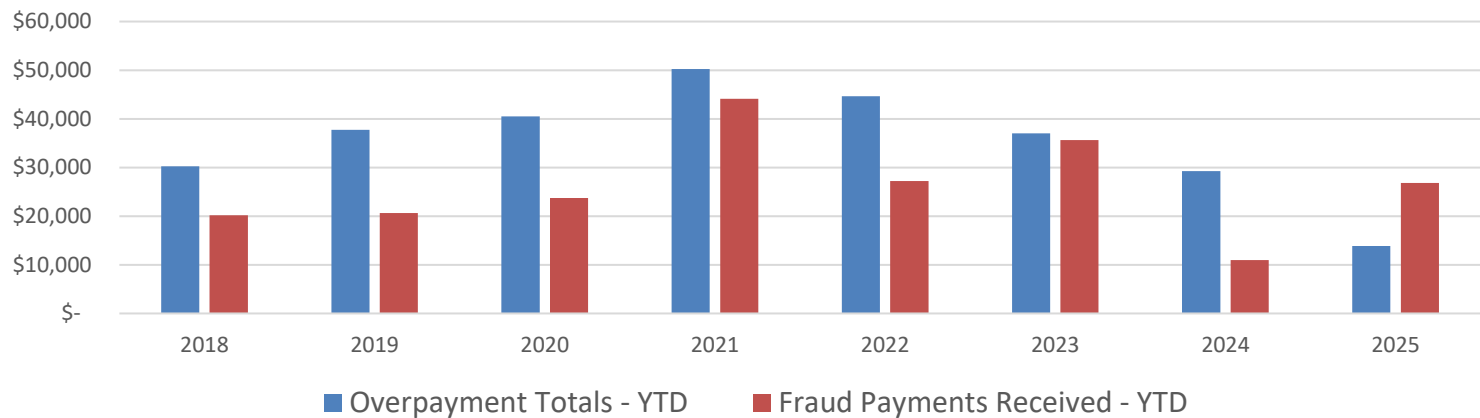
Child Care

- During the 4th Quarter, we served 29 basic sliding fee cases.
- Ten (10) cases were served by MN Family Investment Program childcare.
- Four (4) cases were served by Transition Year childcare.
- Year to date we spent \$364,578 for childcare assistance (77% of allocation).

Fraud Investigations Year to Date



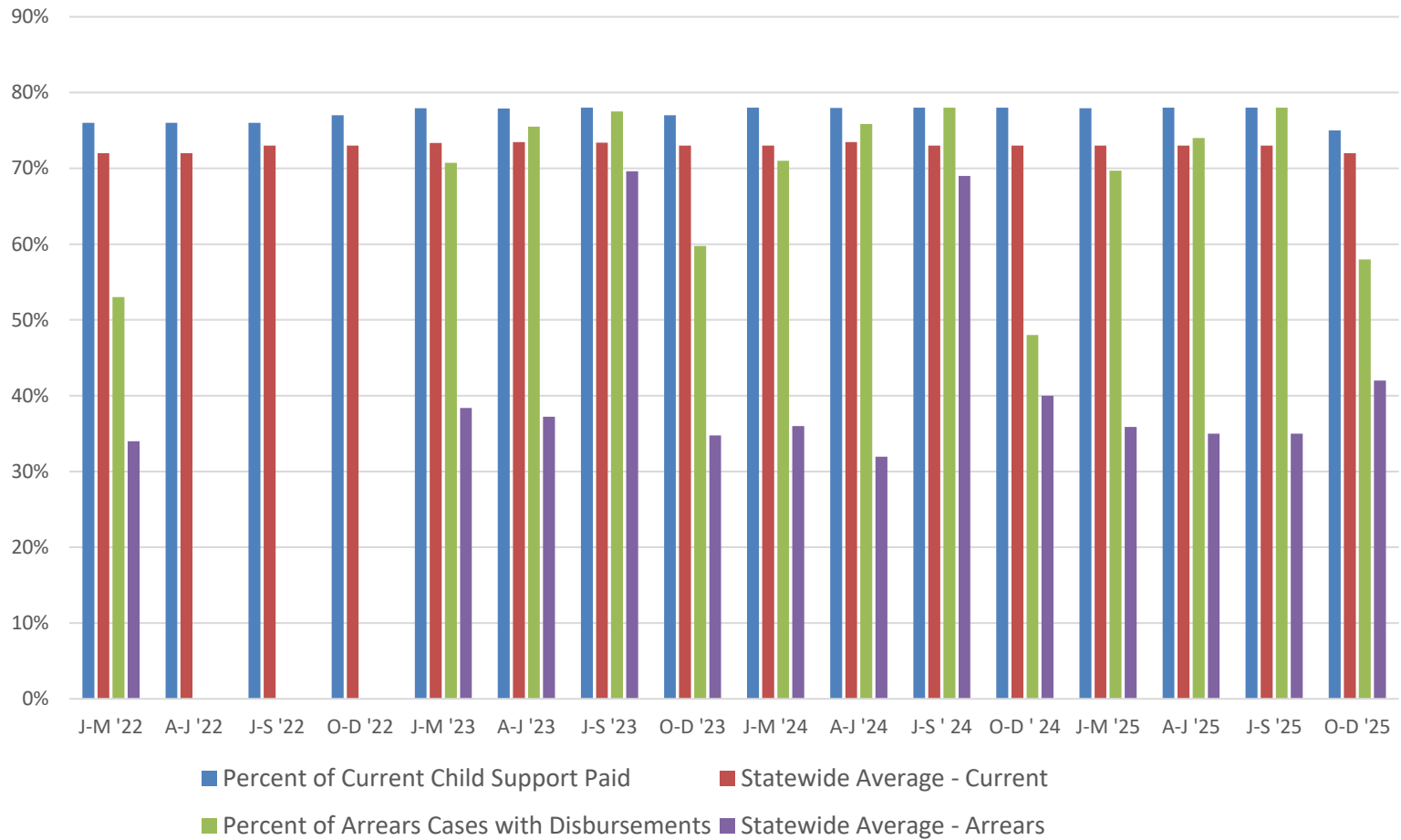
Fraud Overpayments/Payments Received Year to Date



Fraud

- New fraud investigation referrals year to date 2025 totaled fifty-five (55), all completed.
- New overpayments year to date 2025 total \$13,839. Fraud payments received totaled \$26,844.04 (large tax recoveries).

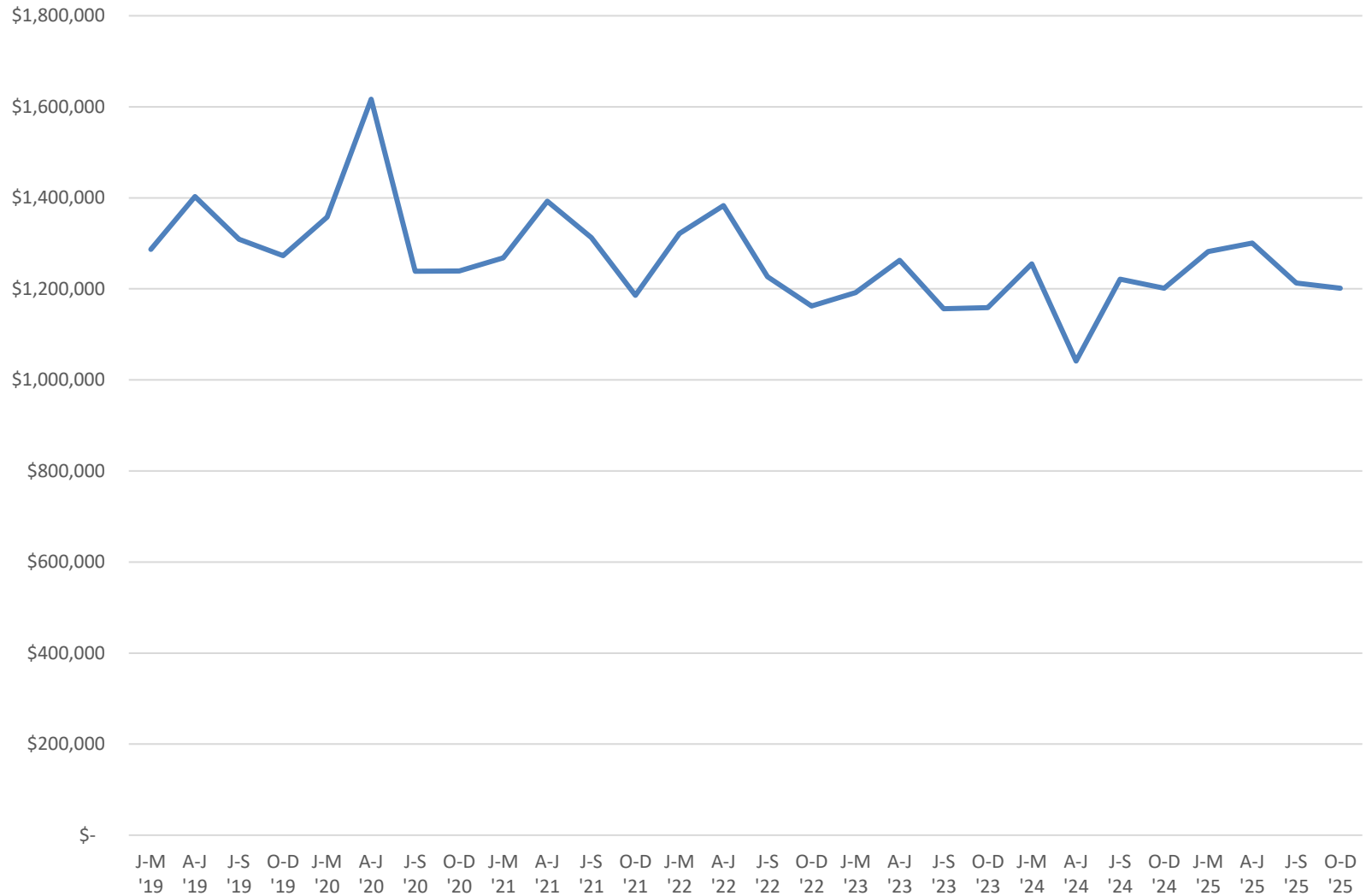
Child Support



Child Support

- 75% of current child support was paid compared to the state average of 72%.
- 58% of arrears cases had disbursements compared to the state average of 42%.

Child Support Collections



Child Support Collections

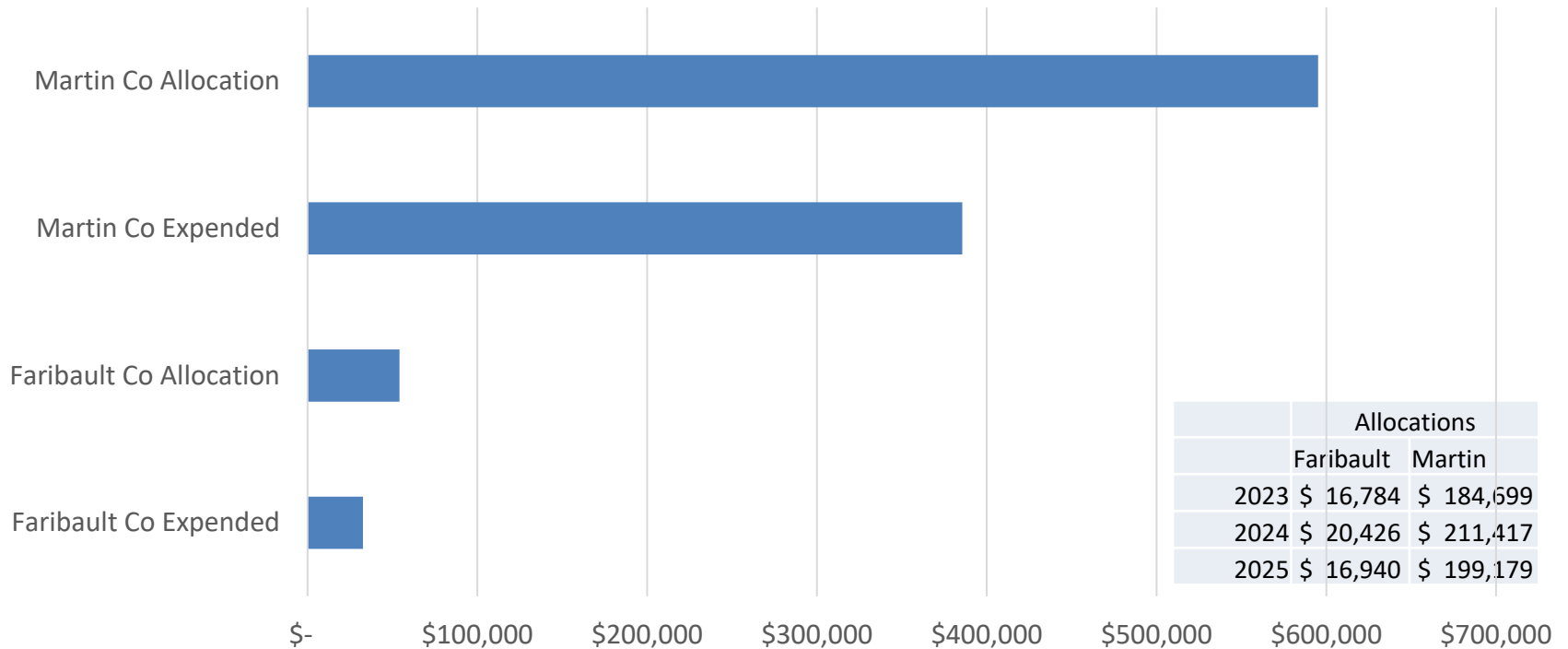
- During the 4th Quarter of 2025, \$1,201,718 was collected in child support.
- Year to Date, \$4,997,216 has been collected.

AGENCY UPDATES & SPECIAL PROJECTS



Local Homeless Prevention Aid

Expended Compared to allocation
(Full 2023-2025 allocation)





Local Homeless Prevention Aid

- Faribault County – Twelve applications were received; three (3) families were served in 4th Quarter 2025.
- Martin County – Thirty-nine (39) applications were received; twenty-six (26) families were served in 4th Quarter 2025.



Collaborative for Rural Public Health Innovation

- Data Achievements
 - Strengthened regional capacity by achieving full county representation on the data team and successfully onboarding a new county with complete staff orientation
 - Enhanced data quality through refresher training on standardized error rates across the team
 - Expanded surveillance capabilities by gaining real-time access to MDH Syndromic Surveillance dashboard and EHR data for early trend identification
 - Secured future funding through MDH partnership on a Syndromic Surveillance for Chronic Diseases grant launching January 2026
 - Improved efficiency by identifying top health indicators used regionwide and locating alternative data sources beyond surveys, reducing reliance on costly primary data collection
 - Applied advanced analytics using “Storytelling with Data” Workshop by using techniques to analyze PHWins data
 - Streamlined assessment processes by creating a Community Health Assessment guide that ensures compliance while maximizing efficiency
 - Built regional alignment through multiple collaborative sessions on CHA processes, community engagement, and leadership team roles
- Communications
 - Launched regional data campaign with built-in evaluation to measure impact, reach, and identify best practices for future initiatives
 - Elevated regional visibility by showcasing community events on the Power of Public Health website, demonstrating fulfillment of foundational responsibilities
 - Standardized language through development of a Health Equity Terms list, ensuring consistent messaging/understand of terminology across the region
 - Addressed a critical need by partnering with agricultural community on developing farmer mental health campaign
 - Identified improvement opportunities via public communications gap analysis with actionable recommendations from intern research
 - Initiated performance management discussions to ensure accountability and effectiveness of efforts
- Partnership Expansion
 - Onboarded new MSU faculty member (starting 2026) and connected with Student Health Services for future collaboration
 - Developed innovative data collection strategy for hard-to-reach demographics through potential peer-to-peer conversations with health majors on cannabis perceptions
- Increased visibility through presentations at Association of Minnesota Counties Conference and Minnesota Partners in Public Health Conference.

Business Office/Financial Updates



As of December 31, 2025

- Total Revenues **\$19,911,952.10**
- **Budgeted Annual Revenues** **\$21,987,767.00**

- Total Expenditures **\$19,854,915.42**
- **Budgeted Annual Expenditures** **\$21,987,767.00**

- Active Staff = 129