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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - AGENDA

November 3, 2026
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** October 6, 2026

- **FINANCIAL**
  - Budget 2026

- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Stone Building

- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Career Center Report
  - Code Blue

- **PERSONNEL**
  - Ashley Fenton was hired as HEAP Seasonal OS1 effective 10/5/26
  - Jennifer Luu was hired as HEAP Seasonal SWE effective 10/5/26
  - Nancy Leonard was hired as HEAP Seasonal OS1effective 10/19/26
  - Diane Cole was hired as HEAP Seasonal SWE effective 10/19/26
  - Penny Walker was hired as HEAP Seasonal OS1 effective 10/19/26

- **RESOLUTIONS**
  - Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage
  - Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center
  - Authorize Contract with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference
  - Authorize Contract with Steuben County
  - Authorize Contract with Family and Children's Society of Broome County, Inc.
  - Authorize Contract with Glove House
  - Authorize Contract with Industrial Medicine Associates
  - Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources
  - Authorize Contract with Securitas Security
  - Authorize Contract with DNA Diagnostics
  - Amend 2026 Budget & Transfer Funds
  - Appoint New Youth Board Member Term

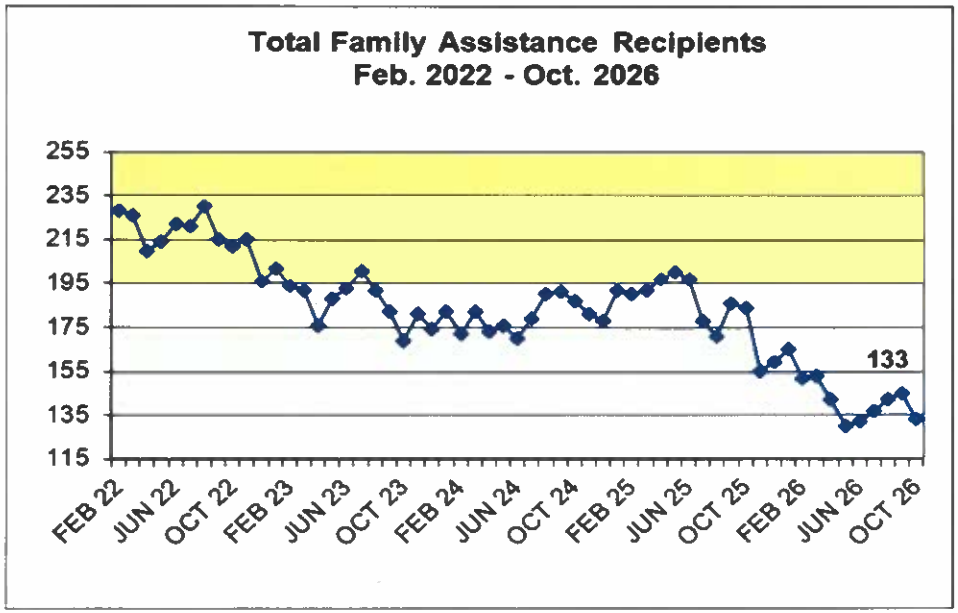
- **PROCLAMATION**
  - Adoption Awareness Month

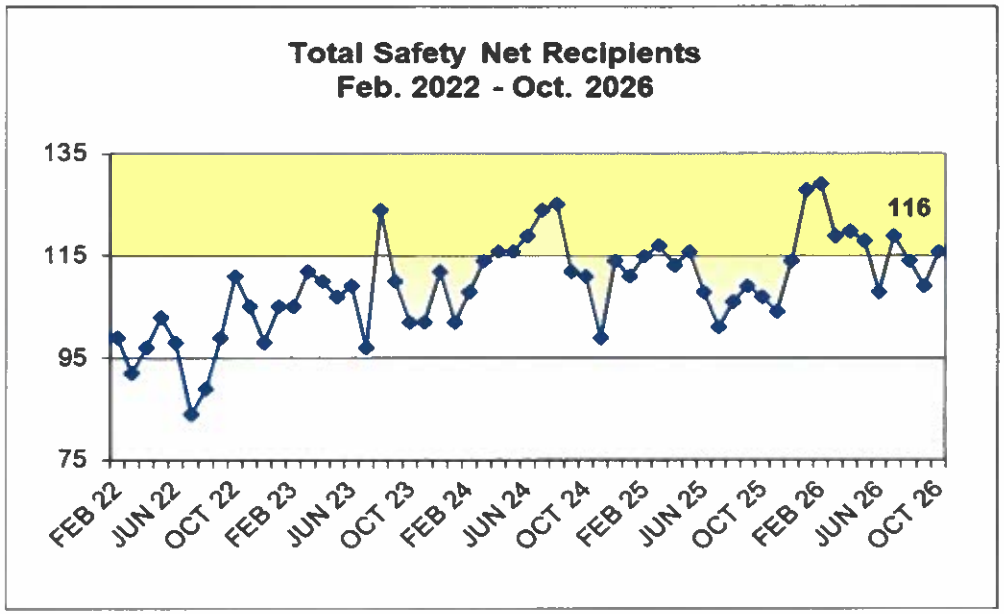
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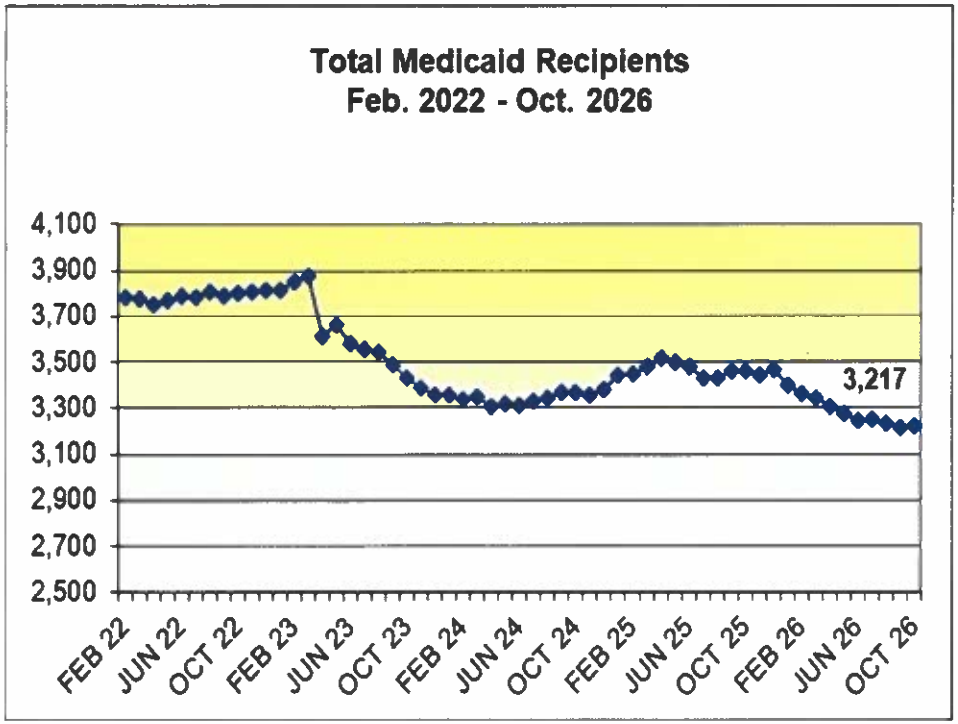
CASELOAD CHANGES - 2026

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

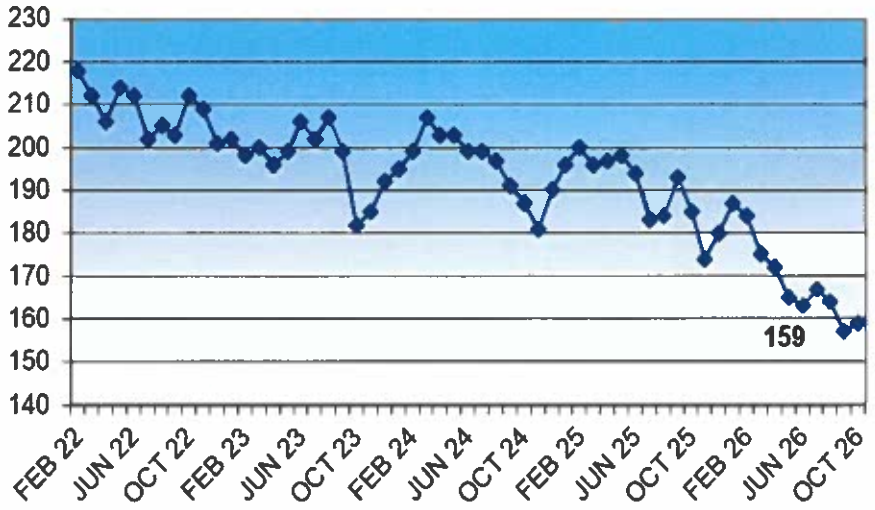
Cases			
	12/31/2025	10/30/2626	% Change
FA	86	73	15%
SNA Singles	86	76	12%
SNA Families	8	10	-25%
Total TA	180	159	12%
MA-Only	1,997	1834	8%
MA-SSI	1,049	1015	8%
Total MA	3,046	2849	6%
SNAP	2,563	2467	4%
Day Care	208	207	0%
Services	434	447	-3%
Individuals			
	12/31/2025	10/30/2026	% Change
FA	159	133	16%
SNA Singles	86	76	12%
SNA Families	28	40	-43%
Total TA	273	249	9%
MA-Only	2,142	1,953	9%
MA-SSI	1,049	1,015	3%
Total MA	3,191	2,968	7%
SNAP	4,549	3,231	29%
Services	1,138	1,199	-5%
Individuals On Medicaid			
	12/31/2025	10/30/2026	% Change
TA	273	249	-9%
MA	3,191	2,968	-7%
ADC-FC	0	0	0%
TOTAL	3,464	3,217	-7%


Total Family Assistance Recipients
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026
255
235
215
195
175
155
135
115
133
FEB 22
JUN 22
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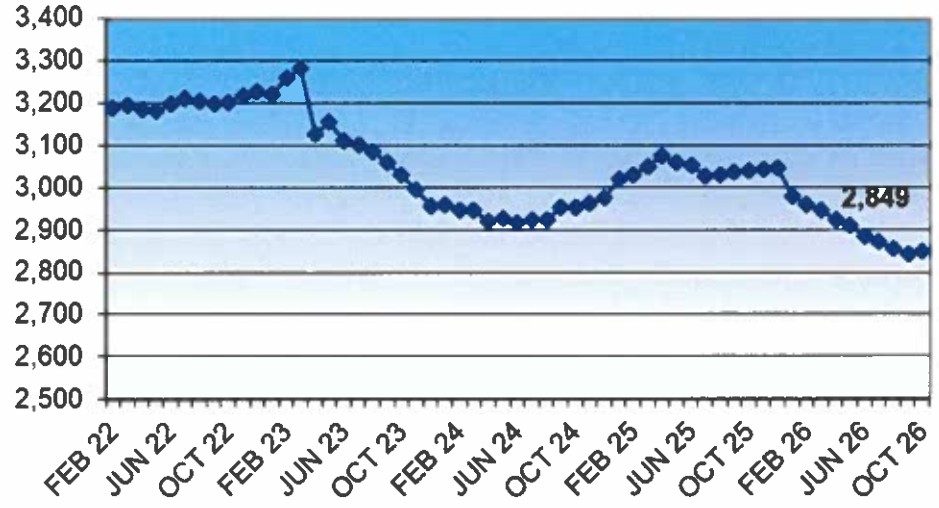

Total Safety Net Recipients
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026
135
115
95
75
116
FEB 22
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JUN 24
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Total Medicaid Recipients
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026
4,100
3,900
3,700
3,500
3,300
3,100
2,900
2,700
2,500
3,217
FEB 22
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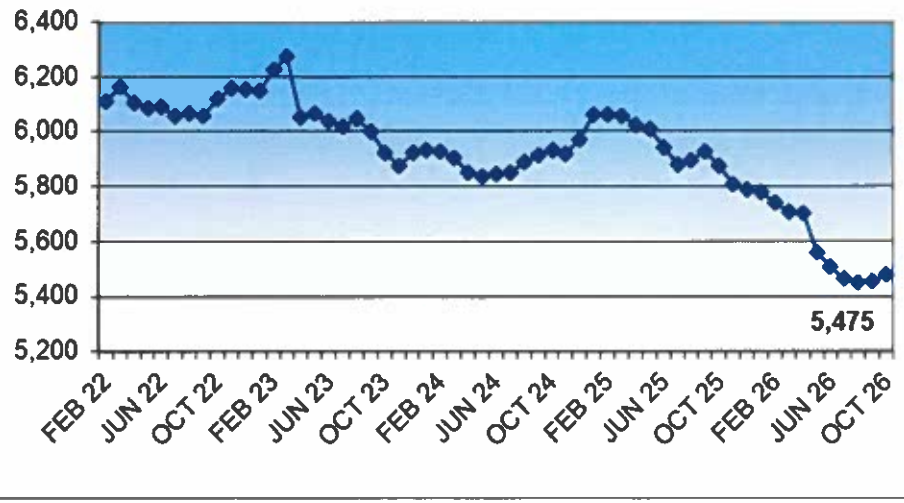
Temporary Assistance Caseload
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026



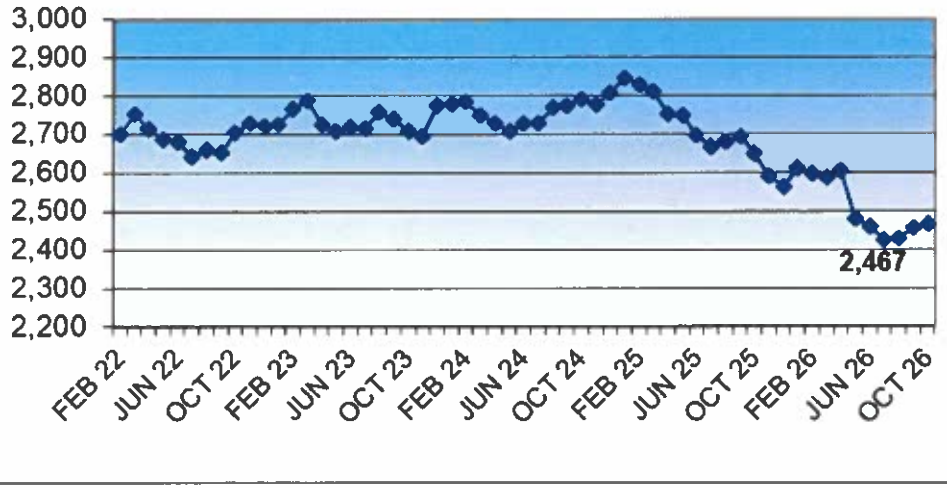
Total Medicaid Caseload
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026



Total Transitional Supports Caseload
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026



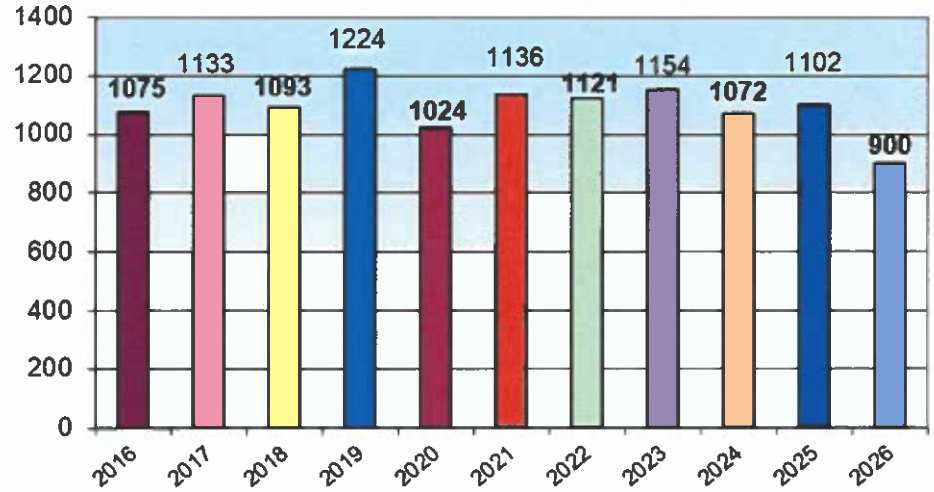
Total SNAP Caseload
Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026



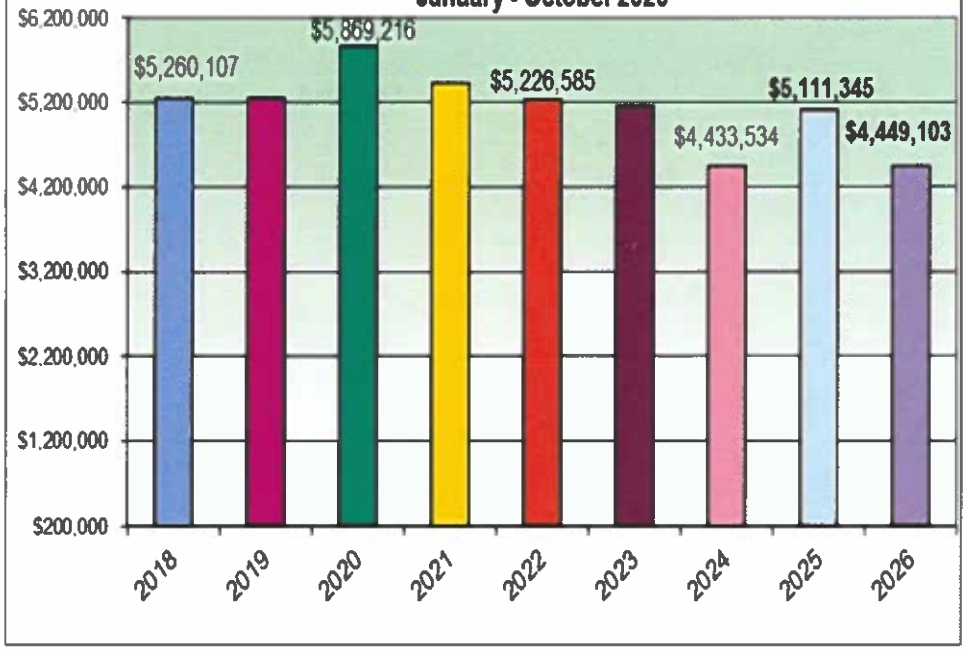
Children in Foster Care at End of Month Feb. 2022 - Oct. 2026



Child Protective Services State Central Register Reports (Hotline) 2015 - 2025 Annual Totals January - October 2026



Child Support Collections 2018- 2025 January - October 2026



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COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3rd, 2026

Current open job postings in Tioga = 146

82 new Unemployment claims opened in October, 60 had effective claim dates in September, there were 20 seasonal claims, and 2 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates: "NYSDOL will soon announce the updated dates for our press releases concerning the monthly employment reports for September. We are currently obtaining the necessary data from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). We are committed to delivering this information as promptly as possible and appreciate your patience during this time."

	Sept '26	Aug '26	Sept '25
TIOGA	3.4	3.7	3.4
NYS	4.5	4.6	4.7
US	4.0	4.3	4.3

The Tioga Career Center is fully staffed with both counselors back, allowing the team to provide critical community support. Following the Spencer Shure Fine fire, the center held a specialized workshop for affected UIB recipients and assisted the DOL with rapid responses. The team is also preparing for the DOL shutdown from November 2 to November 15; while the office and general services remain open, UIB services will be paused, and public notices have been posted around the building and added to the voicemail.

Additionally, the center hosted a highly successful Job Fair for Best Buy to connect local talent with immediate work. Individualized case management also remained strong, serving 32 DSS clients, 3 ABAWD clients, and directly helping 3 individuals secure employment.

Tioga County Department of Social Services

Code Blue

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What Is Code Blue

Code blue means the emergency measures required when inclement winter weather creates a risk to individuals experiencing homelessness

Inclement weather is when the air temperatures are at or below 32'F including calculations for the windchill per the National Weather Service and is expected to last more than 2 consecutive hours in duration

Code Blue ends at 7am or when the temperature rises above 32'F

The Social Services Commissioner has the responsibility to active/declare Code Blue no later than 5pm.

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Social Services Responsibilities

Enhanced outreach to identify homeless individuals

- What does this look like
  - Street outreach
  - Connecting with local community providers
- Who does this:
  - DSS staff
  - Safe Options Support Team (SOS)
  - Law enforcement

Ensure individuals have a safe and warm place to stay

- What does this look like
  - Formal Shelters
  - Warming Centers
  - Authorization to stay in local motels/hote s
  - Providing transportation to ensure safe and warm

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ACTIVATION

The Commissioner has the responsibility to declare Code Blue

Tioga County's best practice will be to declare Code Blue by 12pm.

Upon declaration; a notification will be distributed to Agencies involved in Code Blue Activities.

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ACTIVATION

Required Notification List

- ❑ DSS Officials
- ❑ Local Law enforcement
- ❑ E911
- ❑ Catholic Charities SOS Team
- ❑ New York State Police
- ❑ Community Partners (Public Health, Renewal Ranch)

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ACTIVATION

Notification Contents

- ❑ Code Blue Status
- ❑ Effective Date/Time
- ❑ Expected duration/length
- ❑ Location(s) of available shelter
  - ❑ Formal Shelters
  - ❑ Warming Centers
- ❑ Day Time Contact number for placement
- ❑ After Hours Contact Number for placement
- ❑ Any additional instructions

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Social Services Procedures

Procedures

- DSS Staff (day or night) are responsible for ensuring unhoused individuals have a warm place to stay
- Individuals will be housed (likely in local hotels/motels) after conducting a screening for needs
- If a person refuses a safe/warm place to stay – Law enforcement will be contacted for a welfare check/possible 9.41 mental health arrest

Changes to past practice

- Not waiting until 5pm to be able to access services/shelter
  - PLEASE SEND PEOPLE DURING DAYTIME HOURS
- Unwed couples will be housed together
- Same sex - single individuals will be double bunked in motel/hotel rooms – per established policy

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Homeless and Code Blue by the Numbers

2025:

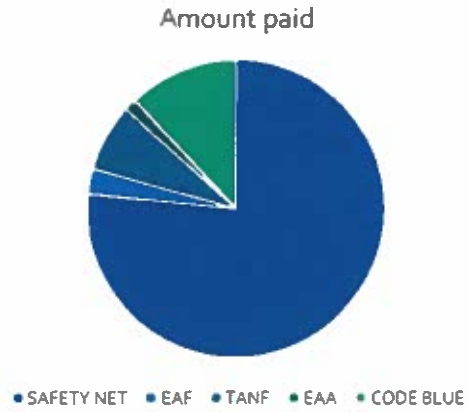
- Housed – 99 (duplicated) individuals
- Calls to On-Call Service – 273

2026:

- Thru 5/31/26 - Housed – 99 (duplicated) individuals
- Thru 6/30/26 - Calls to On-Call Service – 174
  - Housed 56 individual (duplicated)
- Thru 5/31/26 - **Code Blue** (below 32') – duplicated
  - Eligible - 57
    - Day – 18
    - Night – 39 (on call)

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2025 Financial cost to house homeless



	Amount paid	
SAFETY NET	$	86,285
EAF	$	3,063
TANF	$	8,333
EAA	$	1,460
CODE BLUE	$	13,527
	$	112,668

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR BOYS OF COURAGE SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to contract with the Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage OMH group home for the period January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, at the rates not to exceed $1,239.00 per month to retain housing and program services and, $230.00 per month for personal needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage contract for the contract term of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH A NEW HOPE CENTER SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with A New Hope Center to provide mandated Domestic Violence Services to residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at an amount not to exceed $46,200.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the A New Hope Center contract for the provision of mandated non-residential domestic violence services not to exceed $46,200.00 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO.	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CHILDRENS HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference to provide In-Home Parenting Education services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, at an amount not to exceed $115,500; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference contract for the provision of In-Home Parent Education Services not to exceed $115,500 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH STEUBEN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with Steuben County for a detention bed due to a shortage of available Non-Secure Detention Services to meet the demand throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at an amount not to exceed $268,275; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Steuben County contract for one detention bed not to exceed $268,275 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY OF BROOME COUNTY, INC SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Family and Children's Society of Broome County, Inc. to provide clinical services to victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse and their families; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, at an amount not to exceed $45,200; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Family and Children's Society contract for the Journey Project Services not to exceed $45,200 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GLOVE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Glove House to provide Preventive Services to eligible families in the Waverly School District; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at an amount not to exceed $83,500.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Glove House contract for the school based worker services not to exceed $83,500 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Industrial Medicine Associates to provide substance abuse assessments and monitoring program for Social Service recipients or applicants; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at the rates not to exceed $353.00 per assessment and monitoring, $54.00 no show fee and $56.00 per urine drug screen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Industrial Medicine Associates contract to provide substance abuse assessments and monitoring services (SAAM) at the agreed upon rates for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY RESOURCES SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Liberty Resources to respond to families and infants affected by substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $83,500; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Liberty Resources CARA contract for the provision of the Linking Interventions for Families Transition program not to exceed $83,500 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services has a contract with Securitas to provide security services at the HHS complex; and

WHEREAS: The need for ongoing security exists at these locations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Securitas to continue providing security services at the HHS complex effective as of January 1, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Securitas contract to continue providing security services at the HHS complex.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH DNA DIAGNOSTICS SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with DNA Diagnostics Center to provide paternity testing services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at an amount not to exceed $10,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the DNA Diagnostics contract for testing services not to exceed $10,000.00 for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 26 AMEND 2026 BUDGET & TRANSFER FUNDS
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services will exceed the budgeted amount for Foster Care Program Expense due to a higher number of placements; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available for transfer from expense account A6123 JD Program-RTA; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds between A6119 Foster Care Program Expense and A6123 JD Program-RTA requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be transferred as follows:

From:	A6123 540487 RTA	JD Program-RTA	$ 400,000.00
To:	A6119 540487	Foster Care Program Expense	$ 400,000.00

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. APPOINT NEW YOUTH BOARD MEMBER TERM YOUTH BUREAU

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board is organized as an advisory body to the Tioga County Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Youth Board is to carry out the provision of Section 95 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Resolution No. 140 of 1981 of the Tioga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board Bylaws provides for representatives to the Youth Board be appointed by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Vacancies currently exist on the Youth Board, and therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following listed representative be appointed as a member of the Tioga County Youth Board with the corresponding term of office as follows:

	TERM
Shannon Willett	12/1/2026 – 11/30/2029

PROCLAMATION

This November marks the 36th annual National Adoption Month. November 21, 2026, is National Adoption Day. Our task is to find permanent homes for all our children. Tioga County finalized five adoptions this year to date. Tioga has fifteen children freed for adoption, all of whom are placed in adoptive homes. Every child in America and Tioga County deserves a permanent, loving forever family and home; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families serve as a source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children freed for adoption in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families provide a safe and stable home and a nurturing environment where children freed for adoption have the opportunity to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Accepting responsibility for the care of these children has proven to be very rewarding for many adoptive parents; and

WHEREAS: Numerous public and private agencies work to increase the public's awareness of the needs of children freed for adoption, and the enduring and valuable contribution of adoptive families; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize all those in Tioga County who work together on behalf of children freed for adoption; the adoptive families and the professional staff dedicated to ensuring these children become members of a stable and loving family; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby Proclaim November as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to recognize adoptive families in Tioga County.

Dated:

Tracy Monell
CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 8:30AM.

Present:	Mr. Bill Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Legislator
	Mr. Ray Bunce	Legislator
	Ms. Jo Ellen Rose	Legislator
	Ms. Sarah Begeal	Director of Community Services
	Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services
	Ms. Liz Myers	Commissioner of Social Services
	Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services
	Ms. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)

Guests:	Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislative Chair

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the September 8, 2026 minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Bunce, seconded by Legislator Rose. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
   - Mr. Chris Korba reported that the 2026 Fee-for-Service revenue is tracking well, despite the staff vacancies. Expenses are tracking as expected except for the Court Ordered Criminal Psychiatric line. They are bringing a resolution to transfer money from contingency to cover August through December 2026.

2. Old Business
   - Criminal Psych – The person currently in Court Ordered Criminal Psych care is expected to be receiving services through April 2027. There was another exam completed and the person was determined to be incompetent so there may be another person placed in Criminal Psych care.

3. New Business
   - Remote Work Update – MH has twelve approved users. Nine of those were remote during the 3rd quarter.

4. Personnel
   - Matthew McDonald, Intern withdrew from internship effective 9/16/26
   - Emily Parsons, Clinical Social Worker started 10/5/26

DRAFT

5. Resolutions
   - Amend 2026 Budget Contingency Transfer Request (Criminal Psych)
   - Authorize One (1) Position Reclassification

Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

Mr. Korba noted they may have a late file resolution regarding AOT State Aid Funding. They are waiting on the quote for the vehicle.

6. Proclamations
   - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
   - Mr. Denis McCann reported that Public Health revenue is going very well. The Expenses are also tracking well. They continue to see savings in the Preschool Services, Dental & Early Intervention budgets. He expects to have a return to local share at year end.

2. Old Business
   - Remote Work Update – Ms. Vroman noted that there are 26 out of 32 staff members approved for remote work and all is going well. She thanked the Legislature for allowing this policy to continue.

3. New Business – Agency Report for September:
   - Measles – The Governor's office has declared a State of Emergency due to the measles outbreak. It will allow Public Health nurses to have more flexibility with ordering testing. There has been one confirmed case in Tioga County with four other suspect cases. To date 61 adults & children have been vaccinated related to the Measles Outbreak. Not all healthcare systems have a "Measles Response Plan", so PH staff are continuing to work with providers, which is time consuming; as Tioga is served by five hospitals. Measles is very contagious and can live on surfaces for up to two hours. Ms. Vroman noted that Tioga County has an 80% vaccination rate among two-year-olds for the Measles vaccine.
   - Respiratory (flu) season has begun. There are 45 confirmed cases of flu in Tioga County. The trend is one month earlier than last year. Initially, flu was more prevalent in the 19 years of age & younger group. It has now spread to the 70 and older population. Public Health has been partnering with Tioga Opportunities and Rural Ministries to provide flu clinics.
   - Tick borne illness has started to decrease; plus, testing rates have also decreased dramatically.
   - The lactation education program continues to go well. There are 24 people enrolled. PH is in early planning stages of starting a Breastfeeding Coalition and reaching out to partners to gauge interest.

DRAFT

- October is Lead Poisoning Prevention Month. Lead poisoning can be deferential to children. Providers are mandated to test for lead at age one and two. PH manages children with elevated lead levels and the homes; often working with landlords and Code Enforcement. There are 17 children in the current caseload. PH provides resources for families and remediation processes to help the child and home to be safe.

4. Personnel
   - None

5. Resolutions
   - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (DFC)
   - Amend Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24; Authorize Purchases Outside County Policies
   - Authorize Execution of Agreement with Liberty Dental Plan of New York, Inc. for Tioga Smiles Dental Program
   - Reappoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health (T. Leary)
   - Approve Single Source Purchase of Tioga Theater Tickets

Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

6. Proclamations
   - Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (repeat)

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
   - 2026 – Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that there is some payroll savings. Foster Care continues to run over budget. EAA (Emergency Adult Assistance) and Title XX are running high. Will bring a resolution next month to move funds from the Administration line to cover FC expenses.
   - Legislator Bunce inquired about the Code Blue program. Commissioner Myers explained that new processes and procedures are being created. The allocation is $6,000. Code Blue is in effect whenever the temperature goes below 32 degrees or with a wind chill of under 32 degrees, DSS is required to provide assistance and house them. There are current agreements with the Deep Well & Sunrise motel. The Comfort Inn in Apalachin was added. DSS is trying to develop more resources but it's difficult when surrounding counties end up using the motels in Tioga County. Commissioner Myers will bring more information to the November meeting.

2. Old Business
   - Remote Work Update – There are 12 employees that are approved for remote work, and one person has been suspended for 90 days. Mr. Jackson Bailey needs to be informed of any suspensions or terminations.

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3. New Business
   - Career Center Report – Out of 20 DSS clients receiving intensive career readiness assistance this month, 2 individuals have already secured work. There will be an upcoming Unemployment Insurance State System shutdown starting November 2 and lasting 9-12 days. TCC has been preparing current and future UI benefits recipients to understand how the transition will impact their payment timelines and claims processing.
   - Upcoming Medicaid Changes – Starting January 2027, the State will continue to take over Medicaid. Medicaid will now have work requirements for recipients, but not the same as the work requirements for SNAP. Medicaid clients will be directed to contact the State with any MA questions.
   - CAC Funding – Still waiting on the Comptroller to approve funding.
   - Caseloads – See Caseload Summary
     During September, Cash Assistance decreased 7 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 6 cases and Safety Net decreasing 1 case.
     MA-Only decreased 12 cases
     MA-SSI decreased 3 cases
     Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 16 to 3,212
     SNAP increased 27 cases
     Day Care increased 3 cases

4. Personnel Changes
   - Victoria Macbeth was hired as a Caseworker effective 9/8/26
   - Ashley Lavore was hired as Social Services Investigator effective 9/21/26
   - Debra Goodspeed retired from Principal Social Welfare Examiner effective 9/30/26

5. Resolutions
   - Amend Resolution No. 359-26; Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center
   - Authorize Contract with Multiple Foster Care Agencies
   - Amend 2026 Budget
   - Approve Funding 2027 Youth Bureau Program Funding
   - Authorize Tioga County Department of Social Services to Solicit & Accept Donations in Excess of $1,000
   - Authorize Out-Of-Title Pay

Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

6. Proclamations
   - None

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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