

# Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA)

## Service Plan



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

## Type of Service plan

Individual county plan  Multi-county plan

County name: Kanabec	County names:
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## Part A: Needs and Priorities

State the type of needs that the county will be addressing for vulnerable children and adults who experience dependency, abuse or neglect using VCA funds?

### *Vulnerable children*

Vulnerable children in Kanabec County need stability in their living arrangements and emotional support after basic safety is addressed. Our residents have experienced greater unemployment than the State as a whole and increased prescription drug abuse and often struggle with providing this for their children.

### *Vulnerable adults*

Kanabec County vulnerable adults are in most need of guardianship and conservator services. Kanabec County lacks a provider base for personal care services and other in-home support to maintain VA client in their own homes. Public transportation has improved over the last two years but ongoing and increase services would benefit this population. Isolation is a major issue in most cases we work with. Kanabec county also lacks a multi disciplinary team to assist and investigate Vulnerable Adult situations in the best manor possible.

## Part B: Strengths and Resources

A county has many strengths and resources to address the diverse social services needs of vulnerable children and adults. Briefly state what strengths and/or resources will be engaged (continued or implemented) to address the needs stated in Part A above?

### *Vulnerable children*

Due to the relatively small population of Kanabec County and the fact that several of our social workers were raised locally, we know our community well and have formed strong partnerships with other stakeholders. We are often able to assist parents and children in accessing both formal and informal supports for their unique situations. Our staff has participated in a research project on the intervention and treatment of perscription drug abuse.

### *Vulnerable adults*

While lacking a formal team Kanabec County is a small county and departments of the county work well together. Kanabec County has veteran staff who have worked on many Vulnerable Adult issue's and learned what works for our client's. Kanabec County Family Services will work over the next year to form a Multi disciplinary team with Public Health, Law enforcement and County Attorney's. Kanabec County has many residences that are willing to help others. Kanabec County will attempt to develop a list of private citizen willing to serve as Guardian and/or Conservator's for Vulnerable Adults in need of those services.

## Part C: Measures and Performances

Access the link below to review the county's CY 2010 performance on VCA measures.

[CY 2010 Performance Summary on VCA Federal and State Measures](#)

Use the county's performance summary to complete the table and questions below. In the table, enter the county's performance on each of the measures and enter a "✓" if the standard was met, or an "✗" if the standard was not met in CY 2010. In the last two columns, set practical performance targets the county will work towards achieving in 2012 and 2013.

## Federal and State Measures

Measures (abbreviated)	Standard (STD)	2010 State/County Performance			Anticipated Targets	
		State	County	STD Met? (✓ or ✗)	2012	2013
1. No repeat maltreatment w/in six mths.	≥ 94.6 %	✓ 95.1%	100%	yes		
2. Re-entered foster care w/in 12 mths.	≤ 9.9 %	✗ 24.4%	42.9%	no	28%	21%
3. Reunified w/in 12 mths.	≥ 75.2 %	✓ 84.5%	100%	yes		
4. Adopted w/in 24 mths	≥ 36.6 %	✓ 48.2%	-%	yes		
5. Two or fewer pl. settings w/in 12 mths.	≥ 86.0 %	✓ 86.8%	95.2%	yes		
6. Health examination w/in 12 mths.	≥ 63.5%	✗ 56.4%	52%	no	60%	70%

≥ = Greater than or equal to; ≤ = Less than or equal to; ✓ = Standard met; ✗ = Standard not met

For each measure for which the county did not meet the standard, identify the measure below and discuss what plans are in place to improve performance on the respective measure. Include what issues/barriers/challenges are hindering the county from meeting the standard, and what may need to be changed or be done differently to achieve the stated targets (add more boxes, if needed).

Measure #: 2	<p>Re-entered foster care within 12 months:</p> <p>The case histories of the 6 children whom re-entered foster care in 2010 have been reviewed. The biggest challenge to meeting this standard will be to influence the position taken by our local legal system. Recent legislation has helped curtail the number of run-away youth placed in foster care and something similar for high school trancies would also help. We will continue to work with our CJI team and truancy diversion program to address these issues.</p>
Measure #: 6	<p>Health examination within 12 months:</p> <p>Kanabec County CPS is confident that our poor showing on this measure is due to incomplete data entry. Health exams were recorded in the case notes and in Court reports, but were not necessarily entered in the Health/Insurance and CWB/Checkup/Education screens. We have now established a procedure that will include manually going into every case once a month to ensure that these and other required screens are completed.</p>

### Part D: Budget

Access the link below to review the county’s CY 2012 allocation. Use the county’s allocation to complete the budget table below.

[Vulnerable Children and Adults Act CY 2012 Allocation](#)

Fill in the proportion (percent) of the county’s VCA allocation that will be budgeted for vulnerable children and adult services for CY 2012 and beyond. Because VCA funds are directed at vulnerable children and adults, only two budget line items are listed. Subsequently, the department will apply these proportions to the most currently available allocation data. If the county changes these proportions at any time, the department should be informed by sending an email to: [paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us](mailto:paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us).

VCA budget	CY 2012 and beyond
Children services	85%
Adult services	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Part E: Certification and Assurances

#### Federal Certifications

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) requires the following certifications for the use of federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds (CFDA # 93.667, federal award number

0901MNSOSR, 1001MNSOSR, 0601MNSOS2). Follow the links for a complete description of each certification. Checking these boxes certifies that the county complies with these requirements for the use of SSBG funds administered through the service plan and county sub-contracting process.

- Drug Free Workplace  
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/drug\\_free.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/drug_free.html)
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/tobacco.html>
- Lobbying  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/lobbying.html>
- Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters**  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/debarment.html>

**Public Input**

Prior to submission, did the county facilitate a process for soliciting public input for at least 30 days on the contents of the agreement?

Yes  No Was public input received/used?  Yes  No

**Assurances**

It is understood and agreed by the county board that funds granted pursuant to this service plan will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minn.Stat.§256M; that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service plan, and that documentation of compliance will be available for audit; and that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all VCA requirements including documenting annual public input processes.

**Service Plan Certification**

Checking this box certifies that this service plan has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of [Minn. Stat. §256M](#). In the box below, state the name of the chair of the county board of commissioners or authorized designee, their mailing address and the name of the county.

Name (chair or designee)	Mailing address	County

**Date of Certification:**