Program Outcomes and Goals

**Adult Protective Services**

Adults are safe from abuse/neglect/exploitation.
- 97% of investigations will have no confirmed report of abuse/neglect/exploitation within 6 months of closing.
  Result: Did not meet - 96% (61 of 63)
- 85% of Adult Protective Services cases will be able to remain in the community in the least restrictive environment.
  Result: Met - 96% (61 of 63)

**Project Home**

Adults are safe, protected and healthy in the least restrictive environment.
- 85% of Project HOME residents will be maintained in a stable placement for the next year.
  Result: Met - 100% (16 of 16)
- 97% of Project HOME residents will have no confirmed cases of abuse / neglect / exploitation within the last six months.
  Result: Met - 100% (16 of 16)
- 85% of new Project HOME placements will have improved functioning within six months.
  Result: Met - 100% (4 of 4)
- 85% of Project HOME--HIV customers will remain in their own home.
  Result: Met - 97% (33 of 34)
- 80% of HOPWA recipients will have stable housing. Result: Met: 95% (20 of 21)

Adults have their crisis needs met.
- 100% of Project HOME—HIV customers will have no utility turn off or eviction.
  Result: Met - 100 % (34 of 34)
- 90% of HOPWA recipients will maintain employment or receive cash benefits that enable them to be self-sufficient.
  Result: Met - 95% (20 of 21)

**Social Services to Adults**

Adults with supportive services are able to reside in the least restrictive environment.
- 90% of SSTAA cases will be safely maintained in the community.
  Result: Met - 94% (121 of 129)

**Senior Care**

Adults are safe, protected, and healthy in the least restrictive environment.
- 90% of Senior care cases will have no confirmed incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation within the last six months.
  Result: Met - 100% (91 of 91)
- 87% Adults who are at risk of nursing home placement will be maintained in the community.
  Result: 94% (121 of 129)

Adults, with supportive services, are able to reside in the least restrictive environment.
- 65% will receive gap-filling funds.
  Result: Met - 93% (85 of 91)
- 25% will receive IHAS services.
  Result: Met - 83% (34 of 41)

Administration & Personnel

- Promoted 7 staff (8%) meeting goal of 5%
- Successfully completed Office of Inspector General Audit with no exceptions for the period June 1, 2009–October 31, 2012.

**Operating Costs FY 2012**

- Total Child Support collected $3,110,775
  - Current Support Distributed $2,152,799
  - Arrears Distributed $ 957,976

**2013 Annual Report**

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Child Protective Services
- Conducted 299 investigations from local reports received and 15 requested by other jurisdictions. The results of completed investigations were:
  - 64 (22.5%) - Indicated
  - 72 (25.4%) - Unsubstantiated
  - 148 (52.1%) - Ruled out
- Child Protective Services investigations decreased 20.4% over FY2012
- 7 investigations involved drug addicted/drug exposed new born infants
- There were no child fatalities.

Adoption Services
- 1 child was placed for adoption with a Dorchester County family
- 2 adoptions were finalized

Out of Home Care
- 15 Children required placement - 7 voluntary placements for children with disabilities, 1 time limited voluntary placement
- Goals were achieved for 7 of 35 children: 1 - returned home 2 - were adopted 1 - was placed in subsidized guardianship 3 - were emancipated

In-Home Services
- 130 families and 286 children were served
- 6 (2.1%) children (one sibling group) required placement out of home
- 280 (97.9%) of children served remained with their families
- 7 Voluntary Placements of children with disabilities were made.

Federal Child Welfare Goals & Outcomes
- Children are safe from abuse and neglect
  - 90% of cases will have no indicated finding (for a current incident) while the case is open for investigation.
  - Result: Met: 0 (0%) of 284 cases
  - No more than 5% of cases will return for investigation with an indicated ruling within six months of closure.
  - Result: Met: 5 (1.8%) cases repeated out of 284
- Children in out-of-home care are safe from abuse and neglect.
  - No more than 6% of children in foster care will be abused or neglected by their substitute caregiver.
  - Result: No children were abused (0 of 42)
- Children in out-of-home care will have timely permanent living arrangements.
  - No more than 8.6% of children entering foster care will be re-entries within 12 months of a previous episode.
  - Result: No child reentered care (0 of 15)
  - At least 86.7% of children in foster care will have no more than 2 placements in one year.
  - Result: 94.3% (2 of 35)
  - At least 76.2% of children leaving foster care to reunification will do so within 12 months of entry.
  - Result: 100% (1 of 1)
  - At least 32% of children leaving foster care to adoption will do so within 24 months. Result: 50% (1 of 2)

Job Placements
Individuals receiving Temporary Cash Assistance are required to seek work. Our Work Opportunities staff assist in developing workplace skills and finding employment.

Energy Assistance
We provided assistance to 2,687 Dorchester County households totaling $2,741,481 through Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP). In many cases, this avoided energy cutoffs.