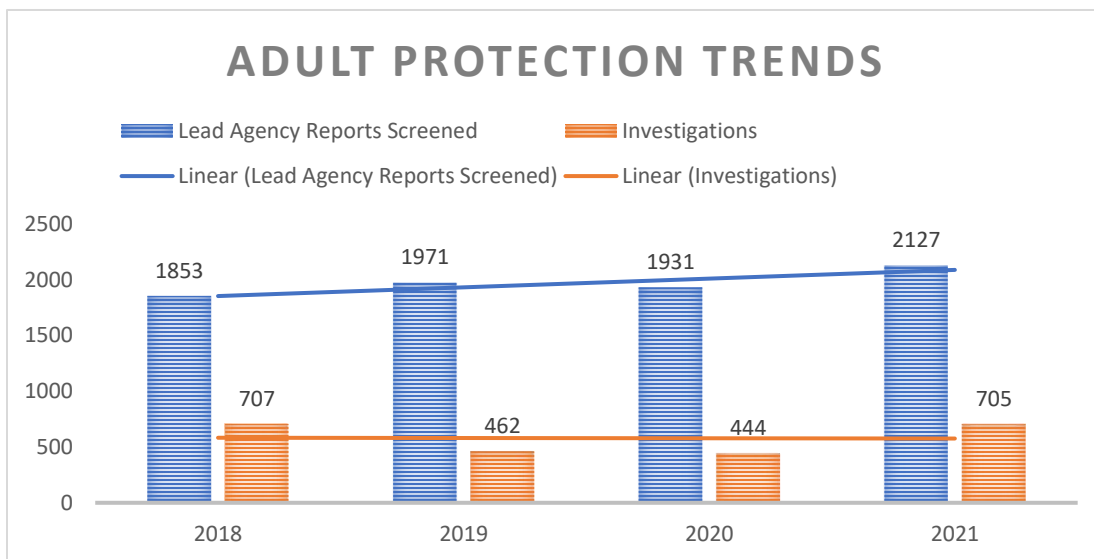




Strategic Plan Goal: A Great Place to Live

2022 Performance and Outcomes: Volume and complexity of Adult Protection cases continues to increase with aging population, workforce shortages and lasting impacts of the pandemic (see Table below). In recognition of growing need, increasing demand and mandates on counties to provide Adult Protection investigation and protective services, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has allocated additional funding to counties that must be used (non-supplanting) to provide increased response. Dakota County's 2022 allocation is \$184,912 (new money).



2022/2023 Significant Plans/Issues: The following are the identified plans for use of the DHS funding allocation of \$184,912. NOTE: This is an ongoing increase in funding.

1.0 Social Worker (SW) Full-time Equivalent (FTE):

- Follow up calls to collaterals in the intake phase which provides additional support and services for people who may not otherwise be screened-in for investigation.
- Provide resources and service coordination to reports that do not meet criteria for maltreatment but need assistance navigating system resources
- Provide information/education to community/families and gather/request baseline information on request for options, e.g. power of attorney, guardianship/conservatorship, supported decision-making, for adults who lack capacity for decision-making
- Assist with navigating and correcting technical issues within SSIS (working with our internal SSIS staff as well as DHS Helpdesk)
- Fielding calls and providing follow up to the numerous calls from the public regarding information on status of reports/why reports were not screened in and inquiries into data requests
- Take investigations if needed to cover vacations/leaves or if volume is high

Purchase of Services (POS):

- Psychiatrist or medical physician to assist in on site/community evaluations or assessments as they relate capacity and functionality in the community. Assessing person in their home environment for overall health and safety. Providing APS with needed assessments to implement protective measure when the individual does not have a consistent healthcare professional involved or who are willing to make a statement on capacity and ability (example of this are individuals followed through the VA system)
- POS funds to use to “bridge” service gaps while individuals wait for needed assessments to become eligible for long term funding streams.