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FY23 QUARTER #1 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Aging and Long-Term Services Department



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Agency Mission:

The Mission of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) is to provide accessible, integrated services to older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers, to assist in maintaining their independence, dignity, health, safety, and economic well-being, thereby empowering them to live independently in their own communities as productively as possible.

Agency Goals:

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department's three primary goals for FY23 are:

Goal 1: Administer core programs that enable older New Mexicans to remain in their residence and community through the availability of and access to high-quality home and community services and supports, including supports for families and caregivers.

Goal 2: Expand and Innovate Services

Goal 3: Establish and expand inventive programs that support consumer control and choice.

Goal 4: Prevent and improve response to abuse, neglect, and exploitation while preserving the rights and autonomy of older New Mexicans.

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Consumer and Elder Rights Division and the Long -Term Care Ombudsman Program

Program Description, Purpose, and Objectives: The Consumer & Elder Rights Division assists older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers through a telephonic, web-based, and community-based point of entry system. CERD helps people understand their options, access information, maximize personal choice, navigate systems to improve their quality of life.

CERD consists of the following areas:

- Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) with Live Web Chat availability
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)
- Care Transitions Bureau (CTB)
- Prescription Drug Assistance Program
- NM Veteran Directed Care Program

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is federally, and state mandated to provide independent oversight and advocacy services to residents in New Mexico’s long-term care facilities. The program advocates for the recognition, respect, and enforcement of the civil and human rights of residents of long-term care facilities in New Mexico. Highly skilled staff and many volunteers throughout the state regularly visit nursing homes and other long-term care facilities to ensure that residents are properly treated.

Program Budget (in thousands):

FY22	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	1,487.2		1,030.7	1,300.0	3,817.9	48
300	99.8		398.0		497.8	
400	154.9		530.1		685.0	
TOTAL	1,741.9	-	1,958.8	1,300.0	5,000.7	

FY23	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	1,647.2		1,032.7	1,300.0	3,979.9	48
300	10.0		442.8		452.8	
400	244.6		508.4		753.0	
TOTAL	1,901.8	-	1,983.9	1,300.0	5,185.7	

Program Performance Measures Annual:

1. Percent of calls to the Aging and Disability Resource Center that are answered by a live operator.
2. Percent of residents who remained in the community six months following a nursing home care transition.
3. Percent of individuals provided short-term assistance that accessed services within 30 days of a referral from options counseling.
4. Percentage of facilities visited monthly.
5. Percent of ombudsman complaints resolved within sixty days.

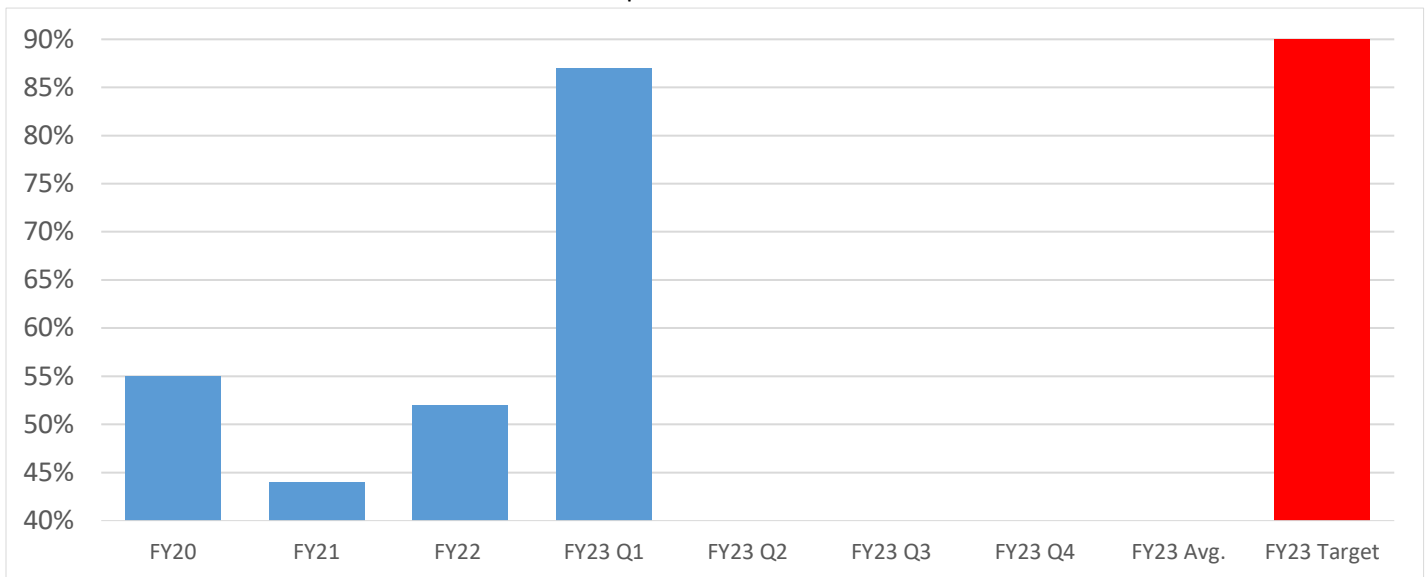
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #1

Percent of calls to the Aging and Disability Resource Center that are answered by a live operator.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
55%	44%	52%	87%					90%

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The measure indicates the complexity of calls received by the Aging and Disability Resource Center. It also reflects the extent to which social service program changes are affecting the quality of life of beneficiaries.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The ADRC utilizes the Cisco call system database and Wellsky Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) data base. The ADRC model required by the Federal Government’s Administration for Community Living (ACL) is an entry where consumers obtain information, assistance, and referrals. The percent of calls answered by a live operator provides an indication of the demand for services and its relationship to customer service and ADRC staff resources.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: During the first quarter FY23, 87% of the calls to the ADRC were answered by a live operator. The ADRC received 6,691 calls (average of 105 calls per day). The ADRC worked with an average of 2-7 Options Counselors, due to turnover. We had the assistance of 2-5 schedulers, on loan from APS, who answered live calls. Training new and on loan staff was a factor with answering calls. In July, we began scheduling appointments and had 3 Options Counselors, who were dedicated to appointments. All other Options Counselors handled callbacks and overflow appointments. Our vacancies varied from 2-7 positions. There were also 2 Holidays during the first quarter, and we had staff shortages due to leave (sick, annual, administrative). We returned to the office full-time in July.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: We are hoping to fill our vacant Options Counselor positions in the coming months. Additionally, we are looking into upgrading our system, which would alleviate the issue of abandoned calls because instead of voicemails, it would allow immediate callbacks and the option of CHAT and robotchat, providing Additional assistance to live calls.

The *Alliance for Information and Referral Taxonomy* is used to track the topics discussed and reviewed during each counseling session. Topic entries are entered into the SAMS database which includes entries by non-ADRC staff. The top five topics of concern in this quarter were:

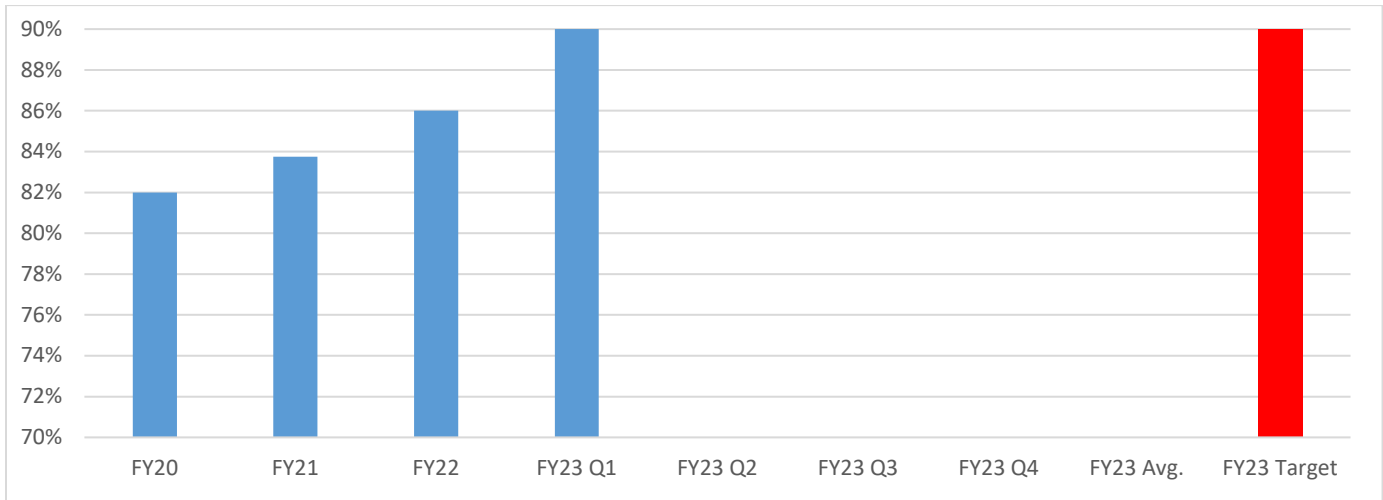
- Medicaid – 5,407 consumers
- Medicare – 1,831 consumers (benefit explanation, enrollment, and counseling)
- PDA – 166 consumers
- COVID – 68 consumers
- VA - 26 consumers

PERFORMANCE MEASURE #2

Percent of residents who remained in the community six-months following a nursing home care transition.

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
82%	83.75%	86%	98%					90%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The percent of residents who left a nursing facility and have remained in the community six months after the transition.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Data will be gathered through Wellsky, SAMS, and individual Care Transition Specialists (CTS). This data is developed from the aggregate amount of people served and the wellbeing check provided after their reentry or transfer.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: During the first quarter of FY23, 98% of residents remained in the community six months following a nursing facility transition. CTS continues to engage with clients, families, facilities, and other agencies through an individualized planning process. CTS strongly advocates for the rights of those wanting to move to a less restrictive environment and helps them understand their responsibilities. As a result of engagement efforts, Care Transition Unit (CTU) has seen a decrease in readmissions to a hospital setting and overall, better care of the clients in any type of setting. CTU maintains a collaborative relationship with the Managed Care Organizations (MCO), long-term care facility staff and other community stakeholders, including other state agencies. Additionally, CTU improves its capacity to advocate for individuals in any type of transitional process-whether it be with individuals wanting a less restrictive setting or needing a higher level of care-by performing outreach and education aimed at increasing Medicaid knowledge among individuals.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: CTU will continue to provide updated information on community resources, the reintegration process to a less-restrictive setting, and access and supports for residents transitioning from a facility to another facility. CTU will continue to work with the MCO, facility staff, state agencies, and Long-Term Care Ombudsman program to increase Medicaid outreach and education among facility staff and residents.

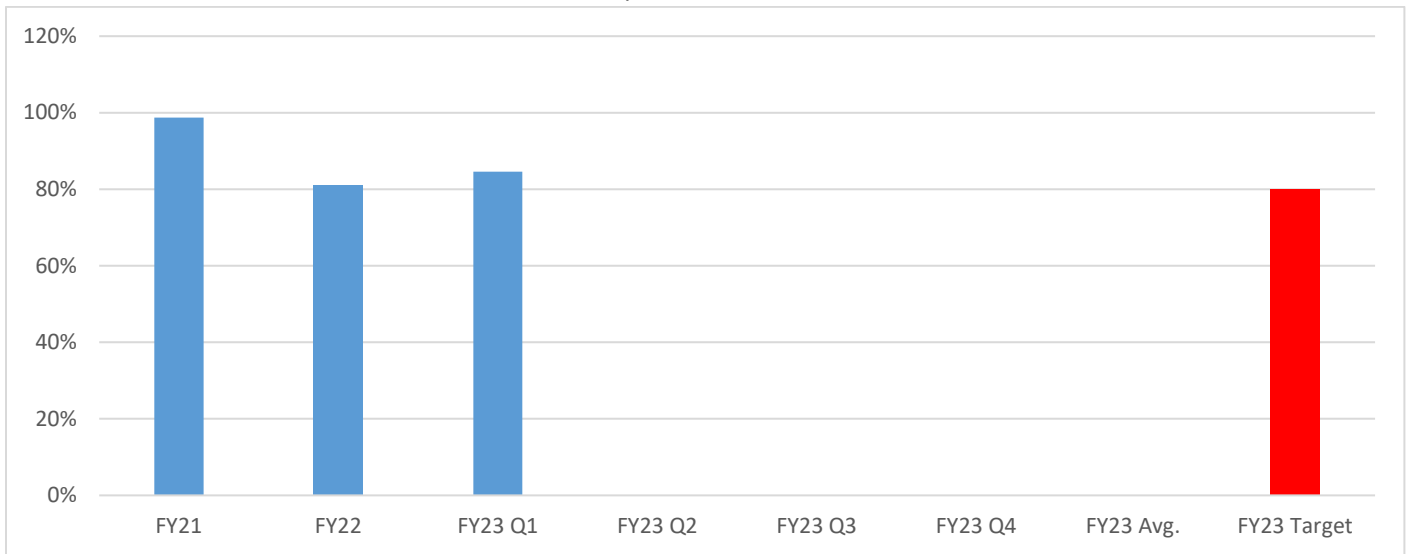
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #3

Percent of Individuals provided short-term assistance that accessed service within 30 days of a referral from options counseling.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
N/A	98.75%	81%	84.6%					92%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure identifies how many individuals were reached through the referral process.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Data will be gathered through Wellsky, SharePoint, and Short-Term Assistance Program. CTS will match this information to monthly staffing sheets.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: During the 1st quarter of FY23, there were 84.6% percent of Individuals provided short-term assistance that accessed service within 30 days of a referral from options counseling. This is due to vacancies in the southeast and the Albuquerque metro regions.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: During the 1st quarter of FY23, the program added a Short-Term Assistance Program counselor in the southwest region that was fully trained by the middle of the quarter. The additional STA counselor will assist in providing resources and addressing constituent needs. The southeast regional coordinator position recruitment will also be advertised through the State Personnel Office.

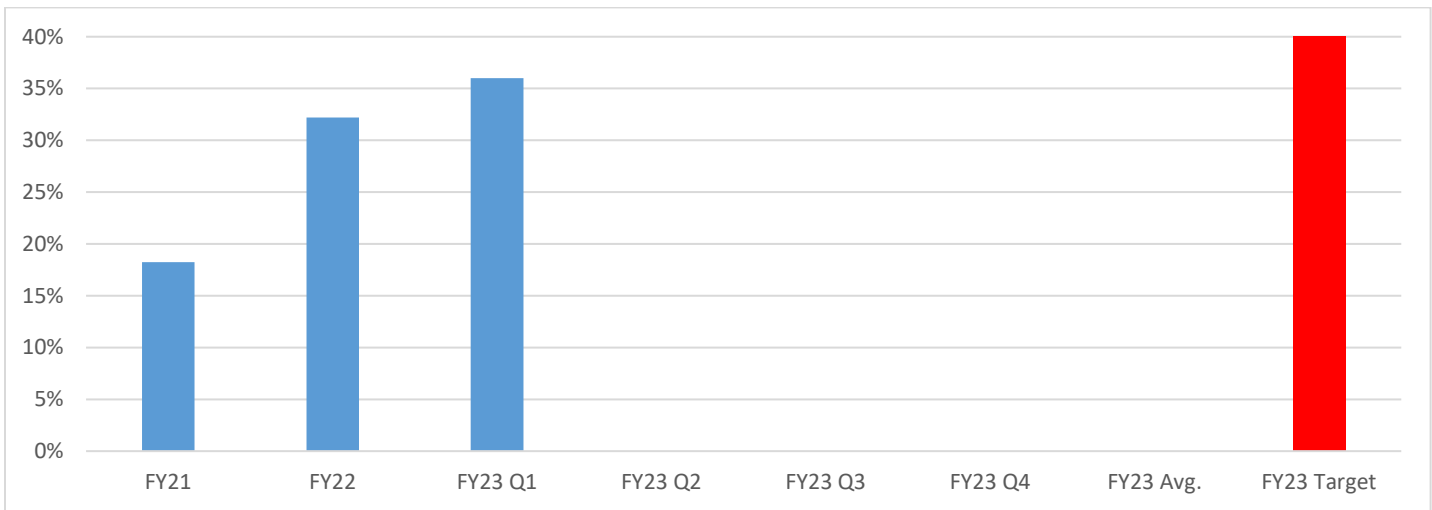
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #4

Percent of Facilities Visited Monthly

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23Avg.	FY23 Target
N/A	18.25%	32%	36%					40%

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure identifies how often the Ombudsman completes in-person visits to nursing and assisted living facilities, on a monthly basis.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The Ombudsmanager database is a comprehensive nursing home complaint and case management system that allows users to manage facility data, complaints, complainants, activities, residents, investigations, and resolutions. Ombudsmanager fully automates National Ombudsman Reporting Systems (NORS) reporting. All complaint automated reports and statistics are aggregated automatically into the format required by the Federal Administration on Community Living. Ombudsmanager is the industry standard for nursing home complaint management and is used by 34 State Long-Term Care Ombudsman offices throughout the country.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) utilizes program representatives, including program staff and volunteers to complete in-person visits to nursing facilities (NF) and assisted living facilities (ALF) in response to complaints and for the purposes of quarterly routine visits. The complexity of complaints and investigations impacts the capacity of representatives to make in-person routine visits to additional facilities within a given month. LTCOP is continuously working to increase the capacity to perform more in-person visits, through volunteer recruitment, training, and retention.

Ombudsman regional coordinators actively engaged in community outreach to recruit new volunteers during the 1st quarter of FY23, including 10 events, yielding 7 new volunteers.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: LTCOP implemented a strategy by which additional program representatives will aim to complete in-person routine visits to each assisted living facility on a monthly basis, as most NFs currently receive monthly in-person visits due to complaints made to the program. LTCOP anticipates a significant increase in performance associated with this measure as a result of this strategy. Ombudsman regional coordinators will continue to actively engage in community outreach to recruit new volunteers. LTCOP will continue to identify and train Community Advocates – individuals who are inside long-term care facilities for personal or professional reasons – to identify concerns that should be referred to LTCOP and bring awareness to issues at a facility that may not be observed during routine visits.

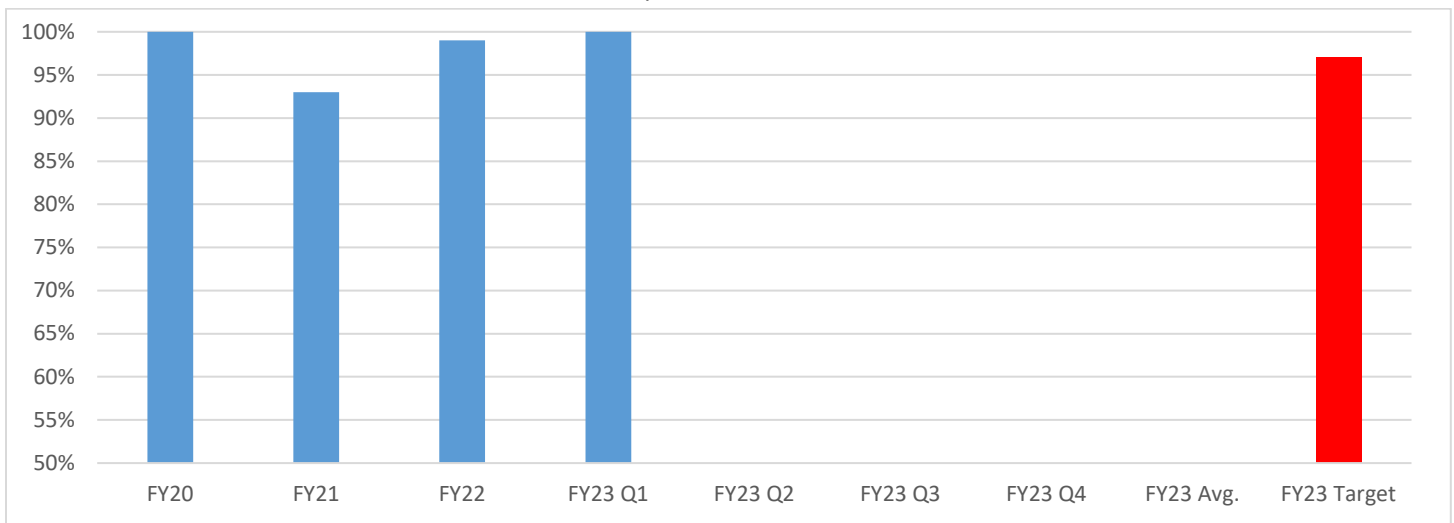
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #5

Percent of Ombudsman complaints resolved within sixty days.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
100%	93%	99%	100%					97%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The percent of complaints that the Ombudsmen resolved in 60 days or less.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: A complaint is a concern relating to the health, safety, welfare, or rights of one or more residents in nursing or assisted living facilities, which requires investigation and action. The number of complaints, the investigation findings and disposition of each complaint, and the dates when the complaints are opened and closed are tracked in Ombudsmanager, a database platform provided by WellSky. This information is exported to an excel spreadsheet to calculate the number of days it took to resolve each complaint, and the percentage of complaints that were resolved in 60 days or less.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: Of the 69 complaints received by the Ombudsman Program, 100% were resolved in under 60 days. Ombudsman were able to resolve all 69 complaints within an average 4 days.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: Ombudsman will continue to strive for excellence in case resolution on behalf of our long-term care residents. Ombudsman will continue to provide timely, comprehensive, case resolution for long-term care residents requesting Ombudsman assistance.

Adult Protective Services

Program Description, Purpose, and Objectives:

To investigate reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults who do not have the capacity to protect themselves and to provide short-term services to prevent continued abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

APS is mandated by state law to provide a system of protective services and to ensure availability of those services to abused, neglected, or exploited adults 18 years of age or older, who do not have the ability to self-care or self-protect. APS responds to situations in which functionally incapacitated adults are being harmed, are in danger of mistreatment, are unable to protect themselves, and have no one else to assist them. There are five APS regions serving all 33 counties of New Mexico.

Program Budget (in thousands):

FY22	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	7,508.1	-	-	2,200.00	9,708.1	128
300	1,242.3	-	-	2,176.30	3,418.6	
400	721.4	-	-		721.4	
TOTAL	9,471.8	-	-	4,376.30	13,848.1	

FY23	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	8,068.8			2,200.00	10,268.8	128
300	1,242.3			2,176.30	3,418.6	
400	721.4				721.4	
TOTAL	10,032.5	-	-	4,376.30	14,408.8	

Program Performance Measures:

1. Number of Adult Protective Services investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
2. Percent of emergency or priority one investigations in which a caseworker makes initial face-to-face contact with the alleged victim within prescribed timeframes.
3. Percentage of repeat abuse, neglect, or exploitation cases within six months of a substantiation of an investigation.
4. Number of outreach presentations conducted in the community within adult protective services’ jurisdiction.
5. Percentage of contractor referrals in which services were implemented within two weeks of the initial referral.
6. Number of referrals made to and enrollments in home care and adult day care services as a result of an investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
7. Percentage of priority two investigations in which a caseworker makes initial face to face contact with the alleged victim within prescribed time frames.

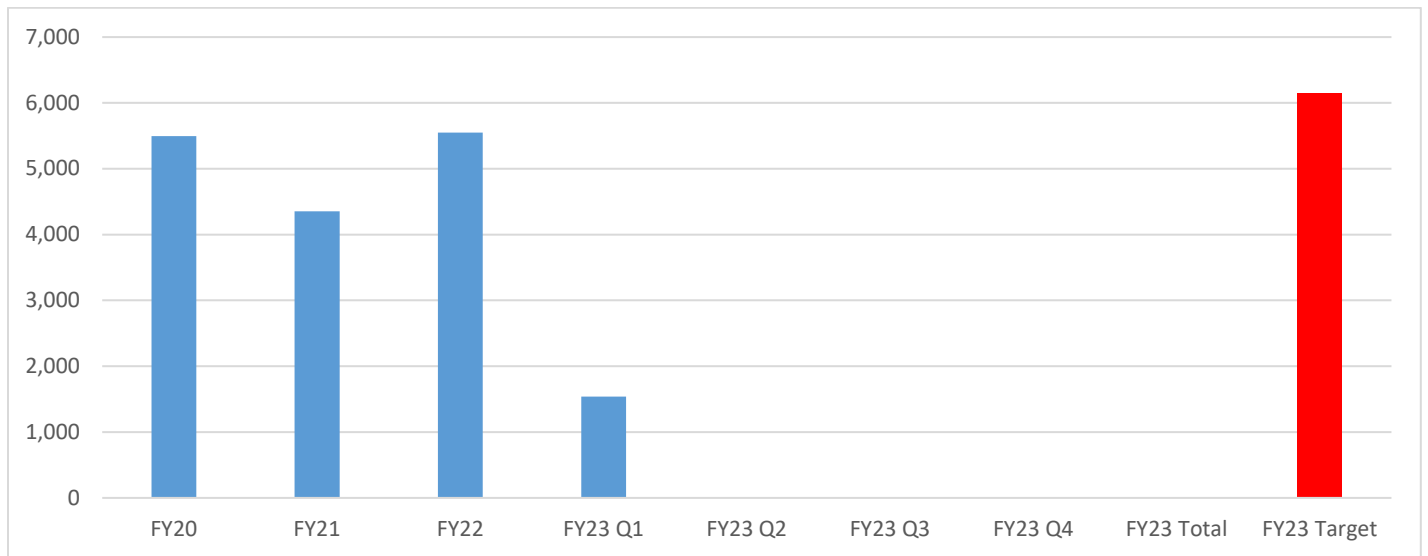
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #1

Number of Adult Protective Services investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
5,494	4,355	5,550	1,537					6,150

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure is the number of investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation initiated by Adult Protective Services in a given time period.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: APS Division receives community-based referrals and agency referrals of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. During the 1st quarter, APS received 1,537 intakes that met APS criteria for investigation. APS will continue to ensure appropriate referrals are submitted.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: We will continue providing outreach and education on how to make a referral to APS. APS continues to create more enhanced cross-reporting mechanisms, to ensure those that meet the investigation criteria, are receiving an investigation. Critical incident reports (CIR) are also reviewed by supervisors for screen in criterion, enhancing report intakes.

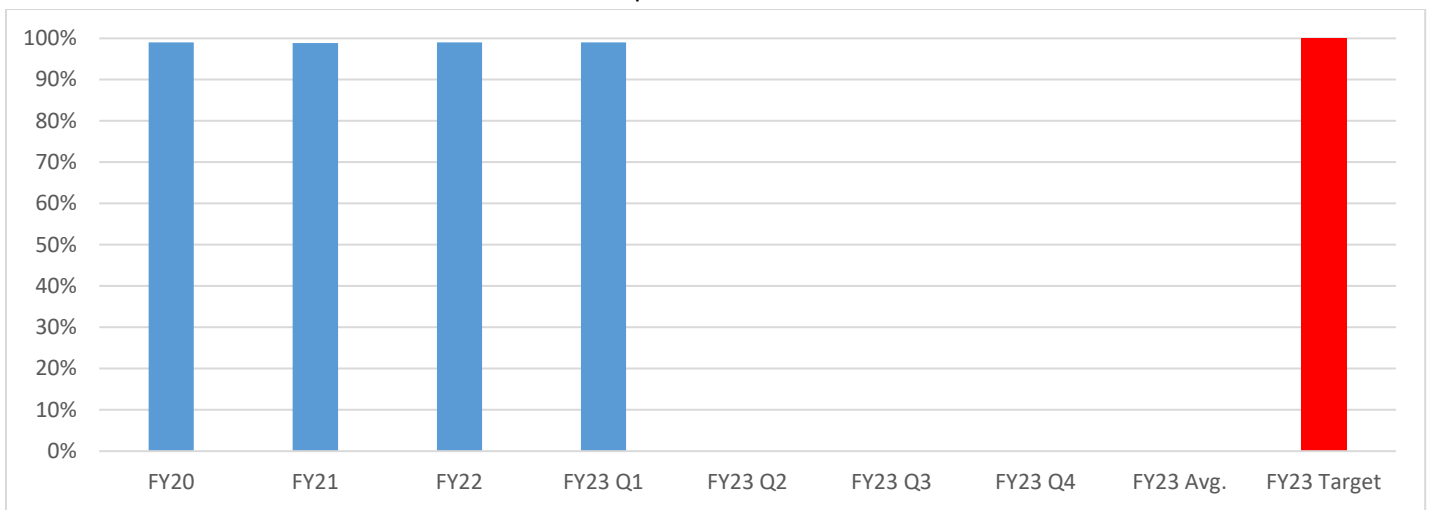
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #2

Percent of emergency or priority one investigations in which a caseworker makes initial face-to-face contact with the alleged victim within prescribed timeframes.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
99%	98.86%	99%	99%					>99%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: Reports to APS are assessed to determine priority. Cases assigned to emergency priority are when an alleged victim in a situation of serious harm or danger of death from abuse or neglect. Cases assigned to Emergency priority require that an APS caseworker make face-to-face contact with the alleged victim within three hours of assignment of the case. Cases assigned a Priority One status require an APS caseworker to make face-to-face contact within 24 hours of the assignment of the case. This measure reports how successful APS is in meeting these requirements.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data. The calculation used in this measure in each quarter is based off an average of the emergency investigations and priority one investigations.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: APS continues to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The investigative caseworkers conduct in-person investigations nearly on time, making 99% successful face to face home visits. Caseworkers continue to use PPE during home visits to ensure clients are protected from COVID 19 and its variants.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS will continue to work on maintaining high percentages of successful face to face initiation. APS will continue to plan ongoing high initiation rates by having investigative supervisors monitor case timelines and ensuring caseworker compliance.

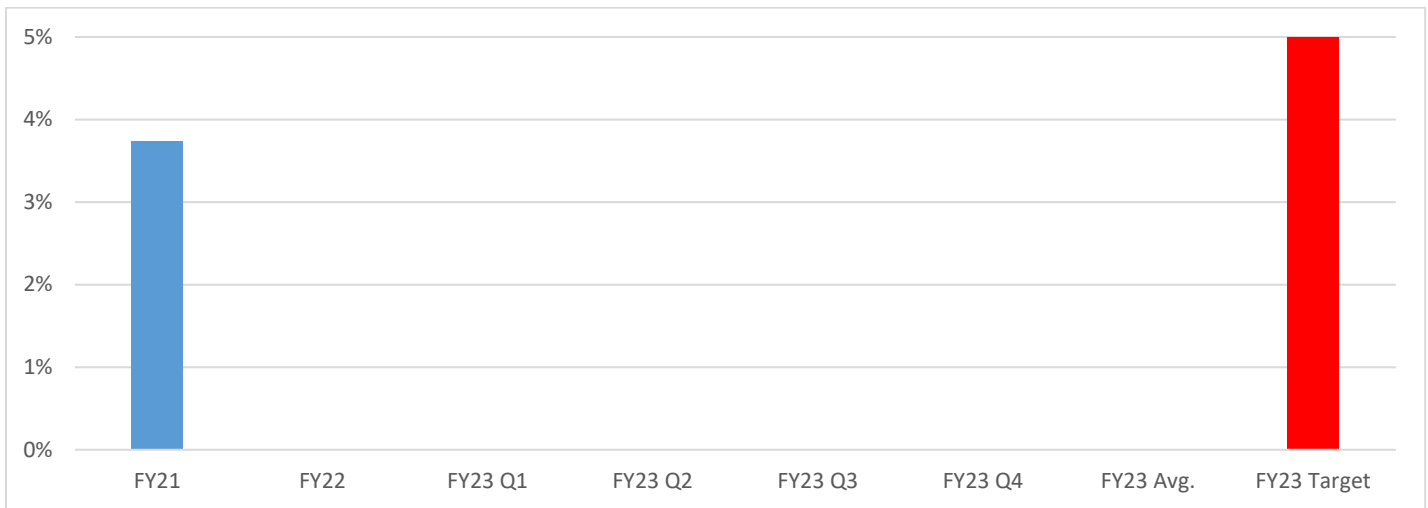
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #3

Percentage of repeat abuse, neglect, or exploitation cases within six months of a substantiation of an investigation.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
N/A	3.74%	0%	0%					5%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The percentage of those repeat cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation that occur within six months of a substantiation of an investigation.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: APS has been keeping cases opened slightly longer in an effort to build rapport, and provide more services and supports, in order to reduce recidivism. Additionally, APS has hired 2 regional clinical case advisors to aide field staff in the case review for ongoing and long-term services for those clients struggling with day-to-day functioning. This new unit of clinical staff will allow the clients involved with APS to have the necessary services to avoid future reports of allegations, especially self-neglect reports.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS will continue to address the issues of abuse, neglect, or exploitation and do its due diligence in preventing repeat cases through public outreach and research behind the cases, to validate whether the increase was in fact due to pandemic-related concerns. APS will be providing in-depth training to all APS field and intake staff, that will enhance the quality of services and supports we offer to all clients.

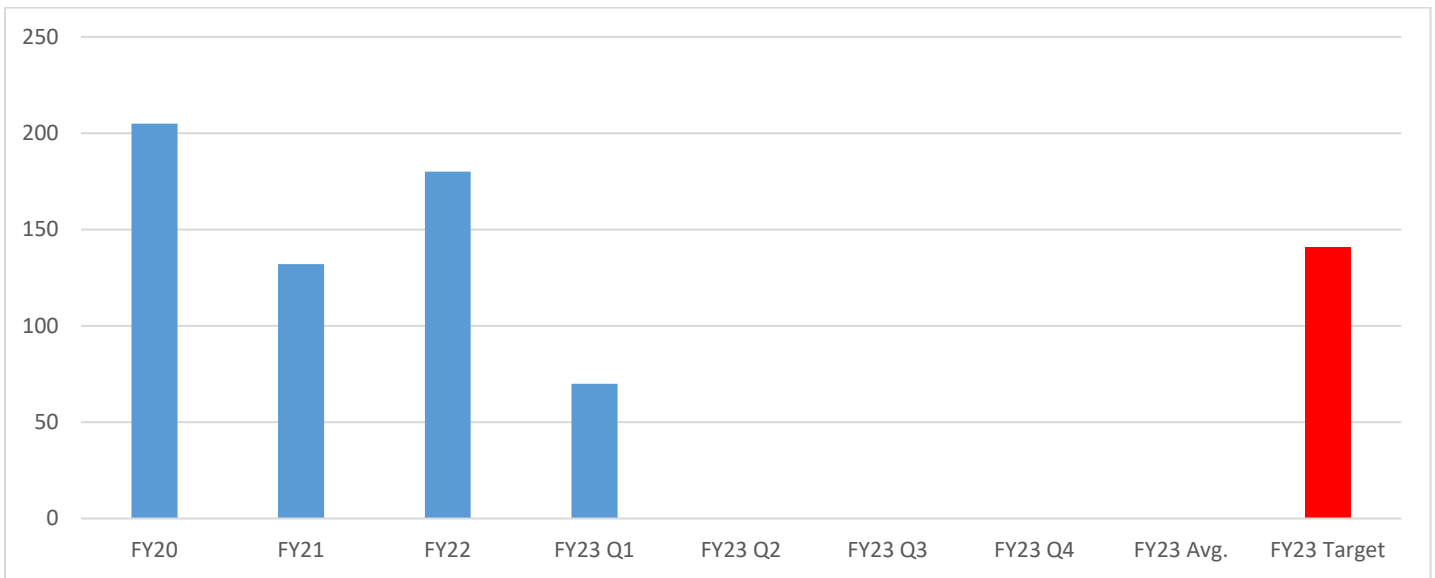
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #4

Number of Outreach Presentations conducted in the community within Adult Protective Services' jurisdiction.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY22 Target
205	132	180	70					141

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The amount of outreach presentations conducted by APS staff within communities that align under within APS jurisdiction.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data. Staff reports are also utilized to identify community outreach presentations.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: APS has increased its outreach and education to the community. We have successfully incorporated PowerPoint presentations to those outreach participants who choose to accept outreach presentations by supervisors. Virtual means and methods. APS is increasing the outreach provided to the public and is creatively bringing new ways to engage.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS plans to expand supervisor outreach presentations in the next quarter in two ways. Firstly, by collecting corporate/headquarter contact information from active outreach participants; allowing APS Supervisors to coordinate new engagement opportunities. Secondly, APS regional secretaries will continue to correspond with current and previous community allies to fulfill staff needs within the agencies, APS has already been in contact with.

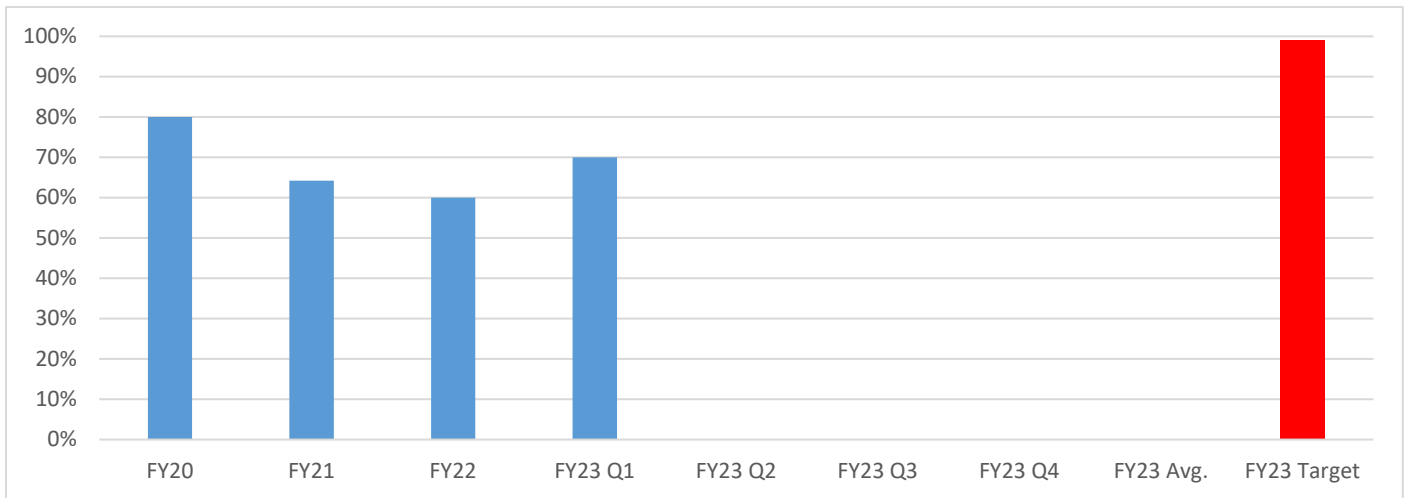
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #5

Percentage of contractor referrals in which services were implemented within two weeks of the initial referral.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
80%	64.19%	60%	70%					99%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: The number of contractor referrals in which services were implemented within two weeks/total number of referrals in which services were implemented.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of Investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: The use of local contractors to provide home care services to individuals of the community has been a struggle for APS since the pandemic. In addition, providers have been working to hire more caregivers to meet the demands placed by APS referrals.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS supervisors will work with regional providers in homecare and chore service delivery. By meeting weekly with agencies, APS supervisors and pertinent field staff are able to answer pending questions from providers about access of the client, to the specific home care or chore service needs of clients APS has referred. APS staff meets weekly to ensure timely responses are provided to the agency providers and to meet their needs in carrying out their obligations to APS and their mutual clients. Regional providers are working to increase their homecare provider staff by having recruiting events and using APS incentive money to fund more and increase pay for home care staff.

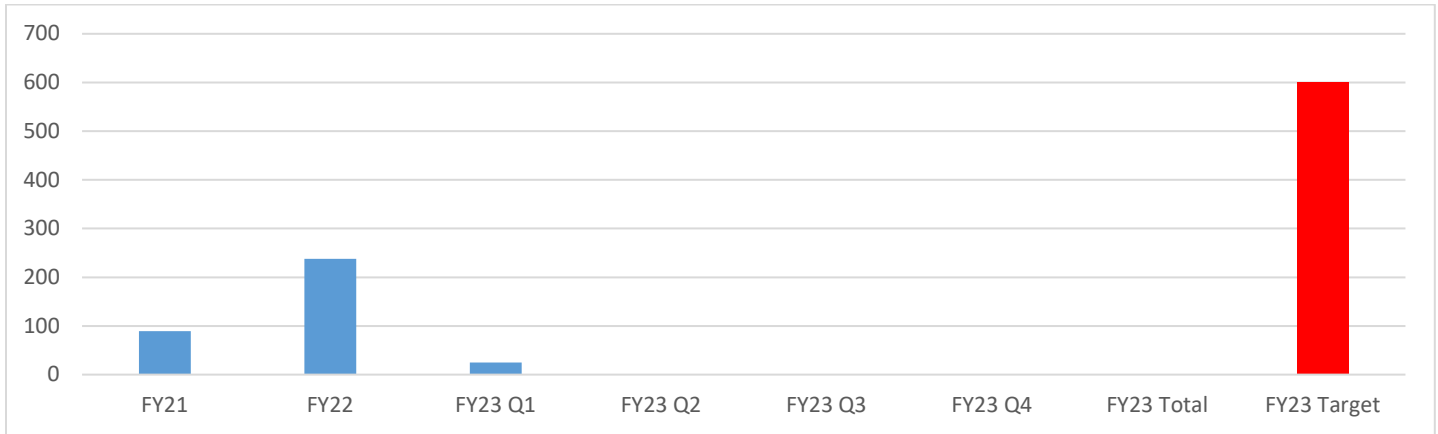
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #6

Number of referrals made to and enrollments in home care and adult day care services as a result of an investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
N/A	89	238	25					600

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure identifies the number of referrals and enrollments into home care and adult day services, as a result of an APS investigation into abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of Investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: New referrals for home care services have fallen due to ongoing client resistance to services. APS supervisors have ensured that investigative caseworkers complete the community services waiver applications for all home and daycare referred clients. This added measure has contributed to an added factor to the decreased number of referrals. APS investigators can link Medicaid-funded services to APS clients before making a referral for APS-funded services. APS contracts with home care providers to ensure clients that do not qualify for home and community-based services, still have support. The home care providers continue to have difficulty recruiting caregivers. Caregiver shortages have had a significant impact when referring clients to APS funded services.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS will continue to identify when referrals are necessary and enroll clients on an as-needed basis. Additionally, referrals to providers will also continue as reopening across the state continues. APS anticipates with the reopening of adult day care providers across the state, the number of referrals will increase.

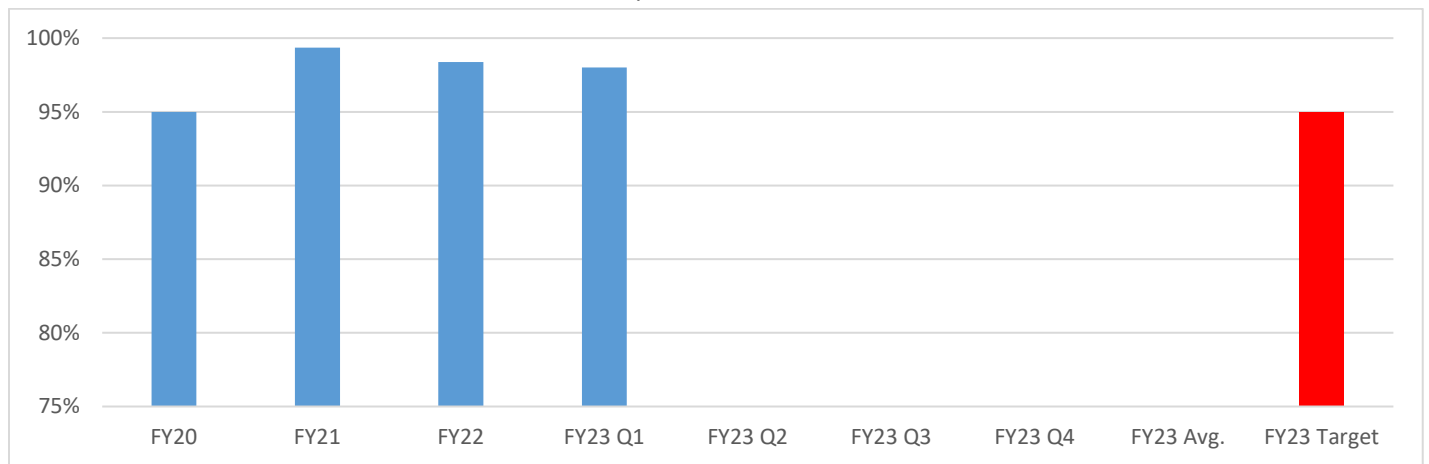
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #7

Percentage of Priority two investigations in which a case worker makes initial face to face contact with the alleged victim within prescribed time frames.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY22 Q2	FY22 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
95%	99.36%	98%	98%					99%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: Percentage of priority two investigations, where a case worker has made initial face-to-face contact with the alleged victim within the priority two investigative time frames. A priority two investigation is assigned no later than twenty-four hours from the time the referral is received and face to face contact with the alleged victim must be made no later than 5 calendar days after being received by the screening supervisor.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: Adult Protective Services uses the WellSky Human Services system to maintain a data base of investigation information. To provide data for this performance measure APS uses a report within the WellSky Human Services system to extract the data.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: APS caseworkers have worked diligently to meet all timelines for initiating cases. This quarter’s performance measure shows a slightly lower percentage than target. This is due to APS caseworker delays in entering relevant data into the computer system from the face-to-face documentation.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: APS will regularly send notices to field supervisory staff of late or not entered initiations of APS cases. Regional managers will be tasked with identifying cases that are late or have not been entered, to review field staffs’ entry of the face-to-face initiations and ensure they are accurately entered.

Aging Network

Program Description, Purpose, and Objectives: The Aging Network Division (AND) is comprised of the Senior Services Bureau (SSB); AmeriCorps Seniors (Volunteer Programs)—Foster Grandparent (FGP), Senior Companion Program (SCP), and RSVP; and Senior Employment Programs Bureau (SEP). Additionally, AND houses the budgets for the Office of Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care and the Office of Indian Elder Affairs.

The Aging Network advocates for older adults, people with disabilities, families, and caregivers; funds services and supports provided primarily by networks of community-based programs; and invests in training, education, research, and innovation. This is accomplished by providing assistance on health and wellness, protecting rights, and preventing abuse, supporting consumer control, strengthening the networks of community-based organizations, funding research and services (like home-delivered meals, homemaker assistance, and transportation) to support independent living. Strengthening the Aging and Network includes promoting evidence-based programs and practices, enhancing diversity and cultural competency, improving quality of services, and targeting employment initiatives as a critical part of community inclusion to accessing meaningful and integrated employment. (ACL. Program Areas. Overview)

AND serves older adults, people with disabilities, families, and caregivers through contractual agreements with New Mexico Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) and the AmeriCorps Seniors, for the provision of supportive services. The AAA's contract with local and tribal governments, and private organizations; to deliver services throughout New Mexico.

Program Budget (in thousands):

FY22	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	795.0	34.5	555.3		1,384.8	15
300	1,235.1	10.0			1,245.1	
400	29,570.5	71.3	11,142.5		40,784.3	
TOTAL	31,600.6	115.8	11,697.8	-	43,414.2	
FY23	General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Other Transfers	TOTAL	FTE
200	943.8	34.5	555.3		1,533.6	18
300	1,735.1	10.0	307.6		2,052.7	
400	31,042.5	71.3	10,834.9		41,948.7	
TOTAL	33,721.4	115.8	11,697.8	-	45,535.0	

Program Performance Measures:

1. Percentage of older New Mexicans receiving congregate, and home delivered meals through Aging Network programs that are assessed with “high” nutritional risk.
2. Number of hours of services provided by senior volunteers, statewide.
3. Number of outreach events and activities to identify, contact and provide information about aging network services to potential aging network consumers who may be eligible to access senior services but are not currently accessing those services.
4. Number of meals served in congregate, and home delivered meal settings.
5. Number of transportation units provided.
6. Number of hours of caregiver support provided.

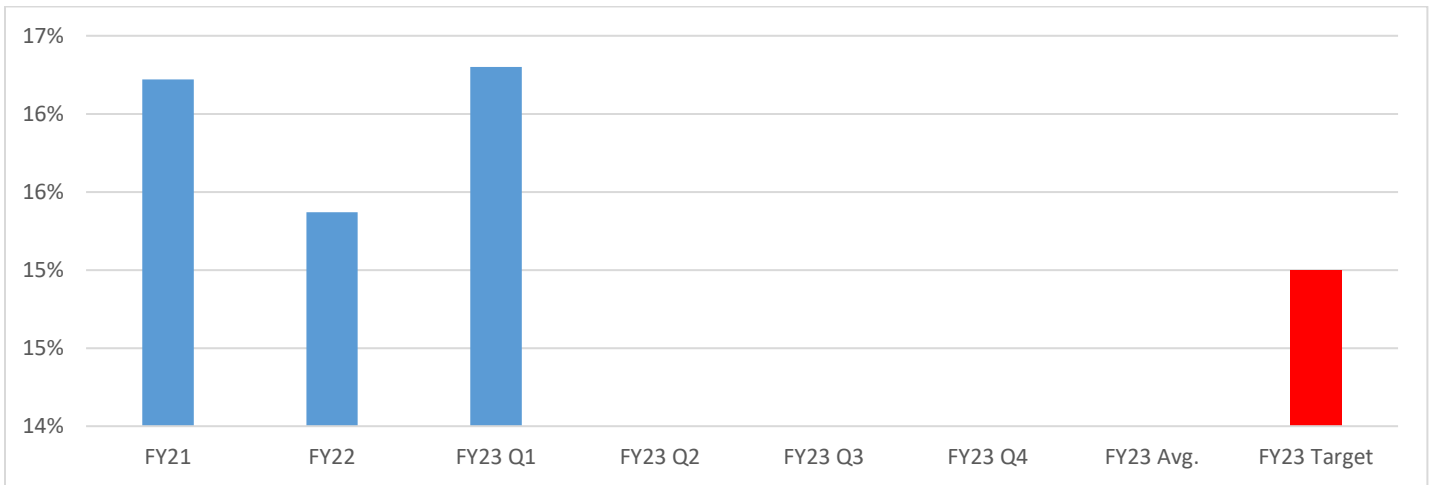
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #1

Percentage of older New Mexicans receiving congregate, and home delivered meals through aging network programs that are assessed with “high” nutritional risk.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Avg.	FY23 Target
N/A	16.22%	15.37%	16.30%					15%

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure reports the percentage of high nutritional risk older adults, people with disabilities, families, and caregiver New Mexicans, who received meals by congregate, home-delivered, and “grab and go” service during the timeframe identified.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The WellSky Aging and Disability Database is the repository used by providers contracted through the AAAs to document services. All AAAs, except for the Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA), use this database to capture monthly service and expense data from the senior centers and providers, then report it to ALTSD. The Aging Network Division and the Office of Indian Elder Affairs compile the data for quarterly and annual performance measure reporting. The quarter one total for this measure only reflects PSAs 1–4, and PSA 6.

“High” nutritional risk is determined of those currently receiving nutritional services, congregate/grab-n-go or home delivered meals, scoring 6 or higher on the nutritional assessment section of the state required state needs assessment, based on ACL/OAA and NMAC regulations.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: In an innovative collaboration with the Human Services Department (HSD) and Help NM, the Aging Network Division will provide support throughout FY23 to HSD to increase SNAP benefits for the older adult population served and support to Help NM for emergency food vouchers. Additionally, NM Grown supports the enhancement of the meals provided through partnership with local farmers.

COVID exposure closures impacted senior center congregate services during the 1st quarter in FY23, resulting in program providers having to revert to grab-n-go meals for periods of up to a two-week period. On average we see two program providers per week reporting COVID exposures and/or closures.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN:

Action	Responsibility	Timeline
1. Issue Area Plan Guidelines	ALTSD	3rd Quarter
2. Area agencies develop plans	Area Agencies on Aging	4th Quarter
3. Approve plans	ALTSD	4th Quarter
4. Service delivery and reporting	Area Agency Contract Service Providers	Monthly
5. Training	ALTSD and Area Agencies on Aging	Quarterly

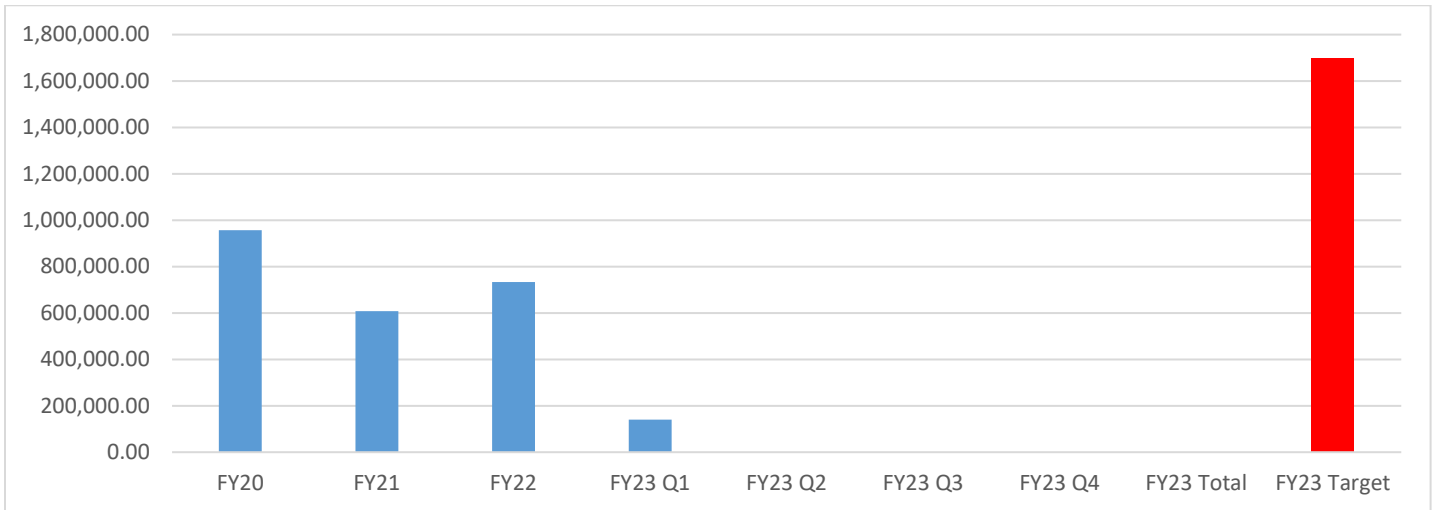
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #2

Number of hours of services provided by senior volunteers, statewide.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
957,031.06	607,258	733,910	140,199					1,700,000

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: Number of hours provided by New Mexico senior volunteers in the AmeriCorps Seniors: Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), Senior Companion Program (SCP), and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The statewide contractors for the AmeriCorps Seniors: FGP, SCP, and RSVP submit quarterly data to the Senior Services Bureau which is then compiled, verified, and reported for this performance measure. When a contractor does not timely provide their data during the applicable quarter, that data is included in the following quarter's data.

Key Performance Measure 2. Number of hours of service provided by senior volunteers, statewide:

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A recruitment of volunteers was conducted. Some schools limited the number of volunteers allowed. ALTSD produced a video to recruit volunteers on social media and during the Conference on Aging.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN:

Action	Responsibility	Timeline
1. Work with direct providers to recruit volunteers	ALTSD	3rd Quarter
2. Outreach to promote and recruit volunteers	AmeriCorps Senior Grantees	4th Quarter
3. Support and approve development of recruitment plans	ALTSD	4th Quarter
4. Service delivery and reporting	AmeriCorps Senior Grantees Contract Service Providers	Monthly
5. Training	ALTSD	Quarterly

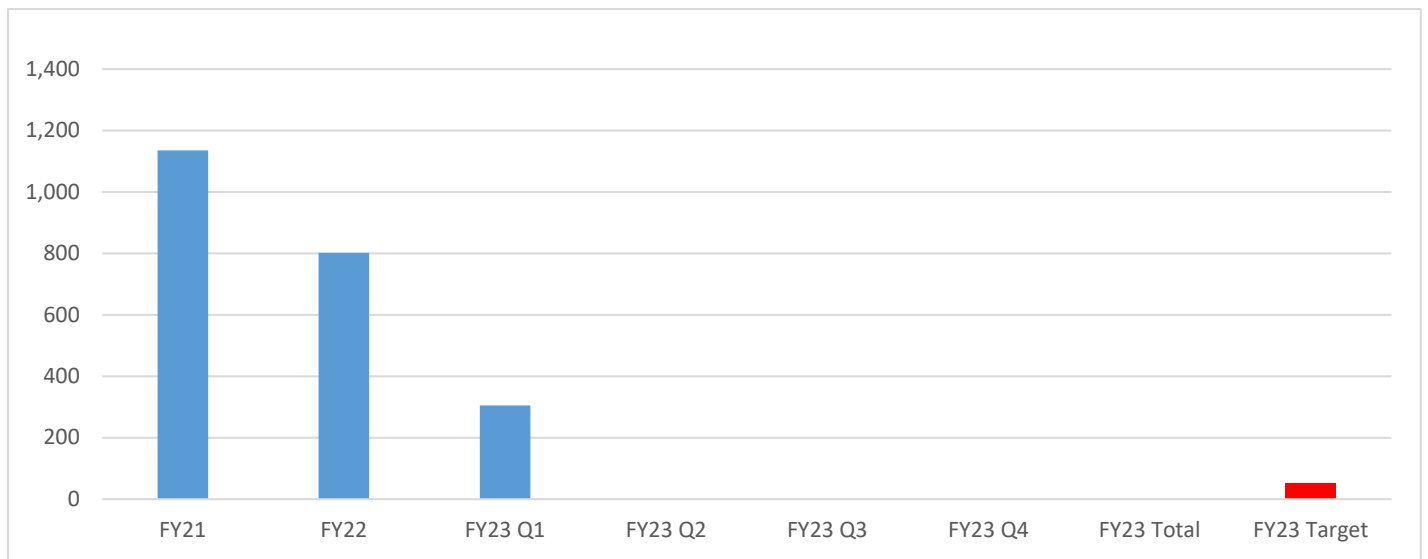
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #3

Number of outreach events and activities to identify, contact and provide information about aging network services to potential aging network consumers who may be eligible to access senior services but are not currently accessing those services.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
N/A	1,135	802	138					50

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: Identifies the number of outreach events showcasing the availability of services within the Aging Network.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The Aging Network Division collects the number of outreach events held each quarter in the following categories: # of Aging and Long-Term Services Department Outreach Events; # of Program Provider Outreach Events; # of State Program Report Outreach Events. The number of total Outreach Events is then compiled.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: *During the 1st quarter of FY23 AND has conducted 49 outreach events (including provider volunteer outreach events), CERD has conducted 25 outreach events and OMB has conducted 64 outreach events, for a total of 138 events showcasing the availability of services within the Aging Network, which is higher than our goal.* However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a significant data change after Governor, Michelle Lujan - Grisham declared a state of emergency on March 11, 2020. The state of New Mexico was granted a major disaster declaration by the Federal Government in March 2020. After this date, provisions of services were altered to comply with the public order and isolation guidance. FY 23 Quarter 1 has been affected by the pandemic, in that agency outreach events have been modified by using virtual collaboration. The remaining outreach events are affected by the facilities that continue to be closed due to employer, city, and county restrictions.

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN:

Action	Responsibility	Timeline
1. Define Outreach Activities	ALTSD	Quarters 1–4
2. Collaborate with AAAs for targeted outreach events	Area Agencies on Aging	4th Quarter
3. Approve plans	ALTSD	4th Quarter

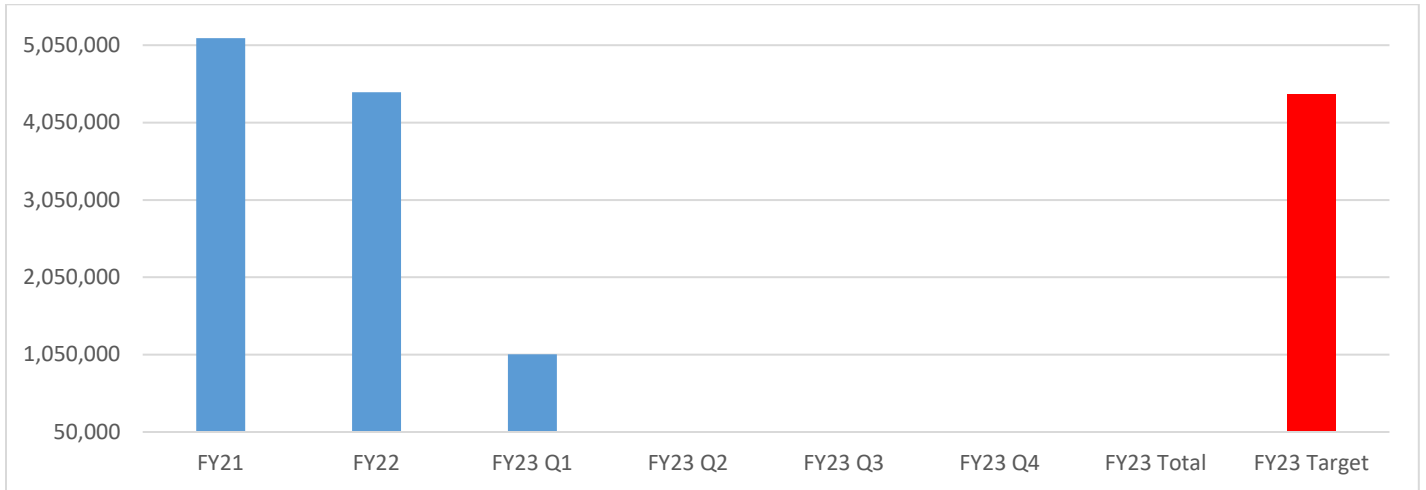
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #4

Number of Meals served in congregate, and home delivered meal settings.

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
N/A	5,141,387	4,443,066	1,052,231					4,410,000

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: This measure includes the number of meals served in congregate, home delivered, "grab and go" settings. Meals are reported for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekends.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The WellSky Aging and Disability Database is the repository used by providers contracted through the AAAs to document services. All AAAs, except for the Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA), use this database to capture monthly service and expense data from the senior centers and report it to ALTSD. The Aging Network Division and the Office of Indian Elder Affairs compile the data for quarterly and annual performance measure reporting. This data doesn't reflect the total meals served for Shiprock, Crownpoint, or Fort Defiance.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: In an innovative collaboration with the Human Services Department (HSD) and Help NM, the Aging Network Division will provide support during FY23 to HSD to increase SNAP benefits for the older adult population served and support to Help NM for emergency food vouchers. Additionally, NM Grown supports the enhancement of the meals provided through partnership with local farmers.

Key Performance Measure 4. Number of Meals served in congregate, and home delivered meal settings:

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volunteer telework, community lock-down. **None of these service metrics, allowed by ACL, have been captured in the report card or AND's performance measures.**

AND chose five types of metrics in the performance measures when evaluating AAAs and providers for the following reasons:

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2. In order to increase the services provided to consumers once the COVID funds have been eliminated, the legislative budget for designated services would have to increase.
3. Staff shortages have influenced the timely, accurate reporting of clients and services: including difficulty providing consumer direct service. Some providers are threatened with closure.
 - a. Tribes and Pueblos have remained closed.
 - b. Raw food costs have increased creating the necessity for menu and meal revision while maintaining Required Dietary Intake (RDI).
 - c. Fuel costs have increased significantly impacting services.
4. The reasons for reporting each of these measures are numerous and complex. These performance measures are beyond the control of AND or providers. They are dependent upon targeting those most in need for direct services. The measures explain the current status, due to COVID.
5. AND wants to influence AAAs or providers to make decisions about these measures because they are measures that require case-by-case decision-making to determine what is best for the client being served.
6. These services have such varied implications based on local considerations such as a project's location, the type of assistance provided, or the subpopulations served, that it is not appropriate to generalize whether a measure is generally positive or negative or even temporary.

Strategies for increasing client services and improving performance measure outcomes are:

- Providing additional Older American Act training
- Growing targeted outreach
- Increasing client registration
- Applying a workplan in conjunction with the AAAs to ensure comprehensive, timely reporting of metrics post COVID
- Implementing ServiceScan, which is a web-based product that records services immediately
- Seeking new opportunities for senior volunteer hours of service

IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN:

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1. Issue Area Plan Guidelines	ALTSD	3 rd Quarter
2. Area agencies develop plans	Area Agencies on Aging	4 th Quarter
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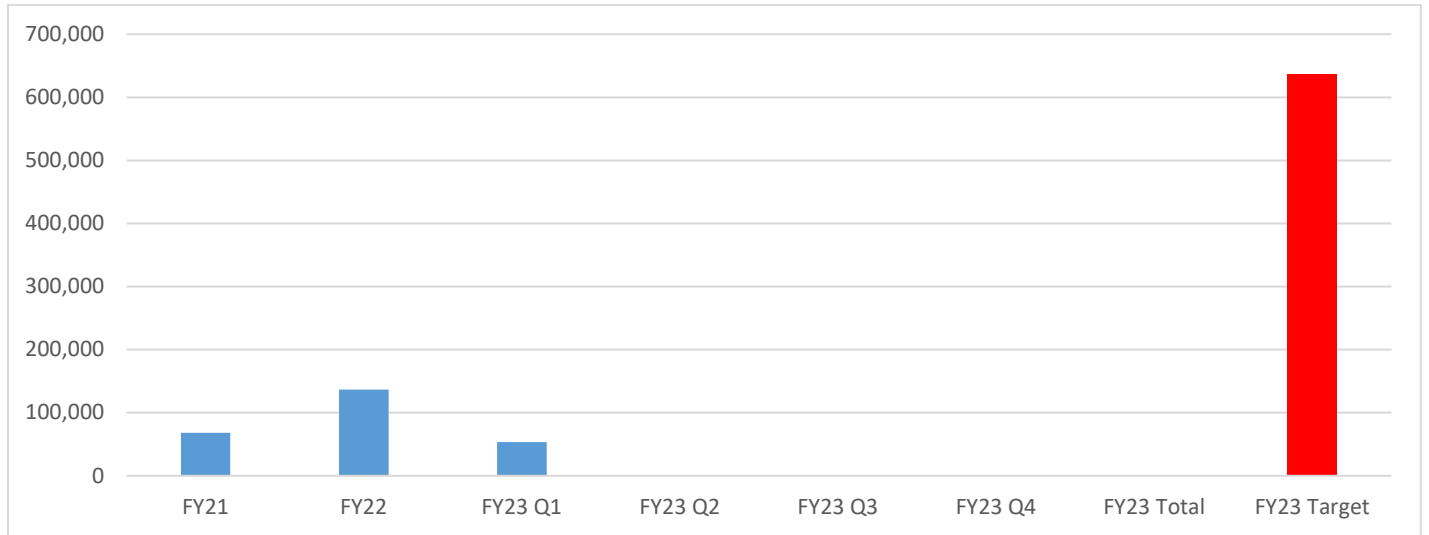
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #5

Number of Transportation Units Provided

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
N/A	68,180	136,426	53,723					637,000

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: One unit of service provided to older adults and people with disabilities.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The WellSky Aging and Disability Database is the repository used by providers contracted through the AAAs to document services. All AAAs, except for the Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA), use this database to capture monthly service and expense data from the senior centers and report it to ALTSD. The Aging Network Division and the Office of Indian Elder Affairs compile the data for quarterly and annual performance measure reporting.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA:

Key Performance Measure 5. Number of Transportation Units Provided:

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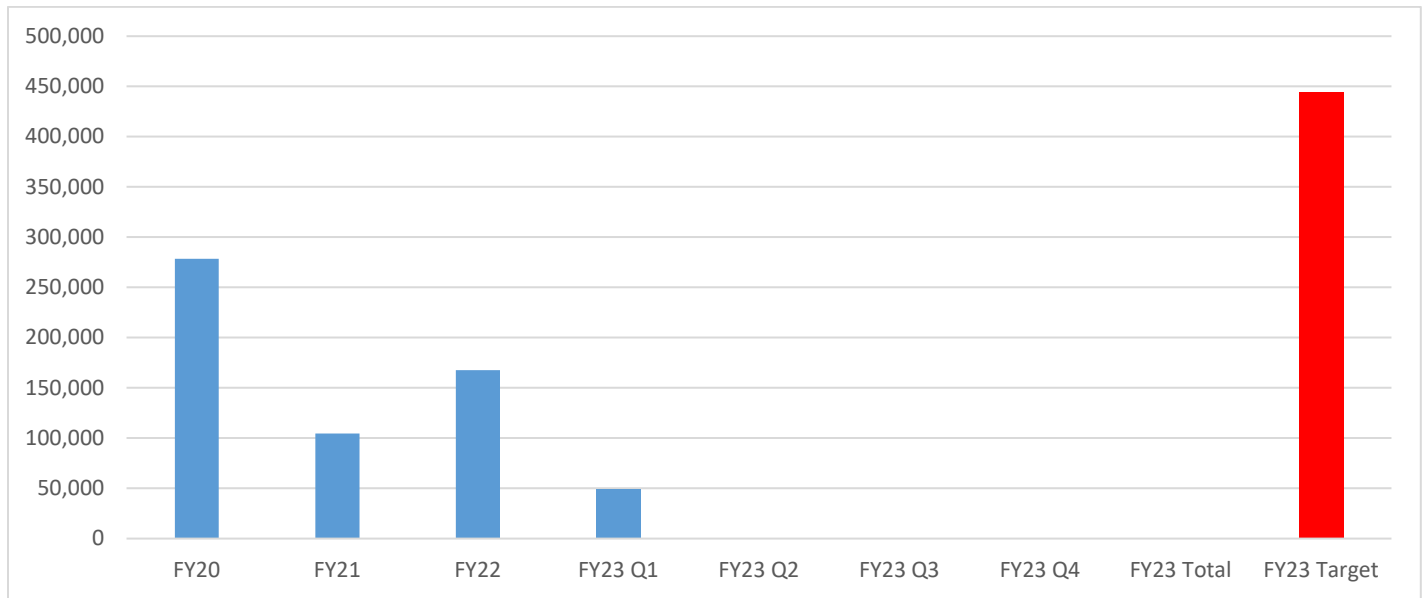
PERFORMANCE MEASURE #6

Number of hours of caregiver support

Results

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 Q1	FY23Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
278,513	104,730.35	167,701.39	48,986.39					444,000

Graph of Data Above



MEASURE DESCRIPTION: Caregiver support is a strategic priority for ALTSD. Services reported under this measure include home care, adult day care, respite care, and other support services. The measure expanded last year to include training, counseling, and support groups, to reflect the wide array of support services more comprehensively being provided to New Mexico caregivers. The training data reported includes evidence-based caregiver training, such as that provided through the Savvy Caregiver training program. In addition to the services provided by area agency contract providers, this measure includes services provided by the Alzheimer’s Association, New Mexico Chapter.

DATA SOURCE/METHODOLOGY: The WellSky Aging and Disability Database is the repository used by providers contracted through the AAAs and caregiver entities to document services provided by caregivers. All AAAs, except for the Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA), use this database to capture monthly service data and report it to ALTSD. The Aging Network Division, Consumer and Elder Rights Division (CERD), Office of Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care, and the Office of Indian Elder Affairs compile the data for quarterly and annual performance measure reporting.

STORY BEHIND THE DATA:

Key Performance Measure 6. Number of hours of caregiver support provided:

- *FY23 Quarter 1 Respite Care = 14,788.93*
- *FY23 Quarter 1 Adult Day Care = 16,897.22*
- *FY23 Quarter 1 Homemaker = 15,745.23*
- *FY23 Quarter1 Other Support Services = 1,555.01.*

FY23 Quarter 1 Total Units of Service = 48,986.39 including the following:

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