

Ramsey County Child Support Program & Budget

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Program Overview by the Numbers

- 19,700 open cases with 22,800 children.
 - (About 10.5% of Minnesota's caseload)
- 147 total staff.
 - (About 10.6% of Minnesota's total county child support staff)
- Established paternity for more than 90% of children of unmarried parents.
- Distributed more than \$40 million.
- Collected past due support on more than 9,000 cases.

Program Scope and Effects

Children that receive child support regularly

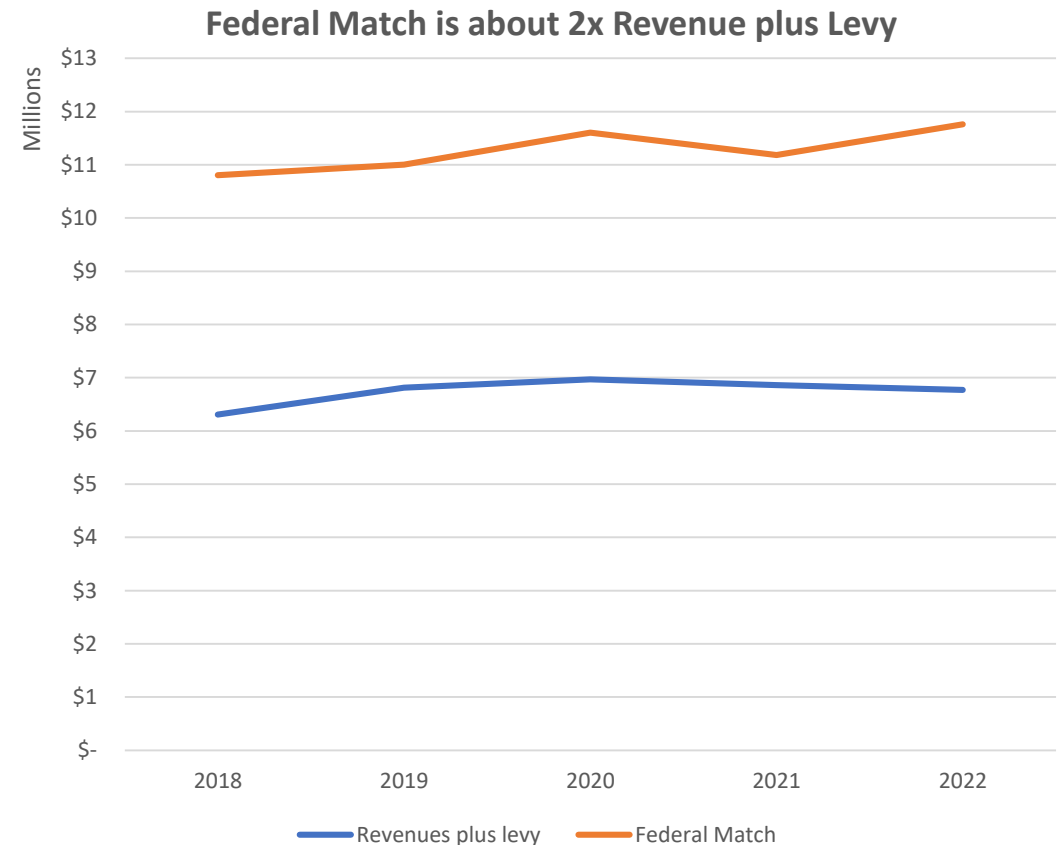
- Are less likely to live in poverty
- Are more likely to graduate from high school
- Are less likely to rely on public assistance
- Are less likely to experience maltreatment
- Are more likely to have both parents involved in their lives
 - Father involvement reduces chances of teen pregnancy

From: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/sbtn_csp_is_a_good_investment.pdf

And <https://www.fatherhood.gov/research-and-resources/teen-pregnancy-prevention-dads-make-difference>

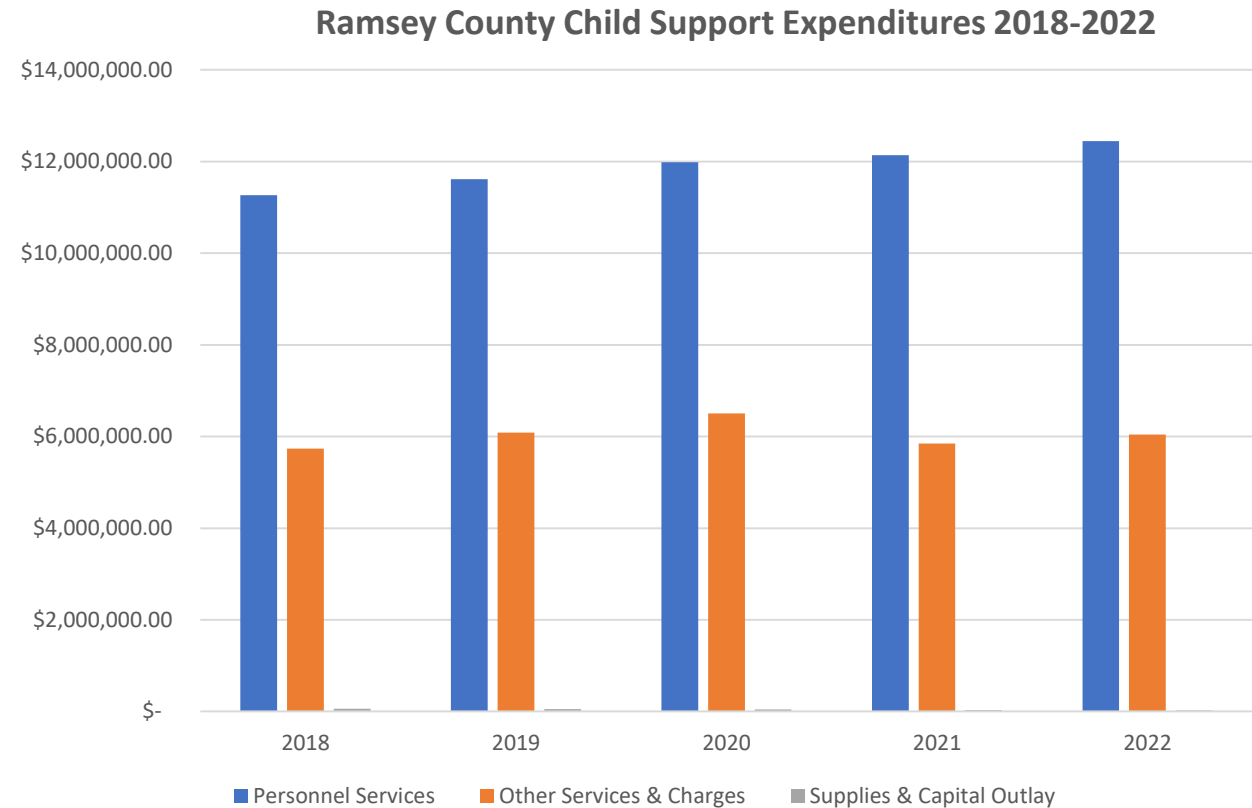
Child Support Funding

- Federal program matches nearly \$2 for every \$1 of state and county contribution.
 - The match is not capped.
- In addition, the state passes on federal incentives for performance.



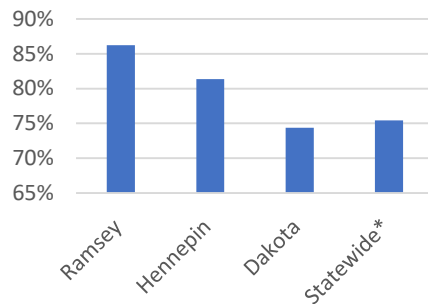
Expenses and the Budget

- Most of the budget pays for staff.
- On average, on-staff expenditures have remained steady since 2018.

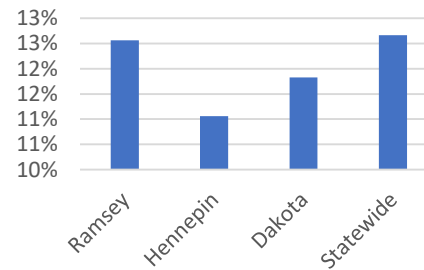


Ramsey County Caseload Challenges

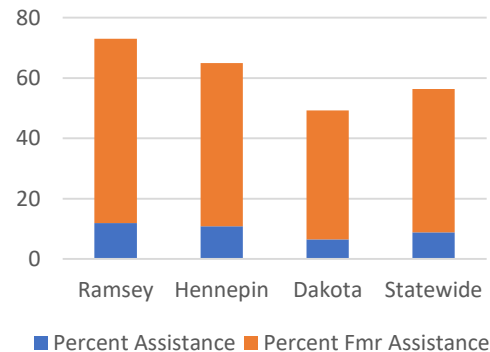
Percent of Children
Requiring Paternity
Establishment



Percent Interstate
Cases



Assistance Cases



High-Intensity Cases

- Higher rates of cases requiring court time.
- Higher percentage of interstate cases.
- More parents needing help with payment arrangements and job searches.

Questions

Thank you