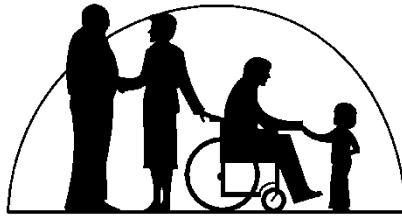


# Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA)

## Service Plan



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

### Type of Service plan

Individual county plan

Multi-county plan

County name: Red Lake County

County names:

### Contact Information

Contact person:	Kristi Nelson
Title:	Director
Address:	P.O. Box 356; 125 Edward Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Telephone:	218-253-4131
Email address:	kbnelson@mail.co.red-lake.mn.us

## 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*

RLC will be addressing the below needs for children referred to child protective services or child welfare services, who are subjects of assessment or investigations; are eligible for out-of-home or voluntary placement; or who request or require case management services due to concerns of maltreatment or neglect.

- Earlier and more effective relative searches for placement options and family support
- Engagement of non-custodial parents
- Increased support and development opportunities for licensed family child foster care providers
- Decrease foster care re-entry rate
- Finalize adoptions sooner
- Decrease the number of placements children experience when placed out of their home
- Increased referrals to health and wellness screenings.
- Increased safety and well-being

### *Vulnerable adults*

RLC will be addressing the below needs for categorical and functional vulnerable adults with emergency and ongoing health care, housing, well-being and decision-making needs. RLC has a prioritization guideline for responding to reported alleged victims. Red Lake County expects to continue to see an increase in eligible people due to our elderly population.

- Timely response to reports received through MAARC
- Increased adult protection investigation, and on-going case management activities
- Increased safety and well-being
- Timely court action and intervention
- Coordinated referral to appropriate services as applicable
- Public guardianship services

## 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*

Strengths that contribute to RLC's ability to meet stated outcomes include:

- Effective working relationships with our local school districts
- Close working relationships with RLC Sheriff's Office and Attorney's Office
- Contracted services with a local mental health center (NWMHC) that offers a wide array of intervention and in-home services.
- Collaborative participation among key community stakeholders addressing school attendance and truancy concerns.
- Contracted services with a local juvenile center (RRVJC) that provides residential placement

and transitional services

- Well trained and committed foster providers
- Dedicated Mandated Reporters willing to keep apprised of changes in procedures and policies.
- RLC follows the MN Screening Protocol.
- Routine use of DHS best practice guidelines and tools
- On-going participation with our local Children’s Justice Initiative Team
- Concerted efforts to develop working relationship with local Tribal Social Services Agencies
- Highly trained and experienced staff
- Public Health program that provides follow-along to all mothers of newborns
- Salvation Army – Food Shelf and other dedicated community resources

*Vulnerable adults*

Strengths that contribute to RLC’s ability to meet stated outcomes include:

- Existing close working relationships with the RLC Sheriff’s Office, County Attorney’s Office, Public Health and local service providers
- Dedicated participation in the Regional APS meeting
- Established quarterly county APS meetings that include key stakeholders
- Routine utilization of SDM and DHS provided resources
- Highly trained and experienced staff
- Concerted efforts to remove barriers to working relationships with Tribal Social Service Agencies
- Policies & Procedures in place to incorporate MAARC and prioritization guidelines
- Increased access to DHS feedback and training through the incorporation of the Regional Adult Protection Resource Specialist
- Good internal coordination between MNCHOICES/Targeted Case Management staff and APS staff to increase a senior’s ability to remain safe in their home & community

**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 ✗)	2016	2017
1. No repeat maltreatment w/in six mths.	≥ 94.6 %	✓ 95.1%	100%	✓	100	100
2. Re-entered foster care w/in 12 mths.	≤ 9.9 %	✗ 24.4%	0%	✓	0	0
3. Reunified w/in 12 mths.	≥ 75.2 %	✓ 84.5%	100%	✓	100	100
4. Adopted w/in 24 mths	≥ 36.6 %	✓ 48.2%	100%	✓	100	100

5. Two or fewer pl. settings w/in 12 mths.	≥ 86.0 %	✓ 86.8%	100%	✓	100	100
6. Health examination w/in 12 mths.	≥ 63.5%	✗ 56.4%	50%	✗	100	100

≥ = 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 #: 6 <b>Health examination w/in 12 mths.</b>	Barriers/Challenges include timely coordination and communication with multiagency providers with voluntary and detention placements. To improve in this measurement area, RLC will more closely monitor SSIS reporting to ensure that documentation is being entered accurately and that timelines are being met. An additional level of supervision will be added that will make this more possible in future target years. Additionally, RLC plans to make an active effort to better educate community partners of the importance of health and wellness screenings; and to make a more concerted effort to coordinate health screenings for children in detention placements.
Measure #:	

### 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	70%
Adult services	30%
<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/tobacoo.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:**