

# 2012-2013 County MFIP Biennial Service Agreement

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January 1, 2012 – December 21, 2013



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

## Type of Biennial Service Agreement

Individual county agreement

Multi-county agreement

County name: Mower

County names:

## Contact Information

### Contact Information:

Contact person:	Julie Stevermer
Title:	Director
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## Part A: Statement of Needs

1. The Minnesota Legislature made significant budget cuts to the Consolidated Fund. What impact will this have on the provision of services?

It is not believed to have an adverse impact as the County has conservatively budgeted and allocated the resources in previous years and is anticipating doing the same in 2011.

2. In reviewing current services, which ones, if any, will be eliminated or reduced as a result of the budget cuts?

None

## Part B: Strengths and Resources

### 1. Strengths and Resources Available

Describe the strengths and resources available in the county to address the needs of MFIP/DWP families.

Mower County has many strengths including adult basic education, a multitude of interpreters, mental health services, a Parenting Resource Center (child care resources/referral, parenting classes, crisis nursery), public transportation, two employment service providers, ESL classes, HUD housing, and a Welcome Center for new immigrants.

### 2. Family Stabilization Services

a. Contact information

Name of FSS contact person:	Dallas Groten- Workforce Development, Inc. and Gina Frank, Wapiti Community Technologies and Services
Contact phone:	WFDI- 507-292-5180 Wapiti- 507-437-2827
Email:	WFDI- <a href="mailto:dgroten@wfdi.ws">dgroten@wfdi.ws</a> Wapiti- <a href="mailto:cffatcts@smig.net">cffatcts@smig.net</a>

b. Service model

Review the county's Family Stabilization Services (FSS) service model in the 2010-2011 Biennial Service Agreement before completing this section of the plan. Has the FSS service model changed?

No

Yes If yes, complete the question below:

Describe, in detail, the service model used by the county to provide Family Stabilization Services (FSS), including how and by whom: (1) eligibility is determined and (2) cases are managed.

### 3. County Staff Person Responsible for County Contract(s)

Provide the name, phone number, and email address of the county staff responsible for overseeing county employment services contracts.

Name of contact person:	Julie Stevermer
Phone:	507-437-9701
Email address:	julies@co.mower.mn.us

#### 4. County Financial Assistance Contact Information

Provide the name, phone number, and email address of the financial assistance contact person for the county.

Name of contact person:	Todd Lysne
Phone:	507-437-9701
Email address:	toddl@co.mower.mn.us

#### 5. Provider Information

List the current employment services provider(s) and check the respective box to indicate which types of services are provided. Add more rows if needed.

Name and address	Contact person	Phone	Types of services provided (Check with an 'X')			
			MFIP ES	DWP ES	FSS	Disparity
Workforce Development, Inc.	Dallas Groten	507-292-5180	X	X	X	X
Wapiti Community Technology and Services	Carlton Frank	507-437-2827	X	X	X	X

## Part C: Outcomes and Measures

Access the links below and review the county's/tribe's Self-support Index (S-SI) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Work Participation Rate (WPR) performance:

- [Performance data S-SI](#)
- [Performance data WPR](#)

#### All Counties

Complete the table and questions below with the county's/tribe's performance on each of the measures, and enter if standards were met/not met for April 2010 – March 2011. In the last two columns, set practical performance targets the county will work towards achieving in the 2012 and 2013 biennium.

Measure	Standard	Annualized Performance April 2010 – March 2011		Anticipated Targets	
		County Performance	Standard met?		
				2012	2013
S-SI	Within or above the range of expected performance on the annualized three - year S-SI	77.9 %	Above	79 %	80 %

WPR	WPR of 39.8% (50% minus a CRC of 10.2%) or a 5 percentage point improvement from the previous year	43.1 %	Yes	44 %	45 %
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For each measure for which the county/tribe met the standard, in the respective box below, provide a summary of successful strategies, including an overview of how well current practices are working to improve the county's/tribe's current performance. Include any new strategies the county/tribe will implement in the 2012-2013 biennium.

#### S-SI Performance Strategies

Mower County is above the expected range even with the percentage of unemployed in our county as well as the caseload averages and the higher poverty rate. Both MFIP workers and E.S. providers have worked diligently to enter correct statistics for WFI reporting. We hold monthly meetings to review cases and our intercommunication between agencies is good.

#### WPR Performance Strategies

Same as S-SI Performance Strategies

### **Counties *below* the expected range of performance on the SS-I and/or with a WPR rate *below* 39.2 percent that *did not* achieve a 5 percent improvement from the previous year.**

These counties will not receive the 2.5 percent performance bonus for the SS-I and/or the WPR unless they submit a performance improvement plan that is approved by the department. If the county is planning to submit a PIP for the SS-I and/or the WPR, access the links below for instructions on how to complete the form:

- [PIP instructions](#)
- [2012 PIP Form](#)

Performance data of subgroups on the S-SI and WPR over four alternate quarters covering July 2009 – March 2011 (July – September 2009, January–March 2010, July–September 2010 and January–March 2011) are provided below. Performance gaps were calculated when a county subgroup performance was five percentage points or more below the performance of whites. [Only county and subgroup caseloads of 30 or more were used for this measure] Click on the link below to review a summary of subgroup performance data for S-SI and WPR within the county.

#### [Two-year Performance Trend of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Sub-groups](#)

#### **Counties with a performance gap in one or more subgroups**

If the county has one or more subgroups with a performance gap in *both* the last quarter (Jan. –Mar. 2011), and the average of the four quarters, list the subgroup(s), providing the required data in the table, and respond to the questions that follow for each of the subgroup(s) listed.

1. Counties with a 5 percent gap in outcomes as shown on the WPR/SS-I between the non-white population and white population within the county will need to complete this section.

Population	WPR%	WPR#	WPR proposed change by %	SS-I %	SS-I #	SS-I proposed	By what date will
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			and #			change by % and #	improvement occur

2. Identify at least three strategies and at least two action steps under each strategy that the county will use to reduce disparities in outcomes for each population identified in question 1. (Add additional tables if there are more than two non-white populations that have a disparity.)

Population	Strategy	Action Steps

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3. How will the county monitor progress toward reduction in disparities on a semi-annual basis?

4. What are the criteria for improvements other than a reduction in the disparities gap itself?

5. How will the county continue to engage community partners, particularly employers, with disparities efforts?

# Part D: Budget

Click on the link below to review the 2012 MFIP allocations:

[2012 MFIP Allocations](#)

In the last biennium, the department received federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for short-term nonrecurring services. Counties were asked to revise their emergency services/crisis plans to include a wide variety of services that the funds can cover. Now that the stimulus funds have ended, the department requests that for those counties that did not send in a revised plan as of January 2011, email the current plan to Mayjoua Ly at [mayjoua.ly@state.mn.us](mailto:mayjoua.ly@state.mn.us). The department maintains a file on each county's emergency services/crisis plans in order to answer requests for information from internal and external sources.

### Emergency services in counties with American Indian reservations

Briefly describe how the county consults with the tribes on county emergency services and policies governing all residents of the county.

In the budget table, indicate the amount and percentage for each item listed for the budget line items for calendar years 2012-2013. Also note:

- Total percent must equal 100.
- MFIP administration is capped at 7.5 percent unless the county is applying for an administrative cap waiver. To apply for the administrative cap waiver, respond to the questions that follow this budget page.
- If "other" is used, briefly state or describe the line item.

2012 MFIP	Budgeted Amount	Percent
Employment services (DWP)	\$161,875	27 %
Employment services (MFIP)	\$ 285,932	47 %
Emergency services	\$ 50,000	8 %
Administration	\$ 36,000	6 %
Income maintenance direct administration	\$ 70,000	12 %
Other 1 (please state):	\$	%
Other 2 (please state):	\$	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 603,807</b>	<b>100 %</b>

2013 MFIP	Budgeted Amount	Percent
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**Administrative cap waiver (optional)**

MFIP provisions allow counties to request a waiver of the MFIP administrative cap (currently 7.5 percent) for providing supported employment, unpaid work, or community work experience programs for a major segment of the county’s or tribe’s MFIP population.

Counties may request a waiver of the administrative cap when submitting their 2012-2013 service agreement by responding to the questions below.

Is the county requesting a waiver of the MFIP administrative cap for the 2012-2013 biennium?

No. No other action needs to be taken.

Yes. If yes, provide a concise response to the following three questions.

1. Describe the budget change (include any staff changes).

2. Describe any new activities or services will be provided.

3. Describe the targeted population and number of people expected to be served.

# Part E: Certifications and Assurances

## PUBLIC INPUT

Prior to submission, did the county facilitate a process 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 agreement will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minn. Stat. §256J; that the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (hereafter department) has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service agreement, and that documentation of compliance will be available for audit; that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all MFIP requirements, including efforts to identify and apply for available state and federal funding for services within the limits of available funding; and that the county agrees to operate MFIP in accordance with state law and guidance from the department.

## SERVICE AGREEMENT CERTIFICATION

Checking this box certifies that this 2012-2013 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of [Minn. Stat. §256J](#). 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
Tim Gabrielson	201 1 <sup>st</sup> Street NE	Mower County

## DATE OF CERTIFICATION