

## **HHS - CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT**

The County Attorney's Division of Health and Human Services represents the Department of Health and Human Services, including Child Welfare Services in Juvenile Court, and Adult Protective Services.

<b>Action - Child Welfare Services/Juvenile Court</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Number of Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) or Guardianship Hearings	2,228	2,023	2,077
Number of New CINA Petitions Filed	101	108	97
Number of CINA Cases Closed	90	102	93
Number of New Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Petitions Filed	34	33	24
Number of TPRs Granted	9	38 <sup>1</sup>	22
Number of New Adoption Petitions Filed	38	28 <sup>2</sup>	27
Number of Adoptions Granted	29	33 <sup>3</sup>	28

<sup>1</sup> 1 dismissed, 3 pending

<sup>2</sup> 3 pending

<sup>3</sup> 5 pending finalization

The HHS Division also represents the Public Guardianship Program, a highly specialized department within HHS. For adults under 65, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services may be appointed as guardian of the person. For adults over 65, the Director of the County Office on Aging may be appointed as guardian of the person. For both age groups, Maryland law stipulates that the County may only be appointed as guardian as a last resort, when there are no other viable alternatives.

<b>Action – Adult Protective Services/Circuit Court</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Number of Adult Guardianship Hearings	136	92	134
Number of Adult Guardianship Petitions Filed	16	16	22