

# District of Columbia

## Social Service Block Grant FY2018

January 2018



### Critical Fact:

**SSBG provides vital  
resources in D.C.**

Sum of  
Expenditures for  
Services in D.C.  
through SSBG2018:

**\$3,952,359**

### Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG 2018:

\$1,782,509 on Protective Services for  
Adults

\$2,027,912 on Homeless Services

\$230,526 on Child Care

# Why is SSBG important to D.C.?

## Protective Services for Adults:

Domestic, dating, and sexual violence are costly and pervasive problem in the U.S., causing victims, as well as witnesses and bystanders, in every community to suffer incalculable pain and loss.

15.5 million children in the U.S. live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year, and seven million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred.

DC's Adult Protective Services manages the Family Violence Prevention Services, a program that provides grants to community-based agencies. The agencies provide emergency shelter, counseling, and other resources to survivors of domestic violence and their families.

## Homeless Services:

In a 2017 point-in-time survey, there were 2273 homeless children under 18, and 697 ages 18-24. There 7,473 people total experiencing homelessness on the night of the survey.

Shelter services include traditional, housing, permanent housing, severe weather, and temporary shelter. The Homeless Shelters Services Program provides homelessness prevention services, street outreach for chronically homeless and mentally ill, severe weather shelter, and transitional rehabilitative shelters for individuals looking for employment.

## Child Care:

The child care services are for children 6 weeks to 12 years old, and for kids up to 19 years old with a disability. There are 12,000 clients in this service area.

SSBG funding provides scholarships for child care providers and allows the agencies to expand and improve their programs. DC's Strong Start program provides child care for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. In addition, the program has developed measures to identify children who may have disabilities, and it has worked to determine if the child is eligible for the program.

