

Louisiana

Social Service Block Grant FY2016

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Critical Fact:

**SSBG provides vital
resources in
Louisiana.**

**Sum of
Expenditures for
Services in
Louisiana through
SSBG2016:**

\$19,616,266

Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG 2016:

\$14,459,133 on Foster Care Services for
Children

\$3,154,998 on Protective Services for
Children

\$1,819,485 on Adoption Services

\$1,380,089 on Prevention & Intervention

Why is SSBG important to Louisiana?

Adoption Services:

727 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Louisiana in 2016, increasing 9.8% from 662 in 2015.

Of the 4,461 children in out-of-home care in 2016, there were 1,297 or 29.1% waiting to be adopted.

Foster Care Services for Children:

4,461 children in Louisiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2016, compared with 3,955 children in 2013.

Prevention & Intervention and Protective Services for Children:

In 2016, Louisiana had 46,606 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 23,796 reports were referred for investigation.

In 2016, there were 11,289 victims of abuse or neglect in Louisiana, a rate of 10.1 per 1,000 children, increasing 33.5% from 2012.

Adoption services are those services or activities provided to assist in bringing about the adoption of a child.

Foster care services for children are those services or activities associated with the provision of an alternative family life experience for abused, neglected, or dependent children, between birth and the age of majority, on the basis of a court commitment or a voluntary placement agreement signed by the parents or guardians.

Prevention and intervention services are those services or activities designed to provide early identification and/or timely intervention to support families and prevent or ameliorate the consequences of abuse, neglect, or family violence, or to assist in making arrangement for alternative placements or living arrangements where necessary.

Protective services for children are those services or activities designed to prevent or remedy abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children who may be harmed through physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, and negligent treatment or maltreatment, including failure to be provided with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

