Michigan

Social Service Block Grant FY2018

January 2018

Critical Fact:

SSBG provides vital resources in Michigan

Sum of Expenditures for Services:

\$48,967,028

Key Resources Utilized Under SSBG 2018:

\$18,840,495 on Protective Services for Adults

\$11,135,830 on Foster Care Services for Children

\$8,136,871 on Protective Services for Children

\$5,629,550 on Foster Care Services for Adults

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Why is SSBG important to Michigan?

Foster Care and Adoption Services for Children:

18,194 children in Michigan lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2016. The 2018 SSBG estimated that over 13,000 children would be serviced. Generally, foster care services provide an alternative family experience for abused, neglected, or dependent children

Michigan provides permanent homes for children in state wards. Health services like medical, dental, and mental health are provided for child welfare clients. Specific to adoption, the state provides medical, psychological, and psychiatric services to those clients. Also, SSBG2018 will fund foster care licensing procedures including orientations, background checks, and staff training.

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.

The SSBG for 2018 will provide protective services to nearly 28,000 adults. Services include onsite shelters managed by the domestic violence program, a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, child care during counseling, and criminal justice assistance.

Protective Services for Children:

In 2016, there were 37,293 victims of child abuse or neglect in Michigan. The 2018 SSBG proposes to provide 90,292 children with child protective services. Funded services include investigating reports, coordinating community programs, and assisting families in resolving their problems.

Special Services for Youth at Risk:

In 2015, over 1,500 youth resided in juvenile detention, correction, or residential facilities. In the same year, approximately 372,000 children ages 0-17 lived in high poverty areas. That is, areas with rates of poverty 30% or higher. Based on the 2018 SSBG, only 92 at-risk youth will be serviced.

