

Missouri

Social Service Block Grant FY2018

January 2018



Critical Fact:

**SSBG provides vital
resources in
Missouri.**

**Sum of Expenditures
for Services in
Missouri through
SSBG 2018:**

\$30,092,894

Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG 2018:

\$1,103,114 on Adoption Services

\$15,236,253 on Case Management

\$5,048,685 on Day Care for Children

\$4,127,269 on Residential Treatment

Why is SSBG important to Missouri?

Adoption Services:

1,591 children were legally adopted through a child welfare agency in Missouri in 2016, increasing 17% from 1,357 in 2015.

Of the 12,160 children in out-of-home care in 2015, there were 2,513 or 20.7% waiting to be adopted.

Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2016, Missouri had 79,098 children involved in one or more reports of child abuse or neglect. Of those, 54% were referred for family assessments, and 46% were referred for investigation. In addition, 5,861 children were victims of child abuse and neglect, a 17% increase from 4,685 children in 2012.

SSBG2018 plans to provide treatment services aimed to alleviate stress and develop coping mechanisms that prevent impaired familial dysfunction. Counseling is used to identify stressors and problematic behaviors, and figure out solutions to those problems. Also, funding will allow service workers to create family treatment plans and make referrals to specialists in the area.

Child Care:

In 2016, Missouri had a monthly average of 37,900 children served by subsidized childcare. As of early 2017, Missouri had no children on its waiting list for childcare assistance.

Youth at Risk

SSBG2018 plans to fund residential services to youth ages 17 and under who have been deemed as adults in juvenile court and have been tried and convicted as adult offenders. The Department of Youth Services will have funds to provide psychiatric and psychological services to youth at risk with the goal of developing and implementing a treatment plan. Also, the state plans to provide community-based supervision services to youth up to 18 to prevent unnecessary institutionalization of the youth.

Residential Treatment

Missouri is utilizing SSBG funds to reduce congregate care. The state offers various forms including group homes, moderate residential, short-term residential, and secure care residential programs. The Short-term service provides an intensive program that emphasized physical and emotional treatment. The Secure Care provides functional group treatment program to youth 18 and under. This program focuses on coping and dealing with problems related to foster care and preparing for release from the program.