

PUERTO RICO

Social Service Block
Grant FY2014

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CRITICAL FACT:

**SSBG Provides Vital
Resources in Puerto
Rico**

Sum of
Expenditures for
Services

\$8,160,000

Key Resources Utilized Under SSBG 2014:

**\$5, 059,200 Counseling Services
For Children**

\$816,000 Day Care for Adults

\$2,284,800 Other Services

Why is SSBG important to Puerto Rico?

Adoption, Kinship Care, and Permanent Families for Children

In 2016, 4,264 children lived apart from their families in foster care. In addition, no children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency while 258 were waiting to be adopted.

In 2014 SSBG funds allowed Puerto Rico to provide counseling services to 3,864 children.

In 2014, Puerto Rico provided adult day care services for 800 adults 60 or older. In addition, Puerto Rico used the largest share of funding for other services that were used to assist more than 1000 adults with adult foster care needs. Additionally, more than 1,500 children were helped with these funds.

Counseling Services are those services or activities that apply therapeutic processes to personal, family, situational, or occupational problems in order to bring about a positive resolution of the problem or improved individual or family functioning or circumstances. Problem areas may include family and marital relationships, parent-child problems, or drug abuse.

Day care services for adults are those services or activities provided to adults who require care and supervision in a protective setting for a portion of a 24-hour day. Component services or activities may include opportunity for social interaction, companionship, and self-education; health support or assistance in obtaining health services; counseling; recreation and general leisure time activities; meals; personal care services; plan development; and transportation.

Other Services are services that do not fall within the definitions of the preceding 28 services. The definition used by the State for each of these services should appear elsewhere in the annual report.