## Alaska

Social Service Block Grant FY2016

January 2019

## **Critical Fact:**

SSBG provides vital resources in Alaska.

Sum of Expenditures for Services in Alaska:

\$3,640,366



Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

\$3,640,366 on Adoption Services

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## Why is SSBG important to Alaska?

## **Adoption Services:**

366 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Alaska in fiscal year 2017, increasing 16.9% from 313 in fiscal year 2016.

Of the 2,766 children in out-of-home care in 2018, there were 1039 waiting to be adopted. SSBG funding provided adoption services to 3,608 children.

Adoption services are those services or activities provided to assist in bringing about the adoption of a child. Component services and activities may include, but are not limited to, counseling the biological parent(s), recruitment of adoptive homes, and pre- and post-placement training and/or counseling.

