

# Louisiana

## Social Service Block Grant FY2016

January 2019



### Critical Fact:

**SSBG provides vital resources in Louisiana.**

Sum of  
Expenditures for  
Services in  
Louisiana:

**\$24,684,515**

### Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

**\$16,463,121 on Foster Care Services for Children**

**\$3,161,687 on Protective Services for Children**

**\$1,582,600 on Adoption Services**

**\$1,411,413 on Prevention & Intervention**

# Why is SSBG important to Louisiana?

## Foster Care Services for Children

4,460 children in Louisiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2017, compared with 4,461 children in 2016.

## Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2017, Louisiana had 44,793 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 19,851 reports were referred for investigation.

In 2017, there were 10,356 victims of abuse or neglect in Louisiana.

## Adoption Services

766 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Louisiana in 2017, increasing 5.1% from 727 in 2016.

Of the 4,460 children in out-of-home care in 2017, there were 1,378 waiting to be adopted.

**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.

