Massachusetts

Social Service Block Grant FY2016

January 2019

Critical Fact:

SSBG provides vital resources in Massachusetts.

Sum of Expenditures for Services in Massachusetts:

$33,293,069

Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

$17,376,377 on Residential Treatment

$5,498,854 on Foster Care Services for Children

$3,749,134 on Case Management

$3,912,085 on Home-Based Services

$1,102,999 on Adoption Services

Why is SSBG important to Massachusetts?

Residential Treatment

During FY2016, funding for residential treatment in Massachusetts aided 1,741 children.

Residential treatment services provide short-term residential care and comprehensive treatment and services for children or adults whose problems are so severe or are such that they cannot be cared for at home or in foster care and need the specialized services provided by specialized facilities.

Foster Care Services for Children

10,919 children in Massachusetts lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2017, compared with 10,910 children in 2016.

An Intensive Foster Care program is offered that provides therapeutic services and support in a family-based setting. This program is for children who would not do well in a traditional foster care placement, including siblings and teen parents. Also, the program provides a transition to adulthood model for young adults aging out of care, and emergency shelters for placements shorter than 45 days.

Case Management

SSBG provide case management services for 45,612 children.

Massachusetts's Support and Stabilization program provides parent support, youth support, family stabilization, reunification assessments, and placement diversion. Services are designed to be flexible to address the specific needs of each family.

Adoption Services

657 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Massachusetts in 2017, decreasing 1.8% from 669 in 2016.

Of the 10,919 children in out-of-home care in 2017, there were 3,655 waiting to be adopted.

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