Missouri

Social Service Block Grant FY2016

January 2019

Critical Fact:

SSBG provides vital resources in Missouri.

Sum of Expenditures for Services in Missouri:

\$29,961,804



Main Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

\$12,964,197 on Case Management

\$4,803,357 on Residential Treatment

\$3,534,701 on Adoption Services

\$2,881,230 on Foster Care Services for Children

\$1,416,632 on Other Services

Why is SSBG important to Missouri?

Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2017, Missouri had 85,622 children involved in one or more reports of child abuse or neglect. Of those, 76% were referred for investigation. In addition, 4,585 children were victims of child abuse and neglect in 2017.

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.

1,161 children received residential treatment services in Missouri.

Adoption Services

1,541 children were legally adopted through a child welfare agency in Missouri in 2017, decreasing 3% from 1,591 in 2016.

Of the 12,390 children in out-of-home care in 2017, there were 2,825 waiting to be adopted.

Other Services

Other Services includes services for the Division of Youth Services including residential tracker services, family therapy, youth jobs program, reception and diagnostic, substance abuse and staff training.

