

PUERTO RICO

Social Service Block
Grant FY2016

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CRITICAL FACT:

**SSBG Provides Vital
Resources in Puerto
Rico**

Sum of
Expenditures for
Services

\$8,195,172

Key Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

\$5,050,407 on Counseling Services

**\$859,965 on Day Care Services for
Adults**

\$2,284,800 on Other Services

Why is SSBG important to Puerto Rico?

Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2017, 4,539 children lived apart from their families in foster care. In addition, no children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency while 300 were waiting to be adopted.

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

Other Services

2,598 individuals including 1,098 children other services such as reunification services to families and children, and social services for adults.

In FY 2016, Puerto Rico assisted over 2,100 adults with day care services.

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.