

# WEST VIRGINIA

Social Service Block  
Grant FY2016

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## CRITICAL FACT:

**SSBG Provides Vital  
Resources in West  
Virginia**

Sum of  
Expenditures for  
Services

**\$9,145,134**

## Key Resources Utilized Under SSBG:

**\$5,925,252 on Protective Services for  
Children**

**\$161,513 on Adoption Services**

**\$1,561,769 on Protective Services for  
Adults**

**\$1,344,496 on Foster Care Services for  
Children**

**\$82,198 on Special Services for Youth  
at Risk**

# Why is SSBG important to West Virginia?

## Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2017, West Virginia had 39,737 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 26,219 reports were referred for investigation.

SSBG provided funding for child protective services to nearly 25,000 children.

## Adoption, Kinship Care, and Permanent Families for Children

In 2017, 1,069 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in West Virginia, increasing 13.7% from 940 in 2016.

SSBG provided adoption services for 672 children.

## Protective Service for Adults

Domestic, dating, and sexual violence are costly and pervasive problems in the U.S., causing victims, as well as witnesses and bystanders, in every community to suffer incalculable pain and loss.

15.5 million Children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year, and seven million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred.

SSBG will fund adult protective services to over 24,000 adults.

## Foster Care Services for Children

In 2017, 6,633 children in West Virginia lived apart from their families in out-of-home care. SSBG provided for services for 5,594 children.

Also, SSBG funded special services for youth at risk for 342 children.

