

**SOUTH CAROLINA
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM PLAN
FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017
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Dear Ms. Werner:

I am pleased to submit South Carolina's Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017. This report includes the Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2017; the amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for 2016; the Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2015; a description of the services funded with SSBG; the criteria for determining eligibility for services; and demographic data for the recipients of services funded with SSBG.

SSBG is a critical source of funding for services needed by South Carolina's most vulnerable citizens. If you have any questions about South Carolina's Plan, please contact Ms. Liz Smith, 803-898-2754, or Ms. Sharon Williams at 803-898-8096.

Sincerely,



V. Susan Alford
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Enclosure

INTRODUCTION

The federal government has allocated funds to state social services programs since the mid -1950's. In 1956, the Social Security Act authorized the federal government to fund 50 percent of state social services expenditures based upon the belief that, through the provision of social services, the unemployed could achieve economic independence. In 1962, the federal match rate increased to 75 percent and broadened eligibility. This amendment allowed state social service departments to purchase services from other state agencies. In the years that followed, spending increased from \$194 million to \$1.6 billion.

In 1967, amendments were enacted requiring states to provide services to train and motivate the unemployed, strengthen the family unit and give states the authority to purchase services from private providers. Additionally, states were required to provide child day care services and homemaker services.

Congress limited federal spending for social services to \$2.5 billion annually in 1972. Then, in 1975, Congress amended the Social Security Act by adding a new provision, Title XX, which replaced the prior federal social services programs and set forth five broad national goals:

- To help people become or remain economically self-supporting.
- To help people become or remain self-sufficient.
- To protect children and adults who cannot protect themselves from abuse, neglect, and exploitation and to help families stay together.
- To prevent and reduce inappropriate institutional care as much as possible by making home and community services available.
- To arrange for appropriate placement and services in an institution when it is in a person's best interest.

During President Ronald Reagan's administration, Section 2352 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 amended Title XX to establish the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). The implementation of SSBG included federal funding reductions. In 1982, the block grant funds distributed to states were 19 percent below the 1981 funding level of \$35 million for South Carolina. From 1983 through 1991, South Carolina's SSBG funding fluctuated from \$33.5 million to \$39.3 million and remained at the higher level through 1995.

- In 1996, Congress reduced funding by 15 percent and as a result, South Carolina's funding level was reduced to \$33.4 million. At the time of this reduction, Congress agreed to restore SSBG to its 1995 level; however,

in 2002, the legislation to enact that promise did not pass. Over the last few years, South Carolina's allotment has remained between \$24.7 and \$25.3 million. During FFY 2013, the Budget Control Act of 2011, P.L. 112-25, commonly referred to as Sequestration, reduced South Carolina's SSBG allotment from \$25.3 million to a little over \$24 million. Although Sequestration applies only to mandatory spending after FFY 2013, the Office of Community Services (OCS) advised South Carolina to base the SSBG Plan for 2014 on the reduced level of \$24,091,843. However, the state's actual allotment for FFY 2014 was \$23,606,812, about \$500,000 less. The final allotment for FFY2015 was \$23,669,547. In the absence of a federal budget for FFY 2017 by the date of this plan, South Carolina is using the FFY 2016 allotment of \$23,878,248 for the pre-plan amount for 2017.

The Social Services Block Grant Program provides flexible funding to assist States in providing a wide range of services to children and families, at-risk adolescents and young adults, vulnerable older adults, and persons with disabilities. The Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), administers the SSBG Program and provides technical assistance to the States. The federal oversight agency calculates state allocations for SSBG in proportion to each State's population. States have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services to provide, who is eligible to receive them, and how to expend funds within the requirements of Federal laws.

Although States have this flexibility, Federal Public Law 97-35 prohibits the use of SSBG funds for the following:

- To purchase or improve land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement, other than minor remodeling, of any building or other facility.
- To provide cash payments for costs of subsistence or for the provision of room and board, unless: (1) the costs of subsistence occur during rehabilitation, (2) room and board are provided for the short term as an integral but subordinate part of a social service, or (3) temporary emergency shelter is provided as a protective service.
- To pay wages to any individual as a social service, other than payment of wages of welfare recipients employed in the provision of childcare services.
- To provide medical care other than family planning services, rehabilitation services, or initial detoxification of an alcoholic, or drug-

dependent individual, unless it is an integral but subordinate part of a social service.

- To provide social services, except services provided in and by employees of any hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or prison, to any individual living in such an institution.
- To provide for any educational service which the state makes generally available to its residents without cost and without regard to their income.
- To pay for any child day care services, unless such services meet applicable standards of state and local law.
- To provide cash payment as a service.
- To pay for any item or service other than an emergency item or service furnished.

Additional provisions, conditions, Codes of the Federal Registry (CFR), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars are also required in order for States to receive their SSBG Allotments. These requirements may be found at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg>.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 27, 2016, SCDSS posted the following notice of the SSBG Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2017, at <https://dss.sc.gov/content/library/statistics/index.aspx>

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PRE-EXPENDITURE PLAN FFY 2017

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) hereby gives notice of the availability of the “FFY 2016 Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Pre-Expenditure Report” to the citizens of South Carolina for review and comment. The report reflects plans of the SCDSS/State of South Carolina to expend SSBG funds for the 2017 federal fiscal year, October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Title XX, Section 2004 of the Social Security Act (as enacted in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 [P.L. 97-35] and codified at 42 U.S.C. 1397c). Comments regarding this notice will be accepted for a period of thirty days from the date it is posted.

Written comments about the FFY 2017 Pre-Expenditure Report may be submitted to the Division of Early Care and Education Services, South Carolina Department of Social Services, Post Office Box 1520, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1520. Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Social Services, Division of Early Care and Education, 3rd floor – room 309, 1535 Confederate Avenue Extension, Columbia, South Carolina, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

A copy of the final and complete FFY 2017 SSBG application and Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2015 may be obtained after October 1, 2016, through written request to the SCDSS address listed above or may be accessed through the SCDSS Internet site on the World Wide Web at <https://dss.sc.gov/content/library/statistics/index.aspx>.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

State Administrative Agency

SCDSS is the designated agency for South Carolina to serve children, families, and adults in need of protection, financial assistance, food assistance, and child care. SCDSS' structure consists of county and regional offices throughout the state that directly provide protective services to adults and children; foster care and adoption services for children; temporary financial assistance to needy families (TANF/Family Independence); food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP); and child care vouchers to priority populations who are in school, training or employed.

Agency Mission: The mission of the South Carolina Department of Social Services is, *“To serve South Carolina by promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families.”*

SCDSS strives to:

- a. Promote the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults; promoting permanency for children.
- b. Help preserve the family unit by enhancing the capability of individuals and families to provide for their own needs.
- c. Ensure the DSS workforce is supported in their efforts to provide high-quality service that is responsive and engaged; and,
- d. Foster trust, collaboration, and communication with stakeholders to improve outcomes for children, families and vulnerable adults.

The following page includes a list of SCDSS strategic goals and objectives categorized by program area.

Program Area	Supported Agency Strategic Planning Goal	Agency Objective
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	The goal of the SNAP program is to promote the general welfare and safeguard the health and well-being of the state's low-income citizens by providing benefits to help recipients purchase food.	Decrease poverty by providing low-income citizens resources to buy food and to provide employment and training to recipients who are able to work.
Early Care and Education (Child Care Services)	<p>Child Care Services - The goal is to assist eligible low-income families to become and remain employed with the help of affordable, accessible, quality child care services.</p> <p>Child Care Licensing - The goal is to protect the health and well-being of children attending child care settings.</p>	<p>Improve the quality of child care and protect the children's well-being and care while their parents are working, in school, or in training.</p> <p>Improve the quality of child care in the state.</p>
Family Independence	The goal is to provide assistance to families while they are transitioning into employment so that they will become self-sufficient.	Increase opportunities for employment by providing necessary supports.
Foster Care and Adoptions	The goal is to provide safe and thriving children with lifelong families sooner	Ensure timely and effective services to ensure children have permanency.
Child Protective and Preventative Services	The goal is to have safe children with families who have the protective capacity	Ensure timely and effective intervention services when safety is compromised in the home or facility environment.
Adult Protective Services and Domestic Violence	The goal is to meet the needs of vulnerable/young disabled or elderly adults in the least restrictive environment; victims of domestic violence, their children and abusers will receive services to promote healthy relations.	Ensure timely and effective intervention and support services.
Child Support Enforcement	The goal is to ensure that children receive needed financial support from the noncustodial parent.	Increase child support collections.

State Office and Departments

As the only state agency designated to administer SSBG funds, SCDSS procures SSBG services from state agencies, public and private providers, universities, and other entities. SCDSS administers these funds based upon a priority plan for services. Without additional funding, SCDSS has made mandated services, such as Child and Adult Protective Services, and continuity of priority services, such as Home Based services (Homemaker), its primary focus in the distribution of SSBG funds.

Staff in SCDSS state office divisions of Early Care and Education Services (Child Care Services), Human Services, Cost Allocation, Budgets, and Executive Management work together in administering SSBG funds for SCDSS direct operations and allocating funding for services purchased through contracts and grants. Funds are also directly allocated to County offices for purchase of prevention/intervention services, such as counseling, payment of utilities, and other services to prevent a child's placement in foster care, to prevent the foster care placement from disrupting, and to facilitate permanency for children through ameliorating the problems that brought them to the agency's involvement or to facilitate adoption.

Fiscal Operations

South Carolina DSS program staff, in collaboration with SCDSS Budget staff, annually develops a program plan for allocating SSBG funds. Through the planning process, the state seeks to allocate social service resources in a fiscally accountable manner to address and ensure that SSBG meets the priority service needs of the state. SCDSS Executive staff reviews and approves the Plan. Consistent with state and federal requirements, citizens receive assistance to achieve, restore, and maintain a level of health, social and economic well-being. As SSBG funding is a capped resource, the ability to develop new programs and address more needs of the state is limited. Continuity of priority services and the provision of mandated services is the State's primary focus in development of the Pre-Expenditure Plan.

South Carolina does not hold a public hearing for comment on the SSBG Plan; however, the citizens of the state and service providers can review and comment on the Pre-Expenditure Plan via the SCDSS website. A hard copy of the Pre-expenditure Plan is also available for review at SCDSS 1535 Confederate Avenue Extension, Columbia, S.C., Room 309. The public can e-mail questions and comments to program staff charged with preparing the Plan.

Program areas within SCDSS are required to develop budget projections to ensure allocation of financial resources meets strategic objectives; that budgeted operations are within available funding; and that the agency derives maximum benefit from all available funding sources. The budget process requires an analysis of resource allocation and funding needed for budgeted operations. This process includes a review of necessary expenditures from the cost allocation manager through the senior management levels of the Agency.

SCDSS allocates costs to the SSBG program based upon a federally approved Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan revised effective July 1, 2012. Payroll expenditures are charged directly to the program or are allocated using approved cost allocation bases. Service delivery site interviewers and/or staff complete a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) or self-directed time studies. The Random Moment Time Study is an email based web application conducted by an independent contractor. Staff are randomly sampled throughout the applicable period and responses are electronically recorded. Quality control measures are built into the system to ensure reliability of the sample.

SCDSS follows the State Procurement Code in contracting with entities to provide SSBG services. SCDSS issues Requests for Proposals (RFP) or Requests for Bids for most of its purchased services. In the procurement process, potential providers must submit line item budgets for service delivery. Through this competitive process, the agency awards contracts for one year, with the option to renew an additional four years.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM

South Carolina uses a goal-directed target group approach in the social services delivery system. This approach provides a conceptual framework within which the SCDSS can identify a recipient's service needs and can develop, implement and evaluate service plans with optimum participation of the recipients.

The service provider determines eligibility for purchased services. The South Carolina Department of Social Services determines eligibility for services that support Adult and Child Protective Services and Foster Care for Children.

Eligibility Process

South Carolina utilizes a three-step process for determining eligibility for the SSBG program based upon client need for the service, income eligibility for SSBG services, and target group. Applicants must meet the three criteria to be eligible. Even though a family or individual may be eligible, the provision of service depends upon availability of the service at the time.

Target Group Criteria

The first step of determining eligibility is identification of an applicant as a member of at least one of the target groups. Each target group is defined in terms of a problem or barrier experienced by SSBG service applicants.

The problem provides the parameters for developing a specific goal and measurable objectives. The target groups are prioritized, with Target Group 1 having the highest priority.

Income Criteria

The second step of the eligibility process involves determining the income level of the applicant. Applicants must have a total family gross income at or below 200 percent of the poverty guidelines, or must need services provided by the state that are without regard to income. The SSBG Income Standards for FFY 2017 are included in this section

<p>Target Group 1:</p> <p>Goal:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals unable to protect their own interest from abuse neglect or exploitation.</p> <p>To Protect children and impaired adults from abuse neglect or exploitation.</p> <p>To investigate and assess all reports of abuse neglect or exploitation.</p>
<p>Target Group 2:</p> <p>Goal:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Family units experiencing or in immediate risk of disruption.</p> <p>To eliminate or alleviate causes of family disruption.</p> <p>To maintain the family unit or arrange for a permanent, alternate family placement.</p>
<p>Target Group 3:</p> <p>Goal:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals with functional impairments or handicaps that restrict their ability to independently perform age-appropriate activities.</p> <p>To enable functionally impaired individuals to achieve and maintain their maximum potential for independent living.</p> <p>To enable clients to remain in their own homes or other residential facility or to enable clients released from institutions to resettle in the community.</p>
<p>Target Group 4:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals unable to achieve or maintain some degree of economic self-support because of their lack of job-related skills and/or their responsibility for caring for dependent family members.</p> <p>To enable individuals to achieve or maintain employment.</p> <p>To enable clients to achieve or maintain employment due to the provision of services to dependent family members.</p>
<p>Target Group 5:</p> <p>Goal:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals and families unable, due to lack of age-appropriate skills, to function effectively in home management or personal care or hygiene.</p> <p>To enable individuals or families to achieve and/or maintain self-sufficiency.</p> <p>To prevent client regression to a more severe condition as evidenced by reclassification to Target Group 1 or 2, or to achieve or maintain some degree of self-sufficiency.</p>

Need Criteria

The third step of the eligibility process requires determining an applicant's need for the service. In addition to being a member of one of the target groups and meeting the income criteria, applicants must also demonstrate a need for the specific service.

Fees

All services in the SSBG Plan are provided without cost to eligible individuals. SCDSS allows providers of the Older American Act services to accept Voluntary Contributions from clients as long as there is no coercion on the part of the provider to collect the contributions and no negative impact on clients who do not contribute.

Group Eligibility Criteria

Group eligibility assumes that the majority of the recipients of a particular service, a specific community, or a service site would be eligible for service if the eligibility criteria were applied. This assumption allows authorized contractors to provide services to any recipient who meets the specific characteristics established by the administering agency. Therefore, recipient eligibility is determined by the group eligibility requirements instead of the three eligibility criteria mentioned earlier.

DEFINITION OF SSBG FAMILY

An SSBG Family includes the following members:

- One or more adults and children related by blood or law and residing in the same household
- Stepparents
- Military spouses not residing in the same household
- Adult children 18-21 years of age living away from home to further their education if their parents claim them as dependents on their income tax return

Definition of Adult and Child

In the SSBG program, an adult is defined as an individual eighteen years of age or older who receives services based on need. This includes emancipated minors and married minors. An individual 17 years of age or younger is defined as a child

SSBG INCOME STANDARDS
Effective OCTOBER 1, 2016 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS FAMILY INCOME MONTHLY	GROSS FAMILY INCOME ANNUALLY
1	\$1,980	\$23,760
2	\$2,670	\$32,040
3	\$3,360	\$40,320
4	\$4,050	\$48,600
5	\$4,740	\$56,880
6	\$5,430	\$65,160
7	\$6,122	\$73,460
8	\$6,815	\$81,780

Note: For each additional family member above 8, add \$693 monthly or \$8,320 annually. Information and referral services, as well as any other SSBG services offered in conjunction with protective services, are available without regard to income.

SSBG SERVICES

This section describes the SSBG services that SCDSS is proposing to fund during FFY 2017. Demographics for FFY 2015 and other data provided in the charts for these services derive from SCDSS' Child and Adult Systems Reports (CAPSS), provider reports, and historical information. The following CAPSS reports provide demographic and client count data for services directly provided by SCDSS and those services for which SCDSS determined client eligibility during FFY 2015:

- SS310-R01--SSBG Client Profile Report
- SS190-R05--SSBG Clients and Units Summary, SCDSS Provided and Purchased Services
- SS260-R01--SSBG Clients and Units, Office Summary
- SS130-R02--SSBG County Flex Funds Client Summary
- SS280-R01--SSBG Combination of Services for Adult Protective Services Program Services
- SS280-R01--SSBG Combination of Services for Child Protective Services Program Services
- SS280-R01--SSBG Combination of Services for Foster Care Program Services

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Protective Services - Adults

Adult Protective Services are provided to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are victims of actual or potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation. This mistreatment may be caused by others or may be self-inflicted. The Omnibus Adult Protection Act of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the Department of Social Services to investigate all reports and provide services. Services are provided to meet the adults' basic needs and to ensure their safety. In some cases, emergency caretakers are utilized to sit with the individual temporarily. In FFY 2015, SCDSS staff completed assessments for abuse, neglect or exploitation for 5382 persons. Of the 2,312 persons that received treatment services as a result of substantiated reports, 27 received emergency personal care assistance services. Also, of the 2,312 recipients of treatment services, 73% were 60 years of age and older, and 15% were 85 years and older. SCDSS provides this service at the county level in all 46 counties of the state.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Receiving Treatment Services: 2,312	SSBG Expenditures: \$4,213,662

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Protective Services - Children

Child Protective Services (CPS) are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected. State law requires the Department of Social Services to assess reports of child abuse/neglect to determine their validity. This includes determining whether the child is at risk and determining the need for support services for the family. In addition to investigating abuse/neglect and providing counseling and offering other treatment services to parents and children, the caseworkers are advocates for the child and family to law enforcement and the family court. During FFY 2015, SCDSS directly provided CPS treatment services to 12,374 persons throughout the state. SCDSS assessed 24,140 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children during FFY 2015.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Receiving Treatment Services: 12,374	SSBG Expenditures: \$7,754,975

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Day Care Services-Children

Child Care and Development may include the provision of supervised, planned developmental activities and nutritious meals and snacks to children through 12 years of age or through 18 years of age if the child has special needs. The service is available to parents or caretakers who are working, in school or in training; to children in need of protection; and to children who are handicapped. Component services or activities include advocacy and public awareness activities regarding quality child care, educating parents with young children to enable them to make appropriate decisions regarding quality child care, activities that improve the quality of child care in the state, including training with child care providers. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Day Care Children)

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 471 children	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 276,984

FAMILY MANAGEMENT COUNSELING

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Counseling

Family Management Counseling is provided to individuals or families who require assistance in maintaining or improving their ability to manage their home, finances and/or family relationships. These services include acting as payee for an individual, providing counseling in handling limited financial resources, housekeeping and/or securing and maintaining employment. Supportive counseling in child rearing or other interpersonal relationships may be provided. Additionally, services are provided to individuals or families at risk of entry into a more restrictive living environment or service system to enhance self-sufficiency, knowledge, skills and coping mechanisms. Family Services, Inc. provides payee services in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 99 adults	SSBG Cost Per Person: \$ 405

FLEX FUNDS

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Prevention/Intervention

Flex Funds provide flexible and easily accessible resources to Department of Social Services staff in child protective services, foster care, and adoption services to assist them in their efforts to preserve, strengthen, or reunite families with children who are receiving or are at risk of receiving child welfare services. The service goals for Flex Funds include preventing placement in foster care; preventing disruptions in foster or pre-adopt families; reunification of a child with family or a relative; preventing abuse from occurring or reoccurring; and facilitating adoption. This service is provided on a state-wide basis by SCDSS. Services include assistance with housing, electric bills, counseling, drug assessment and treatment services; medical services when Medicaid is not available and the services are an integral part of the service plan; wrap-around services, and short term child care services (no more than 2 weeks).

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 3,355	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 2,990,767

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Foster Care Services - Children

Foster Care Services provide an alternative family life experience for abused, neglected or dependent children. These services may include assessment of the child's needs; case planning and management to assure that the child receives proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the child's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. SCDSS provides this service in all 46 counties of the state. During FFY 2015, 7,464 children received this service.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 7,464	SSBG Expenditures: \$3,600,365

HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Home-Based Services

Homemaker Services are provided to adults and children receiving protective services and to individuals who are frail, chronically ill or disabled, and who do not qualify for Medicaid-sponsored skilled or intermediate nursing care. Those who are receiving or who are at risk of receiving Adult Protective Services and those who live alone with no support system or with another individual who is also incapable of self-care receive priority for services. Activities include light housecleaning, meal planning, marketing and food preparation, personal care and home management, budgeting, child rearing skills, and assistance in following treatment plans prescribed by a physician. This service is also provided to foster children and their foster families and families receiving child protective services. Of the 691 adults served by SCDSS during FFY 2015, approximately 174 were recipients of adult protective services.

SCDSS provides this service in all 46 counties of the state. During FFY 2015, 92 children and their families, and 371 adults received services from SCDSS staff. SCDSS also contracts with quasi-public and private for profit providers to provide this service in all 46 counties of the state. Eight providers served 320 adult clients.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 691	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 2,456,286

PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Other Services

Pregnancy and Parenting Services are available to expectant mothers who are in need of out-of-home placement to ensure the health and safety of the mother and unborn child; to help with concerns related to pregnancy; and to prepare them to parent their child or relinquish the child for adoption. SCDSS contracted with a SSBG private not for profit provider to provide this service to 49 women 21 years and under, on a statewide basis in FFY 2015. Total expenditures for this service were \$311,440.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 15	
Total Persons Served: 49	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 311,440

Pre and Post – Expenditure Reports

Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2017

Amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2016

Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2015

SERVICES TO BE FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

Adult Protective Services are available to protect incapacitated adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation, and if possible, to help them resume their role as primary protector of themselves. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal definition **Protective Services Adults**)

Child Protective Services are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected and also includes temporary emergency placement of children as a service component. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Protective Services Children**)

Child Care and Development may include the provision of supervised, planned developmental activities and nutritious meals and snacks to children through 12 years of age or through 18 years of age if the child has special needs. The service is available to parents or caretakers who are working, in school or in training; to children in need of protection; and to children who are handicapped. Component services or activities may include advocacy and public awareness activities regarding quality child care, educating parents with young children to enable them to make appropriate decisions regarding quality child care, activities that improve the quality of child care in the state, including training with child care providers, and providing monitoring and regulatory monitoring of child care homes. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Day Care Children**)

Family Management Counseling includes an array of services to enhance self-sufficiency, knowledge, skills and coping mechanisms provided to individuals or families at risk of entry into a more restrictive living environment or service system. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Counseling Services**)

Foster Care Services include assessment of abused, neglected or abandoned children's needs; case planning and management to assure that children receive proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the child's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Foster Care Services -Children**)

Homemaker Services are offered to adults and children receiving protective services and to individuals who are frail, chronically ill or disabled, and who do not qualify for Medicaid-sponsored skilled or intermediate nursing care. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under the federal service definition **Home Based Services**)

Prevention/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. Component services and activities include time-limited clinical interventions designed to defuse crises that threaten a child's stability within the home environment, case management, and developmental and parenting skills training.

Pregnancy and Parenting Services are available to expectant mothers under the age of 21 years who are in need of out-of-home placement to ensure the health and safety of the mother and unborn child, and to help with concerns related to pregnancy. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition for **Other Services**)

Part A. Estimated Expenditures and Proposed Provision Method

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STATE: South Carolina

FISCAL YEAR: 2017

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Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services

Submission Date: 09/01/2016

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services	32,117			32,117		X
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children	300,000			300,000		X
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	4,955,608			4,955,608	X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	2,546,465			2,546,465	X	X
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	4,522,000			4,522,000	X	X
21 Protective Services--Adults	5,139,750			5,139,750	X	X
22 Protective Services--Children	4,072,488			4,072,488	X	X
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***	310,000			310,000		X
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	21,878,428			21,878,428		
31 Administrative Costs	2,000,000					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	23,878,428					

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? N/A

** Please list the sources of these funds:

*** Please list other services: Pregnancy and Parenting Svces.

Part B. Estimated Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2017

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services		52	41		93	93
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children*	471					471
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	7,500					7,500
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	92	125	574	9	708	800
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	5,000					5000
21 Protective Services--Adults		671	1,727	2	2,400	2,400
22 Protective Services--Children	12,400					12,400
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***	55					55
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	25,518	848	2,342	11	3,201	28,719

*Includes an estimate of number children to be served through outreach activities/services to improve health and development and enhance the quality of child care

PLANNED EXPENDITURES
FFY 2017

All Other Svces,
1.4%

Home Based
(homemaker), 10.7%

Day Care-Children, 1.3%

AMENDED
SERVICES TO BE FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG
FEDERAL FISCAL 2016

Adult Protective Services are available to protect incapacitated adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation, and if possible, to help them resume their role as primary protector of themselves. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal definition Protective Services Adults)

Child Protective Services are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Protective Services Children)

Child Care and Development may include the provision of supervised, planned developmental activities and nutritious meals and snacks to children through 12 years of age or through 18 years of age if the child has special needs. The service is available to parents or caretakers who are working, in school or in training; to children in need of protection; and to children who are handicapped. Component services or activities may include advocacy and public awareness activities regarding quality child care, educating parents with young children to enable them to make appropriate decisions regarding quality child care, activities that improve the quality of child care in the state, including training with child care providers, and providing monitoring and regulatory monitoring of child care homes. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Day Care Children)

Family Management Counseling includes an array of services to enhance self-sufficiency, knowledge, skills and coping mechanisms provided to individuals or families at risk of entry into a more restrictive living environment or service system. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Counseling Services)

Foster Care Services include assessment of abused, neglected or abandoned children's needs; case planning and management to assure that children receive proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the child's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Foster Care Services - Children)

Homemaker Services are offered to adults and children receiving protective services and to individuals who are frail, chronically ill or disabled, and who do not qualify for Medicaid-sponsored skilled or intermediate nursing care. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under the federal service definition Home Based Services)

Flex Funds 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. Component services and activities include time-limited clinical interventions designed to defuse crises that threaten a child's stability within the home environment, case management, and developmental and parenting skills training. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Prevention/Intervention Services)

Pregnancy and Parenting Services are available to expectant mothers under the age of 21 years who are in need of out-of-home placement to ensure the health and safety of the mother and unborn child, and to help with concerns related to pregnancy. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition for **Other Services**)

Part A. Estimated Expenditures and Proposed Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2016 AMENDED	REPORT PERIOD:10/1/15-9/30/16
Contact Person: Liz Smith	Phone Number: 803-898-2754	
Title: Program Coordinator II	E-Mail Address: Liz.Smith@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 9/1/2016	

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services	32,117					X
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children	246,714					X
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	4,024,610				X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	2,570,376				X	X
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,567,820				X	
21 Protective Services--Adults	4,995,000				X	X
22 Protective Services--Children	6,382,211				X	X
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***	300,000					X
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	22,118,848					
31 Administrative Costs	1,759,580					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	23,878,428					

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? N/A

** Please list the sources of these funds:

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Part B. Estimated Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE:

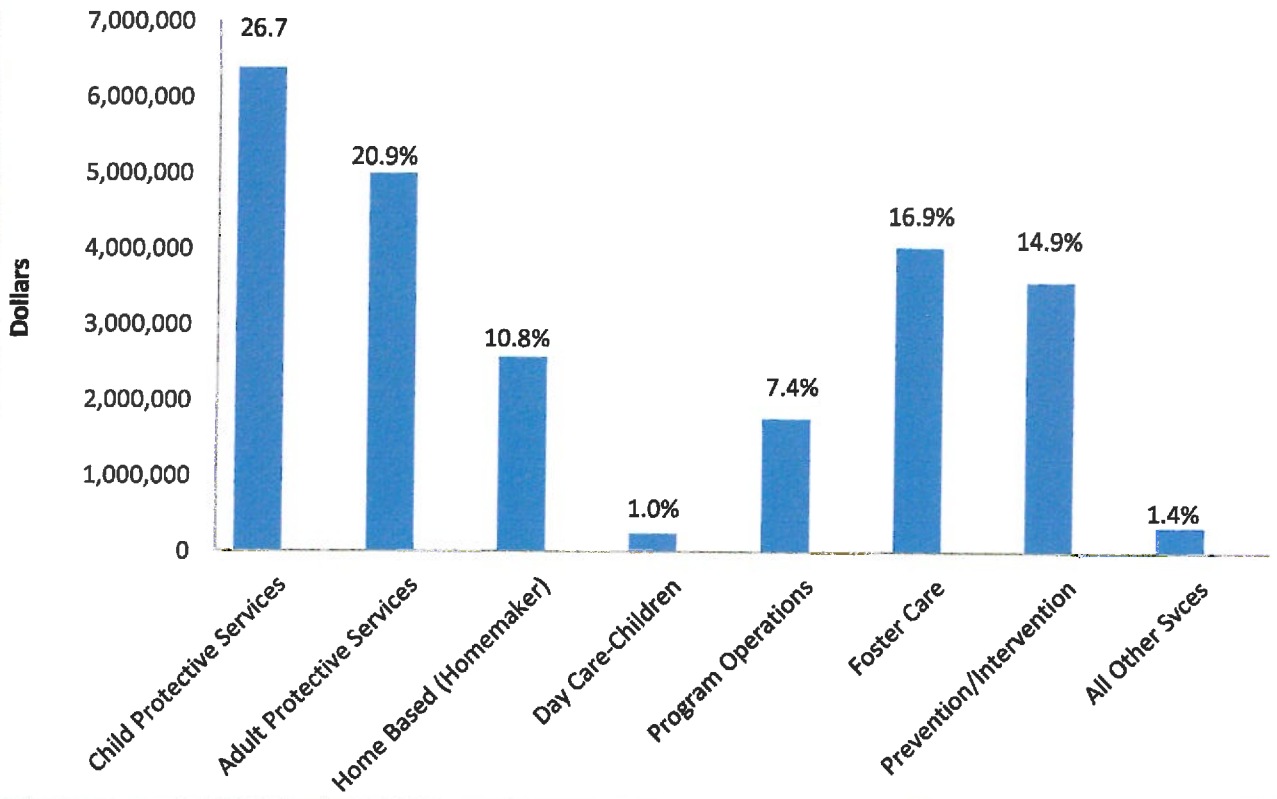
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STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2016 AMENDED

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services		52	41		93	93
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children*	471					471
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	7000					7000
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	40	120	550		670	710
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	3500					3500
21 Protective Services--Adults		520	1550		2070	2070
22 Protective Services--Children	11600					11600
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***	55					55
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	22666	692	2141		2833	25499

*Includes an estimate of number children served through outreach activities/services to improve health and development and enhance the quality of child care

AMENDED PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY SERVICE FFY 2016



AMENDED SERVICES FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL 2015

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Child Care and Development may include the provision of supervised, planned developmental activities and nutritious meals and snacks to children through 12 years of age or through 18 years of age if the child has special needs. The service is available to parents or caretakers who are working, in school or in training; to children in need of protection; and to children who are handicapped. Component services or activities may include advocacy and public awareness activities regarding quality child care, educating parents with young children to enable them to make appropriate decisions regarding quality child care, activities that improve the quality of child care in the state, including training with child care providers, and providing monitoring and regulatory monitoring of child care homes. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Day Care Children**)

Child Protective Services are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Protective Services Children**)

Family Management Counseling includes an array of services to enhance self-sufficiency, knowledge, skills and coping mechanisms provided to individuals or families at risk of entry into a more restrictive living environment or service system. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Counseling Services**)

Foster Care Services include assessment of abused, neglected or abandoned children's needs; case planning and management to assure that children receive proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the child's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Foster Care Services -Children**)

Homemaker Services are offered to adults and children receiving protective services and to individuals who are frail, chronically ill or disabled, and who do not qualify for Medicaid-sponsored skilled or intermediate nursing care. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under the federal service definition **Home Based Services**)

Prevention/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. Component services and activities include time-limited clinical interventions designed to defuse crises that threaten a child's stability within the home environment, case management, and developmental and parenting skills training.

Pregnancy and Parenting Services are available to expectant mothers under the age of 21 years who are in need of out-of-home placement to ensure the health and safety of the mother and unborn child, and to help with concerns related to pregnancy. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition for **Other Services**)

t A. Expenditures and Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014

State: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2015 Post Expenditure	REPORT PERIOD:10/1/14-9/30/15
Contact Person: Liz Smith	Phone Number: 803-898-2754	
Job Title: Program Coordinator II	E-Mail Address: Liz.Smith@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 03/31.2016	

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
Adoption Services						
Case Management						
Congregate Meals						
Counseling Services	40,143			40,143		X
Day Care--Adults						
Day Care--Children	276,984			276,984		x
Education and Training Services						
Employment Services						
Family Planning Services						
Foster Care Services--Adults						
Foster Care Services--Children	3,600,635			3,600,635	X	X
Health-Related Services						
Home-Based Services	2,456,286			2,456,286	X	X
Home-Delivered Meals						
Housing Services						
Independent/Transitional Living Services						
Information & Referral						
Legal Services						
Pregnancy & Parenting						
Prevention & Intervention	2,990,767			2,990,767	X	
Protective Services--Adults	4,213,662			4,213,662	X	
Protective Services--Children	7,754,975			7,754,975	X	X
Recreation Services						
Residential Treatment						
Special Services--Disabled						
Special Services--Youth at Risk						
Substance Abuse Services						
Transportation						
Other Services***	311,440			311,440		X
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	21,644,892			21,644,892		
Administrative Costs	1,382,957					
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	23,027,848					

From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? N/A

Please list the sources of these funds:

Please list other services: Pregnancy and Parenting Svces.

Part B. Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE:

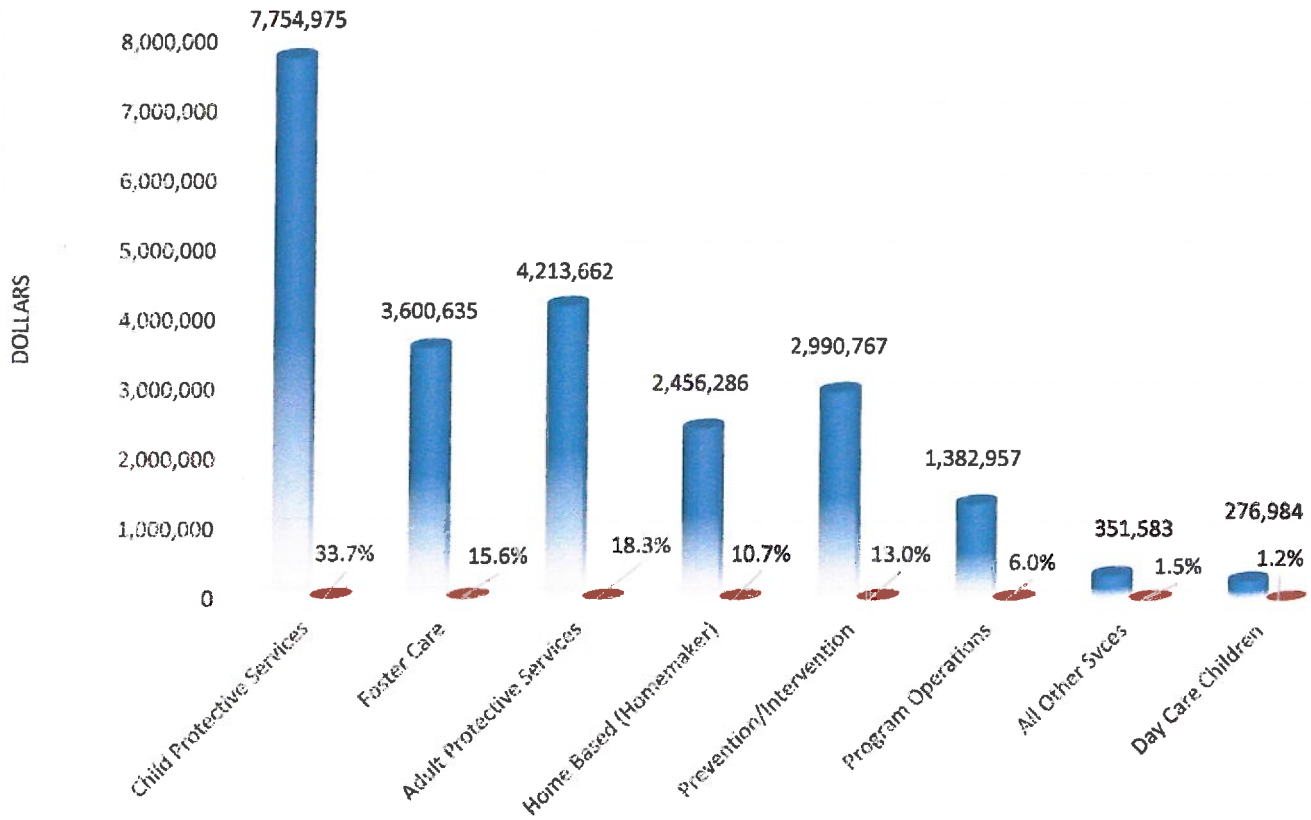
06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2015 Post Expenditure

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services		71	28		99	99
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children*	471					471
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	7,464					7,464
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	92	125	557	9	691	783
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,355					3,355
21 Protective Services--Adults		627	1,683	2	2,312	2,312
22 Protective Services--Children	12,374					12,374
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***	49					49
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	23,805	823	2,268	11	3,102	26,907

*Includes an estimate of number children served through outreach activities/services to improve health and development and enhance the quality of child care.

SSBG EXPENDITURES FFY 2015



APPENDICES

Assurances, Certifications and Audit

APPENDIX A CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Non-Discrimination

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 D et. seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706), and the regulations at 45 CFR Parts 80 and 84, the Title XX agency assures that no individual shall be subjected to discrimination under this plan on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or handicap.

The Social Services Block Grant agency has methods of administration to assure that each program or activity for which it receives federal financial assistance will be operated in accordance with Title VI regulations and with regulations issued pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The state agency will amend its methods of administration from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes for which this statement is given.

Drug-Free Workplace

In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, S.C. Code Ann. 44-107-10 et seq. (1976 as amended) and the Federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 as set forth in 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart F (1994), the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that it will comply with all requirements.

Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters


In accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that it will comply with all requirements.

Lobbying

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352, the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that funds received will not be expended to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act. The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.



V. Susan Alford
State Director

APPENDIX B

SINGLE AUDIT

The State Auditor's Office contracted with a private auditing firm to conduct the Single Audit in Compliance with OMB Circular 133 for SSBG funds administered by the Department of Social Services for the period ending June 30, 2015. The entire audit report is located on the Office of the State Auditor's website:

<http://osa.sc.gov/stateengagements/stateofsc/Pages/SingleAudit.aspx>

Please see the following pages for information extracted from the audit, which serves as proof that this function is completed.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULES OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

March 30, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have jointly audited the State of South Carolina's (the State) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the State's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The State's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

The State's basic financial statements included the operations of certain agencies and component units that have been excluded from the schedules of expenditures of federal awards because each of the entities engaged other auditors to perform an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996. As described in Note 1, these agencies and component units expended \$2,742,390,078 in federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2015.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the State's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the State's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the State's compliance.

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
March 30, 2016

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Child Care and Development Fund Cluster (93.575 and 93.596)

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questions costs, the State did not comply with requirements regarding the Child Care and Development Fund Cluster (CFDA Nos. 93.575 and 93.596) as described in finding number 2015-014 for Matching and Allowable Costs. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the State to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Qualified Opinion on Child Care and Development Fund Cluster (93.575 and 93.596)

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified opinion paragraph, the State complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Child Care and Development Fund Cluster (93.575 and 93.596) for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the State complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2015-001 through 2015-013 and 2015-015. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

The State's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Appendix B – Agency Corrective Action Plans to Findings and Recommendations. The State's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the State is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the State's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the State's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
March 30, 2016

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2015-014 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2015-001 through 2015-013 and 2015-015 to be significant deficiencies.

The State's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Appendix B – Agency Corrective Action Plans to Findings and Recommendations. The State's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have jointly audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of South Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 25, 2015 which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Columbia, South Carolina
March 30, 2016



Baltimore, Maryland
March 30, 2016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
By State Agency
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

State Agency/Grant Title	CFDA Number	Grant/Contract Number	Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (L04), CONTINUED			
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.803	1301SCAIPP	1,013,492
Children's Justice Grants to States	93.843	G-1201SCCJA1	43,945
Children's Justice Grants to States	93.843	G-1301SCCJA1	241,518
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.845	G-1301SC1400	1,106,954
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.845	G-1401SC1400	2,178,141
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.858	1301SC1401	0
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.858	1401SC1401	9,885,154
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.858	1501SCFOST	32,081,179
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1301SC1407	0
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1401SC1407	3,898,249
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1501SCADPT	12,984,727
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1302SCSOSR	0
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1402SCSOSR	8,475,310
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1502SCSOSR	22,711,927
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1201SCCA01	0
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1301SCCA01	208,972
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1401SCCA01	115,030
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters, Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671	G-1201SCFVPS	0
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters, Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671	G-1301SCFVPS	304,497
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters, Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671	G-1401SCFVPS	1,064,031
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1201SC1420	0
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1301SC1420	0
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1401SC1420	1,024,392
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1501SCCILP	499,542
Total Direct Assistance			1,614,186,052
Total Department of Social Services			1,614,186,052
JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL (L12)			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	45085 13337 00	83,499
Title I Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth	84.013	12BE505	0
Title I Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth	84.013	14BE505	31,867
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	09TQ510	0
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	10TQ510	0
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	14TQ514	1,583
Total Passed Through State Agencies Included in Reporting Entity			96,829
Total John de la Howe School			96,829
COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND (L24)			
Basic Support	84.128	H128A100061	0
Basic Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants (VR)	84.128	H128A110061	2,143
Basic Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants (VR)	84.128	H128A120061	0
State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)	84.128	H128A130061	1,768,802
State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)	84.128	H128A140061	5,027,972
State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)	84.128	H128A150061	26,271

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March 25, 2016

George L. Kennedy, III, CPA
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1401 Main Street, Suite 1200
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The South Carolina Department of Social Services respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for those findings identified in the Single Audit Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

20151.04-001. Child Support Automated System and OCSE 34A Report

Child Support Enforcement

CFDA No.: 93.563

Grant No.: 1304SC4005, 1404SC4005 and 1504SC4005

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance and compliance

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department continue its progress in implementing a data processing and retrieval system that complies with Section 454 (24) (B) of the Act.

Corrective Action: Pursuant to the State's settlement with HP Corporation in January of 2015, the contract to design, develop and implement a statewide child support enforcement system has been assigned to Xerox Corporation. The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) approved this contract in August of 2015. Through this contract, SCDSS will work with Xerox to transfer the child support enforcement system that is currently operational in Delaware. Versions of this same system are also operational in New Jersey and Michigan.

Work on this project started soon after the contract was approved in 2015 and as of the end of February 2016, progress has been made in the following areas:

- Approval of the overall project schedule
- Review and approval of 8 key project plans
- Installation, configuration and testing of project infrastructure
- Data conversion planning and data analysis
- Development of a requirement management process
- Validation of requirements for first development effort
- Initial review of system design documentation for first development effort

Another system, the Family Court Case Management System (FCCMS) will also be delivered through the project with Xerox. The system to be implemented is a commercially available, off the shelf system named Agile Court. SCDSS will work with Xerox to make the necessary modifications to this product for use in SC and will deploy

this system in parallel with the child support enforcement system. As of the end of February 2016, the SCDSS project team has worked with Xerox to begin the initial planning phase of this project.

The timeline for implementing these systems is 4 years, with a 3 year design, development and testing phase along with a 1 year implementation phase.

The SCDSS project team submitted the required spending and activity plan, the Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD), to OCSE in August 2015. Conditional approval of this plan was received in November 2015 and final approval received in February 2016.

2015L04-002. Subrecipient Monitoring

Child and Adult Care Food Program

CFDA No.: 10.558

Grant No.: 5SC300329

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance and compliance

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department develop internal policies related to subrecipient review and prioritize its review schedule to ensure the subrecipients are being reviewed timely.

Corrective Action: SCDSS concurs that documented internal policies and procedures will aid agency staff in the conduct of their work to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and is currently developing and reviewing draft internal manuals. During FFY 2015, staff ensured that all FFY 2015 CACFP monitoring reviews began timely and is on target with the FFY2016 reviews. We have resolved staffing issues and this will allow us to continue to meet the required monitoring as scheduled in the future.

2015L04-003. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) Reporting

Child and Adult Care Food Program

CFDA No.: 10.558

Grant No.: 5SC300329

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance and compliance

Recommendation: We recommend the Department implement policies and procedures to ensure the reporting of the subaward information required by FFATA.

Corrective Action: Draft FFATA policy and procedures have been developed and the agency hired a FFATA Compliance Officer on December 2, 2015. In February 2016, SCDSS completed its first uploading of subrecipient awards to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). Since that initial upload to FSRS, SCDSS has continued to upload Federal grants and subrecipient awards.

2015L04-004. Allowable Cost, Matching & Procurement

Child Care and Development Block Grant

CFDA No.: 93.575

Grant No.: Various

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance

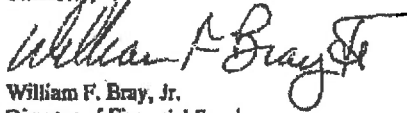
Recommendation: We recommend the Department obtain an opinion from the granting agency regarding this transaction to determine allowability.

Corrective Action: This finding is similar to the 2014 finding 2014L04-008. In that finding, SCDSS was cited for entering into a \$5,951,576 contract on August 6, 2013, with a NFP. The NFP provided SCDSS a monetary match of \$5,410,524 which SCDSS recorded as earmarked revenue. The recommendation of the audit was that SCDSS obtain an opinion from the granting agency regarding the transaction to determine allowability. Both the 2014 and 2015 contracts were signed before the findings dated March 11, 2015, questioning the NFP donations were sent to the agency. On March 26, 2015, SCDSS contacted ACF Office of Grants Management and spoke with the Financial Operations Specialists for CCDF Federal funds. It was explained that the contract with the NFP was poorly drafted in an attempt to comply with a State Proviso requiring a match from all grant recipients. That the monetary match amount was an unrestricted donation from the NFP to SCDSS. On March 30, 2015, SCDSS received an email from the Financial Operations Specialist with ACF stating that "... the general consensus is that if both parties to the contract understood the donation to be unrestricted and did, in fact use the funds in an unrestricted manner, the donor (NFP) goals of an non-restricted donation was met."

In April 2015, based on the concerns expressed by the Auditors, the new Executive Management of SCDSS stopped the practice of contracting with NFP's and receiving monetary unrestricted donations.

If you have any questions regarding this plan, please contact me, at (803) 898-7225.

Sincerely,



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Director of Financial Services