

**SOUTH CAROLINA
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM PLAN
FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016
OCTOBER 1, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**



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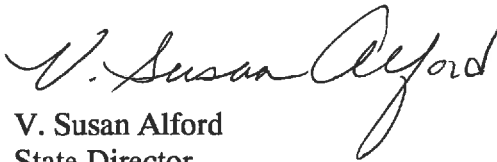
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Dear Ms. Werner:

I am pleased to submit South Carolina's Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016. This report includes the Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2016; the amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for 2015; the Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2014; a description of the services funded with SSBG funds during FFY 2014 and those planned for FFY 2016; the criteria for determining eligibility for services; and demographic data for the recipients of services funded with SSBG funding.

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
State Director

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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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 allocation 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 allocation 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 allocation for FFY 2014 was \$23,606,812, about \$500,000 less. The final allocation for FFY2015 was \$23,669,547. In the absence of a federal budget for FFY 2016 by the date of this plan, South Carolina is using the FFY 2015 allotment for the pre-plan amount for 2016.

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 funds are expended 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 for which grants may be used under this Title.

- 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 24, 2015, SCDSS posted the following notice of the SSBG Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2016, 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 2016

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 2016 federal fiscal year, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

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 2016 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 306, 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 2016 SSBG application and Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2014 may be obtained after October 1, 2015, 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 effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of South Carolina by ensuring the safety of children and adults who cannot protect themselves and helping families achieve stability through child support, child care, financial and other temporary benefits while transitioning into employment.”*

SCDSS strives to:

- a. Serve children and families in South Carolina with excellence
- b. Deliver services in the most meaningful and least intrusive way
- c. Provide services that promote safe and stable families; and
- d. Treat our customers with dignity and respect.

SCDSS strategic goals and objectives categorized by program area are listed on the following page.

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 306. 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 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 2016 are located later 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, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS FAMILY INCOME MONTHLY	GROSS FAMILY INCOME ANNUALLY
1	\$1,962	\$23,540
2	\$2,655	\$31,860
3	\$3,348	\$40,180
4	\$4,042	\$48,500
5	\$4,735	\$56,820
6	\$5,428	\$65,140
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 2016. Demographics for FFY 2014 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 2014:

- 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 2014, SCDSS staff completed assessments for abuse, neglect or exploitation for 4,087 persons, while 2,041 persons received treatment services because of substantiated reports. Of the 2,041 recipients of treatment services, 76% were 60 years of age and older; 16% of the total number of recipients receiving treatment services were 85 years and older. SCDSS provides this service at the county level in all 46 counties of the state.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Receiving Treatment Services: 2,041	SSBG Expenditures: \$3,291,618

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 2014, SCDSS directly provided CPS treatment services to 9,974 persons throughout the state. SCDSS assessed 17,330 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children during FFY 2014.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Receiving Treatment Services: 9,974	SSBG Expenditures: \$8,816,592

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, and providing monitoring and regulatory monitoring of child care homes. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition Day Care Children)

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Served: 37children	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 35,081

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 14	
Total Persons Served: 93 adults	SSBG Cost Per Person: \$ 288

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 14	
Total Persons Served: 3,298	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 1,939,062

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 2014, 6,981 children received this service.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Served: 6,981	SSBG Expenditures: \$4,872,008

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. Priority is given to those who live alone with no support system or with another individual who is also incapable of self-care. 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 or adult protective services. Of the 672 adults served by SCDSS during FFY 2014, approximately 195 were recipients of adult protective services.

SCDSS provides this service in all 46 counties of the state. During FFY 2014, 34 children and their families, and 381 adults received services from SCDSS staff. SCDSS also contracts with quasi-public and private for profit providers to provide this service in 19 counties of the state. Eight providers served 291 adult clients.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Served: 706	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 2,105,705

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 52 women 21 years and under, on a statewide basis in FFY 2014. Total expenditures for this service were \$267,081.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 14	
Total Persons Served: 52	SSBG Expenditures: \$ 267,081

Pre and Post – Expenditure Reports

Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2016

Amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2015

Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2014

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

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

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STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2016	REPORT PERIOD:10/1/14-9/30/15
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Title: Program Coordinator II	E-Mail Address: Liz.Smith@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 09/01/2015	

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	5,070,030			5,070,030	X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	2,666,789			2,666,789	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	2,522,400			2,522,400	X	X
21 Protective Services--Adults	4,895,000			4,895,000	X	
22 Protective Services--Children	5,973,211			5,973,211	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***	310,000			310,000		X
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	21,769,547			21,769,547		
31 Administrative Costs	1,900,000					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	23,669,547					

* 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

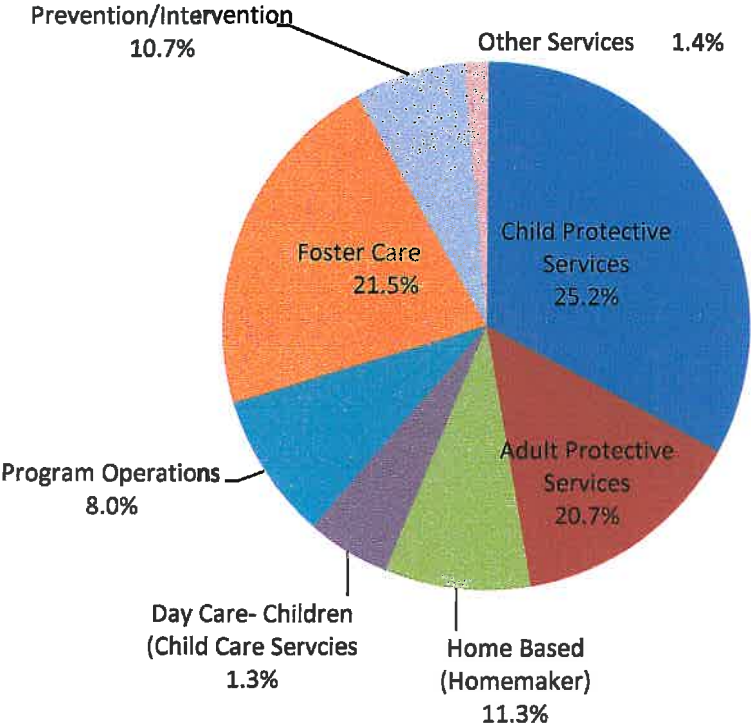
OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2016

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	40					40
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	7,000					7,000
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	3,500					3,500
21 Protective Services--Adults		520	1,550		2,070	2,070
22 Protective Services--Children	10,500					10,500
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				0	55
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	21,135	692	2,141		2,833	23,968

PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY SERVICE FFY 2016



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

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: 2015 Amended	REPORT PERIOD:10/1/12-9/30/13
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: 9/1/2015	

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	330,000			330,000		X
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	5,545,735			5,545,735	X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	2,412,500			2,412,500	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	1,600,000			1,600,000	X	
21 Protective Services--Adults	4,895,000			4,895,000	X	
22 Protective Services--Children	6,644,195			6,644,195	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	21,769,547			21,769,547		
31 Administrative Costs	1,900,000					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	23,669,547					

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** Please list the sources of these funds:

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Part B. Estimated Recipients

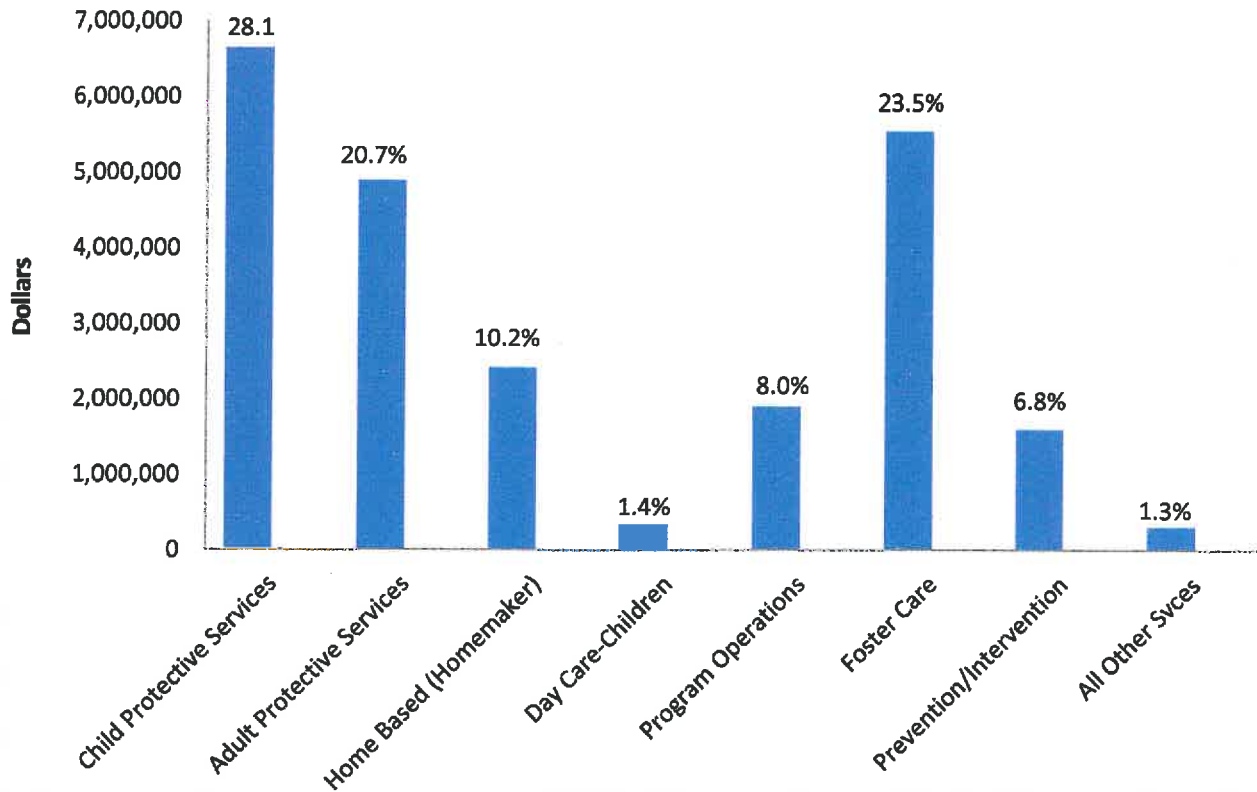
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EXPIRATION DATE:
06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2015

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		74	20		94	94
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children	20					20
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	6,376					6,376
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	18	85	574	6	665	683
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,000					3,000
21 Protective Services--Adults		526	1,435	2	1,963	1,963
22 Protective Services--Children	8,928					8,928
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***		56			56	56
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	18,342	741	2,029	8	2,778	21,120

AMENDED PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY SERVICE FFY 2015



AMENDED SERVICES FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL 2014

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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.

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Part A. Expenditures and Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2014	REPORT PERIOD:10/1/13-9/30/14
Contact Person: Liz Smith or Sharon Williams	Phone Number: 803-898-2754 or 803-898-8096	
Title: Program Coordinator II	E-Mail Address: Liz.Smith@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 03/31.2015	

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	26,762			26,762		X
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children	35,081			35,081		x
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	4,872,008			4,872,008	X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	2,105,705			2,105,705	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	1,939,062			1,939,062	X	
21 Protective Services--Adults	3,291,618			3,291,618	X	
22 Protective Services--Children	8,816,592			8,816,592	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***	267,081			267,081		X
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	21,353,909			21,353,909		
31 Administrative Costs	1,035,329					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	22,389,239					

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

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Part B. Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

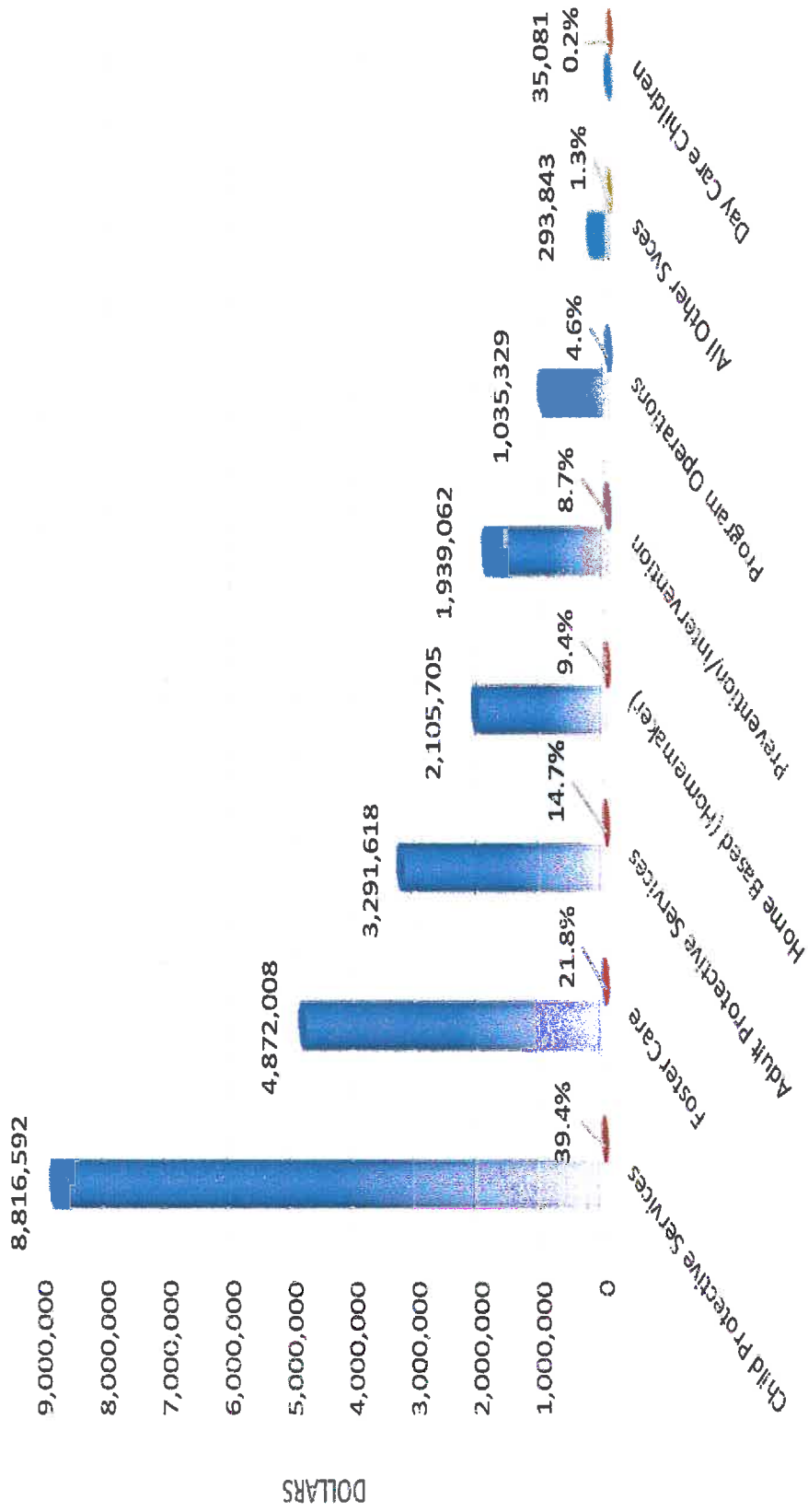
EXPIRATION DATE:

06/30/2014

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2014

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	37					37
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	6,981					6,981
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	34	119	547	6	672	706
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,298					3,298
21 Protective Services--Adults		518	1,523		2,041	2,041
22 Protective Services--Children	9,974					9,974
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***	52					52
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	20,376	689	2,111	6	2,806	23,182

SSBG EXPENDITURES FFY 2014



APPENDICES

Assurances, Certifications and Audit

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

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, 2014. 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 16, 2015

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, 2014. 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.

Management's Responsibility

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

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

As described in the accompany schedule of findings and questions costs, the State did not comply with requirements regarding the Child Care and Development Fund Cluster (93.575 and 93.596) as described in finding number 2014-015 for Allowable Costs and Matching. Compliance with such requirements is necessary. In our opinion, for the State to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
March 16, 2015

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, 2014.

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, 2014.

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 2014-001 through 2014-014. 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 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.

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

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
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March 16, 2015

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 2014-015 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 questions costs as items 2014-001 through 2014-014 to be significant deficiencies.

The State's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in 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, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2014 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.

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 \$2,756,019,788 in federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2014.



Columbia, South Carolina
March 16, 2015



Baltimore, Maryland
March 16, 2015

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
By State Agency
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

State Agency/Grant Title	CFDA Number	Grant/Contract Number	Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (L04), CONTINUED			
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	G-1201SCCCDF	9,867,571
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	G-1301SCGPDF	29,469,968
Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs	93.597	1301SCSAMP	122,873
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)	93.599	G-1201SCCETV	332,312
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)	93.599	G-1301SCCETV	0
Head Start	93.600	04CD0029/01	0
Head Start	93.600	04CD0032/01	0
Head Start	93.600	04CD0032/02	34,554
Head Start	93.600	04CD0032/03	116,408
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.603	0901SCAIPP	0
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.603	1001SCAIPP	0
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.603	1101SCAIPP	312,289
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.603	1201SCAIPP	481,757
Children's Justice Grants to States	93.643	G-1101SCCJA1	0
Children's Justice Grants to States	93.643	G-1201SCCJA1	179,181
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-1101SC1400	0
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-1201SC1400	0
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-1301SC1400	3,162,931
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-1401SC1400	4,919
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	1101SC1401	0
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	1201SC1401	0
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	1301SC1401	10,771,019
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	1401SC1401	28,476,540
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1101SC1407	0
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1201SC1407	17,360
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1301SC1407	3,767,844
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1401SC1407	12,601,598
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1102SCSOSR	0
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1202SCSOSR	0
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1302SCSOSR	13,667,190
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1402SCSOSR	15,360,870
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1101SCCA01	0
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1201SCCA01	57,778
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-1301SCCA01	159,283
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671	G-1201SCFVPS	685,361
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671	G-1301SCFVPS	1,083,686
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1201SC1420	646,297
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1301SC1420	1,300,045
ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.713	G0901SCCCD7	0
Total Direct Assistance			1,651,765,283
Total Department of Social Services			1,651,765,283
JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL (L12)			
National School Lunch Program	16.655	45066 13337 00	65,327

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March 24, 2015

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Interim State Auditor
1401 Main Street, Suite 1200
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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

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, 2014.

2014-008. Child Support Automated System and OCSE 34A Report

Child Support Enforcement
CFDA No.: 93.563
Grant No.: 1304SC4005 and 1404SC4005
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: A settlement in principle of the contract controversy has been agreed to by the State and Hewlett-Packard (HP). The settlement was approved by the Material Management Office's Chief Procurement Officer on January 20, 2015. The settlement contains the terms agreed to between the State and HP to resolve the contract controversy filed by the State. The settlement also includes the assignment of the HP contract to Xerox Corporation to deliver a statewide CSES and Family Court Case Management System (FCCMS). Consistent with the results of the Feasibility Study mandated by federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), the contract with Xerox is based on the transfer and modification of the Delaware Child Support Enforcement System. FCCMS will be based on a Xerox commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) court system that will be customized to meet South Carolina family court business needs to the extent necessary. The effective date of the contract is dependent on receiving written approval of the settlement/contract from OCSE, however the CFS Project team is preparing for an April 1, 2015 effective date. The settlement package was submitted to OCSE on January 22, 2015 for review and approval. Based on the latest verbal update from OCSE, they have started their review of the settlement/contract documents and have targeted April 1, 2015 to have their review complete.

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2014-009. 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 internal manuals. Staff has conducted a review of all FFY 2014 CACFP monitoring reviews to ensure that they were begun on a timely basis. To ensure compliance in the future, SCDSS has added two staff in April of 2014. In addition, the Summer Food program has been moved to the Department of Education in October of 2014, allowing those staff to now concentrate on the CACFP program.

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2014-010. Federal Finding 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: The agency has communicated with other agencies to see how they are complying with the requirements of FFATA. This federally mandated reporting requirement affects all grant programs with sub-grantees and/or Department contracts in excess of \$25,000. The Department will work on developing policies, procedures, and reports to comply with this federally mandate requirement. The Department will be working with SCEIS to develop reports and vendor file updates to facilitate FFATA reporting.

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2014-011. Eligibility

Foster Care IV-E

CFDA No.:93.658

Grant No.: 1301SC1401 and 1401SC1401

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance

Recommendation: We recommend the Department strengthen its review of the calculations performed to determine the reimbursement amount for its group home providers.

Corrective Action: The over-claimed amount will be filed as a prior quarter adjustment to IVE funding on the next retroactive claim log for that provider.

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2014-012. Eligibility

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
CFDA No.: 93.558
Grant No.: Various
Type of Finding: Compliance

Recommendation: We recommend the Department continue its progress for improving eligibility control procedures. The Department should develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that it can recover overpayments to participants.

Corrective Action: The Benefit Integrity/Claim Coordinator initiated a request to our Information Systems staff to allow the CHIP Client ID number to be used for claim establishment and recoupment when the case payee doesn't have an SSN. Work is progressing on the request and it should be in production by July 2015.

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2014-013. Special Tests- Penalty for Refusal to Work

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
CFDA No.: 93.558
Grant No.: Various
Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance

Recommendation: We recommend the Department strengthen its documentation in regards to the outcome of client conciliation meetings.

Corrective Action: SCDSS will review the new case managers training curriculum to ensure that workers collect accurate documentation, concerning the FI work program and a client's failure to participate with work program requirements.

SCDSS will cover the Failure to Comply/Conciliation policy during the Case Manager's conference, which will be held in May 2015. During the conference written procedures will be provided and discussed with current case managers, supervisors, program coordinators and other program staff, which will reinforce the need for accurate documentation. Supervisors, who review cases for possible sanction, will be required to review the documentation and provide additional in-house training to case managers who are not following policy.

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2014-014. Reporting

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Foster Care IV-E, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Child Support Enforcement
CFDA No.: 93.558, 93.658, 10.561, 93.563
Grant No.: Various

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

Recommendation: We recommend the Department evaluate its current procedures and implement additional policies and procedures as necessary to provide reasonable assurance the data being reported for the Program is reasonable and accurate and agrees to supporting documentation.

Corrective Action: The Department is developing additional procedures to ensure that supporting documentation accurately reflects the activity for the reporting period. The Department will incorporate monthly grant expenditure reviews in addition to quarterly reconciliations so that any necessary expenditure adjustments may be completed within the reporting period.

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2014-015. Matching & Allowable Cost

Child Care and Development Block Grant

CFDA No.: 93.575

Grant No.: Various

Type of Finding: Significant deficiency in internal control over compliance

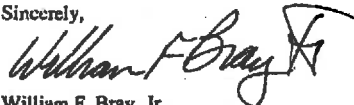
Recommendation: We recommend the Department obtain an opinion from the granting agency regarding this transaction to determine allowability.

Corrective Action: The Director of the Division of Early Care and Education, as the designated State Administrator for Child Care in South Carolina, is to obtain an opinion from the granting agency regarding this transaction to determine its allowability.

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If you have any questions regarding this plan, please contact the person noted for each response or William Bray, at (803) 898-7225.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Fiscal and Governmental Affairs