

## NATIONAL FOSTER CARE COALITION

### SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)

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### CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

SSBG represents 12% of federal funds states spend to provide child abuse prevention, adoption, foster care, child protection, independent and transitional living and residential services for children and youth. States can use SSBG for 29 different services to all vulnerable populations. In FY 2009 states spent over \$980 million of SSBG funds to provide the following services to protect and care for abused, neglected, and otherwise vulnerable children and youth. According to the latest annual report from 2009:

- **41 states** used over **\$270 million**<sup>i</sup> in SSBG dollars to protect children from abuse and neglect in FY 2009. States served 1,752,544<sup>ii</sup> children. In that same year, **child protective service** agencies received an estimated *3.3 million* reports of child abuse and neglect.
- **22 states** used **\$45 million** in SSBG funds to assist in the **adoption** of children in FY 2009. States served 131,187 children. Of the over 423,000 children in foster care in that year, 102,615 had a goal of adoption and 57,466 children were adopted from foster care.
- In FY 2009, **36 states** allocated **\$391 million** from SSBG for **foster care services** for more than 451,442 children. At the end of FY 2009, over 463,000 children were in out-of-home care, family foster care, kinship care or residential care. More than 700,000 children spent at least part of the year in care. Many states use SSBG to pay foster care costs for the board and care of children not eligible for federal Title IV-E foster care assistance. The President's proposed 2012 budget estimates that 165,030 children out of the more than 423,000 in foster care will be eligible for federal IV-E dollars.
- **18 states** used **\$8 million** of SSBG funds in FY 2009 to **provide independent and transitional living** services to adults and children, this included over 11,769 youth.
- **19 states** used over **\$107 million** in SSBG funds in FY 2008 to support **residential treatment** to over 18,003 children.
- **30 states** spent **\$133 million** for **prevention and intervention** services in 2009. Of this total, 62 percent went to serving nearly 640,769 children.
- **15 states** allocated **\$26 million** in 2009 SSBG funds for Special Services - **Youth At Risk**. Approximately 143,334 at risk youth and their families were helped in this way.

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<sup>i</sup> Numbers drawn from the 2009 SSBG Annual Report

<sup>ii</sup> Duplicated counts meaning that a child may count more than once in a fiscal year