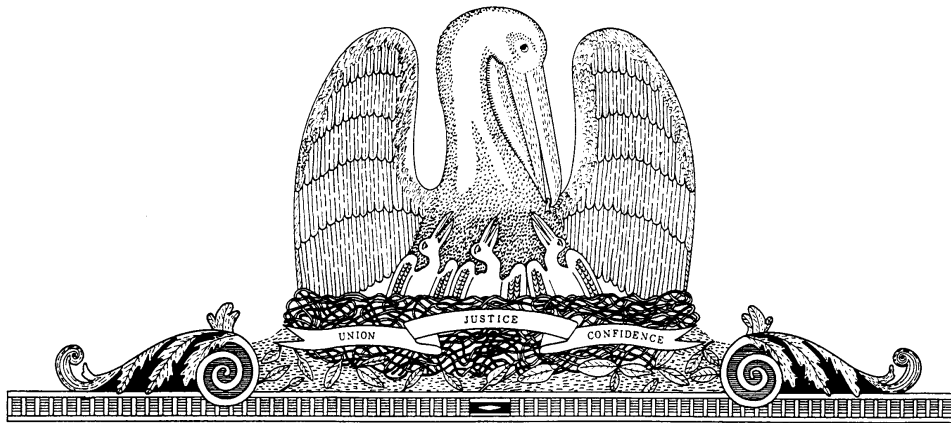


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Social Services Block Grant
Final
INTENDED USE REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, is the designated State Services Agency for administration of the federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) to Louisiana. The Social Services Block Grant, which was established in 1981, consolidated federal assistance for social services into a single grant, where formerly funding had been separately allotted for training, child day care and general social services. The legislation creating the SSBG was contained in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 [Public Law 97-35], which amended Title XX of the Social Security Act. (The Title XX Social Services Program, originated in October 1975, established comprehensive social services assistance for individuals and families.)

Prior to its expenditure of Social Services Block Grant funds, each state must make a report on its intended use of the funds. This is Louisiana's plan for the twenty-sixth SSBG and thirty-first Title XX program period.

This plan is intended to fulfill the requirements of Section 2004 of Title XX of the Social Security Act, as amended. It describes the types of activities to be supported and the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of block grant funds and any appropriations of state funds for social services listed in this plan. Provision of these services is subject to the availability of state and federal funds. In the event funds are totally or partially unavailable, necessary reductions in the services outlined in this plan may be made. Should there be need for service reductions or elimination, SSBG funds will be re-allocated to other services listed in this Plan.

The State of Louisiana defines the administration and delivery of services, both purchased and direct, derived from multiple funding sources, as actual costs in the provision of social services to the citizens of the State.

Louisiana's allocation of SSBG funds is based on the ratio of the State's population to the nation's population. The SSBG website (<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/docs/allocs.html>) lists the State of Louisiana's allotment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) **2006** as **\$20,372,071**, plus \$16,397,198 in TANF transfer funds, for a total of **\$36,769,269**. The allotments to the States are contingent upon Congressional appropriations for the fiscal year. If Congress enacts and the President approves a different authorization or appropriation amount, the allotments will be adjusted proportionately. Availability of SSBG federal funds is estimated by quarters, since the state and federal fiscal years do not coincide. Louisiana's estimated SSBG expenditure for State ***Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007)*** is **\$36,769,269**.

The proposed SSBG Intended Use Report also includes an additional \$220,901,504, Louisiana's allocation of Hurricane Relief Funds as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 2863). These funds will be treated as separate and apart funding in the Intended Use Report because of the stated purpose of these funds and their use in Louisiana but are included for reference in this Intended Use Report. (See Appendix A for further description of these funds.)

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CHAPTER I

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM IN LOUISIANA

GOALS

The State of Louisiana will administer Title XX Block Grant Social Services through the Department of Social Services in accordance with Title XX of the Social Security Act as amended, and with applicable federal regulations including 45 CFR Part 96 – Block Grants, by providing services to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families directed toward the goals of:

- I. Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;
- II. Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency (i.e., reduction or prevention of dependency);
- III. Preventing or remedying neglect/abuse or exploitation of children; preserving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families;
- IV. Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; or
- V. Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.

LIMITATIONS ON USE OF SSBG FUNDS

The following are prohibited uses of SSBG funds as set forth in the Title XX statute, as amended:

SEC 2005.[42 U.S.C. 1397d] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) grants made under this title may not be used by the State, or by any other person with which the State makes arrangements to carry out the purposes of this title—

- (1) For the purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than minor remodeling) of any building or other facility;
- (2) For the provision of cash payments for costs of subsistence or for the provision of room and board (other than costs of subsistence during rehabilitation, room and board provided for a short term as an integral but subordinate part of a social service, or temporary emergency shelter provided as a protective service);
- (3) For payment of the wages of any individual as a social service (other than payment of the wages of welfare recipients employed in the provision of child day care services);
- (4) For the provision of 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;
- (5) For social services (except services to an alcoholic or drug dependent individual or rehabilitation services) provided in and by employees of any hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or prison, to any individual living in such institution;
- (6) For the provision of any educational service which the State makes generally available to its residents without cost and without regard to their income;
- (7) For any child day care services unless such services meet applicable standards of State and local law;
- (8) For the provision of cash payments as a service (except as otherwise provided in this section); or
- (9) For payment for any item or service (other than an emergency item or service) furnished—

(A) By an individual or entity during the period when such individual or entity is excluded pursuant to section 1128 or section 1128A from participation in the program under this title, or

(B) At the medical direction or on the prescription of a physician during the period when the physician is excluded pursuant to section 1128 or section 1128A from participation in the program under this title and when the person furnishing such item or service knew or had reason to know of the exclusion (after a reasonable time period after reasonable notice has been furnished to the person).

CHAPTER II

INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ELGIBILITY

Under Title XX of the Social Security Act as amended, states are allotted a set amount of federal funds as social service grants and are encouraged to furnish services directed at the goals listed in this plan. The State is responsible for identifying the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of block grant funds.

Louisiana through its Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, will utilize its allotted funds to provide comprehensive social services on behalf of children and families in fulfillment of legislative mandates for child protection and child welfare programs. These mandated services, and certain other essential social services, are designated for provision without regard to income (WRI) to individuals having need of these specified services. Individuals to be served also include low-income persons defined in this Plan meeting eligibility criteria for services provided under this Plan. The delivery of services through direct provision and purchase of services, and the administration of these program services, are costs to the Social Services Block Grant.

Need

An individual's eligibility for services provided under this Plan depends primarily upon his having a defined need for the services. "Need" for a particular service implies that the provision of that service will assist the individual or members of his family to advance toward the achievement of at least one of the five Title XX program goals listed in this plan.

Defining the basis of need for a service requires assessment of the individual's situation to determine whether (a) the service would be helpful to the individual in meeting specific objectives and (b) a reasonable likelihood exists for his achieving the service objective if the service is provided.

Part of the eligibility determination must include the assessment that the individual is in vulnerable circumstances or potentially at risk, or that the individual is unable to secure the service for himself.

In addition to having an established need, an individual must be included in the description of an eligible category and reside in an area of the State where the particular service component he needs is available.

Eligible Categories

LaCHIP - Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program offers health care assistance to children between the ages of 6 and 19 years. Eligibility for the program is based on the family's income.

WRI - Individuals, **without regard to income**, who are in need of Adoption, Child Protection, Family Services, and/or Foster Care/Residential Habilitation services. Other services may be provided WRI when specifically authorized by OCS personnel for individual cases or for designated high risk groups.

Individuals, **without regard to income**, who are recipients of Title IV-E Adoption Assistance as amended by U.S. Public Law 96-272. This shall include Adoption Assistance recipients who relocate to Louisiana from another state that is signatory to the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance.

TANF - Recipients of **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** and those persons whose needs were taken into account in determining the needs of TANF recipients.

SSI - Recipients of **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** payments, or state supplemental payments, and blind and disabled individuals eligible for such payments except for their earned income.

IE - **Income Eligible:** Families with gross incomes which do not exceed 125 percent of the poverty level, as published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the *Federal Register*, Volume 71, Number **15**, dated **Tuesday, January 24, 2006**. The published poverty income guideline for all states except Alaska and Hawaii is an annual gross income of **\$25,000** for a family of four. The following chart shows 125 percent of the poverty level adjusted for size. A family of four (4) persons with a monthly gross income of not more than **\$2,083** is income eligible for services. **Definition of Family:** Family means the basic family unit consisting of one or more adults and children, if any, related by blood, or law, and residing in the same household. Where adults, other than spouses, reside together, each shall be considered a separate family. Cohabiting non-legal spouses are considered separate families. When children are present in the home with non-legal spouses, the parent who has primary responsibility for the care of his/her natural children shall be considered as being in the same family unit with the children. Emancipated minors, foster children, and children living under the care of individuals not legally responsible for their care shall be considered one person families.

Group Eligibles: Title XIX (Medicaid) recipients and applicants for Title XIX (Medicaid) vendor payment for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) services, residing within the State.

INCOME SCALE

(125% of Poverty Level)

<u>FAMILY SIZE</u>	<u>ANNUAL GROSS INCOME</u>	<u>MONTHLY GROSS INCOME</u>
<i>1</i>	<i>\$12,250</i>	<i>\$ 1,021</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>16,500</i>	<i>1,375</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>20,750</i>	<i>1,729</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>2,083</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>29,250</i>	<i>2,438</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>33,500</i>	<i>2,792</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>37,750</i>	<i>3,146</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>42,000</i>	<i>3,500</i>

For family units with more than eight (8) persons, add **\$4,250** annually for each additional member.

Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System

OCS's Tracking, Information and Payment System (TIPS) is a computerized on-line, statewide interagency information management and payment system capable of tracking client information and generating payments for Office of Community Services (OCS) clients. TIPS has been modified to collect and report the required data for the federally mandated Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). However, it does not provide effective case management tools nor lend itself to the changing automation and information needs of agency staff in a timely manner. Consequently, costs to the SSBG include the Development and implementation of a Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). This system is referred to as A Comprehensive Enterprise Social Services System (ACCESS) and is designed to ultimately support the business activities of the entire department of Social Services and specifically meet all SACWIS requirements and OCS needs.

Sliding Fee Scale

The Department shall allow for co-payments to be collected from recipients of certain services according to sliding fee scales, which are or may be established by the Department. Any sliding fee scales, which may be adopted during the year, will be available to the public.

The co-payment collected from a service recipient plus the OCS reimbursement rate may meet but shall not exceed the actual cost or usual fee for delivering the service. The family/client will be furnished a copy of the sliding fee scale for their information.

Eligibility Determination

Administrative responsibility for determining individuals eligible for direct delivered and other appropriate services, and for certifying group eligibles for a service, rests with the Office of Community Services, except for situations where sub-recipient contractors may be designated to determine eligibility.

To the degree feasible, an eligibility decision on applications is made at the time the application is taken. Applicants and recipients have the right to appeal any decision concerning eligibility or eligibility re-determination for services, the continuation, termination, or reduction of services, or failure to act with reasonable promptness on a request for services. Notices of agency actions or anticipated actions are provided to applicants and recipients advising of proper procedures for requesting a fair hearing.

Confidentiality

The release of information from social service applications or case records shall be in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 46:56 as amended, and Chapter 5 of Title 12 in the Louisiana Children's Code regarding agency records of adoption proceedings. Copies of the statutes and related policy material may be requested from DSS Office of Community Services, Post Office Box 3318, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821.

Direct Delivered Services

The direct method of delivery for services so designated in this Plan refers to direct provision by the Office of Community Services through its staff and by vendors, including ancillary professional services.

Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts

OCS will limit contractual providers' administrative costs to not more than 15% of funds contracted for purchase of services. This provision is to insure maximum utilization of available funds for client services. Exceptions may be granted when written requests with justifications are submitted and approved.

Information and Referral

Inherent in administration and program operations of services defined in this Plan are Information and Referral (I & R) activities, which involve the dissemination of information to individuals about services offered under Title XX and related service programs (Public Information), and referrals to appropriate resources, including activities responding to emergency assistance requests. The cost of such I & R activities are absorbed by all services defined in this Plan.

Regulatory Services

Costs to the SSBG may include services for implementation and operation of licensing, certification, and registration programs which develop and enforce minimum standards for facilities, agencies, administrators, and practitioners involved in provision of services under this Plan and related service programs.

Family Foster and Residential Care Facility Rate Setting

Costs to the SSBG may include services for implementation and operation of a family foster and residential care system, which shall establish reasonable rates of reimbursement for foster families and residential care. A competitive solicitation process is used to select providers and establish rates.

Case Management

Specifications for all services set forth in this Plan include requisite case management activities, which entail evaluation of referrals, assessment of service need, arrangements for utilization, referrals and follow-up.

OCS Staff Locations/Direct Delivery Service Locations

The following four pages list the locations of OCS parish, regional, and state office staff.

DIRECT DELIVERY SERVICE LOCATIONS
Office of Community Services

Parish Offices

<p>Acadia 600 North Avenue G P.O. Drawer 649 Crowley, LA 70527-0649 (337) 788-7503</p>	<p>Allen 209 North 16th Street P.O. Drawer B M Oakdale, LA 71463 (318) 335-1740</p>	<p>Ascension 222 East Spillman Drive P.O. Box 1269 Gonzales, LA 70707-1269 (225) 644-4603</p>
<p>Assumption No Parish Office Refer to Thibodaux Region</p>	<p>Avoyelles 930 North Main Street Marksville, LA 71351 (318) 253-7734</p>	<p>Beauregard 1877 Hwy. 190 West P.O. Drawer 1117 DeRidder, LA 70634 (337) 463-2056</p>
<p>Bienville No Parish Office Refer to Webster Parish</p>	<p>Bossier 3808 Kilpatrick Drive Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 741-7340</p>	<p>Caddo 1525 Fairfield Ave. 424 State Office Bldg Shreveport, LA 71101-4388 (318) 676-7323</p>
<p>Calcasieu 1919 Kirkman Street P.O. Box 1850 Lake Charles, LA 70602 (337) 491-2470</p>	<p>Caldwell No Parish Office Refer to Ouachita Parish</p>	<p>Cameron No Parish Office Refer to Calcasieu Parish</p>
<p>Catahoula 100 Airport Road Jonesville, LA 71343 (318) 339-6030</p>	<p>Claiborne No Parish Office Refer to Webster Parish</p>	<p>Concordia 100 Serio Blvd. Ferriday, LA 71334-1755 (318) 757-3667</p>
<p>DeSoto 7356 Highway 509 P.O. Box 959 Mansfield, LA 71052 (318) 872-6311</p>	<p>East Baton Rouge 160 S. Ardenwood P.O. Box 1588 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 (225) 925-6500</p>	<p>East Carroll 1700 Lake Street Lake Providence, LA 71254 (318) 559-3664</p>
<p>East Feliciana 12476 Feliciana Drive P.O. Box 8427 Clinton, LA 70722-8427 (225) 683-3734</p>	<p>Evangeline 120 W. Cotton Street Ville Platte, LA 70586 (337) 363-6011</p>	<p>Franklin 2406 West Street Winnsboro, LA 71295 (318) 435-2190</p>
<p>Grant 602 Main Street Colfax, LA 71417 (318) 627-3000</p>	<p>Iberia 706 Bayard Street New Iberia, LA 70560 (337) 373-0026</p>	<p>Iberville 23075 Highway 1 P.O. Box 778 Plaquemine, LA 70764 (225) 687-4373</p>

<p>Jackson No Parish Office Refer to Webster Parish</p>	<p>Jefferson (East Bank) 800 W. Commerce Road Suite 300 Harrahan, LA 70123-0000 (504) 736-7001</p>	<p>Jefferson (West Bank) Harvey State Office Bldg. 2150 West Bank Expressway Suite 601 Harvey, LA 70058 (504) 361-6161</p>
<p>Jefferson Davis 107 North Cutting Avenue P.O. Box 1103 Jennings, LA 70546 (337) 824-9649</p>	<p>Lafayette 825 Kaliste Saloom Brandywine II, Room 104 Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 262-5901, 800-256-8611</p>	<p>Lafourche 1222 Tiger Drive Thibodaux, LA 70301 (985) 447-0945</p>
<p>LaSalle No Parish Office Refer to Catahoula Parish</p>	<p>Lincoln 1000 South Vienna Street Ruston, LA 71270 (318) 251-4101</p>	<p>Livingston 28446 Charlie Watts Rd. P.O. Box 267 Livingston, LA 70754 (225) 686-7257</p>
<p>Madison 1705 Felicia Drive Tallulah, LA 71282 (318) 574-5201</p>	<p>Morehouse 451 East Madison P.O. Box 1019 Bastrop, LA 71221-1019 (318) 283-0820</p>	<p>Natchitoches 1756 Texas Street Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 357-3128</p>
<p>Orleans 1010 Common Street 10th Floor P. O. Box 61210 New Orleans, LA 70161-1210 (504) 680-9100</p>	<p>Ouachita 1401 Stubbs Avenue P.O. Box 2510 Monroe, LA 71207-2510 (318) 362-5417</p>	<p>Plaquemines No parish office Refer to Jefferson Parish (West Bank)</p>
<p>Pointe Coupee 1919 Hospital Road P.O. Box 729 New Roads, LA 70760-0729 (225) 638-4846</p>	<p>Rapides 1st Floor, Room A-100 900 Murray St. P.O. Box 1950 Alexandria, LA 71309-1950 (318) 487-5054</p>	<p>Red River No Parish Office Refer to Natchitoches Parish</p>
<p>Richland 111 Ellington Dr. P. O. Box 689 Rayville, LA 71269 (318) 728-3037</p>	<p>Sabine 195 Marthaville Road P.O. Box 1507 Many, LA 71449 (318) 256-4101</p>	<p>St. Bernard No Parish Office Refer to Jefferson Parish (East Bank)</p>
<p>St. Charles No Parish Office Refer to St. John Parish</p>	<p>St. Helena No Parish Office Refer to Tangipahoa Parish</p>	<p>St. James No Parish Office Refer to St. John Parish</p>

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<p>St. Mary 613 2nd Street Franklin, LA 70538 (337) 828-5278</p>	<p>St. Tammany 300 Covington Center, Suite 1 Covington, LA 70433 (985) 893-6225</p>	<p>Tangipahoa 721 South First Street Amite, LA 70422 (985) 748-2001</p>
<p>Tensas No Parish Office. Refer to Madison Parish</p>	<p>Terrebonne 5599 Highway 311 Houma, LA 70360 (504) 857-3630</p>	<p>Union 101 North Main Street Farmerville, LA 71241 (318) 368-7917</p>
<p>Vermilion 2729 Veterans Memorial Dr. P.O. Box 849 Abbeville, LA 70511-0849 (337) 898-1430</p>	<p>Vernon 302 Vernon Street P.O. Box 640 New Llano, LA 71461-0640 (337) 238-7030</p>	<p>Washington 1017 Ontario Avenue Bogalusa, LA 70427 (985) 732-6800</p>
<p>Webster 1232 Sheppard Street Minden, LA 71055 (318) 371-3004</p>	<p>West Baton Rouge No Parish Office Refer to Iberville Parish</p>	<p>West Carroll No Parish Office Refer to Richland Parish</p>
<p>West Feliciana No Parish Office Refer to East Feliciana Parish</p>	<p>Winn 6285 Hwy. 167 North Suite E P.O. Box 1354 Winnfield, LA 71483-1354 (318) 648-6805</p>	

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<p>Region 3 Covington 351 Holiday Blvd. Covington, LA 70433 (985) 893-6363</p>	<p>Region 4 Thibodaux 1416 Tiger Drive Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337 (985) 449-5055</p>	<p>Region 5 Lafayette 825 Kaliste Saloom Road Brandywine 1- Room 218 Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 262-5970</p>	
<p>Region 6 Lake Charles 1919 Kirkman Street P.O. Box 1487 Lake Charles, LA 70602 (337) 491-2900</p>	<p>Region 7 Alexandria 1st Floor, Room A-100 900 Murray Street P.O. Box 832 Alexandria, LA 71309-0832 (318) 487-5227</p>	<p>Region 8 Shreveport State Office Building 1525 Fairfield Avenue Room 850 Shreveport, LA 71101-4388 (318) 676-7084</p>	
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 Baton Rouge, LA 70821
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CHAPTER III

SERVICES

SERVICE: ADOPTION

[SSBG Uniform Service Category: Adoption Services]

Definition: The provision of permanent homes and legal parentage for children who are, or may be expected to become, available for adoption.

Service provision includes evaluation of referrals, assessment of child's need, development and implementation of an individualized plan of service, preparation of pre-adoptive study and plan, arrangements for utilization of appropriate resources and follow-up.

Service Activities:

1. Recruitment, study and approval of potential adoptive families;
2. individual/group counseling and assessment for children, biological parents, and adoptive parents before and during placement. Counseling for a limited time with biological parents;
3. selection of adoptive parents, placement of child, and supervision of the adoption home;
4. acceptance of children voluntarily surrendered by their legal and/or biological parents and arrangements for their pre-adoptive care and supervision;
5. acceptance of children abandoned under Safe Haven legislation provisions; initiation of actions to make children available for adoption through legal termination of parental rights; and to effect legal transfer of children to adoptive parents;
5. provision of legal services to make children available for adoption and establish new parentage;
6. preparation of home studies and written confidential reports to the courts on private, agency, and intra-family adoptive placements;
8. provision of intrastate and interstate adoption information exchange services;
9. maintenance and management of referrals to the *AdoptUsKids* website to publicize waiting children and families to Louisiana adoption agencies, and to adoption support groups in and out of state;
10. recruitment, study, and approval of adoptive homes for specific children with special needs;
11. purchase of adoption services from licensed private agencies for recruitment, study, approval, placement and placement supervision;

12. medical, psychological, and psychiatric evaluations and treatment for children in adoptive placement to determine appropriateness of and/or to sustain the placement;
13. certification of families to receive maintenance subsidies, and/or special services subsidies to facilitate the adoption of special needs children and to sustain adoptions;
14. arrangements for interstate placement of children and for reciprocal supervision of such placements through Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;
15. provision of, or arrangements for, transportation when necessary for delivery of adoption services and such transportation is not otherwise available;
16. expanded use of media recruitment as a vehicle for identifying prospective adoptive homes;
17. arrangements for the notification of Title XIX entitlement in state of residence for Title IV-E Adoption Assistance eligible children through the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance;
18. reevaluation of each IV-E and non IV-E family receiving an adoption subsidy every 5 years and annually, respectively, to determine eligibility for recertification;
19. provision of ongoing reevaluation of each child's pre-existing medical or psychiatric condition at the time of payment request to assure that payment is made appropriately and that all other resources have been explored and ruled out before subsidy funds are be used;
20. initial assessment of each applicant applying for an adoption subsidy to assure that he/she qualifies for services according to the definition of a child with "special needs" as defined by the State and to initiate an Adoption Subsidy Agreement that is effective until the child's 18th birthday;
21. provision or arrangement of a limited number and range of post-adoptive services designed to help retain adoptive homes; specialized recruitment/retention activities by adoptive parent support groups; and
22. maintenance of the Louisiana Voluntary Adoption Reunion Registry to help reunite adult adoptees and consenting birth parents and birth siblings.

Federal Goals: III, IV

State Objectives:

1. To provide adoptive services to children available for adoption.
2. To provide reports to the court on adoption petitions filed in the State.

Eligible Categories WRI: All children determined by OCS to be in need of this service

Method of Delivery: Direct

SSBG Recipient Reporting Class: Children

SERVICE: CHILD PROTECTION

[SSBG Uniform Service Category: Protective Services for Children]

Definition: Protective and therapeutic intervention on behalf of individuals under 18 years of age, who are in danger, or threatened with danger, of abuse, neglect or exploitation, or who are without proper custody or guardianship. The focus of this intervention shall be the safety of the child, the rehabilitation of the family, and, whenever possible, the maintenance of the child within his own home.

Note: The *Louisiana Children's Code* is the legal basis for the State providing this service without the consent of those served.

Service provision, includes investigation of complaints, reports, and referrals alleging abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children or alleging that children are without proper custody or guardianship; evaluation of circumstances including a safety and risk assessment; assessment of need for this and other services to prevent removal and rehabilitate the family; referrals and follow-up. Reports are accepted and responded to on a priority basis in accordance with the degree of risk and available resources.

Service Activities:

1. Medical, psychological, and psychiatric evaluations of both the children and parents, as an integral but subordinate part of this service, when necessary to assess or substantiate the circumstances of abuse, neglect or exploitation or to assess the need for services, and such evaluations are not otherwise available;
2. determination as to whether a report is valid and an assessment of safety and of future risk from child abuse/neglect to the child/children; report valid cases to the appropriate district attorney;
3. participation in development and implementation of a time limited service plan, when circumstances warrant, to include prevention services, protective supervision, removal when necessary, and to specify needed services;
4. arrangements for securing and utilizing homemaker services and mental health counseling, therapy and related services as indicated;
5. requests for court intervention to order services/removal of custody in non-emergency cases in which the home situation presents substantial long term risk to the child/children;
6. intervention through request to court for instant order to effect immediate removal of the child/children from the home in emergency cases; placement in licensed shelter care facility or foster home;
7. arrangements for alternative living arrangements with suitable relatives, state approved non-related family (i.e., neighbors) or approved foster family, or residential placement;

8. short term counseling, information, and referral to service agencies that are supportive to the delivery of this service;
9. referrals for ancillary services - Title XIX, Public Assistance, Food Stamps, Social Security benefits, etc;
10. short term voluntary/involuntary emergency shelter care, up to 30 days in any six month period, when the need is documented by state agency personnel (30 days may be consecutive or may accumulate over more than one stay);
11. medical examination and treatment services, when not otherwise available, in emergency situations to alleviate pain and suffering, as an integral but subordinate part of this service; and
12. arrangements for or provision of transportation when necessary to the delivery of this service and not otherwise available.

Federal Goal: III

State Objective: To remove, ameliorate, arrest or impede the progression of the conditions that endanger or threaten to endanger children through intervention efforts or through actions to obtain substitute care when necessary

Eligible Categories: WRI: All children under 18 years of age and their families, referred for or reported to be in need of this service. Such children and their families are eligible for any other service in this plan when such service is considered by state personnel to be necessary. Although any provider agency may provide services to an identified child protection investigation case without regard to income, the Office of Community Services has sole responsibility for eligibility determination. Any service provided to such cases by provider agencies must be specifically authorized by Office of Community Services on an individual basis.

Method of Delivery: Direct

SSBG Recipient Reporting Class: Children

SERVICE: PREVENTION AND FAMILY SERVICES

[SSBG Uniform Service Category: Prevention and Intervention Services]

Definition: Social services provided to families subsequent to validation of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, or to certain high risk groups. Family services may include pre-placement preventive services provided to the family with the children still in the home or services offered to the family while the children are temporarily placed with relatives or other caregivers.

Service provision includes assessment of familial function/dysfunction, development of a service plan, and provision of or arrangements for the services identified in the service plan.

Service Activities:

1. Medical, psychological and psychiatric evaluations of both children and parents, as an integral but subordinate part of this service, when necessary to assess whether the child should remain with, or be returned to the parents;
2. arrangements for securing and utilizing family support services, as indicated by the service plan;
3. participation in family team conferences, case reviews, staffings, court reviews, etc. to determine the continued appropriateness of the service plan;
4. family focused therapeutic counseling provided to the child or the child's family aimed at ameliorating or remedying personal and/or family problems;
5. arrangements for legal services or actions as need indicates;
6. arrangements for or provision of transportation, homemaker services, resource center services, or other activities necessary to the delivery of family services;
7. developing community awareness of specific problems which have negative impact on children and families; and
8. arrangements for, or provision of, specialized parent training in meeting children's physical and emotional needs;

Note: When activities are to develop community awareness (7) or are targeted to groups of parents (8) providers may be exempt from individualized case management/eligibility documentation activities. Such providers may be required to submit program narrative reports to OCS.

Federal Goals: II, III, IV

State Objective: To provide pre-placement prevention or reunification services to families

Eligible Categories: WRI: All individuals determined by state personnel to be in need of this service subsequent to an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect or to certain high risk groups. Individuals/families whose need for Family Services is documented by state personnel are also eligible for all other needed services defined in this plan and necessary to the fulfillment of the service plan.

Method of Delivery: Direct (including vendor services)

SSBG Recipient Reporting Class: Adults and Children

SERVICE: FOSTER CARE/RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION SERVICES

[SSBG Uniform Service Category: Foster Care Services for Children]

Definition: **Foster Care** is a protective service provided to children in the custody of DSS (or transitioning from the custody of DSS) who are unable to live with their parents and who require maintenance outside of their normal environment because of parental neglect or abuse. It provides substitute,

temporary care (e.g. family foster home, relative home, group home, emergency shelter, residential care facility, etc.) for a planned period of time when a child must be separated from his own parents or relatives. Foster care is viewed as an interim process to provide care for a child until he is reunited with his family or until he is provided with another type of permanent living situation.

Residential Habilitation provides treatment and/or training, in least restrictive settings, for individuals with special needs or who are unable to function satisfactorily in family settings or lack access to an appropriate family setting. Many of these individuals have special needs including, but not limited to, physical, mental or neurological conditions, mental retardation, emotional disturbances or behavior disorders, and may include older youth transitioning from foster care to independent living or another type of permanent living situation.

Service provision includes assessment of family functioning, evaluation of referrals, assessment of need for this service, arrangement for provision and for utilization of this service, coordination of service delivery by multiple service providers, referrals, and follow-up.

Service Activities:

1. Acceptance of the custody of children through voluntary agreement, court order or legal surrender in accordance with agency policy and federal and state law;
2. identification, selection, and arrangements for placement (foster family homes, specialized foster family homes, relative/kinship homes, restrictive care facilities or other appropriate placement for basic care, required treatment, habilitation or transitional services), supervision of placement and planning for discharge or replacement as the need dictates;
3. development and implementation of the individual's and family's case/treatment plans;
4. participation in family team conferences, administrative reviews, court reviews, and permanency hearings for realization of a permanent home for the child;
5. provision of individual, family, and/or group counseling, when not otherwise available, (including social group therapy, parenting education, etc.) to primary client and/or family, foster family, etc. in support of this service;
6. provision of medical and remedial services, when not otherwise available, such as physical, social, educational, psychological, and psychiatric examinations; diagnosis, treatment, supervision, prescribed laboratory tests, appliances, aids, supplies, medicine, glasses, and prostheses;
7. provision of supportive and concrete reunification services to overcome or alleviate circumstances resulting in the child's removal and/or to overcome barriers to the child's return home as resources permit;
8. provision of remedial services, when not otherwise available, which may include speech/language, hearing, physical and occupational therapies, when not otherwise available;

9. provision of assistance in acquiring Medicaid dental and orthodontic care, as an integral but subordinate part of this service, when absolutely necessary to the medical care of the child and not otherwise available;
10. provision of short term room and board not to exceed twelve (12) consecutive months, or short term hospital services, including psychiatric or substance abuse, as an integral but subordinate part of this service, when necessary to the delivery of this service;
11. provision of training or instruction in self-help and daily living skills, adaptive behavior (behavior management, "token economics", etc.), and/or housing assistance to assist individuals to achieve their greatest potential for independent living and social functioning;
12. provision of educational training opportunities and employment assistance for recipients to include books, supplies, living allowances, and short term room and board not to exceed six (6) consecutive months for any one placement, as an integral but subordinate part of this service;
13. provision of clothing when the need arises due to emergencies, unusual situations, and one time needs including graduation clothing and layettes for newborns; provision of an individual's routine clothing needs when approved;
14. recruitment, study, and approval of foster family homes and specialized foster family homes;
15. pre-service and in-service training of foster parents and support of foster parent groups; training of caregivers in appropriate alternative placements;
16. re-evaluation of foster homes at prescribed intervals;
17. evaluation and supervision of interstate placement under the provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;
18. provision of monthly subsidies to approved foster family homes to care for children with special needs, and provision of respite care as needed to afford foster parents and caregivers with temporary relief from their caregiving responsibilities as needed to sustain placements and foster home resources;
19. provision of transportation for individual and escort, when applicable, and/or homemaker services when necessary to the delivery of this service and not otherwise available;
20. provision of opportunities for school/church/facility activities or other recreation on or off site including field trips, summer camps, vacations, music or dance lessons, and similar activities which are funded through TANF funds;
21. maintenance of family ties and involvement in preparation for individuals' return to their own homes or relatives' homes, when applicable;
22. provision of specialized social services for families of children in foster care, including information and referral services to agency programs and community resources, and follow-up of these services;

23. provision of specialized social services designed to meet the particular social needs of individuals who are blind, deaf, or neurologically disabled;
24. provision of after care planning for individuals after departure from placement;
25. provision of opportunities through referral to appropriate state agencies for sheltered employment within facilities and/or in the surrounding community for individuals who cannot function in the competitive job market, or training for individuals to enter the competitive job market;
26. provision of temporary living arrangements outside the residential habilitation facility other than regular full-time residential care or regular own-home living (includes, but not limited to respite care); and
27. securing legal services and expert testimony and initiating court action to support permanency planning.

Federal Goals: I, II, III, IV, V

State Objective: (Foster Care) To limit the number of children in permanent foster care (over 12 months) to 16% of the total foster care population.

Foster family care is viewed as the optimum placement setting for most children in the foster care system. OCS utilizes a number of different types of foster homes, including those with special training in the care of children with specific needs or problems. Those youngsters who require a level of therapeutic intervention or behavior management not available in a family setting are placed in residential treatment facilities until they are able to function in a less restrictive setting.

Casework services in the Foster Care Program include assessment and service planning with the child and his family, arrangements for or direct provision of identified services such as counseling, parent education, client advocacy, and assistance in developing financial resources.

Eligible Categories: WRI: All individuals determined to be in need of this service by OCS.

This service area excludes payment for room and board except as noted in numbers 10 and 12 above. Subsidy payments as in activity number 19, and thirty (30) days emergency room and board, are allowable.

Method of Delivery: Direct

Purchased: Reportable Unit of Service: One unit per day of placement

SSBG Recipient Reporting Class: Children. The term child for reporting purposes is defined to include minor individuals younger than age eighteen and those recipients eighteen years of age and older who were in state custody on their eighteenth birthday and continue to receive services through contractual arrangements.

PRIORITIES FOR SERVICE PROVISION

Since March 1981, the State's planning for the provision of social services has been based on the following categories of priority:

- Priority 1.** Life Support – those services which if denied would place individuals at life threatening risk.
- Priority 2.** Essential Services, although non-life support, which maintain individual health and support the family unit.
- Priority 3.** Those services which are important but do not meet the criteria of 1 and 2 above or are available from another source.

LA Revised Statute 36:477, c (1) specifies that the Office of Community Services shall perform the public child welfare functions of the state, including but not limited to prevention services which promote, facilitate, and support activities to prevent child abuse and neglect; child protective services; making permanent plans for foster children and meeting their daily maintenance needs of food, shelter, clothing, necessary physical medical services, school supplies, and incidental personal needs; and adoption placement services for foster children freed for adoption.

CHAPTER IV

FUNDING RESOURCES

Section 2003 of Title XX of the Social Security Act as amended authorizes and Congress has appropriated the amount of \$1.7 billion for Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Title XX allotments for all of the States and Territories.

The SSBG website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/docs/esalloco6.htm>) specifies the amount of Louisiana's FY 2006 allotment as being **\$20,372,071**, plus \$16,397,198 in TANF Transfer Funds for a total of **\$36,769,269**. SSBG funds are available to the State for expenditure in the Federal Fiscal Year appropriated and in the following Federal Fiscal Year.

The appropriation and allocation of funds according to this plan are subject to legislative and gubernatorial approval as well as the availability of federal and state funds. In the event that funds are not available in the amounts anticipated, necessary reductions will be made in the budgeted services outlined in this Intended Use Report.

Federal Fiscal Years (October 1 through September 30) and State Fiscal Years (July 1 through June 30) overlap; therefore, the formula used in estimating funding available for the State Fiscal Year 2005-2006 is as follows:

4 th quarter of FFY 2006 (25% of \$26,137,662)	\$ 6,534,438
First 3 quarters of FFY 2007 (75% of \$18,450,177)	13,837,633
TANF Transfer	16,397,198
Total	\$ 36,769,269

The following table reflects the anticipated expenditures of SSBG funds by service area for direct and purchased services. The delivery of services derived from multiple funding sources, and the administration of those service programs, are costs to the Social Services Block Grant.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Projected Expenditures</u>
Adoption	\$ 2,531,013
Foster Care – Children	26,176,434
Prevention/Intervention	4,205,743
Independent/Transitional Living Svcs.	200,000
Protective Services – Children	1,866,739
Administrative Cost	1,789,340
TOTAL	\$ 36,769,269

PREVIOUS YEARS' ESTIMATED SERVICE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

7/1/05-6/30/06	7/1/04-6/30/05	7/1/03-6/30/04	7/1/02-6/30/03	7/1/01-6/30/02
\$26,137,729	\$26,278,678	\$26,420,319	\$27,324,641	\$27,425,100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$0
<u>\$42,534,927</u>	<u>\$42,675,876</u>	<u>\$42,817,517</u>	<u>\$43,721,839</u>	<u>\$27,425,100</u>
7/1/00-6/30/01	7/1/99-6/30/00	7/1/98-6/30/99	7/1/97-6/30/98	7/1/96-6/30/97
\$27,622,408	\$36,647,328	\$32,795,910	\$39,633,203	\$39,429,720
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>\$27,622,408</u>	<u>\$36,647,328</u>	<u>\$32,795,910</u>	<u>\$39,633,203</u>	<u>\$39,429,720</u>
7/1/95-6/30/96	7/1/94-6/30/95	7/1/93-6/30/94	7/1/92-6/30/93	7/1/91-6/30/92
\$46,475,020	\$46,832,961	\$47,021,520	\$47,720,105	\$49,344,330
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$621,752	\$1,540,362
\$0	\$0	\$577,261	\$1,222,070	\$1,241,306
<u>\$46,475,020</u>	<u>\$46,832,961</u>	<u>\$47,598,781</u>	<u>\$49,563,927</u>	<u>\$52,125,998</u>
7/1/90-6/30/91	7/1/89-6/30/90	7/1/88-6/30/89	7/1/87-6/30/88	7/1/86-6/30/87
\$48,431,354	\$49,496,733	\$50,200,287	\$50,730,291	\$51,822,579
\$788,610	\$4,282,567	\$3,928,697	\$0	\$0
\$1,039,408	\$967,190	\$1,042,273	\$1,086,177	\$1,600,521
<u>\$50,259,372</u>	<u>\$54,746,490</u>	<u>\$55,171,257</u>	<u>\$51,816,468</u>	<u>\$53,423,100</u>

CHAPTER V

PREVIOUS YEARS' POST EXPENDITURE REPORTS

Public Law 97-35, Section 1742 (a), requires that each State's Intended Use Report must include a description of how the State has met the goals, objectives, and needs in the use of block grant funds for the previous fiscal year as identified in the previous year's pre-expenditure report.

Section 2006 of the Social Security Act as amended further requires that each State's SSBG post-expenditure report is to provide an accurate description of activities carried out with funds made available (or transferred for use) under Title XX so as "to secure a complete record of the purposes for which funds were spent" in a manner consistent with the pre-expenditure report. Section 607 of the Family Welfare Reform Act of 1988 amended Section 2006 to add additional specifications for the contents of SSBG post-expenditure reports and changed the frequency for reporting from biennially to annually.

The annual reports for services funded by the Social Services Block Grant for Fiscal Years *2004 and 2005* follow on the next two pages. The spreadsheets list the following: the type of service which was provided; the number of clients (adults and children) who received the service; the amount of the expenditure; and whether the service was provided by public or private means.

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR 2004	Report Period:
Contact Person:Debbie Johnson	Phone Number: (225) 342-2766	July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004
Title: Director	E-Mail Address: djohns13@dss.state.la.us	
Agency: DSS - Office of Community Services	Submission Date: February 3, 2005	

PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	SSBG Funds		All other Federal, State and Local Funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services	\$1,933,523	\$1,049,445	\$22,616,448	\$25,599,416	X	X
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care - Adults						
6 Day Care - Children	\$0	\$0	\$2,776,647	\$2,776,647	X	
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults						
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$15,181,780	\$5,403,576	\$94,126,917	\$114,712,273	X	
12 Health Related Services						
13 Home Based Services						
14 Home Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.						
17 Info. & Referral Services						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention/Intervention	\$3,669,956	\$1,161,886	\$14,265,212	\$19,097,054	X	X
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults						
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$1,402,145	\$2,539,282	\$15,497,765	\$19,439,192	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						
30 TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	\$22,187,404	\$10,154,189	\$149,282,989	\$181,624,582		
31 Administrative Cost	\$1,509,632	\$6,324,399	\$25,795,478	\$33,629,509		
32 TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$23,697,036	\$16,478,588	\$175,078,467	\$215,254,091		

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

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*Please list the sources of these funds:

Title IV-E, Chaffee Foster Care Independent Living, State General Funds, Children's Justice Act, CAPTA, Title IV-B Part I, Title IV-B Part II, Adoption Incentive CCDBG, SSI, SSA, Community Based Family Resource, Respite Services for Families

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR 2005	Report Period:
Contact Person:Debbie Johnson	Phone Number: (225) 342-2766	July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005
Title: Director	E-Mail Address: djohns13@dss.state.la.us	
Agency: DSS - Office of Community Services	Submission Date: March 10, 2006	

PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	SSBG Funds		All other Federal, State and Local Funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services	\$1,803,471	\$1,100,809	\$23,776,791	\$26,681,071	X	X
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care - Adults						
6 Day Care - Children	\$0	\$0	\$3,729,072	\$3,729,072	X	
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults						
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$18,595,769	\$6,529,310	\$90,177,605	\$115,302,684	X	
12 Health Related Services						
13 Home Based Services						
14 Home Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.	\$199,824	\$0	\$2,951,190	\$3,151,014	X	X
17 Info. & Referral Services						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention/Intervention	\$2,996,813	\$1,327,447	\$16,081,243	\$20,405,503	X	X
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults						
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$1,330,157	\$2,719,647	\$16,808,640	\$20,858,444	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						
30 TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	\$24,926,034	\$11,677,213	\$153,524,541	\$190,127,788		
31 Administrative Cost	\$1,273,981	\$4,541,138	\$27,817,040	\$33,632,159		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$26,200,015	\$16,218,351	\$181,341,581	\$223,759,947		

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

TANF

*Please list the sources of these funds:

Title IV-E, Chaffee Foster Care Independent Living, State General Funds, Children's Justice Act, CAPTA, Title IV-B Part I, Title IV-B Part II, Adoption Incentive CCDBG, SSI, SSA, Community Based Family Resource, Respite Services for Families, Strengthening Marriages, Educational & Training Vouchers

STATE: Louisiana	Fiscal Year: 2005
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PART B. RECIPIENTS

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	Children	Adults 59 Years & Younger	Adults 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age	Total
1 Adoption Services	4,576				4,576
2 Case Management					
3 Congregate Meals					
4 Counseling Services					
5 Day Care - Adults					
6 Day Care - Children	3,206				3,206
7 Educ./Training Services					
8 Employment Services					
9 Family Planning Services					
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	7,145				7,145
12 Health Related Services					
13 Home Based Services					
14 Home Delivered Meals					
15 Housing Services					
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.		405			
17 Info. & Referral Services					
18 Legal Services					
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					
20 Prevention/Intervention	8,280			3,764	12,044
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	26,705				26,705
23 Recreation Services					
24 Residential Treatment					
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled					
27 Substance Abuse Services					
28 Transportation					
29 Other Services					
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	49,912	405	0	3,764	53,676

**Breakdown of Adults 59 and Younger and 60 and Older is not available with the exception of the 405 which represents our Transitional Living Services for Adolescent Foster Children/Young Adults. These 18 to 21 year olds enter into a voluntary contract with the agency to remain in care as long as they continue in their educational program.

CHAPTER VI

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

The Louisiana Department of Social Services published a notice in the March 20, 2006, issue of the *Louisiana Register* announcing opportunities for public review of the State's SSBG Intended Use Report for State Fiscal Year July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. Display advertisements (see notice on the following page) to publicize the availability of the SSBG Plan for review and providing notice of a public hearing to be held on April 21, 2006. The advertisements were run in metropolitan daily newspapers as follows: on March 30, 2006 in the Shreveport *Times*, the New Orleans *Times Picayune*, the Alexandria *Daily Town Talk*, the Baton Rouge *Advocate*, the Lafayette *Daily Advertiser*, and the Lake Charles *American Press*; and on March 31, 2006 in the Monroe *News Star World*. The location and time for the public hearing was as follows:

Friday, April 21, 2006 10:00 a.m.

**Department of Social Services
Auditorium A
1755 Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801**

Prior to the scheduled hearing date, the proposed SSBG Plan was distributed by way of the following website: <http://www.dss.state.la.us>. Copies for public review were available at OCS State Office, 333 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Copies were also mailed to those individuals who telephone or write OCS (per advertised instructions) requesting a copy. All interested persons were be afforded an opportunity from April 5, 2006, through May 6, 2006, to submit written comments on the proposed plan to the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Community Services, P.O. Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

TEXT OF PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT TO LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) announces opportunities for public review of the State's Plan for the use of federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds during the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007. Estimated SSBG expenditures for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (SFY) total \$36,769,269 for the regular SSBG, and an additional \$220,901,534 in Supplemental SSBG Funds for Gulf Hurricane Relief. The intended use of the Supplemental SSBG Funds was addressed in a separate public hearing held on March 14, 2006, and will not be further discussed during the public hearing scheduled for April 21, 2006.

Louisiana through the DSS Office of Community Services (OCS) will primarily use its allotted regular SSBG funds to provide comprehensive social services on behalf of children and families in fulfillment of legislative mandates for 2006-2007 child protection and child welfare programs.

Services proposed in the State's FY 2006-2007 SSBG Intended Use Report are **Adoption, Child Protection, Family Services, and Foster Care/Residential Habilitation Services and Supplemental Hurricane Relief Funds** (Appendix A).

Persons eligible for SSBG funded services without regard to income include individuals who are in need of Adoption services, Child Protection, Family Services, or Foster Care/Residential Habilitation services, and persons receiving Title IV-E Adoption Assistance. Other persons who may qualify for services under the proposed plan include recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), persons receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP), individuals who are members of specified low-income groups, and persons whose gross monthly income is not more than 125% of the poverty level. A family of four (4) with gross monthly income of not more than **\$2,083** would qualify as income eligible for services.

The SSBG Intended Use Report for SFY 2005-2006 is available for public review at the Department of Social Services website: www.dss.state.la.us, and at the OCS State Office, 333 Laurel Street, Room 633, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies are available without charge by telephone request to (225) 342-2416 or by writing the Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Services, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Inquiries and comments on the proposed plan may be submitted until Friday, May 8, 2006, to the Assistant Secretary, OCS, at the above address.

A public hearing on the proposed SSBG Intended Use Report for SFY 2006-2007 for regular SSBG Funds is scheduled for 10 a.m., **Friday, April 21, 2006**, at the Department of Social Services, 1755 Third Street, Auditorium A, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. Appendix A, Supplement Hurricane Relief Funds will not be discussed at this public hearing. At the public hearing all interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposed SSBG plan for use of regular SSBG Funds, orally or in writing. Post-expenditure reports for the SSBG program for State Fiscal Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are included for review in the SFY 2006-2007 SSBG Intended Use Report and are also available for review at the Office of Community Services, Room 633, 333 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge.

Published as display advertisements in the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk*, the *Baton Rouge Advocate*, the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser*, the *Lake Charles American Press*, the *New Orleans Times Picayune*, and the *Shreveport Times* on March 30, 2006; and in the *Monroe News Star World* on March 31, 2006.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Michael McClure, Department of Social Services (DSS), Administrative Law Judge Supervisor, and Mr. Joel McLain, OCS Section Administrator were present in order to conduct the Public Hearing as scheduled on April 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Prior to the hearing, no written comments were received regarding the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Intended Use Report from the general public. No individuals from outside of OCS attended the hearing.

APPENDIX A

ALLOCATION OF HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT (H.R.2863) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ELIGIBILITY

Under the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 2863), additional amounts have been allocated to states most severely affected and for expenses related to the consequences of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in calendar year 2005. The funding allocated to Louisiana is \$220,901,534. In addition to other uses permitted by Title XX of the Social Services Act, funds appropriated under this heading may be used to meet the health care needs of people affected by the hurricanes in 2005 and lacking health insurance or other adequate access to care; help health care "safety-net" providers restore and resume operations; provide mental health services to meet the emerging public mental health crisis; make repairs or reconstruction needed to allow health centers and similar providers to resume or expand operations; help key providers meet salary and other costs associated with resuming or restoring health services; and traditional SSBG funded programs.

The allocation appropriated to the state is a supplemental appropriation for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). It recognizes that the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in calendar year 2005 have imposed extreme demands for social and health care services in affected States. States may use SSBG funds for a wide array of human services.

NEED

The following needs may be addressed at the state's discretion and separate from the previously stated uses and purposes in the SSBG to include:

- Addressing the health care needs of people affected by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in calendar year 2005 and who lack health insurance or other adequate access to care and to help health care create a 'safety net.' This would include intended uses of these funds in areas of mental health service provision and provision for substance and addictive disorder interventions and services.
- Expanding services to meet the needs of families in the child welfare system in the areas of foster care, adoption, prevention, intervention, and protective services in Child Welfare including document imaging and locating birth and foster parents, who have been displaced and providing them with child support case management. Child care is a critical need to promote independence and safety of families and children. Child care infrastructure and furthering quality child care initiatives are current needs in Louisiana.
- Institutions serving these populations in order to build community health centers, rural hospitals and clinics, community mental health centers, public hospitals, and other

- Providers with substantial percentages of uninsured patients. Funds may be made available for repairs and reconstruction needed to allow health centers and similar providers to resume or expand operations, or to help key providers meet salary and other costs associated with resuming or restoring health services.
- Providing social service delivery and case management services to families in order to assist with identification of housing needs, development of individualized recovery plans and referral of families to available disaster relief services, provide for case management and follow-up with families, and to provide for direct emergency assistance in human services.

ELIGIBLE AGENCIES AND TARGET SERVICE AREAS

I. Department of Social Services **\$34,200,000**

A. Child Welfare Services **\$15,500,000**

Nearly 1900 foster children lived in the impacted areas of Katrina. In total, approximately 73% of the foster care population lived in the Katrina and Rita impacted areas. Louisiana currently has nearly 300 foster children displaced out of state. Thus, significant unexpected travel expenses have been and will continue to be incurred by the state. Over 50% of the biological parents of foster children from the greater New Orleans area are displaced out of state. 56% of the therapeutic foster homes (highly trained foster parents) were displaced and are not currently available for placement. With this void, the next level of placement available is residential care and this is exponentially more expensive. Nearly 31,463 physical case records for child support enforcement were completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Lost documents include legal documents as well as “life books” of children in foster care foster and adopted children that document their lives and history. Many individuals need to be located by DSS for the purposes of establishing child support or locating biological parents of foster children.

- Foster Care, Adoption, Prevention, Intervention and Protective Services in Child Welfare (\$15,500,000)
 Post-disaster stress usually brings an increase in abuse and neglect and these funds will be used to provide services to prevent an increase in out-of-home placements. Services could include anger management, parenting skills, counseling, etc. Visitation expenses include travel for the foster child and foster parent/caretaker from their displaced location to the birthparent’s location, lodging, and meals during the travel. This includes travel both within and outside of Louisiana. It is estimated that 2/3 of impacted children lost at least a significant portion or all of their personal belongings that have yet to be replaced. These funds could be used in this arena. These funds could be used to provide for independence programs for children aging out of foster care and will likely have greater needs for transitional assistance than is typically provided. These funds could be used for foster care reunification services. After most disasters, there is an evidenced increase in abuse, neglect as well as disruptions in foster care. Such funds could be used to stabilize placements and prevent disruptions by providing family services, respite care, counseling, parenting classes, etc. OCS may additionally use a portion of their supplemental funding for necessary technology to assist in the service to, tracking of, and

reunification of children impacted by the hurricanes.

B. Child Care Services

\$14,400,000

A Quality Rating System has proven successful in a number of states, and early learning has been recognized as a critical key to improvements in child development. Statewide, 80% of child care providers are operating compared to pre-storm levels: Only 15% of child care providers in Orleans are open, St. Bernard has no centers open. Calcasieu has 80% of centers opened. Approximately 275 centers that were licensed prior to the storms have not indicated to DSS that they are open. Department of Education reports children are moving back faster than anticipated. All the supports, including childcare supports are critical to reestablishing a workforce to strengthen our economy. For every dollar spent in the child care sector, \$1.72 is returned to the economy. Louisiana must rebuild the child care and early childhood education infrastructure in the hurricane affected parishes to assist families in returning to work while ensuring their children receive quality child care. To meet the critical need for child care in Louisiana, DSS/OFS will implement a child care quality support system to rebuild the child care sector. This will be done by investing \$14.4 million SSBG allocation across the following two initiatives:

- Quality Initiatives: To support the rebuilding of the child care profession, investments will be made in retaining and retooling child care professional in the disaster areas. Training and technical assistance will also be provided to new or reopened child care centers in the hurricane affected areas. Training will also be provided for other professionals in the industry, such as licensing staff and child care providers. An estimated \$2 million will be invested in this area, although funds from other OFS SSBG efforts could be redirected to increase this quality initiative or other SSBG recovery efforts within DSS.

- Child Care Facility Restoration Program: To support the rebuilding of the child care infrastructure, investments will be made in repair, improvement and construction of licensed Class A child care facilities. An estimated \$2.4 million will be invested in this area, although funds from other OFS SSBG efforts could be redirected to support this to support child care restoration or other SSBG recovery efforts within DSS.

- Rebuilding/Construction program. An estimated \$10 million of funding will be used to support rebuilding and construction of child care centers. If this effort proves infeasible due to the federal interest stipulations or expiration of funds, OFS may invest this funding to support child care subsidies in the impacted areas. OFS may also redirect funds to support another SSBG recovery effort with DSS.

C. DSS – Wide Services

\$4,300,000

DSS will be held accountable by the Federal Government for the administration of over \$220 million one-time block grant funds. Funding will be required for monitoring, oversight, auditing and federal reporting needed for SSBG fund utilization. The Department of Social Services has received \$2.2 million for the administration, oversight and monitoring of the supplemental block grant funds. In the event expenses for these services are lower than estimated, the Department plans to invest the remainder in one or several of the other programs funded with supplemental

SSBG funds within the Department. The DSS video conferencing capability was destroyed in the hurricanes of 2005. Many DSS services relied on this capability, and the loss of this technology has been especially noteworthy due to the dislocation of foster parents, biological parents, and foster children from their homes. This has made visitation and court appearances increasingly problematic. Funds may be used to restore this capability.

Additionally, funds from this allocation, or other allocations with DSS, may be redirected to provide necessary supports for recovery – such as case management, direct social services, or housing assistance services performed by DSS or an outside subcontractor with experience in such areas.

Document Imaging System

This project would allow DSS to maintain a digital image of critical legal documents. Our prioritization would be digitally capturing information in offices south of I-10 first. This project is also critical due to the mass displacement of DSS clients to other parts of the state and the heightened need to rapidly access/share information and documentation.

II. Department of Health and Hospitals \$101,701,534

A. Behavioral Health Services \$80,000,000

Funds shall be used to restore and expand mental health services, substance abuse treatment and prevention services and developmental disability services as follows:

- **Immediate Intervention - Crisis Response System (\$37,000,000)**
Inappropriate use of the public hospital emergency departments by individuals with mental health disorders has been of concern in Louisiana for many years. Since the hurricanes, this problem has been exacerbated due to the reduced numbers of acute and intermediate care psychiatric beds. The crisis response system will alleviate emergency room backlogs and decrease over-reliance on hospitalization by use of a range of specialized crisis services including mobile teams and crisis intervention units.

- **Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention (\$8,000,000)**
It is expected that of the 500,000 residents in the areas that were impacted by Katrina and Rita, 25-30% of these individuals who have been exposed to severe trauma and 5-10% of those who have been exposed to moderate trauma will present with clinical symptomatology for abuse or dependence of alcohol and/or drugs. This has occurred within 6 – 9 months following other recorded disasters. The increased demand for services is in addition to an already overwhelmed service delivery system.

- **Behavioral Health Services for Children and Adolescents (\$18,000,000)**
There is a significant underutilization of mental health services by children and adolescents. Barriers to utilization include lack of adequate insurance coverage, lack of transportation because of poverty and/or distance, lack of behavioral health providers, and cultural stigma related to behavioral health problems. Early identification of

problems and integration of services in the schools will provide the opportunity to prevent many of the societal problems associated with failing in school.

- Preventing or Reducing Inappropriate Institutional Care (\$7,000,000)
Louisiana's already poorly balanced system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities relied even more heavily on institutional care services immediately following the hurricanes. Efforts must be made to transition people from institutional settings where appropriate and to ensure that people already in community based settings can remain so wherever it is safe and financially appropriate. In areas outside of the metropolitan New Orleans area, there has been increased demand for case management and crisis intervention services to assure that community based placements can be maintained.
- Behavioral Health Program Restoration and Resumption (\$10,000,000)
In order to expand service delivery options there must be a restoration of existing programs and services that have been reduced or suspended in the aftermath of the hurricanes. Once core services are restored, recovery and expansion services and programs can be implemented.

B. Preventive and Primary Care \$21,701,534

Funds shall be used to restore and develop comprehensive and integrated primary, preventive and behavioral health care services, with an emphasis on restoring safety net services for the uninsured and underinsured as follows:

- Health Care Work Force
Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill estimated that almost 6,000 active, patient-care physicians along the Gulf Coast were dislocated by the storm. Over two-thirds – 4,486—of those were in the three central New Orleans parishes that were evacuated, which constitutes the largest single displacement of doctors in U.S. history. The study also estimates that over 35% of the dislocated physicians in the three central New Orleans parishes are primary care physicians. The loss of medical manpower in hurricane-affected areas has created a critical shortage of physicians all across south Louisiana, especially in heavily affected areas, which has impacted our ability to provide critical primary, preventive and behavioral health services. Similar shortages are occurring with nurses and other licensed and trained health care providers.
- Operational Tools
In addition to restoring the health care workforce displaced by the hurricanes, there are certain operational tools needed to reduce high emergency room costs and improve health outcomes by focusing on providing quality, community-based, integrated outpatient primary care and behavioral health care services. Such operational tools include diagnostic and detection equipment, lab equipment, and other medical supplies or devices needed to provide evidence based quality preventive and primary care.

III. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

\$57,000,000

A. LSU Health Sciences Center (HSC) – New Orleans

\$37,000,000

The various schools that comprise HSC-NO provide direct health care services as a key component of its educational mission including:

- Primary care clinics and practice by School of Medicine Faculty, which includes medical, mental health, dental, nursing and allied health practitioners.
- Residents at the state's charity hospital clinics both in and outside of New Orleans, which have experienced a significant increase in patients since the hurricanes.
- Residents and faculty temporarily placed at many other hospitals around the state are providing direct care as well as continuing their education.
- Nursing programs are critical because of the nursing shortage and because effective primary and preventive care models rely even more on qualified nurses.
- Behavioral and clinical services through its Juvenile Justice Program for youth involved with the state's youth correctional system.
- Cancer Control programs for prevention and early detection, especially for underserved or uninsured populations.
- HIV/AIDS services, including detection, treatment and education. HSC staffs the charity hospital clinics where Ryan White HIV medical care and services are delivered.
- Through allied health school, direct supports, education and advocacy for disabled children and adults and their families.

Funds allocated to LSU – HSC would be used as follows:

- Keep the Healthcare workforce intact by retaining faculty and residents.
- Set up primary care clinics across the city with funding for salaries for dentists, physicians, nurses and allied health personnel.
- Expand capabilities to address psychiatric needs in New Orleans and surrounding areas.
- Support our General Dentistry Residency, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency, and Oral Medicine programs which provide preventive and primary care to the uninsured at multiple sites in the state.
- The School of Allied Health Professions at LSUHSC-New Orleans is a primary source of graduate level practitioners in the areas of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Audiology, Medical Technology, Cardiopulmonary Technology, and Rehabilitation Counseling for New Orleans and the state of Louisiana. It is critical that we continue to prepare an adequate number of allied health professionals who can function in primary, secondary, and tertiary care.
- Resume Early Intervention Institute and the Human Development Center direct service, consultative, and advocacy programs for individuals with disabilities. Reestablishing these services will ensure that we maintain high-quality health care educational experiences for individuals who work with these citizens who represent a portion of our

population that is typically uninsured, underserved, and at the greatest risk for developing physical and mental problems.

B. LSU Health Care Services Division (HCS D)

\$20,000,000

HCS D's health care system in New Orleans and at its other seven locations around the state are the primary safety net providers for the uninsured and in many instances those displaced from New Orleans. In New Orleans, HCS D has been a critical participant in day-to-day care, including urgent and emergency care.

Funding to the Health Care Services Division in the current fiscal year will enable the Division to continue providing the following services:

- The enhancement of primary care services at the regional hospitals to accommodate the population shifts which have occurred. This has and will enable the continuation of the Disease Management Programs which provide preventative care by appropriate management of the patients through education and provision of medications.
- The patient pharmaceutical procurement program which has been highly successful in matching needy patients with low cost medications that are essential to proper management of such conditions as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, HIV and asthma which have the effect of preventing further and or as rapid development of the disease.
- Provide needed financing for eight neighborhood health units currently under development for placement in New Orleans. While it is anticipated that FEMA will provide financing for the capital assets needed the operational costs are to be borne by MCLNO. The units are to be placed in proximity to the neighborhoods where FEMA trailer parks are scheduled to be erected. We have been working in conjunction with FEMA and others relative to this operation.
- Continued funding of the EMED currently at the New Orleans Convention Center. In this instance as well the Federal Government has provided the majority of the capital costs but the operational costs remain the responsibility of MCLNO. The operation has been seeing approximately 175-200 patients per day.
- Funding for the Level I Trauma Service anticipated to operate at the Elmwood Hospital location. Another circumstance where FEMA is expected to pay the capital costs and MCLNO will provide the operational costs. Much needed asset for the community that the Level I Trauma Service be re-established as the population returns.
- Provide the HCS D Hospitals with the ability to continue its current level of support for Mental and Behavioral Health Programs. Enhanced demand for these services and the reduced availability of services which has resulted shutdown of the MCLNO unit is reflected in the increased numbers of mental health patients being cared for in the HCS D and private hospital Emergency Departments due to the lack of ability to transfer these patients to an Office of Mental Health facility.

IV. Louisiana Family Recovery Corps.

\$15,000,000

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the coast of Louisiana and created an unprecedented need for a comprehensive humanitarian response. The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps (LFRC), an independent non-profit organization, was created to mobilize and coordinate humanitarian services to displaced Louisiana families in the wake of these disasters. The goals of the LFRC include:

- Ensuring comprehensive services delivery for citizens impacted by the hurricanes.
- Coordinating humanitarian disaster relief to mobilize resources, identify unmet needs and reduce duplication.
- Centralizing management of information regarding humanitarian relief efforts.

The LFRC has been awarded \$32.7 million from the TANF^a Emergency Response and Recovery Program to deliver comprehensive case management and direct services to displaced Louisiana families with dependent children. The LFRC has contracted with Louisiana-based non-profit organizations to deploy trained individuals (“Family Liaisons”) to do the following:

- Identify and establish contact with displaced Louisianans located in temporary housing situations across the state
- Develop an individualized recovery plan and refer families to available disaster relief services
- Follow-up through long term, one-on-one relationships to ensure families receive the services they need
- Provide direct emergency assistance in human services where resources have been depleted

Approximately 70% of the LFRC funds are used to pay for direct human services and 30% of LFRC funds go to case management services. In order to ensure families receive long-term, intensive care and assistance, LFRC caseloads are limited to 25 families per Family Liaison. The initial TANF funding will allow LFRC to serve approximately 7,000 families (estimated 21,000 individuals) over the next 9 months.

Due to restrictions of the TANF funding in limiting LFRC services to families with dependent children, it is imperative that LFRC secures additional funding to serve non-TANF eligible families to enable the Corps to coordinate and deliver services to all displaced residents, regardless of their family composition. The SSBG funds allocated to LFRC shall be used to provide case management and direct services to non-TANF eligible displaced families in Louisiana and as such will deliver the following returns:

- At a cost of approximately \$4,500 per family (30% case management & 70% direct services), it is estimated that LFRC could serve an additional 3,100 families (9,300 individuals) with case management and direct emergency services – bringing the total LFRC case load to over 10,000 families (30,000 individuals.)

^a The TANF program (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) stipulates several restrictions specifying who can be served by the program. TANF eligibility is limited to families with dependent children whose household income is less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

- An additional 50 Family Liaisons delivering comprehensive services to displaced Louisiana citizens. Additional Family Liaisons will be deployed in coordination with UMCOR to handle caseloads that are not able to be already served by Katrina Aid Today case workers.
- As the recovery needs of citizens evolves, LFRC may expand their scope of services to meet the needs of the citizens. This may include work such as, but not limited to, direct social services and relocation planning.

IV. Tulane University Health Sciences Center

\$13,000,000

Tulane University plans to invest the funds in a variety of ways to sustain the health care safety net in New Orleans, as well as assist in responding to the new health care crisis in this community. Prior to hurricane season 2005, 3% of Tulane's patients were uninsured, this has grown to 47% currently. These funds will be used to sustain Tulane's role in providing care to these patients. These funds may be invested in the following areas:

- Sustain, and when needed, enhance capacity to provide the following care to under and uninsured:
 - primary care
 - emergency care
 - public health preparedness and training
 - adult and child psychiatry
 - women's health
 - children's health
 - health equality
 - environmental health
 - infectious diseases
- Maintain a high-quality biomedical workforce in the greater New Orleans region through retention of existing healthcare faculty and residents.
- Support for the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
- Retention and establishment of primary care clinics.
- Support for Cancer Center and Gene Therapy Center.
- Support for Clinical Research and supporting faculty and staff.

ORIGINAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

The Department of Social Services shall be allocated \$34,200,000.

- \$17,600,000 for the provision of Child Welfare Services
- \$14,400,000 for the provision of Child Care Services
- \$ 2,200,000 for monitoring and oversight of the entire SSBG supplemental

The Department of Health and Hospitals shall be allocated \$101,701,534.

- \$37,000,000 for the provision of Behavioral Health Services
- \$21,701,534 for the provision of Preventive and Primary Care

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center shall be allocated \$57,000,000.

- \$37,000,000 for the Health Sciences Center
- \$20,000,000 for the Health Care Services Division

The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps shall be allocated \$15,000,000

The Tulane University shall be allocated \$13,000,000

Some re-allocations have been made, based on new needs emerging and some reimbursement being received for services subsequent to these allocations. Additional reallocations may occur within the parameters outlined throughout this appendix.

- LFRC - an additional 3,475,000 funding
- Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs – 650,000 funding

**SUPPLEMENTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
EXPENDED SFY 2005-2006**

Department of Health & Human Services (DHH)
Behavioral Health Services

\$230,841 Immediate Intervention - Crisis Response System. Mobile teams and crisis intervention units.

\$2,742,960 Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention

\$84,124 Behavioral Health Services for Children and Adolescents - Mental Health services

\$36,703 Preventing or Reducing Inappropriate Institutional Care - Transition people from institutional setting where appropriate and to ensure that people already in community based setting can remain.

\$260,621 Behavioral Health Program Restoration and Resumption.

\$3,355,249 Sub Total

Prevention and Primary Care

\$101 SSBG Funding Pool - Restore and develop comprehensive and integrated primary, preventive and behavioral health care services.

\$3,355,350 TOTAL DHH

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans

\$36,906,884 Restore and resume healthcare instruction, healthcare research and healthcare safety net.

Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division

\$20,000,000 Re-establish and maintain the state's health provider safety net. Resume and restore health services in New Orleans to the un- and under-insured and to provide health services to displaced New Orleanians who have relocated throughout the state.

Department of Social Services - Office of Community Services

\$46,505 Immediate Needs of Storm Affected Children and Families

\$60,308,739 TOTAL SFY 2005-2006 EXPENDITURES

**SUPPLEMENTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
OBLIGATIONS SFY 2006-2007**

Department of Social Services - Office of Family Support
 \$2,000,000 Training and technical assistance for current and prospective child care providers
 \$2,400,000 Equipping, furnishing, and supplying Class A Child Care Centers
 \$10,000,000 ***Physical repair and/or construction of child care centers
\$14,400,000 TOTAL- DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT

Tulane University
\$13,000,000 Tulane University School of Medicine Medical Group Practice continuing, retained
 faculty physicians. Principal duties are in the area of patient care and medical
 education and training.

Department of Health & Human Services (DHH)
Behavioral Health Services
 \$36,769,159 Immediate Intervention - Crisis Response System. Mobile teams and crisis
 intervention units.

\$5,257,040 Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention
 \$17,915,876 Behavioral Health Services for Children and Adolescents - Mental Health services
 \$6,963,297 Preventing or Reducing Inappropriate Institutional Care - Transition people from
 institutional setting where appropriate and to ensure that people already in
 community based setting can remain.

\$9,739,379 Behavioral Health Program Restoration and Resumption.
\$76,644,751 Sub Total

Prevention and Primary Care
 \$21,327,433 SSBG Funding Pool - Restore and develop comprehensive and integrated primary,
 preventive and behavioral health care services.
 \$374,000 Statewide Pharmacy Access Program Make it easier for uninsured and
 under-insured to obtain pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical supplies.

\$21,701,433 Sub Total
\$98,346,184 Total DHH

Louisiana Family Recovery Corps (LFR)

\$970,750 Central Office Operations

\$5,500,000 Expanded Case Management - Family Liaisons will provide a cadre of services that can include case management, comprehensive supports and services. Assist a family in the arrangement, coordination or delivery of services to meet the needs of individuals and families.

\$4,000,000 Katrina Aid Today (KAT) Supportive Services - Obtaining living accommodation, transportation, child care or out of school time activities, job skills, non medical substance abuse treatment, mental health services, basic personal items, household items.

\$2,254,250 Fill the Gap Services - Focus its effort on addressing unmet needs within trailer communities and/or unmet needs in priority locations.

\$2,275,000 Relocation Planning - Telephone-based case management services designed to provide families with a Louisiana family liaison to assist in their problem solving and planning the necessary steps and identifying the challenges and barriers each family will face upon return.

\$15,000,000 TOTAL

Department of Social Services - Office of the Secretary

\$1,800,000 Document Imaging System

\$300,000 Postal Service Database Interface

\$2,200,000 Monitoring/Oversight

\$4,300,000 TOTAL

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans

\$93,116 Restore and resume healthcare instruction, healthcare research and healthcare safety net.

Department of Social Services - Office of Community Services

\$703,495 Immediate Needs of Storm Affected Children and Families

\$750,000 Foster Family Recruitment & Retention

\$3,000,000 Clothing, Educational, and Personal Items

\$780,000 Relocation cost Respite, Day Care, Mental Health,

\$200,000 TIPS Cleanup

\$1,140,000 Contingency

\$4,000,000 Specialized mental health or other services for storm affected families & children

\$3,500,000 Prevention

\$1,400,000 Staff/IT

\$15,453,495 TOTAL

\$160,592,795 TOTAL OBLIGATIONS SFY 2005-2006

***** SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED FOR CONSTRUCTION**

APPENDIX B

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICE DELIVERY TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

The Department of Social Services (DSS) reaffirms its policy for the Equal Delivery of Services and will administer all programs and conduct its business, either directly or indirectly, or through contractual or other arrangements, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 80, as amended through July 5, 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 706), and the Agency's Statements of Compliance.

No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity conducted in this agency. The Department of Social Services will take appropriate action to ensure that the above will be implemented at all levels of administration.

The Secretary of the Department of Social Services has overall responsibility for the policy and program development under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Responsibility for the coordination and implementation has been placed with the DSS Civil Rights Bureau.

Any person who believes that he or she or any specific class of persons has been subjected to discrimination covered by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, may without fear of reprisal or coercion, file a written complaint with the DSS Civil Rights Bureau at 755 N. 3rd Street, Fourth Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, or the federal Regional Office for Civil Rights, 1200 Main Tower, Dallas, Texas 75202.

SFY 2005-2006 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

REQUIREMENTS- STATES AND STATE AGENCIES

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F. The regulations, published in the May 25, 1990, *Federal Register*, require certification by grantees, prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 85.630(c) of the regulations provide that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the agency determines to award the grant. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension, or termination of grants, or government-wide suspension or debarment (see 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.615 and 85.620).

- A. The grantee certified that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
 - (e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 - (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2); with respect to any employee who is so convicted-
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
 - (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 755 THIRD STREET, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Organization Name: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Ann Silverberg Williamson, SECRETARY

Signature: Ann Silverberg Williamson Date: 6-31-06

States electing to exclude certain state agencies from the statewide certification append to this form a list of the agencies not covered by the terms of this certification.

**SFY 2004-2005 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND
OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

(a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;

(b) have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The prospective primary participant agrees that by submitting this proposal, it will include the clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" which is provided below.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND
VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Organization Name: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: ANN SILVERBERG WILLIAMSON, SECRETARY

Signature: *Ann Silverberg Williamson* Date: May 24, 2006

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS,
AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

Program: TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
Period: July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to 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 the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to 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 this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U. S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Organization Name: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: ANN SILVERBERG WILLIAMSON,
SECRETARY

Signature:  Date May 31, 2006

CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), 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 program 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 \$1,000.00 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 sub-awards, which contain provisions for the children's services and that all sub-grantees shall certify accordingly.

Organization Name: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Ann Silverberg Williamson, SECRETARY

Signature: *Ann Silverberg Williamson* Date: 5.31.06