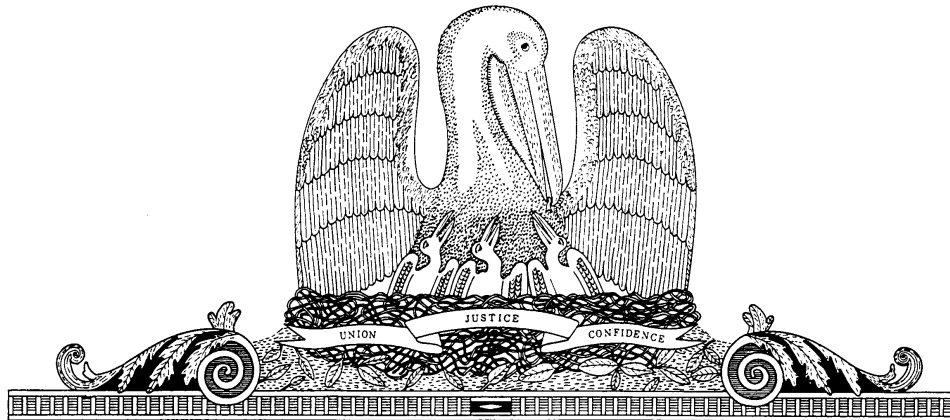


Title XX
Social Services Block Grant
FINAL
INTENDED USE REPORT



Bobby Jindal, Governor
Chief Executive Officer of the State

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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 thirtieth SSBG and thirty-fifth 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.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/index.html>) lists the State of Louisiana's allotment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 as \$24,523,177 and for FFY 2011 as \$24,523,177. Because the State Fiscal Year (SFY) does not track the FFY, projected SFY 2010-2011 SSBG grant funds are calculated at 75% of the FFY 2011 grant (\$18,392,382) plus 25% of the FFY 2010 grant (\$6,130,794) plus \$ 16,397,196 in TANF transfer funds, for a total of \$40,920,373. 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 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) is \$40,920,373.

The proposed SSBG Intended Use Report also includes an additional \$129,737,880, Louisiana's allocation of the Social Services Emergency Disaster Relief grant as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 2638). These funds represent a one-time allocation that requires expenditure by September 30, 2010. These funds are treated as separate and apart funding from Louisiana's regular Social Services Block Grant funds, and the use of these funds is described in Appendix B of the Intended Use Report. These funds are treated separately because of the stated purpose of these funds and their intended use in Louisiana.

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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

ELIGIBILITY

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 at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>. The published poverty income guideline for all states except Alaska and Hawaii is an annual gross income of **\$22,050** 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 **\$2297** 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>\$13,538</i>	<i>\$ 1,128</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>18,213</i>	<i>1,518</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>22,888</i>	<i>1,907</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>27,563</i>	<i>2,297</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>32,238</i>	<i>2,686</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>36,913</i>	<i>3,076</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>41,588</i>	<i>3,466</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>46,263</i>	<i>3,855</i>

For family units with more than eight (8) persons, add **\$4,675** annually or **\$390** monthly 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 envisioned to provide a comprehensive case management and eligibility system that provides web access for clients, staff, providers and other business partners. It is expected to provide automation for all of the primary business functions for the program areas and many of the administrative functions necessary to support staff and administration. It is designed to ultimately support the business activities of the entire department of Social Services and specifically meet all SACWIS requirements and OCS needs. The ACCESS Project became fully operational statewide in September 2006.

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 SERVICES (POS) CONTRACTS

OCS will limit contractual providers' administrative costs to not more than 9% of funds contracted for purchase of services. This provision is to ensure 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 1078 E. Worthy 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 124 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 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 No Parish Office Refer to Madison Parish</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 C. 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 58310 Court Street 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</p>	<p>Lafayette 825 Kaliste Saloom Brandywine II, Room 104 Lafayette, LA 70508</p>	<p>Lafourche 1416 Tiger Drive Thibodaux, LA 70301 (985) 447-0945</p>

(337) 824-9649	(337) 262-5901, 800-256-8611	
LaSalle No Parish Office Refer to Catahoula Parish	Lincoln 1000 South Vienna Street Ruston, LA 71270 (318) 251-4101	Livingston 28446 Charlie Watts Rd. P.O. Box 267 Livingston, LA 70754 (225) 686-7257
Madison 1705 Felicia Drive Tallulah, LA 71282 (318) 574-5201	Morehouse 451 East Madison P.O. Box 1019 Bastrop, LA 71221-1019 (318) 283-0820	Natchitoches 1756 Texas Street Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 357-3128
Orleans 1010 Common Street 10 th Floor P. O. Box 61210 New Orleans, LA 70161-1210 (504) 680-9100	Ouachita 1401 Stubbs Avenue P.O. Box 2510 Monroe, LA 71207-2510 (318) 362-5417	Plaquemines No parish office Refer to Jefferson Parish (West Bank)
Pointe Coupee 1919 Hospital Road P.O. Box 729 New Roads, LA 70760-0729 (225) 638-4846	Rapides 900 Murray St. 1 st Floor, Room A-100 P.O. Box 1950 Alexandria, LA 71309-1950 (318) 487-5054	Red River No Parish Office Refer to Natchitoches Parish
Richland 111 Ellington Dr. Rayville, LA 71269 (318) 728-3037	Sabine 195 Marthaville Road P.O. Box 1507 Many, LA 71449 (318) 256-4101	St. Bernard No Parish Office Refer to Jefferson Parish (East Bank)
St. Charles No Parish Office Refer to St. John Parish	St. Helena No Parish Office Refer to Tangipahoa Parish	St. James No Parish Office Refer to St. John Parish
St. John 429 West Airline Highway Suite M LaPlace, LA 70068 (985) 652-2938	St. Landry 6069 I-49 South Service Road, Suite C Opelousas, LA 70570 (337) 942-0050	St. Martin 1109 South Main P.O. Box 259 St. Martinville, LA 70582 (337) 394-6081
St. Mary 613 2 nd Street Franklin, LA 70538 (337) 828-5278	St. Tammany 300 Covington Center, Suite 1 Covington, LA 70433 (985) 893-6225	Tangipahoa 721 South First Street Amite, LA 70422 (985) 748-2001
Tensas No Parish Office. Refer to Madison Parish	Terrebonne 1012 West Tunnel Blvd Houma, LA 70361 (504) 857-3630	Union 101 North Main Street Farmerville, LA 71241 (318) 368-7917
Vermilion 2729 Veterans Memorial Dr. P.O. Box 849 Abbeville, LA 70511-0849 (337) 898-1430	Vernon 302 Vernon Street P.O. Box 640 New Llano, LA 71461-0640 (337) 238-7030	Washington 1017 Ontario Avenue Bogalusa, LA 70427 (985) 732-6800

Webster 1232 Sheppard Street Minden, LA 71055 (318) 371-3004	West Baton Rouge No Parish Office Refer to Iberville Parish	West Carroll No Parish Office Refer to Richland Parish
West Feliciana No Parish Office Refer to East Feliciana Parish	Winn 6285 Hwy. 167 North Suite E P.O. Box 1354 Winnfield, LA 71483-1354 (318) 648-6805	

Regional Offices

Region 1 Greater New Orleans <i>Orleans District</i> 1010 Common St., 10 th Floor P.O. Drawer 57149 New Orleans, LA 70157-7149 (504) 568-7413	<i>Jefferson District</i> 800 West Commerce Road Suite 500, Harahan, LA 70123 P.O. Box 10009 Jefferson, La. 70181 (504) 736-7151	Region 2 Baton Rouge 8549 United Plaza Blvd. P.O. Box 66789 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 (225) 922-3099
Region 3 Covington 351 Holiday Blvd. Covington, LA 70433 (985) 893-6363	Region 4 Thibodaux 1416 Tiger Drive Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337 (985) 449-5055	Region 5 Lafayette 825 Kaliste Saloom Road Brandywine 1- Room 218 Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 262-5970
Region 6 Lake Charles 4250 5 th Avenue P.O. Box 1867 Lake Charles, LA 70602 (337) 491-2900	Region 7 Alexandria 900 Murray Street 1 st Floor, Room A-100 P.O. Box 832 Alexandria, LA 71309-0832 (318) 487-5227	Region 8 Shreveport State Office Building 1525 Fairfield Avenue Room 850 Shreveport, LA 71101-4388 (318) 676-7100
Region 9 Monroe State Office Building 122 St. John Street, 4 th Floor P.O. Box 3047 Monroe, LA 71210 (318) 362-3362		

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Baton Rouge, LA 70821
SSBG Inquiries: (225) 342-3077

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;
6. provision of legal services to make children available for adoption and establish new parentage;
7. 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 when 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 in accordance with eligibility guidelines;
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 adult birth siblings. The following people are eligible to use the Registry: an adopted person who is at least 18 years of age, the biological parents, any biological sibling who is at least 18 years of age, the parent or sibling of a deceased biological parent, and an adoptive parent of a minor or deceased adopted person.

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 or an alternative response family assessment 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. For reports which are identified as low risk and there is no serious and immediate threat to the child's health or safety, they are assigned to Alternative Response Family Assessment (ARFA).

Service Activities for Investigation Only:

1. determination as to whether a report is valid; report valid cases to the appropriate district attorney;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. arrangements for alternative living arrangements with suitable relatives, state approved non-related family (i.e., neighbors) or approved foster family, or residential placement; and
5. 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).

Service Activities for Investigation and ARFA:

1. assessment of safety and of future risk from child abuse/neglect to the child/children;
2. 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;

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. short term counseling, information, and referral to service agencies that are supportive to the delivery of this service;
6. referrals for ancillary services - Title XIX, Public Assistance, Food Stamps, Social Security benefits, etc;
7. 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
8. 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 case plan.

Service Activities:

1. Assessment of family functioning, medical, psychological, and/or psychiatric evaluations of both children and parents, as an integral but subordinate part of this service, when necessary to assess the family's ability to meet the safety and well being needs of their children;
2. arrangements for securing and utilizing family support services, as indicated by the service plan;
3. participation in family team conferences, case reviews, staffings, and court reviews, etc. to determine the continued appropriateness of the case plan;
4. evidence based family focused therapeutic interventions provided to the child or the child's family aimed at ameliorating or remedying personal and/or family problems;
5. arrangement for legal services or actions as need indicates;
6. arrangement for or provision of transportation, in-home based services (IHBS and MST), Family Resource Center services, or other activities necessary to the delivery of family services;
7. develop community awareness of specific problems which have negative impact on children and families; and
8. arrangement 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 planned 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.

Service provision includes assessment of child safety, risk of harm to child, family functioning, assessment of need for services, arrangement for provision and utilization of services, coordination of service delivery by multiple service providers, evaluation of effectiveness of services in reducing risk of harm to children and meeting child's needs for safety, permanency and well-being.

Residential Habilitation provides treatment and/or training, for individuals with special needs or who are unable to function successfully 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, 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 Activities:

1. Acceptance of 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. assessment of the functional capacity of the family;
4. development and implementation of the individual's and family's case/treatment plans based on assessed needs;
5. participation in family team conferences, administrative reviews, court reviews, and permanency hearings for identification of a permanent plan for the child;
6. provision of supportive and concrete reunification services to reduce risk of harm to children and overcome or alleviate circumstances resulting in the child's removal and/or to overcome barriers to the child's return home as resources permit;

7. provision of individual, family, and/or group counseling, when not otherwise available, (including social group therapy, parenting education, etc.) in support of improved functional capacity of the primary client and/or family, foster family, etc.;
8. provision of medical services when not available through Medicaid such as diagnosis, treatment, supervision, prescribed laboratory tests, appliances, aids, supplies, medicine, glasses, and prostheses;
9. provision of remedial resources, when not otherwise available through Medicaid or local school systems, or community services, such as physical, social, educational, psychological, and psychiatric examinations;
10. 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;
11. 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;
12. 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 successful independent living and social functioning;
13. provision of educational training opportunities and employment assistance for recipients to include books, supplies, living allowances, and short term room and board, as an integral but subordinate part of this service;
14. 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;
15. recruitment, study, and approval of foster family homes and specialized foster family homes;
16. pre-service and in-service training of foster parents and support of foster parents; training of caregivers in appropriate alternative placements;
17. re-evaluation of foster homes at prescribed intervals;
18. evaluation and supervision of interstate placements under the provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;
19. 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 care giving responsibilities as needed to sustain placements and foster home resources;
20. provision of transportation for individual and escort, when applicable, and/or in-home services when necessary to the delivery of this service and not otherwise available;

21. 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;
22. maintenance of family ties and involvement in preparation for individuals' return to their own homes or relatives' homes, when applicable;
23. 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 on these services;
24. provision of specialized social services designed to meet the particular social/developmental needs of individuals who are blind, deaf, or neurologically disabled;
25. provision of after- care planning for individuals after departure from placement;
26. 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;
27. 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
28. securing legal services, 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. In- home Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS) or Multi systemic therapy (MST) services may be utilized to support and assist foster families in the care of children with special needs or problems. Those children 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 18 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 mily 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 2010 Title XX allotments for all of the States and Territories.

The SSBG website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/index.html>) has not specified the amount of Louisiana's FY 2011 allotment, however Congress has appropriated the same amount of \$1.7 billion for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 as was allotted in Federal Fiscal Year 2010. Louisiana was awarded 24,523,177 in FFY 2010, therefore projected expenditures in FFY 2011 are based on this amount. 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 2010-2011 is as follows:

4 th quarter of FFY 2010 (25% of \$24,523,177)	\$ 6,130,794.25
First 3 quarters of FFY 2011 (75% of \$24,523,177)	\$ 18,392,382.75
TANF Transfer	\$ <u>16,397,196</u>
Total	\$ 40,920,373

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.

SERVICE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
Adoption	\$1,352,356
Foster Care – Children	\$17,689,965
Prevention/Intervention	\$2,648,920
Independent/Transitional Living Services	\$44,632
Protective Services – Children	\$580,218
Administrative Cost	\$2,207,086
TOTAL	\$40,920,373

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR: 2011	Report Period:
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Title: Program Manager II SS	E-Mail Address: Debbie.C.Johnson@la.gov	
Agency: DSS - Office of Community Services	Submission Date: April 28, 2010	

PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	SSBG Funds		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services	\$1,352,356	\$1,511,543	\$34,944,122	\$37,808,021	X	X
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care - Adults						
6 Day Care - Children			\$4,203,193	\$4,203,193	X	
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults						
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$17,689,965	\$8,318,707	\$113,419,354	\$139,428,026	X	
12 Health Related Services						
13 Home Based Services						
14 Home Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.	\$44,632		\$1,968,017	\$2,012,649	X	X
17 Info. & Referral Services						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention/Intervention	\$2,648,920	\$1,542,878	\$19,394,675	\$23,586,473	X	X
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults						
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$580,218	\$3,548,320	\$27,887,517	\$32,016,055	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 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	\$22,316,091	\$14,921,448	\$201,816,878	\$239,054,417		
31 Administrative Cost	\$2,207,086	\$1,475,748	\$14,400,048	\$18,082,882		
32 COSTS	\$24,523,177	\$16,397,196	\$216,216,926	\$257,137,299		

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

**Please list the sources of these funds: Title IV-E, Chafee Foster Care Independent Living, State General Funds, Children's Justice Act, CAPTA, Title IV-B Part I and II, CCDBG, SSI, SSA, Community Based Family Resource, Educational & Training Vouchers, TANF

*** Please list other services:

State: Louisiana
Fiscal Year: 2011

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	5,760				5,760
2 Case Management					0
3 Congregate Meals					0
4 Counseling Services					0
5 Day Care - Adults					0
6 Day Care - Children	2,823				2,823
7 Educ./Training Services					0
8 Employment Services					0
9 Family Planning Services					0
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					0
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	8,165				8,165
12 Health Related Services					0
13 Home Based Services					0
14 Home Delivered Meals					0
15 Housing Services					0
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.		347			347
17 Info. & Referral Services					0
18 Legal Services					0
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					0
20 Prevention/Intervention	4,582	101	0	3,191	7,874
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					0
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	45,150				45,150
23 Recreation Services					0
24 Residential Treatment					0
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					0
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled					0
27 Substance Abuse Services					0
28 Transportation					0
29 Other Services					0
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	66,480	448	0	3,191	70,119

PREVIOUS YEARS' ESTIMATED SERVICE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

7/1/08-6/30/09	7/1/07-6/30/08	7/1/06-6/30/07	7/1/05-6/30/06
\$18,869,800	\$18,869,800	\$20,372,071	\$26,137,729
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198
<u>\$35,266,998</u>	<u>\$35,266,998</u>	<u>\$36,769,269</u>	<u>\$42,534,927</u>
7/1/04-6/30/05	7/1/02-6/30/03	7/1/01-6/30/02	7/1/00-6/30/01
\$26,278,678	\$27,324,641	\$27,425,100	\$27,622,408
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$16,397,198	\$16,397,198	\$0	\$0
<u>\$42,675,876</u>	<u>\$43,721,839</u>	<u>\$27,425,100</u>	<u>\$27,622,408</u>
7/1/99-6/30/00	7/1/97-6/30/98	7/1/96-6/30/97	7/1/95-6/30/96
\$36,647,328	\$39,633,203	\$39,429,720	\$46,475,020
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>\$36,647,328</u>	<u>\$39,633,203</u>	<u>\$39,429,720</u>	<u>\$46,475,020</u>
7/1/94-6/30/95	7/1/92-6/30/93	7/1/91-6/30/92	7/1/90-6/30/91
\$46,832,961	\$47,720,105	\$49,344,330	\$48,431,354
\$0	\$621,752	\$1,540,362	\$788,610
\$0	\$1,222,070	\$1,241,306	\$1,039,408
<u>\$46,832,961</u>	<u>\$49,563,927</u>	<u>\$52,125,998</u>	<u>\$50,259,372</u>
7/1/89-6/30/90	7/1/87-6/30/88	7/1/86-6/30/87	
\$49,496,733	\$50,730,291	\$51,822,579	
\$4,282,567	\$0	\$0	
\$967,190	\$1,086,177	\$1,600,521	
<u>\$54,746,490</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 2008 and 2009 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: 2008	Report Period:
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Agency: DSS - Office of Community Services	Submission Date: April 17, 2009	

PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	SSBG Funds		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services	\$1,439,424	\$1,539,893	\$32,748,723	\$35,728,040	X	X
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care - Adults						
6 Day Care - Children			\$5,477,470	\$5,477,470	X	
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults						
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$18,188,377	\$8,224,702	\$111,778,327	\$138,191,406	X	
12 Health Related Services						
13 Home Based Services						
14 Home Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.	\$126,174		\$2,058,382	\$2,184,556	X	X
17 Info. & Referral Services						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention/Intervention	\$1,893,466	\$1,687,616	\$20,389,095	\$23,970,177	X	X
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults						
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$1,469,932	\$3,469,237	\$25,345,686	\$30,284,855	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 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	\$23,117,373	\$14,921,448	\$197,797,683	\$235,836,504		
31 Administrative Cost	\$1,744,872	\$1,475,748	\$14,128,944	\$17,347,564		
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$24,862,245	\$16,397,196	\$211,924,627	\$253,184,068		

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

**Please list the sources of these funds: Title IV-E, Chafee Foster Care Independent Living, State General Funds, Children's Justice Act, CAPTA, Title IV-B Part I and II, CCDBG, SSI, SSA, Community Based Family Resource, Educational & Training Vouchers, TANF

*** Please list other services:

State: Louisiana
Fiscal Year: 2008

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	5,190				5,190
2 Case Management					0
3 Congregate Meals					0
4 Counseling Services					0
5 Day Care - Adults					0
6 Day Care - Children	4,184				4,184
7 Educ./Training Services					0
8 Employment Services					0
9 Family Planning Services					0
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					0
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	8,636				8,636
12 Health Related Services					0
13 Home Based Services					0
14 Home Delivered Meals					0
15 Housing Services					0
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.		336			336
17 Info. & Referral Services					0
18 Legal Services					0
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					0
20 Prevention/Intervention	8,215	401	25	4,424	13,065
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					0
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	22,796				22,796
23 Recreation Services					0
24 Residential Treatment					0
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					0
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled					0
27 Substance Abuse Services					0
28 Transportation					0
29 Other Services					0
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	49,021	737	25	4,424	54,207

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR: 2009	Report Period:
Contact Person: Debbie Johnson	Phone Number: (225) 342-2766	July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009
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PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with SSBG Funds	SSBG Funds		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services	\$1,049,967	\$1,511,543	\$34,944,122	\$37,505,632	X	X
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care - Adults						
6 Day Care - Children			\$4,203,193	\$4,203,193	X	
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults						
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$13,749,140	\$8,318,707	\$113,419,354	\$135,487,201	X	
12 Health Related Services						
13 Home Based Services						
14 Home Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.	\$35,481		\$1,968,017	\$2,003,498	X	X
17 Info. & Referral Services						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting						
20 Prevention/Intervention	\$2,058,186	\$1,542,878	\$19,394,675	\$22,995,739	X	X
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults						
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$450,603	\$3,548,320	\$27,887,517	\$31,886,440	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 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	\$17,343,377	\$14,921,448	\$201,816,878	\$234,081,703		
31 Administrative Cost	\$846,989	\$1,475,748	\$14,400,048	\$16,722,785		
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$18,190,366	\$16,397,196	\$216,216,926	\$250,804,488		

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

**Please list the sources of these funds: Title IV-E, Chafee Foster Care Independent Living, State General Funds, Children's Justice Act, CAPTA, Title IV-B Part I and II, CCDBG, SSI, SSA, Community Based Family Resource, Educational & Training Vouchers, TANF

*** Please list other services:

State: Louisiana
Fiscal Year: 2009

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	5,760				5,760
2 Case Management					0
3 Congregate Meals					0
4 Counseling Services					0
5 Day Care - Adults					0
6 Day Care - Children	2,823				2,823
7 Educ./Training Services					0
8 Employment Services					0
9 Family Planning Services					0
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					0
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	8,165				8,165
12 Health Related Services					0
13 Home Based Services					0
14 Home Delivered Meals					0
15 Housing Services					0
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.		347			347
17 Info. & Referral Services					0
18 Legal Services					0
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					0
20 Prevention/Intervention	4,582	101		3,191	7,874
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					0
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	45,150				45,150
23 Recreation Services					0
24 Residential Treatment					0
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					0
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled					0
27 Substance Abuse Services					0
28 Transportation					0
29 Other Services					0
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	66,480	448	0	3,191	70,119

CHAPTER VI

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

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 26, 2010 were run on April 12, 2010 in the New Orleans *Times Picayune*, April 13, 2010 in the Shreveport *Times*, April 14, 2010 in the Lafayette *Daily Advertiser*, the Alexandria *Daily Town Talk*, the Monroe *News Star World*, the Baton Rouge *Advocate*, and April 15, 2010 in the Lake Charles *American Press*. The location and time for the public hearing was as follows:

Monday, April 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. **Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services
627 North 4th Street
Room 1-127
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802**

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, 627 North 4th 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 telephoned or wrote OCS (per advertised instructions) requesting a copy. All interested persons were afforded an opportunity from April 12, 2010 through April 30, 2010, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Social Services (DSS) announces opportunities for public review of the state's pre-expenditure report on intended uses of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds for the state fiscal year (SFY) beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011. The proposed SFY 2010 – 2011 SSBG Intended Use Report has been developed in compliance with the requirements of Section 2004 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended and includes information on the types of activities to be supported and the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of the state's allocation of SSBG funds. Section 2004 of the SSA further requires that the SSBG pre-expenditure report shall be "made public within the state in such manner as to facilitate comment by any person." The DSS as the designated state services agency will continue to administer programs funded under the SSBG in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and federal regulations. The DSS/Office of Community Services (OCS) will be responsible for provision of social services, by direct delivery and vendor purchase, through use of SFY 2010 – 2011 SSBG expenditures for adoption, child protection, daycare for children, family services, and foster care/residential habilitation services.

Additionally, and, separate and apart from the traditional SSBG funding priorities, the Intended Use Report describes the uses of Supplemental Appropriations for disaster relief. These are federal funds from the Department of Defense Act (HR 2638) for states most severely affected and for expenses related to the consequences of disasters in the calendar year 2008. The use of supplemental funds were previously addressed in a public hearing held May 1, 2009 with funding allocated to the sources named in this document.

For non-supplemental funds, Louisiana, through DSS/OCS, 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 provided without regard to income (WRI) to individuals in need. Individuals to be served also include low-income persons as defined in the Intended Use Report who meet eligibility criteria for services provided through SSBG funding.

Services designated for provision through SSBG non-supplemental funding for SFY 2010 – 2011 are: Adoption (pre-placement to termination of parental rights); Child protection (investigation of child abuse/neglect reports, assessment, evaluation, social work intervention, shelter care, counseling, referrals); Daycare for children (direct care for portion of the 24-hour day as follow-up to investigations of child abuse/neglect); Family services (social work intervention subsequent to validation of a report of child abuse/neglect, counseling to high risk groups); Foster care/residential habilitation services (foster, residential care, and treatment on a 24-hour basis).

Definitions for the proposed services are set forth in the Intended Use Report.

Persons eligible for non-supplemental SSBG funded services include: Persons WRI, who are in need of adoption services, child protection, family services, and foster care/residential habilitation services; Individuals WRI who are recipients of Title IV-E adoption assistance; Recipients of Supplemental Security Income and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and those persons whose needs were taken into account in determining the needs of TANF recipients; Low-income persons (income eligible) 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 \$2297 would qualify as income eligible for services; Persons receiving Title XIX (Medicaid) benefits and certain Medicaid applicants identified in the proposed plan as group eligibles.

Post expenditure reports for the SSBG program for SFY 2006 -- 2007 and SFY 2007 -- 2008 are included in the previous year's SSBG Final Intended Use Report for SFY 2009 – 2010. The report is available for public review on line at: www.dss.state.la.us Free copies are available by telephone request to (225) 342-3910 or by writing to the Assistant Secretary, Attention: Planning and Accreditation Section, PO Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposed SFY 2010 – 2011 SSBG Intended Use Report, at a public hearing scheduled for 1:00P.M., April 26, 2010 at the Department of Social Services, 627 North 4th Street, Room 125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Written comments must be received by the close of business Friday, April 23, 2010.

Kristy H. Nichols
Secretary

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SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

The Honorable Judge Cazeline G. Hebert, Department of Social Services (DSS) Bureau of Appeals, Bridget Clark, OCS Section Administrator, and Melissa Maiello, OCS Program Manager, were present in order to conduct a Public Hearing on 2010-2011 SSBG Intended Use Report as scheduled on April 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Persons in attendance include: Jacqueline Brown, OCS Program Manager, Donica Conaway, OCS Administrative Assistant III, and Mr. Kwaku Kushindana on behalf of the Coalition for Black Unity.

Summary

Melissa Maiello spoke on behalf of the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services. She explained that the 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. Further, it was stated that the proposed SSBG Intended Use Report also included an additional \$129,737,880 which represents Louisiana's allocation of the Social Services Emergency Disaster Relief grant as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act. These funds represent a one-time allocation that requires expenditure by September 30, 2010. Mr. Kushindana's comments were geared around the Foster care aspect of the SSBG. He recommended that the agency adopt a different perspective on how the agency handles the foster care program. He made reference to his experience with a foster care case wherein the parties involved had a limited understanding of the procedures involved in such matters. Mr. Kushindana made several recommendations that he felt would help parents who find themselves involved in an investigation and or arrested for child abuse. Ms. Clark and Ms. Maiello addressed Mr. Kushindana's concerns and explained the agencies policies on foster care cases and the difference in policy and legal issues. Mr. Kushindana provided his e-mail address to Ms. Clark to receive additional information.

The hearing was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Written comments were received as an addendum to the oral comments provided by Mr. Kushindana.

Written comments are as follows:

1. That there be a true and concrete basis of *therapeutic care*, for both children affected and impacted parents. That in particularly and specifically that parents be given a written pamphlet outlining all of their rights, basis and methods of appeals and an outlining of what can run concurrent with them and their children in the Criminal Justice Process.
2. That an approach of "non criminalization" (except in clearly documentable cases) of parents who are charged with any "abuse" or "crimes" against their children. Under American Law, there is a presumption of innocence.
3. A bifurcation of investigations of any abuse. What is meant by this is that the investigator should make the initial approach, and there be appointed an independent psychologist who will interview the children for any abuse. This is an important point, because an independent psychologist should have no vested interest in the outcome of any case.
4. A change in the criteria, as outlined in the Louisiana Children's Code from on of "probable cause" to a more specific and definite criteria. This is important because when a parent is charged with "abuse", the lower threshold of "probable cause" allows a parent to be immediately incarcerated (to be thrown in the mix of some of the worst criminal elements in Orleans Parish), having to post an astronomical bond, placed on travel restrictions and an

imposition of curfew. The formula of using “probable cause” exacerbates an already violate situation.

5. That even in the case of incarceration, that a parent (particularly those who don’t pose a flight risk or have no prior criminal record) be released on their own recognizance, or in the custody of a family member or trusted member of the community.
6. That, upon exoneration of any charged parent, that there be an immediate, and at no costs to the parent, expunge of their criminal record.

Written and oral comments were addressed during the public hearing held on April 26, 2010 and additional follow up information was provided. Detailed responses were not included in this report as the comments received were regarding the general child welfare practices and not the intended use of Social Services Block Grant funds. Written comments are available for public viewing upon request.

APPENDIX A

ALLOCATION OF EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT (H.R. 2638) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ELIGIBLE AGENCIES AND TARGET SERVICE AREAS

The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, HR 2638 Public Law 110-329, was passed on September 30, 2008, allocating \$600 million to states for recovery from disasters that occurred in 2008 as well as the hurricanes of 2005. The Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) was designated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families as the administering agency for the state of Louisiana.

The department is submitting the following action plan on behalf of the state. This action plan includes information on the types of activities to be supported and the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of the state's \$129,737,880 allocation of supplemental Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds.

IMPACT OF HURRICANES AND LOUISIANA'S RECOVERY NEEDS

Since 2005, Louisiana has been impacted by four major hurricanes - Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Louisiana and neighboring states witnessed circumstances that had never before been experienced in such magnitude and with such far-reaching impact. The metropolitan areas of New Orleans and Lake Charles faced extensive consequences for the people and infrastructure within their communities. The dynamics and landscape of health and human services delivery were changed.

In September 2008, the state experienced the catastrophic effects of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The storms of 2008 brought dangerous winds, heavy rains and flooding from the southern coastal parishes through central and north Louisiana. More than 1.9 million Louisiana residents were forced to evacuate for hurricanes, including 30,000 critical transportation-needs residents and 10,400 medical evacuations. After the largest medical evacuation in U.S. history, many of Louisiana's residents were unable to return to their homes and jobs for several days. Gustav and Ike left additional communities without electricity and sanitary water for days, and sometimes weeks. More than 120,000 homes received some damage. Fifty-three of the state's 64 parishes were included in the President's disaster declaration for individual assistance; all 64 were declared for public assistance. Still today a large number of resident's homes remain unlivable. They continue to need short-term shelter and longer-term transitional housing.

While hurricanes Katrina and Rita taxed our state's resources, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) used lessons learned from those storms to better prepare for future storms. These lessons were put to good use for the preparation and response to Gustav and Ike. Before the storms, DHH staff began establishing, prepping, stocking and staffing the eight medical special needs shelters around the state. Staff members contacted medical institutions like hospitals and nursing homes to ensure the institutions' evacuation plans were in place, and the department stood ready with resources to help with potential evacuations.

For Gustav and Ike combined, the department helped evacuate nearly 9,000 nursing home and hospital patients. Facilities that did not evacuate were closely monitored to ensure they had the assets they needed to protect patient health and safety. After Gustav, the department helped to repatriate nursing home residents, hospital patients and medical special needs shelterees once it was determined that their home parish was stable (power and water service restored).

Children and their families impacted by the 2005 and 2008 storms have made tremendous strides in their recovery, but despite new investments in mental and primary health care, indications suggest that their road to recovery is not over.

All told, the storms of 2008 created an additional hardship on a state working hard to recover from the disasters of 2005. To address critical needs stemming from these disasters, the recommendations for supplemental SSBG are categorized in three areas: Child and Family Services, Health Systems Delivery, and Housing.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES \$32,987,880

Foster Care, Adoption, Prevention, Intervention and Protective Services \$23,700,000

Protecting children from harm and securing their permanency and well-being is a core function of DSS. It is well documented that post-disaster stress brings about an increase in abuse and neglect. In addition, the state has recently seen an increase in the incidence of child fatalities, particularly those related to the parents substance abuse. DSS will use funds to provide services to prevent child fatalities; to prevent an increase in out-of-home placements; to stabilize foster care/adoptive placements, to facilitate reunification and to prevent disruptions by providing services such as in-home family services, respite care, counseling and parenting classes; and to provide services such as anger management and mental health counseling. Funds will also be used to provide for independence programs for youth aging out of foster care that will have greater needs for transitional assistance than is typically provided.

Expenses incurred are related to providing services to children and families in impacted areas and enhancing service delivery. Additionally, funds have been used to provide for independence programs for youth aging out of foster care with a greater need for transitional assistance than is typically identified. Funds have primarily been used to assist youth with housing and high school graduation expenses through the Young Adult Program. A youth advocate is also available to help ongoing, long term policy formation and to help with assessment of youth issues.

Crisis Intervention and Workforce Development \$4,000,000

Due to the complex issues facing the citizen's of Louisiana in relation to the disasters experienced in 2005 and 2008, DSS must address issues of child welfare staff turnover and retention, enhance staff skills/levels of competence and expand service delivery capacity especially in the areas that saw the greatest impact from the disasters. It is expected that individuals who have been exposed to severe trauma will experience an increase in dependence on drugs and/or alcohol, an increase in mental health issues such as PTSD, and an increase in the need for intensive case management services and direct emergency assistance. The agency is faced with these issues in the families and children that they work with as well as among agency staff. These conditions and circumstances can compromise a worker's emotional and physical ability to perform child welfare work and subsequently contribute to increased staff turnover.

The department proposes to utilize funding to develop and maintain a competent and efficient workforce to increase quality prevention and intervention services to children and families in all program areas using the following strategies:

1. Intensive Assistance Teams: Teams will be developed to provide support, consultation, specialized training and management assistance to staff for a specified period of time. Since staff turnover is impacting service delivery statewide, the agency's long term plan is to deploy Intensive Assistance Teams statewide; however, teams will first be sent to areas along and south of the Interstate 10 corridor since they were hardest hit by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike.

2. Training: The agency is working to maintain and improve service delivery to children and families by addressing the issues of staff turnover and retention, capacity building and skills development through a number of efforts. One of which is the development of a training consortium in which colleges and universities work collaboratively with each other and the state child welfare agency to provide comprehensive and coordinated training for all child welfare staff (from pre-employment through supervision and management training) and foster/adoptive parents. Other workforce development initiatives include the Office of Community Service's Professional Coaching Program and the Louisiana Child Welfare Comprehensive Workforce Project (LCWCWP). The coaching program seeks to enhance the specialized child welfare coach/mentor program utilizing the skills and knowledge of experienced supervisors/managers for the benefit of new supervisors. The LCWCWP was developed to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children and youth by building the capacity of Louisiana's child welfare professionals and by improving the systems in the state that recruit, train, supervise, manage, and retain them. Additionally, the agency is mapping workflow processes and case ratios of staff to address unique needs of various geographic areas.

The department is utilizing funds to develop and maintain a competent and efficient workforce to increase quality prevention and intervention services to children and families in all program areas. Several initiatives are underway to include: developing a clinical supervision training project, coaching/mentoring program, leadership development, intermediate management training, related staff expenses, upgrading training equipment and development of a lead University Contract/University Partnership. Additionally, the agency is working towards the development of centralized intake, implementation of Structured Decision Making (SDM) and consultation, and peer to peer intensive assistance teams. Webinars have been conducted on Alternative Response Family Assessments (ARFA).

Child Residential and Foster Care \$3,000,000

Each year DSS investigates nearly 20,000 cases of potential abuse or neglect. Of those cases, approximately 4,699 children have been removed from their homes and are in foster care placements today. During the storms, foster families evacuate with their foster children, often placing an unexpected financial burden of those foster families. In addition, these foster families may have also experience personal damage to their homes as a result of the storms. This can result in a reduction of available foster home placements and additional placements in child residential facilities. DSS licenses 38 residential care providers operating 67 programs statewide. During the storms of 2008, 445 children were placed in residential care in Louisiana and for Hurricane Gustav all facilities (52%) along and below the Interstate 10 corridor were required to evacuate. As a result, youth were disrupted from their placements and forced to evacuate with their caregivers to ensure

their safety and well-being. Residential providers also incurred travel and lodging expenses to ensure the safety of children in their care and many were faced with damages to their facilities and furnishings. In some instances, youth's personal property was damaged as well.

Children and youth in residential care are much more likely to be highly traumatized and troubled having experienced multiple prior placements, long stays in foster care and lack of a permanent home before entering residential care. Children and youth in residential programs often come into care experiencing physical, sexual, and emotional trauma. When traumatic events occur, such as those with the storms of 2005 and 2008, youth experience additional traumatization further complicating their pre-existing symptoms and treatment.

DSS believes a successful treatment milieu must incorporate trauma informed techniques within a youth development approach; provide a safe, secure and accessible physical environment; provide a predictable, structured routine; and support the concept of self-management by providing opportunities for the young person to learn and practice skills that eventually eliminate the need for external behavioral interventions. What is needed to address the multifaceted needs of children in residential treatment programs is a comprehensive approach to treatment in which permanency planning, case management, verbal therapies, special education, medical intervention, life skills training, real life work experience are provided.

To provide this kind of multidisciplinary planning and treatment, residential treatment programs must employ trained staffs who form a collaborative of specialists with varied skills and expertise. They must also be appropriately screened, trained, and supervised so that they provide youth with the structure, support, and guidance they need and they must understand and share the common goal of achieving successful outcomes for the child and family both during and after placement. Providers and staff must also place importance on the transitional services that assist young people leaving care, their future caregivers and prepare youth for independent living.

It is critical to the care of these youth that out of home placements are safe, secure, properly equipped and adaptable to meet identified needs; therefore, DSS proposes using supplemental funds for repairs and modifications to both foster homes and residential facilities allowing facilities to restore fully resume operations and increase accessibility for children that require such placement. In addition, DSS will engage in capacity building with agency staff, residential providers/staff to reduce inappropriate institutional care, to prevent abuse/neglect and to meet the needs of these children and youth. Training will ensure that youth have access to the appropriate clinical services, case management, family services, educational and vocation services, recreational services, behavior support and behavior management, health, and nutritional services.

OCS sponsored membership in LACCA for all Child Residential providers, 3 LACCA trainings have been completed and a fourth mini-conference is set for May 2010. Additionally, LACCA is providing "provider specific" training to Harmony Center, Inc. There are plans to complete a fall training series for child residential direct care staff. Licensing has arranged for staff development training from NARA to begin in the fall 2010, and have arranged for NARA to provide consultation and services related to the development of a comprehensive policy and procedure manual.

Coordinated care management for at-risk children \$2,000,000

Implementation of case management post-hurricanes Katrina and Rita has been hampered by a lack of readily available social and health care services identified in case management plans. After Hurricane's Katrina and Rita, while many organizations were contracted to provide case

management, no service providers were contractually obligated to provide the services identified by the case management process, and state supported services such as Medicaid Enrollment, Food Stamp, etc. were not necessarily organized to seamlessly integrate with and external case management process.

The state is proposing to contract with entities to implement a focused coordinated care management program for children at highest risk of social, behavior or medical harm in select hurricane affected areas demonstrating the highest unmet need – these may include medically fragile children, children in foster care, children with chronic disease, and others. The community-based coordinated care provider will be charged with identifying children at high-risk in their communities; assessing their medical, dental, social and behavioral needs within the context of their family and social support system and assembling a documented care coordination plan; and ensuring the provision of the necessary individual and family medical, dental, social and behavioral health services required under the case management plan. In addition, State provided support services will be dedicated to support this effort and will be reengineered in the focus areas to support coordinated care management model.

Direct cost and administration expenditures include a contract with Mercer Government Human Services to assist in development of a Medicaid Waiver or waivers for a coordinated system of care. Total expenditures to date in FY 2010 are estimated as \$155,141.25. Remaining projected expenditures in FY 2010 are estimated at \$352, 628 and \$169,341 in FFY 2011 for total estimated expenditures of \$677,365. There have been no services to children as the service array has not yet been determined and the system of care has not yet been developed or implemented. As a January 28-29, 2010 planning retreat, over forty agency and stakeholder leaders agreed on the goals, values and population of focus for the Louisiana Coordinated System of Care.

Administrative Management \$287,880

The agency proposes the use of funds for additional resources for administrative management of SSBG Recovery funds. As with the funding received from the hurricanes of 2005, the development of agreements (contracts, interagency agreements, memoranda of understanding), exchanges of vital information, budgetary provisions, accounting and payment/revenue management services, etc. require additional manpower. Further, due to the emergency nature of the projects, heavy administrative oversight and project monitoring will be needed to assure adherence with all state and federal requirements. Staffing and contractor services acquired to oversee/monitor SSBG Recovery will need to be retained and possibly supplemented in order to ensure that funding streams are segregated and that the highest standards of financial management are supported.

Department of Social Services	\$30,987,880
Department of Health and Hospitals	\$2,000,000
TOTAL PROPOSED FOR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES	\$32,987,880

HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM **\$96,750,000**

SSBG PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STATUS

As DHH continues to get its funded programs fully implemented, it has, as of the date of this quarterly report, currently served, 19,330 children and 17,670 adults. The Bureau of Health Services

financing and the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health are in the implementation/development phase and have not charged against the grant this quarter.

SSBG PROGRAM BUDGET STATUS

As of the date of this quarterly report, DHH has invoiced \$64,479,805.37 and has been reimbursed \$49, 107,743.77 in SSBG funds. The March invoice to be billed totals \$9,131,063.92. An amount of \$32,270,194.63 remains as SSBG funded programs increase capacity.

Community Clinic Stabilization \$2,000,000

Federal Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics in hurricane affected areas continue to experience increased case volumes of uninsured patients resulting from disruption and displacement of health care services, loss of health benefits due to hurricane related unemployment or job changes and increased demand for hurricane related behavioral health. Many of these safety-net clinics suffered significant business interruption, damage and increased use as a result of Hurricane Gustav and Ike. The agency proposes reimbursing this important access points for documented losses due to the storm in order to preserve their ability to deliver services to the uninsured.

Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) has had no direct service expenditures and no administrative expenditures for the SSBG funded program. There have been no services rendered as service array has not yet been determined and the system of care has not yet been developed or implemented.

Primary Care, Dental and Behavioral Health Workforce \$1,750,000

In response to Hurricane Katrina the federal government awarded \$50 million dollars to the Greater New Orleans Health Service Corps to “enhance the professional health care workforce supply in the Greater New Orleans Area”. While this program has successfully improved the workforce situation in Greater New Orleans, the cumulative effects of Hurricane’s Rita, Gustav and Ike exacerbate the longstanding shortage other costal parishes in Regions 3, 4 and 5 of the state. The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) identifies shortages of at least 76 primary care physicians, 44 dentists and 32 mental health professionals in these three regions. Practices and hospitals which invest *new* capacity to serve the uninsured and Medicaid population in these parishes since will be eligible for \$15,000 in quarterly income guarantees per new primary care, dental and behavioral health provider recruited to these regions.

Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health (BPCRH) has had no direct service expenditures and \$302.83 in administrative expenditures from the SSBG funded program.

Mental Health Services for Adults \$7,741,255

A broad continuum of mental health services for adults are crucial for stabilization of a population that was traumatized in 2008 after not yet fully recovered from the devastation of the hurricanes of 2005. Services in this program are geared towards appropriate diagnosis and treatment of adult mental health disorders include offering mobile crisis teams, clinical mental health assessments, assertive community treatment services, crisis services that divert people from inpatient psychiatric hospitals and emergency rooms to more appropriate care settings, rental assistance and housing support services and teaching skills needed to live more independently and stable in the community.

Mental Health Services for Children \$762,961

Early diagnosis and treatment options for children are vital tools for ensuring that children already suffering from the consequences of the 2005 hurricanes can be identified and treated in the most appropriate setting. Services for children in this program include school-based services in select parishes to identify children at risk of mental health issues due to hurricane disasters, personal, family or other catastrophic events, on-site emergency treatment planning and intervention services for children and their families, acute inpatient services for children with no funding source for such services and violence prevention programs.

Mental Health Inpatient Services \$60,745,784

Southeast Louisiana State Hospital and Eastern Louisiana State Hospital are state operated inpatient mental health facilities that serve the state's most fragile mental health patients. These facilities serve both adults and children and offer several specialty and acute care programs and services. Services in this program would make available non-Medicaid funded intermediate inpatient services when other forms of inpatient services are not appropriate.

Office of Mental Health (OMH) has cumulative direct service expenditures in the amount of \$54,904,642.28 and \$2,521,442.19 in administrative expenditures.

Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention for Adults \$9,500,000

Disasters and catastrophic events such as the hurricanes of the past few years can exacerbate a substance abuse problem in all levels of society, from those who may otherwise not turn to substances, to those who are in a state of recovery, to those who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental health disorders. Identification, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment are crucial in managing this population. Services for adults with substance abuse disorders in this program include supporting 40 medically supported detoxification beds, 40 inpatient treatment beds and providing Access to Recovery vouchers for multiple levels of addiction treatment and recovery support services such as transportation, job skills and child care.

Office of Addictive Disorders (OAD) has cumulative direct service expenditures in the amount of \$5,415,843.10 and \$1,514.11 in administrative expenditures.

Developmental Disability Services for Children \$6,122,933

Families of children with severe or profound developmental disabilities need supports and services to ensure that their children can remain with them and avoid unnecessary institutionalization. The stress on a family to care for a developmentally disabled child is compounded after a hurricane or other natural disaster. Services in this program to aid families through diagnosis and treatment of developmentally disabled children include Early Steps for infants to toddlers three years of age and distribution of a monthly cash stipend to families with children less than 18 years of age to offset extraordinary costs.

Developmental Disability Services for Adults \$8,127,067

Many adults with developmental disabilities strive to be independent and reside in the community as opposed to being institutionalized. The threat of institutionalization after the devastation of a hurricane can be magnified and compounded by many external factors. Services in this program to assist adults with developmental disabilities include individual and family support services, vocational and related habilitative needs, guardianship program, preventive dentistry, resource centers and the continued transition of individuals from the Metropolitan Developmental Center.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities has cumulative direct service expenditures in the amount of \$10,764,853.65 and \$2,271.13 in administrative expenditures.

TOTAL PROPOSED FOR HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM (Department of Health and Hospitals)	\$94,750,000
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HOUSING **\$2,000,000**

Transition to Permanent Affordable Housing \$2,000,000

As federal funding for temporary housing disappears, the Louisiana Recovery Authority will assist those families that require additional support as they move forward in their recovery and self-sufficiency. In addition to other uses, the LRA will invest these funds totaling \$2,000,000 to assist those families through targeted needs assessments of families still residing in FEMA trailers, extended case management services for families coming out of DHAP-Katrina, and the provision of direct assistance. These resources will be targeted towards Louisiana households still recovering from the hurricanes of 2005 and 2008, with a particular focus on ensuring housing stability for those families coming out of DHAP-Katrina.

A percentage of the families exiting out of Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) and trailers will need additional support in order to successfully transition beyond federal assistance. Some of these families have been dependent on federal assistance for over 3 years and some will not be ready for independence. It is critical that the state have the ability to connect them with available resources and assist in their progress.

TOTAL PROPOSED FOR HOUSING (Louisiana Recovery Authority)	\$2,000,000
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOTMENT **\$129,737,880**

FUNDING RECIPIENT	SERVICE CATEGORY	TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING
Department of Social Services	Child and Family Services	\$32,987,880
Department of Health and Hospitals	Health Delivery Services	\$96,750,000
Louisiana Recovery Authority	Housing	\$2,000,000

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR: 2009	Report Period:
Contact Person:Debbie Johnson	Phone Number: (225) 342-2766	July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009
Title: Program Manager II SS	E-Mail Address: Debbie.C.Johnson@la.gov	
Agency: DSS - Office of Community Services	Submission Date: April 28, 2010	

PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with Supplemental SSBG Funds	Supplemental SSBG Funds		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	Supplemental SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services				\$0		
2 Case Management	\$236,600			\$236,600	X	
3 Congregate Meals				\$0		
4 Counseling Services	\$7,645,534			\$7,645,534	X	
5 Day Care - Adults				\$0		
6 Day Care - Children				\$0		
7 Education and Training Services	\$1,873,020			\$1,873,020	X	X
8 Employment Services				\$0		
9 Family Planning Services				\$0		
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults				\$0		
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children				\$0		
12 Health Related Services	719,180			719,180	X	
13 Home Based Services				\$0		
14 Home Delivered Meals				\$0		
15 Housing Services	\$1,830,617			\$1,830,617	X	
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.				\$0		
17 Info. & Referral Services				\$0		
18 Legal Services				\$0		
19 Pregnancy & Parenting				\$0		
20 Prevention/Intervention				\$0		
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults				\$0		
22 Protective Svcs. - Children				\$0		
23 Recreation Services				\$0		
24 Residential Treatment				\$0		
25 Special Services - Disabled	\$642,794			\$642,794	X	
26 Special Services - Youth at Risk				\$0		
27 Substance Abuse Services	\$4,634,497			\$4,634,497	X	
28 Transportation				\$0		
29 Other Services***	\$6,357,532			\$6,357,532	X	X
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICE	\$23,939,774	\$0	\$0	\$23,939,774		
31 Administrative Cost	\$1,468,055			\$1,468,055		
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$25,407,829	\$0	\$0	\$25,407,829		

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

**Please list the sources of these funds:

***Please list other services: Rebuilding and refurbishing of child care facilities. Moving expenses, air conditioners or fans, smoke detectors, material aid items such as adult diapers and medications.

State: Louisiana
Fiscal Year: 2009

PART B. RECIPIENTS

Service Supported with Supplemental SSBG Funds	Children	Adults 59 Years & Younger	Adults 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age	Total
1 Adoption Services					0
2 Case Management	77	87	6	1	171
3 Congregate Meals					0
4 Counseling Services	7,716	12,349			20,065
5 Day Care - Adults					0
6 Day Care - Children					0
7 Educ./Training Services				2,872	2,872
8 Employment Services					0
9 Family Planning Services					0
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					0
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children					0
12 Health Related Services	57,392	93,125			150,517
13 Home Based Services					0
14 Home Delivered Meals					0
15 Housing Services	0	22	41	3	66
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.					0
17 Info. & Referral Services					0
18 Legal Services					0
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					0
20 Prevention/Intervention					0
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					0
22 Protective Svcs. - Children					0
23 Recreation Services					0
24 Residential Treatment					0
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					0
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled	98	476			574
27 Substance Abuse Services	377	16,270			16,647
28 Transportation					0
29 Other Services					0
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	65,660	122,329	47	2,876	190,912

STATE: Louisiana	FISCAL YEAR: 2011	Report Period:
Contact Person: Debbie Johnson	Phone Number: (225) 342-2766	July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011
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PART A. EXPENDITURES AND PROVISION METHOD

Service Supported with Supplemental SSBG Funds	Supplemental SSBG Funds		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	Supplemental SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services				\$0		
2 Case Management				\$0		
3 Congregate Meals				\$0		
4 Counseling Services	\$7,175,000			\$7,175,000	X	
5 Day Care - Adults				\$0		
6 Day Care - Children				\$0		
7 Education and Training Services				\$0		
8 Employment Services				\$0		
9 Family Planning Services				\$0		
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults				\$0		
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children	\$494,000			\$494,000	X	
12 Health Related Services	\$1,900,000			\$1,900,000	X	
13 Home Based Services				\$0		
14 Home Delivered Meals				\$0		
15 Housing Services	\$500,000			\$500,000	X	
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.				\$0		
17 Info. & Referral Services				\$0		
18 Legal Services				\$0		
19 Pregnancy & Parenting				\$0		
20 Prevention/Intervention				\$0		
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults				\$0		
22 Protective Svcs. - Children	\$1,390,000			\$1,390,000	X	
23 Recreation Services				\$0		
24 Residential Treatment				\$0		
25 Special Services - Disabled	\$1,750,000			\$1,750,000	X	
26 Special Services - Youth at Risk				\$0		
27 Substance Abuse Services	\$2,050,000			\$2,050,000	X	
28 Transportation				\$0		
29 Other Services				\$0		
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	\$15,259,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,259,000		
31 Administrative Cost				\$0		
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$15,259,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,259,000		

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

**Please list the sources of these funds:

*** Please list other services:

State: Louisiana
Fiscal Year: 2011

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					0
2 Case Management					0
3 Congregate Meals					0
4 Counseling Services					0
5 Day Care - Adults					0
6 Day Care - Children					0
7 Educ./Training Services					0
8 Employment Services					0
9 Family Planning Services					0
10 Foster Care Svcs. - Adults					0
11 Foster Care Svcs. - Children					0
12 Health Related Services					0
13 Home Based Services					0
14 Home Delivered Meals					0
15 Housing Services					0
16 Indep./Trans. Living Svcs.					0
17 Info. & Referral Services					0
18 Legal Services					0
19 Pregnancy & Parenting					0
20 Prevention/Intervention					0
21 Protective Svcs. - Adults					0
22 Protective Svcs. - Children					0
23 Recreation Services					0
24 Residential Treatment					0
25 Spec. Svcs. - Youth at Risk					0
26 Special Svcs. - Disabled					0
27 Substance Abuse Services					0
28 Transportation					0
29 Other Services					0
TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0

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 2009-2010 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 grantees 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 sub paragraph (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, 627 NORTH FOURTH STREET, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH,
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821

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

Organization Name: Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Kristy H. Nichols, Secretary

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 2009 – 2010 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/Office of Community Services

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Kristy H. Nichols, Secretary

Signature: _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Program: TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Period: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

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 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 sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients 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/Office of Community Services

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Kristy H. Nichols, Secretary

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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/Office of Community Services

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Kristy H. Nichols, Secretary

Signature: _____ Date: _____