

To: Interested Parties
From: Frederick Sneesby, Administrator, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), RIDH
CC:
Date: 08/23/2016
Re: Public Hearing for review of the Rhode Island Social Services Block Grant
Intended Use Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2017

In accordance to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35 and 42 USC 9008, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human services proposes the following DHS State Plan:

2017 Social Services Block Grant

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of Social Services Block Grant funding is “to furnish services directed at the goals of:

- (1) achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;
- (2) achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency;
- (3) preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families;
- (4) preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and
- (5) securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.”

This proposed intended use plan for SSBG funds for the federal fiscal year 2017 is accessible on the DHS website <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-1669. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed plan on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 2:00PM at the RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, First Floor #110, Cranston, RI 02920 in the West Wing Conference Room.** Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the hearing or by submitting written testimony by Wednesday, September 7, 2016 to Frederick Sneesby, Social Services Block Grant Administrator, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston RI, 02920 or email to frederick.sneesby@dhs.ri.gov.

The hearing will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 4:00 P.M., whichever comes first. The RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter’s presence by calling 711 or Relay RI 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) and 1-800-745-5555 (TTY). Requests for this service must be make at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

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