



Capitol Hill Briefing Spotlights County Social Services Block Grant Funding Use



From left: Bob Suver
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On September 12th, our director Bob Suver was asked to present on behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA) to congressional staff in

a briefing on the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding, which is in danger of being eliminated.

He recalled when the SSBG was first made available. It was viewed as a godsend. It was a significant resource, but more importantly, a flexible resource in that it could serve children, families, single adults and the elderly. Because of this flexibility, counties are able to use SSBG funds in those areas where they most need them. The use of funds varies not only among states, but also among counties within a state.



The mission of Family & Children Services of Clark County is to promote protection, stability and permanency for children and older adults.

- [Family & Children Services Brought Families Together in 2012](#)



WorkPlus helps job seekers prepare for rewarding employment opportunities and employers find qualified employees they need to succeed in a changing economy.

- [WorkPlus One-Stop Center Is Getting People Back to Work](#)
- [Deputy Director of Workforce Development Joins ODJFS, Office of Workforce Development EBE Team](#)



At Child Support Services of Clark County, we work with individuals and families to ensure children are

While not every state passes through the SSBG funds to the counties, several do. NACo and its affiliate NACHSA compiled information from over 70 counties in California, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Despite the difference in the use of funds overall, Adult Protective Services (APS) emerged as the most common use of SSBG funds by far. Minnesota, North Carolina and Ohio are among the states where counties rely the most on SSBG for APS. Child Welfare Services was the second most common use of funds, followed by services to individuals with disabilities. Having a resource for adults and the elderly who are in need of protective services such as investigation, homemaker, guardianship due to exploitation, self-neglect and abuse is a good example of the importance of SSBG.

State funding received by Clark County for adult protective services amounts to approximately \$5,000 annually. The SSBG is the only source of funding there is to offset the upwards of \$300,000 spent annually on well over 100 individuals that are identified. It is also used to supplement child protective services in the mental health treatment and developmental disability area. It is also critical for providing transportation to needed social service providers.

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November is National Adoption Awareness Month

November is Adoption Awareness Month. Family & Children Services is in need of foster and adoptive families. In addition to the number of



supported.

- [Collateral Sanctions Bill Means Changes for Child Support](#)



Helping families eliminate obstacles to gain and maintain employment and self-sufficiency.

- [Home Energy Assistance Programs Help Cover Home Heating Costs](#)

DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

Employment milestones of Department staff, by month, and number of years

5 YEARS

June - April Lewis
June - Megan Harcourt
July - Theresa Arnold
September - Dillon Charney
September - Ashley Kell
November - Shirley Bradford
November - Kristen Clemens
November - Rebecca Howard
November - Jennifer Light

10 YEARS

June - Angela Adkins
July - Dawn Whitt
September - Lori Haddix
September - Josephine Hill
October - Sandra Curtis
November - Marilyn Harper

15 YEARS

June - Tara Callicot
June - Phyllis Henderson
September - Robin Maynard
September - Brooke Parker
October - Constance Flannery
October - Michael Howard
November - Denise Bell
December - Lana Stewart

20 YEARS

July - Dolly Lemmons
July - Raymond Messer
July - Patricia Wagner
November - Jamie Fricke

25 YEARS

August - Martha Risley
November - Thomas Trout

foster families needed, currently 22 Clark County children are waiting for a forever family. Please consider making a commitment to a child. For more information please call Family & Children Services at (937) 327-1749.

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Also, click here for information on [National Adoption Day](#)

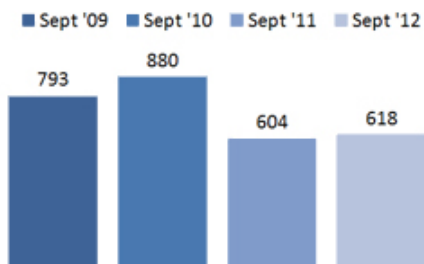
December - Arlene Elliott
December - Faith McDonald
December - Kimberly Smith

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LOOKING INTO THE NUMBERS

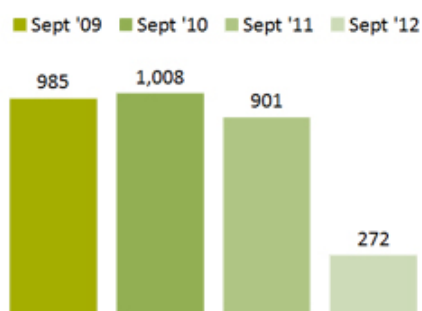
A statistical look at the conditions and circumstances under which Clark County families live, and the performance of Job and Family Services in response.

Family and Children Services



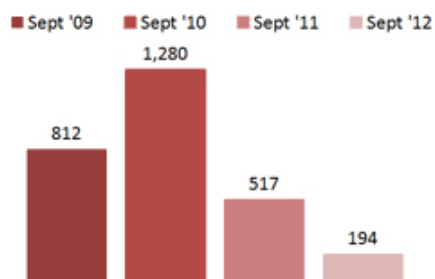
Children under our protection who remain in their own homes

BenefitsPlus



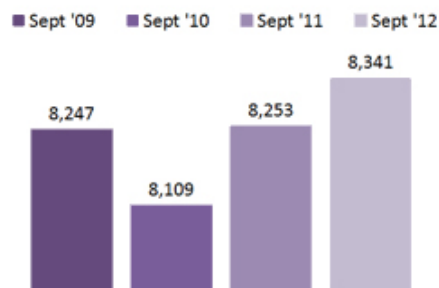
Families receiving ongoing cash assistance

WorkPlus



Individuals receiving job training assistance

Child Support Services



Individuals paying on child support orders

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