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Dear Ms. Werner:

Enclosed is the State of Maine's Social Services Block Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2009.

The Department will either post the application on its official website or place an official notice to the public on the availability of the report in newspapers throughout the state in conjunction with submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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OVERVIEW

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

The Social Services Block Grant legislation requires that each state seeking funds under this program prepare a report on the intended use of the Block Grant funds prior to their distribution. The pre-expenditure report must include information on the service activities that will be supported by these funds, and the characteristics or categories of persons who will be eligible to receive the services. The report is submitted to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and simultaneously published within the state. Should any substantial changes occur in the services or use of the funds during the year, a revised report must be submitted to the Secretary, and made public within the state.

This Social Services Block Grant Pre-expenditure Report is intended to briefly explain the social services available to the citizens of Maine through the federal Social Services Block Grant, other federal funds, and related state appropriations for the upcoming federal fiscal year.

SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GOALS

In accordance with the Social Services Block Grant legislation, the Maine Department of Health & Human Services makes available services intended to:

1. Assist individuals in achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;
2. Assist individuals in achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency;
3. Prevent or remedy neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserve, rehabilitate or reunite families;
4. Prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and
5. Secure referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or provide services to individuals in institutions.

For the 2009 Federal Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2008 Maine anticipates \$7,462,091 in federal 2009 Social Services Block Grant funds. In FY 09 we expect 500,000 in TANF funds and only for those services for which there is a statutory necessity.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION

With passage of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (PL 97-35), creating the block grants, the Governor of the State of Maine designated the Department of Health & Human Services as the State's lead agency for the planning and administration of the Social Service Block Grant. Since 1981 the Bureau that administered the grant has changed names and fine tuned how it functions. But that same Bureau has administered the grant through the Ninties to the present. In 1992 the Division in the Bureau was re-named the Division of Purchased Services.

Since 1992, The Division of Purchased and Support Services has gone through several organizational changes:

- July 1, 1996 -The Division of Purchased and Support Services was incorporated into the legislatively created Community Services Center.
- July 1,1999 - The Division of Purchased and Support Services was renamed the Division of Contracted Community Services.
- July 1, 2004 – The State Legislature enacted legislation creating a new Department of Health and Human Services, which consolidated the previous Department of Health with the previous Bureau of Developmental Services. The focus of the legislation was to increase efficiencies by consolidating administrative functions.
- July 1, 2005 – The State Legislature enacted legislation to restrict the programs and functional organization of the new Department of Health and Human Services. The legislation directed the Commissioner of DHHS along with legislative appointed focus groups to work on proposed program restructuring to be submitted to the Legislature in January of 2006.

As a result of that process, the Community Service Center has been dissolved. While the work groups were working on the final program structure, the Community Service Center was placed under the Office of Child and Family Services. Under this Office, the Community Service Center was renamed the Community Services Unit within the Division of Public Service Management.

While under the Community Services Center, one team performed administrative duties related to contracts and monitoring. Under the new structure, a separate Division has been established named the Division of Purchased Services. This Division is only responsible for writing contracts and collecting reports. Monitoring is now conducted under the new unit in the Division of Public Services Management, named the Community Services Unit. The Community Services Unit works in teams. There is a team for each services area. In the case of SSBG, the SSBG team consists of the SSBG State Administrator, the Division of Purchased Services Agreement Administrator (who writes the contract) and a Social Services Program Specialist within the Community Services Unit (who monitors program performance.)

The Community Services Unit is directly responsible for the administration of state purchased services funds and over a dozen federal grants and programs including the Community Service Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families SSBG and CCDF transfer, the Justice Department's Crime Victims Assistance Grant, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant, the Rape Prevention and Education Grant and several smaller discretionary federal grants.

Co-located within the Office of Child and Family Services is the Division of Early Childhood with responsibility for the Child Care and Head Start programs. The Division of Early Childhood is

responsible for the Child and Adult Food Program, the Child Care & Development Fund, CCDF Transfer, and the Head Start Collaboration Grant.

The Refugee Resettlement Program has been moved to the Office of Multicultural Services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Division of Public Service Management is empowered, in part, to:

Establish the overall planning, policy, objectives and priorities for all functions and activities relating to human services; administer, subject to the direction of the Commissioner, any state plans as may be required; administer programs and Acts of the State and of the United States relating to human services which are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under state or federal law; prepare, adopt and administer policies, priorities, procedures, rules and regulations to govern the development and operation of programs and activities; and define contractual terms, conditions of agreements, quality of performance standards and such other rules as are necessary.

The Division of Public Service Management also is responsible for the administration of the Community Services Block Grant, the Justice Department's Crime Victims Assistance program, the state and federal Family Violence Prevention and Services programs, and several other federal discretionary grants.

With the DHHS structural change, childcare licensing transferred to the newly formed Division of Licensing and Regulation. With them went the responsibility for licensing all childcare and residential facilities for children, and the investigative unit for child abuse & neglect in out-of-home settings.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUND TRANSFER

In fiscal year 1982, the Maine Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation was legislatively delegated fiscal and program accountability for those programs and functions relating to adult mental health and mental retardation that were previously funded under the Social Services Block Grant.

In April, 2004 the state legislature authorized the merger of the Maine Departments of Human Services and The Department of Behavioral & Developmental Services. The SSBG funds previously transferred to the Department of Behavioral & Developmental Services are included in the Programs & Services section of this report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The goal of providing social services is to help families and individuals with problems that threaten their well-being or their ability to function self-sufficiently. Input from consumers, community leaders, providers and citizens is a critical component to maintaining a viable network of social services. In addition to the opportunities afforded for input into the Social Services Block Grant services through the legislative processes, Maine citizens are encouraged and invited to participate in the development and management of these services through state and local level Task Forces, program Advisory Committees, and Boards. These groups provide a direct avenue of communication between concerned citizens and consumers, and social service program administrators. There are currently more than 1,000 persons directly involved with such activities across the state.

PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGETING

With the passage of the 1981 federal block grant legislation, the Maine Legislature enacted 5 MRSA §1670 establishing the requirement for legislative authorization of all federal block grant appropriations. Under that legislation, proposed allocations of federal Social Services Block Grant funds are subject to the same legislative study and public hearing processes as are state funding allocations.

Maine's Social Services Block Grant program comes under the purview of several legislative committees. Two committees, the Health & Human Services Committee and the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee have primary responsibility for reviewing the proposed program content and allocations as well as officiating over public hearings on both areas. The Social Services Block Grant and State Social Service programs and allocations described in this report have been approved by both Committees, the full Maine Legislature and the Governor.

The next section of this report delineate the specific programs and services which the Maine Department of Health & Human Services has determined be made available in Fiscal Year 2009 to assist individuals in attaining the five federal block grant program goals.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Division of Public Service Management in its administration of multiple social services programs, approaches the funding of these programs through the coordinated use of federal, state, and local funds. Federal Social Services Block Grant funds are utilized in conjunction with legislatively appropriated state social service funds, and other federal funding sources to meet the broad range of client needs identified within service programs. The Division of Public Service Management's program network includes services, which are provided directly through Department of Health & Human Services Regional offices and through purchase of service agreements with community agencies.

DEFINITION OF FAMILY

For purposes of determining financial eligibility, a family is defined as:

A group of related or non-related individuals, who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but who are living as one economic unit. An economic unit consists of all individuals who share a dwelling unit and either pool income or share expenses in common.

Children in the care or custody of the Department of Health & Human Services are exempted from the above definition of family, and are considered a family of one.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

While the federal legislation creating the Social Services Block Grant repealed the client income eligibility requirements of the previous Title XX program, the State of Maine has retained the concept of income eligibility when maintenance in the community and rehabilitation are the goals to which services are directed. The Department through its experience with low income individuals in the social, health, and financial assistance fields is acutely aware of the problems many of these individuals encounter in their attempts to strengthen themselves financially and socially. The Department continues to direct its program and services to those individuals least able to access needed services on their own.

The Department of Health & Human Services has determined that particular groups of individuals are to be provided Social Services Block Grant funded services regardless of their income level.

Individuals receiving services within the framework of the Department of Health & Human Services Child Protective, Adult Protective, Substitute Care, and Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship Programs are eligible for service without regard to income, when part of a Department case plan. In addition, Domestic Violence Services, Nutrition Services for the Elderly, and Sexual Assault Services are available without regard to income to all individuals meeting the criteria specified for the programs in the Catalog of Programs and Services section of this report, and in Division of Contracted Community Services policy.

Except as noted in this section, the Maine Department of Health & Human Services Social Services Block Grant funded services and related state funded services will retain income eligibility requirements for FY2009. Persons receiving assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs are financially eligible for needed services based on their income maintenance status. Other

persons whose gross family income does not exceed the limits set forth in this report also are financially eligible to receive needed services.

Client services supported through funds transferred from the TANF Block Grant have been limited to services for individuals and families below 200% of the FY2008 federal poverty guidelines. In FY 08 the funds used from TANF included their unobligated balances or unliquidated obligations.

In all circumstances, the Department of Health & Human Services assures that there shall be no discrimination against any applicant for or recipient of services on the basis of race, color, sex, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, or any other factors specified in Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (42 U.S.C. 2000d); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, *et.seq.*; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, *et.seq.*, and any applicable State statutes.

In addition to the financial program eligibility described in this section, persons requesting services will be required to meet the eligibility criteria specified for each service in the Catalog of Services section of this report.

MAXIMUM GROSS FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES
October 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
GENERIC SSBG SERVICES
 @ 150% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME (ANNUAL/12)	WEEKLY INCOME (ANNUAL/52)
1	15600	1300	300
2	21000	1750	404
3	26400	2200	508
4	31800	2650	612
5	37200	3100	715
6	42600	3550	819
7	48000	4000	923
8	53400	4450	1027
For each individual after 8 add	3600	300	69

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES

Social Service Block Grant services are purchased from private, community programs and are available statewide. Because the need for service often exceeds the limited funds available for service, agencies may establish waiting lists, priority systems, or limits on the length of or amount of services that an individual may receive. Listings of agencies with which the Department contracts for services are available upon request from the Community Resources Unit or the Division of Purchased Services.

Services designated in the catalog of services as direct services are available only through the following Department of Health & Human Services Regional Offices.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REGIONAL OFFICES

REGION I

161 Marginal Way
Portland, Maine 04101
207-822-2231

208 Graham Street
Biddeford, Maine 04005
207-286-2508

REGION II

200 Main Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240
207-795-4620

35 Anthony Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-624-8088

98 North Avenue
Skowhegan, Maine 04976
207-474-4850

91 Camden Street
Rockland, Maine 04841
207-596-4262

REGION III

396 Griffin Road
Bangor, Maine 04401
207-561-4220

204A North Street
Calais, Maine 04619
207-454-2131

17 Eastward Lane
Ellsworth, Maine 04605
207-667-1825

38 Prescott Drive
Machias, Maine 04654
207-255-2024

11 High Street
Houlton, Maine 04730
207-532-5001

30 Skyway Drive, Unit 100
Caribou, Maine 04736
207-493-4140

92 Market Street
Fort Kent, Maine 04743
207-834-7720

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
CATALOG OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

The following services and programs will be funded, in whole or in part, with federal Social Service Block Grant funds during Fiscal Year 2008. The following lists are organized by the federal SSBG service category titles and the corresponding State of Maine's service area titles.

<u>SSBG SERVICE CATEGORY</u>	<u>STATE SERVICE PROGRAMS</u>
Family Planning Services	Family Planning Services
Foster Care Services – Children	Supportive Services for Children Supervised Visitation Services
Home Delivered Meals	Nutrition Services
Day Care-Children	Child Care Services
Prevention & Intervention	Domestic Violence Services Sexual Assault Services Early Intervention Services
Protective Services - Children	Shelter Services for Children
Transportation	Transportation Services

The charts on the following pages provide overviews of each Maine Department of Health & Human Services administered service to be provided. For each service, the charts include the service description, the method of delivery, service/program objective(s), service eligibility criteria, the service budget allocations, and the projected number of clients to be served.

The program objectives displayed on the charts are generic to the target group of individuals cited in the objective. The service objective for individuals within each group is based on each person's specific problem(s) and/or needs.

The method of delivery stated on the charts reflects the manner in which the Department of Health & Human Services will offer each service. Services made available through private, community agencies are purchased through formal agreements between the Department and each service provider agency.

The eligibility criteria cited on the charts reflects eligibility for Social Service Block Grant related service based on: individuals' inclusion in particular target groups; individuals' presenting problem and/or need; income maintenance status; and, general income criteria.

To receive service under these programs, individual need for each service must be established in addition to the generic eligibility criteria noted.

Unless noted elsewhere in this Report, the eligibility criteria information for the services provided by private agencies apply to that portion of the services these agencies provide which are included in their Department of Health & Human Services service agreement that contains Social Services Block Grant funding, other federal funds, related state funds, and any required local matching funds. These private agencies may provide services through other funding arrangements to persons other than those described in the following charts.

The service funding information presented on the following pages reflect only those other federal and state funds directly related to SSBG service provision, and within the Division of Public Service Management's administrative umbrella.

Unless noted in the charts on the following pages, services are available on a statewide basis.

FAMILY PLANNING

Program/Service Definition:

Family Planning services are those educational, comprehensive medical or social services or activities which enable individuals, including minors, to determine freely the number and spacing of their children and to select the means by which this may be achieved. Components include a broad range of acceptable and effective methods and services to limit or enhance fertility, including contraceptive methods, natural family planning, and abstinence; and the management of infertility, including referral to adoption. Abortion may not be included as a method of family planning supported by these funds.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)
(Contracted through DHHS, Bureau of Health)

Service Objective:

- To allow low income individuals to determine the number and spacing of their children through preventive education and medical services.

Client Eligibility:

- Individuals who meet SSBG financial eligibility standards for this service.
- Title XIX [Medicaid] eligible individuals are ineligible for SSBG funded family planning services.

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$110,274	6,218,379	273,406	1,395,405	\$7,997,464

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

16,136

**FOSTER CARE SERVICES – CHILDREN
Supervised Visitation Services**

Program/Service Definition:

Supervised visitation services are the provision of court- ordered supervised visitation, and other related services.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objectives:

- To insure the safety of children in the care of the Department during court-ordered visits with parents and family.

Client Eligibility:

- When part of a case plan, children in Child Protective cases and children in the custody of the Department, without regard to income.
- Families referred by community health and social service agencies, physicians, and public health agencies.

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$1,570,161				\$1,570,161

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

640

FOSTER CARE SERVICES – CHILDREN
Supportive Services for Children

Program/Service Definition:

Supportive services target the problems of disruption in family life caused by abusive or neglectful situations. The services available include mental health counseling or therapy.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objectives:

- To assure that families where child abuse or neglect exists receive the specialized services necessary to rehabilitate the family.
- To assure that children in the care and custody of the Department receive specialized services needed to cope with the problems associated with family separation.

Client Eligibility:

- When part of a Department case plan, the following are eligible without regard to income:
 - Open child protective cases
 - Children in the care and custody of the Department.

FY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$284,260			1,277,379	1,561,639

FFY2009 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

**Total
Clients**

350

HOME DELIVERED MEALS
Nutrition Services

Program/Service Definition:

Home delivered meals are the provision of a hot meal that includes one third the minimum daily adult requirements and may be supported by nutritional education, counseling, and socialization. Meals are delivered to the residence of home-bound individuals.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)
(Contracted through DHS, Bureau of Elder & Adult Services)

Service Objectives:

- To prevent institutionalization, malnutrition, and feelings of isolation of adults living in the community.

Client Eligibility:

- Adults in public guardianship, and active adult protective cases, when part of the Department case plan.
- Elderly persons who are Area Agency on Aging case management clients, when part of a case plan.
- Physically handicapped adults, and elderly individuals residing in the community.

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$415,000	5,797,830	-0-	2,004,148	\$ 8,216,978

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

**Total
Clients**

450

**PREVENTION & INTERVENTION
Domestic Violence Services**

Program/Service Definition:

Prevention and intervention services also include emergency shelter, crisis response and individual advocacy services to abused women and their children. Services include individual, family, and group counseling, children's services, employment counseling, housing assistance, accompaniment and support with law enforcement, legal, court systems, and transportation.

Training, technical assistance, and consultation with DHHS TANF Regional Office staff on domestic violence issues and available services for individual clients.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objective:

- To ensure the safety of victims of domestic violence and their children.
- To assist victims of domestic violence in attaining self-sufficiency and/or self-support.

Client Eligibility:

- Persons who are in imminent fear of, or who have received physical injury or psychological abuse from a spouse; and their children, without regard to income.

FFY2009SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$2,228,819	1,816,625	1,716,507		5,761,951

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

9,553

**PREVENTION & INTERVENTION
Sexual Assault Services**

Program/Service Definition:

Sexual Assault Services include crisis support to victims of rape or sexual assault and their families through maintenance of 24 hour crisis hotlines, victim counseling, family counseling, accompaniment to and support with law enforcement, medical, and legal procedures, transportation, training of crisis counselors, and community education.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objective:

- To assist victims of rape and sexual assault to cope with the subsequent legal and medical procedures, and the trauma of personal violence.

Client Eligibility:

- All victims and potential victims of rape or sexual assault, without regard to income.

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$1,096,135	\$538,145	\$647,631	-0-	\$2,281,911

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

**Total
Clients**

20,027

**PREVENTION & INTERVENTION
Early Intervention Services**

Program/Service Definition:

Services/programs include a variety of developmental, therapeutic and outpatient services provided to pre-school age children, 0 through school age 6. Services provide emotional support and developmental therapy to assist the child in meeting developmentally appropriate goals and objectives. Services also provide the child's family with information, skills, support and planned interaction to enhance the child's development and to assist families to adapt to the challenges involved in parenting a child with developmental, social, emotional or behavioral needs. Therapy services may include physical, occupational, speech and play therapy which may be directed to the child, family or group in clinical or community settings. Services also include treatment, screening, diagnosis, evaluation, outpatient individual and group counseling, follow-up and case consultation. Staff providing these services must be licensed or certified to provide MaineCare reimbursable services.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objective:

- Parents of children with special needs will have improved knowledge and skills to effectively parent their children while reducing the risk of abuse and neglect.

Client Eligibility:

- Parents or primary caregivers of children 2 ½ to school age, including children with developmental delays and other identifiable special needs, children in foster care, children receiving protective services, and children receiving post protective services. .

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$54,629	\$	-0-	278,500	333,129

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

410

PROTECTIVE SERVICES – CHILDREN
Shelter Services for Children

Program/Service Definition:

Shelter services are time limited, supervised shelter, licensed as required by Maine law, with, at a minimum, a safe place to sleep and adequate meals. The service may also include: counseling/crisis intervention, provision or arrangement for medical services, planning for a stable living arrangement, referral to other services, and follow-up.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies.)

Service Objective:

- To provide a temporary, substitute living arrangement for children when they are in danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Client Eligibility:

- Children in open protective cases, and children in the care and custody of the Department, when part of a Department case plan are eligible without regard to income. Shelter services are limited to 30 days per client.

FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$493,932	148,390	-0-	\$2,407,807	\$ 3,050,129

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

**Total
Clients**

272

Child Care Services

Program/Service Definition:

Childcare services are direct, compensatory or supplemental care and supervision for any part of a day, but less than twenty-four hours, outside of the clients home. In addition to childcare, the program may include the following supportive services: transportation, social services, health services, and evaluation/assessment of referral. Agencies receiving SSBG and/or state funds must meet state childcare licensing requirements.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objectives:

- To allow low income parents to seek or maintain training or employment by providing for safe and healthy, stable child care.
- To provide a safe, learning environment for children who are in danger of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, as part of the Department case plan.
- To provide, as part of the Department case plan, for respite, learning skills training for children in the care and custody of the Department.
- To provide learning skills and self-care skills training to children with special needs to help them overcome their handicapping conditions.

Client Eligibility:

- Children whose parent(s) are maintaining employment or attending employment-related training and whose household meets financial eligibility standards.
 - Children in DHS open protective families, without regard to income.
 - Children in the care and custody of the Department, without regard to income.
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FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$1,070,322	6,033,096	1,058,274	-	\$ 8,161,692

FFY2009 CHILD CARE SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

791

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Program/Service Definition:

Transportation services consist of the provision of or arrangement for the conveyance of individuals from one location to another by means of public and/or private vehicle.

Method of Delivery: (Purchased - private agencies)

Service Objective:

- To enable persons who have no other reasonable means of transportation available to access necessary and critical social and medical services.

Client Eligibility:

- When part of a Department case plan, the following groups are eligible without regard to income; child protective case; children in the care and custody of the Department; adult protective cases; adults in public protective cases; adults in public guardianship/conservatorship.
 - When Division financial eligibility standards are met, the following groups are eligible: elderly persons at risk of institutionalization, or needing preventive services; physically handicapped persons; mentally retarded persons living in the community; mentally ill persons living in the community; low income families with medical, social, employment needs.
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FFY2009 SERVICE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

<u>SSBG Funds</u>	<u>Other Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Purchased Services</u>	<u>Other State Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
\$694,531	10,248,074	490,328	-	\$11,432,933

FFY2009 SERVICE RECIPIENT PROJECTIONS:

Total Clients

5600

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
SUMMARY OF SERVICES AND PROJECTED FUNDING
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009**

SERVICE CATEGORIES	SSBG FUNDS	SSBG/TANF TRANSFER	OTHER FEDERAL	STATE FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
Family Planning	\$ 110,274		\$ 6,218,379	\$ 1,668,811	\$ 7,997,464
Foster Care Services	\$ 1,854,691	\$	\$ 0	\$ 1,277,379 -	\$ 3,132,070
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 415,000		\$ 5,797,830	\$ 2,004,148	\$ 8,216,978
Prevention & Intervention	\$ 3,379,583	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,354,770	\$ 2,642,638	\$ 8,876,991
Protective Services - Children	\$ 493,932	\$ -	\$ 148,390	\$ 2,407,807	\$ 3,050,129
Child Care	1,070,322	\$	\$ 6,033,096	\$ 1,058,274	\$ 8,161,692
Transportation Services	\$ 694,531	\$	\$ 10,248,074	\$ 490,328	\$ 11,432,933
		\$	\$ -	\$	\$
SERVICE TOTALS:	\$ 8,018,333	\$ 500,000	\$ 30,800,539	\$ 11,549,385	\$ 50,868,257
DHHS Administration	\$ 223,497	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ 223,497
Cash Carry Forward	\$	\$ 279,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,739
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:*	\$	\$ -	\$	\$	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 8,241,830	\$ 779,739	\$ 30,800,539	\$ 11,549,385	\$ 51,371,493

SERVICE CATEGORIES	TOTAL CLIENTS
Family Planning	16,136
Foster Care Services	990
Home Delivered Meals	450
Prevention & Intervention	29,990
Protective Services - Children	272
Child Care Services	791
Transportation Services	5,600
TOTALS	54,229

**Social Services Block Grant
Contingency Plan
2009**

This statement of Maine's contingency plan covers the possibility a reduction in allotment for 2009, which is estimated to be \$ 5,267,358. This reduction amounts to a 29.4% reduction in allotment from FY 2008. Should Maine receive this amount, rather than the \$7,462,091 that had been allocated in FY 2008, Maine intends to reduce all contracts funded by SSBG by 29.4%.

Maine is in the process of developing a plan to shift the allocations to other funding sources should this lower amount be awarded.



John E. Baldacci, Governor

Brenda M. Harvey, Commissioner

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