

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR)

### 10.551 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM and in Maryland, called the “Food Supplement Program”)

**Program Description:** Provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 100% of benefit costs to individuals and households.

FY13 (exp)	FY14 (approp)	FY15 (est)
\$ 1,169,699,504	\$ 1,087,397,555	\$ 1,252,632,000

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Food Stamp Program Benefits **354,313** Recipient Households, monthly average; Food Stamp Program Applications **27,380** Applicant Households, monthly average

**Governor’s Goal:** [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#); [Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by End of 2017](#).

### 10.561 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)/FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP) - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS\*

**Program Description:** Local departments of social services deliver the Food Supplement Program’s direct services. The program is administered and monitored by DHR’s Family Investment Administration. The Food Supplement Program provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also included in administrative costs are expenses for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) program. These services are provided through an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Maryland/Maryland Cooperative Extension.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 50% of the administrative costs incurred by state and local agencies.

FY13 (exp)	FY14 (approp)	FY15 (est)
\$ 53,900,496	\$ 59,464,339	\$ 55,887,069

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Food Stamp Program Applications: **27,380** Recipient Households; FY 2012 Monthly Average Food Stamp Program Benefits: **\$87,560,600** Applicant Households; FY 2012 Monthly Average FSNE Program: **44,127** Total Participants FFY 2012.

**Governor’s Goal:** [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#)

## **10.568 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS)**

**Program Description:** Makes funds available to state and local agencies to process, store, and distribute USDA and private-donated commodities to needy persons and to organizations for use in preparing meals at congregate meal sites. Funds are provided to state agencies to cover administrative costs incurred at the state and local level in the operation of the program.

**Formula Description:** Cash assistance, in the form of formula grants, is allocated among the states on the basis of each state's population of low-income and unemployed persons, as compared to national statistics. Each state's share of funds is based 60% on the number of persons in households within the state having incomes below the poverty level and 40% on the number of unemployed persons within the state. At a minimum, states must make 40% of the administrative grant available to local agencies or expend such funds on their behalf. States must match the federal funds used for state administration of the program.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 7,505,083</b>	<b>\$ 831,694</b>	<b>\$ 799,263</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program serves, over the course of the year, **360,000** Households statewide

**Governor's Goal:** [End Childhood Hunger in Maryland by 2015](#)

## **14.235 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** This is a grant for use by the Washington County Department of Social Services. The grant is used to provide additional housing support to those in need.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 46,282</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

## **93.075 SYSTEM INTEROPABILITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Program Description:** This is a pilot project for improving the stewardship of federal dollars in assistance programs by reducing improper payments; improving administrative efficiency; improving service delivery; and protecting and improving access for eligible beneficiaries.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 1,121,554</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

## **93.086 HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS**

NOTE: These two programs, Strong Father/Strong Families and Winning Fathers ended September 29, 2011.

**Program Description:** Two projects received funding. Strong Fathers/Strong Families Project is administered by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to serve unmarried and married fathers (custodial and non-custodial) and their families in Baltimore City. This project prepares fathers for successful healthy relationships, stresses the importance of marriage and the rearing of children in two-parent families, educates and addresses such issues as domestic violence that impact the relationship, and helps the fathers to secure employment and higher-paying employment. Project participation is voluntary.

The Winning Fathers Project serves fathers who are incarcerated or ex-offenders and their spouses/partners. The local Departments of Social Services in Montgomery County and the local Health Department in Prince George's County promote responsible fatherhood by implementing healthy marriage and responsible parenting activities and fostering economic stability through the expansion of the Winning Fathers project. Services are provided to enable participants to Develop healthy marital relationships in their home and community; develop the couple's ability to resolve conflicts; advance the overall wellbeing of children in the household, and improve the families' economic stability. Project participation is voluntary.

**Formula Description:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families awarded Maryland two discretionary grants, each renewable annually for a total of five years. The projects are funded through federal funds (90%), and State matching funds (10%).

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> \$ (2,547)	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> \$ 0	<b>FY15 (est)</b> \$ 0
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**Program Supported/Population Served:** Strong Fathers/Strong Families serves 300 fathers and their families annually. Winning Fathers serves 100 fathers and their spouses/partners annually.

### **93.090 GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** This assistance is intended to prevent inappropriately long stays in foster care and to promote the healthy development of children through increased safety, permanency and well-being with relatives who have assumed legal guardianship. It may only be used in support of the care of children who meet the eligibility requirements and their siblings under certain situations.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> \$ 11,920	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> \$ 0	<b>FY15 (est)</b> \$ 0
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### **93.556 PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM (PSSF) (Formerly entitled "Family Preservation")**

**Program Description:** To fund family preservation that serve families at risk or in crisis, including the following services: reunification and adoption services, pre-placement/preventive services, follow-up services after return of a child from foster care, respite care, services designed to improve parenting skills; and infant safe haven programs; to fund community-based

family support services that promote the safety and well-being of children and families, to afford children a safe, stable and supportive family environment, to strengthen parental relationships and promote healthy marriages, and otherwise to enhance child development; to fund time-limited family reunification services to facilitate the reunification of the child safely and appropriately within a timely fashion; and to fund adoption promotion and support services designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoption, promotes the best interests of the child. In addition, a portion of funds also is reserved in FY 2008 - FY 2011 for a separate formula grant for States and territories to support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in foster care. A small proportion of appropriated funds is reserved for research, evaluation and technical assistance, which may be awarded competitively through contracts or discretionary grants.

**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 5,376,827**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 6,776,938**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 4,969,867**

**Program Supported/Population Served:** The family preservation and family support funds are allocated to the local departments of social services. In SFY 2013, the family preservation and support services program served approximately 635 families, 60 individuals, 38 teens, and 56 parents.

Time-Limited and Adoption Promotion and Support Services are provided through the twenty-four local departments of social services. Time-Limited Reunification services are provided to children and families in which the child has been removed from the home and placed in a family foster home or childcare institution. This program assists in the facilitation of the reunification of the child, safely and appropriately within a timely fashion, but only during the 15 months that begins on the date that the child is considered to have entered care. The six services that are offered to a child and his/her parents eligible to receive services under time-limited reunification services are: individual/family counseling, substance abuse treatment, temporary daycare, transportation, mental health services, and domestic violence services. For time-limited reunification services, approximately 1,235 families and 1,360 children were served in SFY 2013.

The Adoption Promotion and Support Services are designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoption promotes the best interest of the child(ren). Funds are specifically geared to ensure that the children with a goal of adoption get adopted. The money is to be used to remove barriers to finalize the adoption or to expedite the process. Many of the local departments have utilized the Adoption Promotion funds to assist adoptive parents with the cost of counseling services, and trainings for children with special needs and mental health issues. For adoption promotion and support services, approximately 3,400 families and 3,335 children were served in SFY 2013.

**93.558 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

**Program Description:** Provides funding for direct benefits and services to assist needy families

with children, promoting job preparation, work, independence and responsibility. Encourages recipients to explore available family and community resources.

**Formula Description:** 100% Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds with a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement based on historic state spending under the predecessor program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 241,794,360</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 229,014,283</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b> <b>\$ 229,014,283</b>
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**Program Supported/Population Served:**

1. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): **72,413** recipients, monthly average
2. Work Opportunities Program: **20,218** individual participants
3. Welfare Avoidance Grants (WAGS): **238** WAGS
4. Emergency Assistance for Families: **1,300** cases paid

**Governor's Goal:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost due to the Great Recession by the End of FY2014; Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by the End of 2018; Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 10% by 2017](#)

**93.563 CHILD SUPPORT TITLE IV-D**

**Project Description:** Establishes paternity, establishes and enforces child support and medical support obligations, reviews and adjusts support obligations, and collects and disburses support payments. Full services are mandated for Temporary Cash Assistance and non-Public Assistance Medical Assistance recipients. Full services are available to Non-Temporary Cash Assistance customers who apply and pay an application fee. In addition, collection and disbursement services are provided to persons with child support obligations payable through earnings withholding orders. In interstate cases, services are provided in accord with the uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

**Formula Description:** Federal financial participation in the Tile IV-D program is 66% and 90% for laboratory costs incurred in determining paternity.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 79,128,972</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 81,335,665</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b> <b>\$ 79,882,215</b>
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**Program Supported/Population Served:** Child support enforcement TCA, NPA-MA, Non-TCA, & Non-IV-D

**93.564 TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT RESEARCH**

Five projects received funding under Section 1115 Demonstration Grants from the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. MD Department of Human Resources submitted competitive proposals and was awarded funds for the following demonstration projects. All programs are funded through a combination of fund sources including private or state funds, Section 1115 Waiver funds, and Title IV-D funds. Funding no longer available after FY 12.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 9,560</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Governor’s Goal:** [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% By End of 2018](#)

**93.566 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS**

**Program Description:** The Refugee Resettlement Program provides transitional refugee cash assistance and contracts for adjustment services (e.g., English language instruction, employment services, and health screenings) for refugees and individuals who are granted political asylum.

**Formula Description:** Allocations are calculated based on the number of refugee arrivals to Maryland.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 12,685,699</b>	<b>\$ 12,086,235</b>	<b>\$ 13,351,288</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:**

- Refugee Cash Assistance: 1,493 new RCA recipients FY 12 statewide
- Refugee Health Screening Services: 1,776 Refugees & Asylees received health screenings SY 12 statewide
- Refugee Employment Services: 718 Refugees & Asylees placed in jobs in Baltimore Metro; Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties
- English as a Second Language: 1,523 Refugees & Asylees enrolled in Baltimore Metro; Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties

**93.568 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

**Program Description:** Assists eligible households in meeting the costs of home heating and/or cooling. DHR is authorized to receive funds under this Act. The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP), an operating unit within the Family Investment Administration, administers a program to assist homeowners, renters, and roomers/boarders with home energy costs.

**Formula Description:** Maryland receives an allocation from the appropriation amount of the regular block grant. The tier 1 base funding for the LIHEAP block grant is derived from a complicated formula that allocates funding based on census data, weather zones, heating and

cooling degree days, total heating degree days for a calendar year, average 30-year heating degree days, residential coal consumption, percent of fuel used for heating/cooling by region, weather zone for fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas as well as an extensive fuel criteria information. Maryland's percentage of the allocation from the tier 1 allocation is 1.61 percent. Once the national appropriation reaches \$1.975 billion; the allocation formula changes to a tier 2 formula. Maryland's allocation of the tier 2 formula is 2.26 percent. Maryland also receives emergency grants throughout the federal program year if there are contingency grants released from the emergency appropriation funds. These funds are distributed on an as needed basis and are not guaranteed.

Federal discretionary funds are also available through a set-aside of \$25.5 million in FY 2012 that are allocated to states that apply for these leveraging dollars each year. Maryland submits an application annually listing funding sources and total dollar benefits. Annual leveraging funds are limited by the number of states applying.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 77,793,138</b>	<b>\$ 86,562,582</b>	<b>\$ 66,985,449</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Maryland Energy Assistance Program served **123,868** Households in FY12 Statewide.

### **93.575 CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUND (CCDF)**

**Program Description:** Provides child care assistance for low-income working families to: (1) allow states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents; (2) promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs; (3) encourage state to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care; (4) assist states to provide child care to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and (5) assist states in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in state law and regulations. MSDE is the lead agency; DHR receives an appropriation to administer eligibility activities.

**Formula Description:** Federal discretionary funds are allocated to the state using a proportional formula based on three factors:

- The Young Child Factor: the ratio of the number of children under age 5 in the state to the number of same-aged children nationally;
- The School Lunch Factor: the ratio of the number of children receiving free or reduced lunch in a state to the number of such children nationally; and
- The Allotment Proportion Factor: the per capita income of all individuals in the state (averaged over a three-year period) divided by the per capita income of all individuals nationally (averaged over a three-year period).
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**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 8,324,144**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 0**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 1,007,503**

**Program Supported/Population Served:** A substantial portion of the funds will be used to provide assistance to low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under TANF, attempting through work activities to transition from temporary assistance programs. A certain amount of funds must be used for specific purposes: quality expansion, infant and toddler quality improvement, child care resource and referrals, and school age child care activities.

### **93.576 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE: SERVICES TO OLDER REFUGEES**

**Program Description:** In FY 2012, the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) received three Discretionary Grants: (1) Services to Older Refugees, (2) the Refugee School Impact Grant, (“Refugee Youth Project”), and (3) the Refugee Recertification Program. Services to Older Refugees aims to improve service access to refugees ages 60 and over, enhancing their ability to live independently and linking them to naturalization assistance services, especially for those who have lost or are at risk of losing Supplemental Security Income and other federal benefits. The refugee Youth Project helps vulnerable children and teens in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area to improve their academic performance and social adjustment to schools. The Refugee Recertification Program helps highly-skilled (bachelor’s degree or higher) refugees and asylees to establish careers in their fields of expertise.

**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 600,000**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 634,186**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 700,000**

**Program Supported/Population Served:**

- Services to Elderly Refugees: served 72 refugees and asylees in the Baltimore Metro and Montgomery County.
- The Refugee Youth Project: served a total of 404 youth from 10 to 18 years-old.
- The Refugee Recertification Program served 60 clients.

**Governor’s Goal:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost due to the Great Recession by the End of FY 2014;](#) [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End of 2018](#)

### **93.579 U.S. REPATRIATION**

**Program Description:** This program provides temporary assistance to U.S. citizens and their dependents who have been identified by the Department of State (DOS) as having returned; or been brought from a foreign country to the U.S. because of destitution, illness, war, threat of war,

or a similar crisis, and are without available resources immediately accessible to meet their needs.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 189,661</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### **93.584 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**Program Description:** Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) services are for refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations, there exists a demonstrable need for supplemental resources to this population. The qualifying areas are the Baltimore Metropolitan Area and Montgomery/Prince George's counties. Services include employment services and English language instruction. Targeted assistance funds are used primarily for employability services designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs with less than one year's participation in the program.

**Formula Description:** Counties qualify for TAG services based on the number of refugee arrivals during the most recent two-year period (FY 2010 – FY 2011), and on the concentration of the refugee population as a percentage of each county's overall population.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 452,430</b>	<b>\$ 642,091</b>	<b>\$ 642,091</b>

#### **Program Supported/Population Served:**

- Refugee Employment Services: 287 Refugees & Asylees were placed in jobs in FY 12 throughout Baltimore Metro, Montgomery, & Prince George's counties
- Vocational English as a Second Language: 320 Refugees & Asylees enrolled in FY 12 in Baltimore Metro, Montgomery, & Prince George's counties.

**Governor's Goal:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost due to the Great Recession by the End of FY2014; Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by the End of 2018; Reduce Infant Mortality in Maryland by 2017.](#)

### **93.596 CHILD CARE MANDATORY + MATCHING FUNDS OF THE CHILD CARE + DEVFUND**

**Program Description:** Provides for eligibility processing and other administrative expenses related to child care assistance for low-income working families. MSDE is the lead agency; DHR receives an appropriation to administer eligibility activities.

**Formula Description:** The Department's Cost Allocation Plan guides the distribution of administrative funding.

**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 1,397,793**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 12,731,383**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 12,141,936**

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Funds support the State's Child Care Subsidy program. The populations served include welfare-to-work participants and low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under TANF.

### **93.597 ACCESS & VISITATION PROGRAMS**

**Program Description:** Creates programs supporting and facilitating access and visitation by non-custodial parents with their children. Activities may include mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement, and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

**Formula Description:** The allotment to states for a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount for grants for the fiscal year as the number of children in the state living with only one biological parent bears to the total number of such children in all states. Federal funds awarded may be used to pay for 90% of the total costs of the program. The remaining 10% must be from non-federal sources, either state or local, cash or in-kind.

**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 171,469**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 159,000**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 159,000**

**Program Supported/Population Served:** State Access and Visitation Program: 622 Custodial/ Non-custodial parents & 603 Children were served in FY13 in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Somerset, St. Mary's, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

**Governor's Goal:** [Improve Student Achievement and School, College, and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by the End of 2015;](#) [Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by End of 2018](#)

### **93.599 CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Provides vouchers for postsecondary education and training to youth eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Vouchers also are provided to youth who are adopted from foster care after age 16 and to youth up to the age of 23, providing they participate in the program at age 21 and make satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training. Vouchers provided to individuals are available for the cost of attending an institution of higher education.

**Formula Description:** States are allotted funds based on the ratio of the state's number of foster care children compared to the total number of children in foster care nationally, in the most recent fiscal year for which information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds (less any penalties) up to the amount of funds allotted to the state for the

Educational and Training Vouchers Program. The state provides matching contributions to cover 20% of the costs.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 711,563</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** In FY 13, 343 vouchers were funded.

**Governor's Goal:** [Improve Student Achievement and School, College, and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by the End of 2015](#)

### **93.603 ADOPTION INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** The Adoption Incentives program was created as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The original program authorized incentive funds to states that increased the number of children adopted from foster care. Under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351), the adoption incentives were revamped to provide stronger incentives to states to redouble their efforts to find children – particularly older children and children with special needs- loving adoptive homes.

**Formula Description:** The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives states \$4,000 for every foster child adopted above their 2007 baseline, plus a payment of \$8,000 for every foster child age nine and older and \$4,000 for every other special needs child adopted above the respective baselines. In addition, states receive \$1,000 for every foster child adopted over and above the level of the state's highest foster child adoption rate for previous years.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 124,784</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Foster Care and Adoptive children served by public agencies (local departments of social services): The FY 14 goal of adoption is 317

### **93.605 FAMILY CONNECTION: MAKING PLACE MATTER THROUGH FAMILY KIN CONNECTIONS**

**Program Description:** Family Connections (Kinship Connections Matter) is an intervention program funded by the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. This program aims to promote permanence and child and family well-being by strengthening the services offered to kin who are caring for children at risk of entering or in foster care. The overarching goals of Family Kin Connections are to: (1) improve safety, permanency, well-being and family functioning; (2) provide information and supportive services to kinship caregivers; (3) involve family members in the decision-making process; and (4) connect/reconnect children with relatives.

**Formula Description:** The Administration. For Children, Youth and Families awarded Maryland funding totaling \$900,000 per year, to implement a three year project.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Kinship Care and Foster Care children

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 279,625</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### **93.645 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

**Program Description:** (Title IV-B, Subpart I) Improves child welfare services with the goal of keeping families together. State services include: (1) preventive intervention to keep children in their home if possible; (2) development of alternative placements such as foster care or adoption, if children cannot remain at home; and (3) reunification so children can return home if possible.

**Formula Description:** The State receives federal funding based on an allocation formula, which distributes funds to all states. The federal child welfare services appropriation is based on a variable formula, taking into account the population of children under 21 and the complement of the state per capita income, compared to the U.S per capita income. Statistical factors used in fund allocations are: (1) the population of children under 21 years of age by state; and (2) the three-year average per capita income by state. Income factors for eligibility do not apply to this program.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Services supported through Title IV-B Subpart I are those child welfare programs designed to evaluate a child's safety and risk and work with the child's family to maintain the child in his/her home. Services include prevention, intervention, family preservation and family support. In FY13, 24,676 investigations of reported abuse and neglect were conducted by local departments of social services. During that same time period, 10,796 families received in-home family services to promote child safety.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 3,738,825</b>	<b>\$ 4,375,296</b>	<b>\$ 4,012,590</b>

### **93.658 TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE**

**Program Description:** Prevents out-of-home placement of children and, when unavoidable, ensures that the placement is in the "best interest" of the child. Federal Financial Participation (FFP) provides state reimbursement at a 50% rate for maintenance payments (room & board) for eligible children and for administrative and training costs of program operation. Eligibility requirements for children: (a) the child must have been removed from home by a court order stating "continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's welfare" and "reasonable efforts have been made to prevent the child's removal;" (b) the child must have entered agency care and responsibility as the result of a voluntary placement agreement (VPA); (c) the agency obtains a court order stating that placement is in the best interest of the child, or that returning

home is contrary to the welfare of the child, within 180 days of the VPA; (d) the child's removal home must be income-eligible (have received Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): family income used to determine TCA benefit can be tested against the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) standard in the removal month; and (e) the child must be placed with a licensed foster care provider. The "income eligibility (for Title IV-E) is based on the home from which the child was removed and uses the AFDC income standard that was in effect in 1996, (the lookback provision).

**Formula Description:** For each IV-E eligible and reimbursable child, the federal government reimburses the state for 50% of the child's cost of out-of-home placement. The total number of IV-E eligible children establishes the state's "penetration rate." The federal government contributes 50% of the state's administrative costs of operating the out-of-home placement program, as adjusted by the penetration rate. Training costs for staff involved in out-of-home placement are reimbursed at 75%.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 89,467,909</b>	<b>\$ 101,146,179</b>	<b>\$ 102,863,094</b>

### **93.659 ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** The Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 provided the first Federal subsidies to encourage the adoption of children from the nation's foster care system. These subsidies, known as adoption assistance, serve to minimize the financial obstacles to adoption. In addition, other types of assistance often are available to help with medical care or other services. Adoption assistance serves to remove barriers and contribute to an increase in adoption of children with special needs. In addition to the Federal subsidies, Maryland funds subsidies for those children who do not qualify for Federal subsidy. Approximately 7,000 children adopted in Maryland receive an adoption subsidy.

**Formula Description:** The federal government reimburses the state for 50 percent of its adoption assistance payments. The federal share is 50 percent for administrative costs and non-recurring adoption expenses and 75 percent for training costs.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 1,145,683</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** As of July 2013 Maryland had 8,265 children in subsidized adoptive placements with 516 additional children legally-free with a plan of adoption

### **93.667 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)**

**Program Description:** Supports social services programs for adults and children. The block grant statute gives states greater flexibility in the use of funds. Within limitations specified by

law, states determine which services are provided, eligible categories, populations of adults and children, geographic areas of the state in which each service will be provided, and whether services are provided by state or local agency staff, or through contracts with private organizations.

**Formula Description:** SSBG grants are determined by a statutory formula based on the state population and total U.S. population. There is no matching requirement. Funding includes TANF funds (\$22.9 million) transferred to SSBG.

**FY13 (exp)**  
**\$ 30,007,977**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 31,612,444**

**FY15 (est)**  
**\$ 30,982,065**

*(Note: keep scrolling down for Social Services Block Grants)*

**93.667 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)**

Service Supported with SSBG Funds		Total	Children	Adults	Adults - Age 59 and Younger	Adults - Age 60	Adults - Unknown Age
1	Adoption Services	7,442	4,520	2,922	2,762	160	
2	Case Management	15,899		15,899	9,359	6,414	126
3	Congregate Meals						
4	Counseling Services						
5	Day Care-Adult						
6	Day Care Children						
7	Education and Training Services						
8	Employment Services						
9	Family Planning Services						
10	Foster Care Services-Adults	985		985	515	466	4
11	Foster Care Services-Children	9,175	9,175				
12	Health Related Services						
13	Home Based Services	1,300		1,300	317	968	15
14	Home Delivered Meals						
15	Housing Services						
16	Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17	Information & Referral						
18	Legal Services						
19	Pregnancy & Parenting Services						
20	Prevention & Intervention	19,382	11,409	7,973	7,689	284	0
21	Protective Services-Adults	6,657		6,657	1,646	4,805	206
22	Protective Services-Children	46,573	46,573				
23	Recreation Services						
24	Residential Services						
25	Special Services-Disabled						
26	Special Services-Youth at Risk						
27	Substance Abuse Services						
28	Transportation						
29	Other Services						
<b>TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES</b>		<b>107,413</b>	<b>71,677</b>	<b>35,736</b>	<b>22,288</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>351</b>

**93.669 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA)**

**Program Description:** Provides funds for child abuse prevention activities, including training of child protective service workers, investigation of child abuse, and a variety of state-initiated innovative programs, which are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect or to provide services to victims and their families. These programs support research, evaluation, technical assistance, and data collection activities to prevent child maltreatment. CAPTA also sets forth a minimum definition of child abuse and neglect.

**Formula Description:** There are no matching requirements. The statistical factor for fund distribution is the population of children under 18 in the state.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 524,540</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 463,424</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b> <b>\$ 466,535</b>
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**Program Supported/Population Served:** During FY 13, several initiatives were funded using CAPTA monies including the following:

- \*The Family Tree, which provides a child abuse hotline, counseling services, in-home interventions;
- \*The University of Maryland Center for Families, which serves grandparents raising their grandchildren;
- \*Mental Injury Assessment and Multi-Disciplinary Teams for all local departments of social services in Maryland; and
- \*The State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, one of Maryland’s citizen review panels (requirement for grant eligibility).

**93.674 CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (CFCIP)  
(FORMERLY INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT)**

**Program Description:** Provides services assisting youth in out-of-home placement to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and independence. Services are provided to youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who require assistance, training, and education with life skills in preparation for the transition. Services include educational assistance, housing assistance, leadership training, health and safety issues, budgeting and financial management, and assistance with job preparation, placement and retention.

**Formula Description:** Funds are allocated to the state based on a federal formula of the number of children living in out-of-home placement compared to other states, in the most recent fiscal year for which such information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds expended by the states (less any penalties). The state provides matching contributions to cover the additional 20% of the costs.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 2,012,718</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 4,179,393</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b> <b>\$ 4,120,504</b>
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**Program Supported/Population Served:** In FY13, approximately 4500 youth ages 14-20 were served.

### **93.778 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Provides assistance to indigent and medically indigent individuals. The state's local departments of social services, and in some cases local health departments, determine Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) eligibility.

DHR's federal fund portion reflects the administrative costs incurred for Medical Assistance eligibility determinations, and administrative and service costs incurred for certain health-related services provided to children in the custody and care of the State.

**Formula Description:**

- 1) Medicaid: 50% State General Funds; 50% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX
- 2) MCHIP: 35% State General Funds; 65% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 47,570,185</b>	<b>\$ 85,735,702</b>	<b>\$ 99,548,847</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Medicaid; Children's Health Insurance Program: 762,657 Recipients

### **97.036 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**Program Description:** This program provided funding to victims of disaster services in FY 2012.

<b>FY13 (exp)</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 1,142,911</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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