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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Amendment  
TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PLAN**

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**FINAL PLAN**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, Department of Human Services  
Administration for Budget, Analysis and Financial Management**

26. **SPECIAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH INVOLVED IN OR AT RISK OF INVOLVEMENT WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

**A. Crisis Hotline Services**

**Description of Activities Carried Out under the Social Services Block Grant**

Maintain a 24-hour crisis intervention and referral telephone line operated by trained staff to match resources (i.e., respective community services, Adult and Child Protective Services, and law enforcement) with caller's stated need.

**Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Youth, adults, professionals, interested parties in need of services to learn more about or where: to report Adult or Child Abuse or Neglect; surrender a child under the Safe Delivery Act; locate shelter for Homeless Youth; Identify short-term services for Runaway Youth.

**Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

The contract agency is responsible for the determination of client eligibility for the client group described above based upon the client's declaration of circumstances.

**B. Services to Homeless Youth and Runaway Youth**

Short-term crisis intervention and referral services provided to runaway youths, potential runaways, homeless youths, youths in need of protection and/or youths in crisis, and their families. Services provided by private, non-profit agencies under contract with the Department.

**Categories or characteristics of Recipients**

Youths, ages 10-20, who voluntarily are admitted for services and have run away, are contemplating running away, are homeless or have been thrown out of their homes, or are in crisis or in need of protection. Families of eligible youths may also receive services.

**Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

The contracted agencies are responsible for the determination of client eligibility for the client group described above based upon the client's declaration of circumstances.

**C. Social Services to Delinquent Youth**

The Department of Human Services provides for the care and supervision of delinquent youths the court places with the department. Case managers at the local offices provide or arrange for a wide range of services when a youth is placed in a community setting such as his or her own home, a relative's home, a family foster home, small group home or independent living. Educational

services, counseling (individual, group, and family), employment services, family assistance, crisis intervention, day treatment, and other services are provided for these youths.

### **Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Delinquent youths and youths at risk of becoming delinquent.

### **Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

The Bureau of Juvenile Justice serves two groups of youths:

- Adjudicated delinquent youths who have been committed to the Department of Human Services under Public Act 150, 1974, or who are court wards ordered to the DHS for placement and care.
- Youths who are at risk of becoming delinquent because of home or community involvement.

To support programs, DHS has generated contracts with several specialized providers who may have slightly different eligibility criteria:

DHS contracts with private non-profit agencies and public agencies to provide day treatment and in-home services. For these services, eligible clients include delinquent court and state wards between the ages of 12 and 21 who are recommended for an out-of-home placement into the training school or residential care, court and state wards in placement at the training school or a residential care placement if it can be determined that program services are more appropriate to meet the needs of the youths and their families. The contractors are responsible for the determination of client eligibility.

### **D. Away Without Legal Permission (AWOLP) project:**

#### **Description of Activities Carried out under the Social Services Block Grant**

This project is to track and locate the missing Michigan wards of the state who are absent with out legal permission from their legal placement. These children are considered at high risk of becoming involved in and/or being the victims of criminal activity. The AWOLP project works with police in locating these children and returning them to their legal home. The AWOLP project strengthens our ability to protect children.

### **Categories or characteristics of Recipients**

Children for this project have an active (open) case in the foster care system. The legal foster care placement reported the child missing. The child is entered in the Law Enforcement Information Network as missing and endangered. The project staff provides investigative assistance and child recovery services to the proper authorities.

## **Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

A state ward, with an active foster care case under the age of 21, absent without permission from their legal foster care placement.

### **29. OTHER SERVICES**

#### **A. Volunteer Services**

##### **Description of Activities Carried Out under the Social Services Block Grant**

This program recruits individuals from the community to volunteer to meet certain needs of our clients. Our volunteers provide services in the following areas:

- Transporting recipients.
- Friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, and socialization programs to alleviate social isolation.
- Tutoring, providing child care, and being a youth companion.
- Being a friend and role model as a parent aide.
- Community coordination and collaboration.

Volunteers also help DHS staff with clerical support, arrange and provide transportation, serve as case aides, provide child care in DHS offices for recipients, and serve on advisory committees. This past year our volunteers gave our department 332,616 hours of service. Based on Independent sectors, the value of a volunteer hour is \$ 19.51. These volunteers provided over \$4.1 million dollars in service hours to our department and community.

##### **Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Volunteers assist with all Department of Human Services clients.

##### **Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

Not applicable.

#### **B. Migrant Services**

##### **Description of Activities Carried Out under the Social Services Block Grant**

This program provides Migrant agricultural laborers with:

- Child Care
- Food Assistance
- Medical care
- Emergency services
- Other appropriate optional services

The Department of Human Services coordinates all state activities on behalf of migrants under the authority of the Office of Migrant Affairs, the state's Interagency Migrant Services Committee and in cooperation with 10 Regional

Migrant Resource Councils. As the largest Migrant farm worker state in the Midwest, Michigan has a farm worker population of more than 90,000 people with an estimated 28,000 migrant children between the ages of 0-12. Of that group, 4,000 migrant households with over 12,000 family members receive DHS services.

**Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Migrant agricultural laborers and their families.

**Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

Varies by program.

**C. Homemaker and Indian Outreach Services**

**Description of Activities Carried Out under the Social Services Block Grant**

In select counties throughout the state, staff provides unique services to a localized client population. The homemaking service activity includes direct assistance to teach necessary skills to individuals and families with household management problems and to maintain, strengthen and safeguard their functioning. Special services can include child care and modeling of parenting skills, meal planning and preparation, household cleaning and maintenance, consumer education, budgeting and teaching household management skills. Indian outreach workers assist Native American families in Michigan to attain self-sufficiency. The program focus is to preserve, rehabilitate, strengthen and reunite families. Indian Outreach workers provide information and referral services, homemaker services, serve as a liaison between the Native American community, state and local agencies, Indian centers, schools and the non-Native American community. They strengthen families and encourage independence through the provision of culturally relevant services that enhance the family's ability to meet their financial, medical and social needs. The Indian Outreach worker also assists in the provision of services to families that meet the standards established in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) for the preservation of Native American families.

**Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Indian population; others in need of homemaking services.

**Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

Homemakers—Families involved with Preventive Services, Children Protective Services and Foster Care.

Indian Outreach—People and/or families who self declare as having Indian ancestry and have developed or are at risk for the development of social, educational, and economic problems.

## **D. Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services**

### **Description of Activities Carried Out under the Social Services Block Grant**

The Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, administratively housed in the Department of Human Services, is legislatively mandated to coordinate all statewide functions related to the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and is the entity responsible for enacting the congressional Violence Against Women Act in Michigan. Currently, all Michigan counties are provided domestic violence services to assist adult victims of domestic violence and their children while select counties also have sexual assault services available as well. Services provided include the provision of emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis phone lines, individual and group counseling services, advocacy services, Forensic Nurse Examiner programs, and transitional supportive housing. The goal is to assist victims and their children with issues of safety, independence and self-sufficiency.

### **Categories or Characteristics of Recipients**

Adult victims of domestic violence and their children; and sexual assault victims age 12 years and above.

### **Criteria Applied in Determining Eligibility for Services**

Client declaration of domestic and/or sexual violence.