



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Maryland's Social Services Agency



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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON
DRAFT SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT REPORT FOR 2011**

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Department of Social Services posted the draft Social Services Block Grant Report (SSBG) for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (*October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011*) for public comment on the DHR website located at <http://www.dhr.state.md.us>.

Beginning in October 2010, Maryland anticipates receiving approximately \$31.5 million in Social Services Block Grant funds. These funds, combined with other federal, state, and local funding, will provide a wide range of social services for Maryland residents. Some of the services included are adoption; adult protective services; foster care; in-home aide services; intensive family services, and services to families with children.

Federal law requires the SSBG report be written to explain program eligibility, the number of people served, the amount of funds spent, and the way service is provided.

Comments and questions regarding the plan or its availability are due by August 20, 2010 and addressed to:

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption, and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; provide protective services, case- management, supportive housing, in-home aide services, and respite care to vulnerable adults; and provide temporary cash, food stamps, and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, and migrant- workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered, or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 760,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency

- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brian Wilbon, Interim Secretary