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# **VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide social services that will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families with diverse needs.

## **PERFORMANCE GOALS:**

- To increase accessibility to services
- To fill service gaps
- To deliver effective services
- To enhance operational efficiency
- To strengthen families

## **STRATEGIC GOALS:**

- Service Delivery
- Advocacy
- Protection
- Preserve Families
- Self Sufficiency



# ANNUAL REPORT

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, NEW PROGRAMS, PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ANTICIPATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND PROJECTIONS

### OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Research and Resource Development (ORRD), the central unit for grants management, research, and program development for the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) provided and continues to provide technical assistance to key DHS personnel and programs funded in whole or part through the Consolidated Block Grant. The Unit assists in the securing of federal grant and local funding opportunities to expand and enhance existing services that address the growing and diverse needs of the DHS client population. By providing technical assistance, program and grant administration support to DHS program personnel, partner agencies and organizations, the ORRD is able to strengthen adult, senior, child and family welfare services.

Additionally, by serving as a liaison between local, federal, non-profit agencies, and other community stakeholders, ORRD works collaboratively to expand the reach of DHS's existing programs and services, as well as establish new operations and services to address client needs. By building partnerships with other groups and mainstream organizations, ORRD is able to better ascertain the diversity of need within our community, and acquire and share pertinent information more readily to accurately identify gaps in services and develop plans to address them.

The ORRD compiles statistical and program information and disseminates it to federal, local and nonprofit agencies, groups, and the academic and wider community. Though requests for DHS statistics are made by outside agencies, groups and individuals, data compiled is primarily used for internal planning, evaluation, educational and proposal development purposes.

Additionally, as ORRD continues its role in facilitating the securing of grant funding and providing technical assistance, it plays an instrumental role in expanding and improving the quality of DHS services by educating program Administrators, Directors and staff on ways to more effectively manage programs, better meet the needs of its clients, and positively impact the strategic initiatives of the Department.

To facilitate the process for ensuring that sound principles of program development are utilized, requirements of grants management are followed, and services are responsive to community needs, the ORRD Administrator, on an annual basis, will participate in relevant professional development conferences and training activities, as approved, to include, but not be limited to the: National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) Annual Conferences, New York State Community Action Agency (NYSCAA), Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia (RPIC) - Region II Conferences, National Grants Management Association (NGMA) Annual Training Conference, and Grants Professional Association (GPA) Annual National Conference, with the support of CBG funding and/or other local/federal funding.

## PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY 2014

### RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

#### **How services funded by the CBG will be directed:**

Services provided with the assistance of the CBG will be used to:

- secure referrals for and admission to institutional care
- achieve or maintain self-sufficiency
- prevent and reduce institutional care

#### **Characteristics of individuals to be served by CBG funds:**

The Office of Residential Services coordinates both on and off-island residential placements for children, adolescents, and some adults with very serious disabling conditions that prevent them from being cared for in a general setting or a foster home. All services are provided through professional contracts. It is the responsibility of the office to ensure that contracts and related documents are executed in accordance with VI law, to coordinate the placement of clients and to monitor clients' progress as well as the facilities in which they are placed.

- children ages 12 and under
- youth ages 13 to 19
- developmentally disabled adults 18 and over

*Please note that although an individual is legally an adult at age 18, persons in placement by mandated court order may be held under jurisdiction of the court and viewed as a minor until his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

#### **How services funded by the CBG will be directed at one or more of the 29 SSBG Expenditure Categories:**

- Residential Treatment

A tri-agency agreement between the Departments of Health, Education and Human Services dictates that the Department of Human Services is charged with the responsibility of providing or funding all necessary residential treatment services, the exceptions being residential treatment needs for adults with a primary diagnosis of mental illness and/or substance abuse and incarcerated adults.

The prevalent conditions that lead to children and youth being placed in residential treatment include: autism, severe emotional disturbance, psychiatric disorders, and severe cognitive and physical disabilities. Most adults in residential treatment under DHS' responsibility are placed due to the nature of their cognitive and/or physical disabilities that limit their ability to function in a less restrictive setting.

CBG funding will be used to provide administrative support in the coordination of placements and monitoring of contracts and facilities to ensure clients receive treatment appropriate to their needs.

## FY 2014 DATA

- **Number of children and youth enrolled in residential facilities**

							<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Local by Island/District:</b>	St. Thomas	44	St. John	1	St. Croix	46	91
discharges:	St. Thomas	22	St. John	0	St. Croix	17	39
new admissions:	St. Thomas	17	St. John	1	St. Croix	28	46
adjusted enrollment:	St. Thomas	22	St. John	0	St. Croix	12	34
<b>Out-of-Territory:</b>							21
discharges:							4
new admissions:							7
adjusted enrollment:							8

- **Number of residential facilities:**

<b>Local by Island/District:</b>	St. Thomas	2	St. John	0	St. Croix	9	11
<b>Out-of-Territory:</b>							7

- **Number of slots available, (based on contract)**

<b>Local by Island/District:</b>	St. Thomas	31	St. John	n/a	St. Croix	67	98
<b>Out-of-Territory:</b>							n/a

## CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

### How services funded by the CBG will be directed:

Services provided with the assistance of the CBG will be used to prevent neglect and abuse of children. The Children and Family Services (CFS) Division helps children and their families overcome the traumatic effects of child abuse, especially child molestation. CFS conducts educational presentations designed to increase abuse awareness and prevention and provides case management and other support services to help create strong families and decrease abuse/neglect incidences.

### Characteristics of individuals to be served by CBG funds:

The child and family are defined as follows: The term *Pedifocal*, defined as “all those involved in the nurturance and support of an identified child, regardless of household membership (where the child lives)” expands the definition of the family from being only family members to include those working with the family.

Thus, the child's interests are put above other needs to protect the child, despite the change in family structure and relationships. In this case, others who are not related to the child may become *fictive kin* who respond to the child's needs and contribute to his or her well-being.

The Children and Family Services Division provides services to children from 0-18 years old and their families.

### How services funded by the CBG will be directed at one or more of the 29 SSBG Expenditure Categories:

- Case Management
- Foster Care Services-Children
- Protective Services-Children

The USVI Department of Human Services has primary responsibility for providing services to children alleged to have been maltreated or have violated statutes.

Our social workers and stakeholders provide services that include tutoring, counseling, independent living classes, training programs for foster parents and children, behavioral aide services, crisis intervention, support for school success and opportunity for social recreation. Additionally, we also provide support services to the child's birth family to prepare them and the child for reunification.

Family and Individual Counseling services were provided to assist dysfunctional families in becoming productive members of the community. Services included crisis intervention, counseling and management to help reduce or prevent delinquency. Services for adoption, foster care and court related cases were provided as needed. Training and support services were available for foster parents and children.

During fiscal year 2014, the number of clients or cases for which the following services were provided are:

Services	Children	Families
Protective Services (cases)	245	99
Foster Care Services (clients)	97	57
Pre-Delinquency (clients)	0	0
Persons in Need of Supervision	0	0
Delinquency (clients)	2	2

- 490 individual counseling sessions
- 60 family counseling sessions
- 700 home visits
- 825 office visits
- 101 group sessions were conducted during the fiscal year September 2013-October 2014

A total of:

- 20 Foster and Adoptive Association Parents meetings
- 4 recruitment drives will be conducted for prospective resource families
- 9 trainings for foster parent
- 3 St. Thomas\ St. John district Foster & Adoptive Parents Association fundraiser
- 1 adoption will be completed during this period

District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comments
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster & Adoptive Parents Monthly Meetings	DHS Food Stamp Lobby	October 2013 November 2014 (July, August and December excluded)	Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. On average 10 Foster parents attended.
St. Thomas/St. John	Adopt a Family for the holidays	Meals from Pueblo	November - December 2013	Protective, Juvenile and Jobs families. We were able to serve 133 families.
St. Thomas/St. John	Parents as Tender Healers (PATH) / Foster Care Overview	Intervention Conference room	November 2013 - February 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Thomas/St. John	Community Gift Drop Off	DHS Lobby	Dec 2- 20 2013	All protective/ foster children
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster & Adoptive Parents Association	DHS Strive Center	December 10, 2013	All Resource Families



District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comments
St. Thomas/St. John	Florida Disney Cruise Line and Dept. of Tourism Christmas Gift Distribution	Marriott Frenchman's Reef	December 4, 2013	0-12 years old. DHS Head Start I and II were included
St. Thomas/St. John	Charlotte Amalie High School 11th graders	DHS Lobby	December 12, 2013	All protective foster/ children
St. Thomas/St. John	Antilles School Gift Distribution	DCFS staff will pick up the gifts	December 2013	All foster/protective children
St. Thomas/St. John	DCFS	Interview with St. Thomas Source regarding foster and protective care	February 2014	Resource Parents and DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Parents as Tender Healer (PATH)/ Foster Care	Intervention Conference room	March 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster Care Month	Decorated a Tree in Emancipation Garden, other activities	May 1-31, 2014	DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Resource Parents Home Evaluation (annual recertification)	Throughout the District	June 2014	DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Promotion Party	At a Foster parent home	June 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Training - Disaster Preparedness	Resource Parents	June 2014	DHS Staff and VITEMA
St. Thomas/St. John	Summer Camps (some children traveled with their foster parents)	Throughout the District	June-August 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Back Pack for Success	DHS	July 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Social Workers Visit Children at Schools	Throughout The District	Beginning September 2014	DCFS Social Workers
St. Croix	Foster & Adoptive Parents Association, Monthly Meeting	DHS Conference Room	October 2014-March 2015 Second Tuesday of each month	Foster, Adoptive and Relative Caregivers
St. Croix	DHS Parents as Tender Healers (PATH)	DHS Conference Room	September-November 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Croix	Foster, Relative & Shelter Homes Recertification	District of St. Croix	October 2-16 2014	Foster, Relative and Shelter homes
St. Croix	Project Homeless Connect	Agriculture Fair Grounds	October 10, 2014	Two Workers and Two Foster parents
St. Croix	Department of Health, Division of Mental Trauma Informed Care, Training the Trainer Health	Sheraton Hotel San Juan , Puerto Rico	October 20, 2014-October 22, 2014	DHS Heads, Managers, staff and other Service Providers

District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comment
St. Croix	Disability Rights Center, Individual Educational Programs	Disability Rights Center	November 06, 2014	DHS Staff
St. Croix	Trauma Informed Care: Addressing the Impact of Trauma on Children in the Virgin Islands	UVI Great Hall	November 17, 2014	DHS Staff, VIBS, VIPD, Mental Health and other Service Providers
St. Croix	DHS Adopt A Family	DHS Anna's Hope	November-December 2014	Families in need
St. Croix	Foster Children Christmas Party	Caribbean Cinemas, Sunny Isles Shopping Center	December 22, 2014	Foster and Protective Children
St. Croix	VI Care, AIDS & HIV training	DHS Conference Room	February 17, 2015	Foster, Adoptive and Relative Caregivers
St. Croix	ACA of the Virgin Islands	UVI Great Hall	February 27, 2015	DHS Staff, VIBS, Mental Health & other Services Providers
St. Croix	Virtues Project	DHS Anna's Hope Conference Room	March 16 – May 11, 2015	6 female clients from Virgin Islands Behavioral Services
St. Croix	Women's Imaging Center Bone Densitometry and Mammography Tour	Women's Imaging Suite JFL Hospital	March 25, 2015	DHS Staff
St. Croix	National Association of Social Workers The Neuroscience behind Trauma Resolution and Effective Treatment	Cardiac Center JFL Hospital. St. Croix USVI	April 16, 2015	DHS Social Workers and other Social Workers from other Agencies
St. Croix	8th Annual Autism Conference UVI, Disability Rights, VIAN, and Island Therapy Solutions	UVI Great Hall	April 20, 2015	DHS Staff, VIBS, Parents, Students, Disabled individuals, Services Providers and other Community Stakeholders
St. Croix	VIUCEDD, UVI Effective Treatment for Youth with Aggressive, Disruptive & Self – Injurious Behaviors Training	UVI Extension	April 30, 2015	Licensing Specialist and District Manager
St. Croix	Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago	Juvenile Justice Conference Room	May 12, 2015	Foster Parents, DHS Staff and Assistant Commissioner
St. Croix	Foster & Adoptive Parents Picnic	Vincent Mason Pool Frederiksted	May 17, 2015	Foster Parents
St. Croix	Virtues Group	Anna's Hope	May 18, 2015	Clients from VIBS
St. Croix	Foster Care Walk-a-thon	Kmart (West) to Fort Frederick	May 25, 2015	DHS Staff and the Community

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

FY 2014 (OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014)		
• Number of PINS		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	4
	St. Croix	10
• Number of Adjudicated Youth		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	79
	St. Croix	45
• Total number of PINS and Adjudicated Youth		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	83
	St. Croix	55
• Total number of Pre-delinquents		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	59
	St. Croix	19
Total: St. Thomas / St. John and St. Croix		<u>216</u>

### PINS – Persons in Need of Supervision

FY 2014 (Total number of admissions)		
Youth In Residential Centers		
On-Island (YRC*)		
(*YRC – Youth Rehabilitation Center)	106	

## DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

### Unit Description

The Juvenile Unit serves pre-delinquents, Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and adjudicated youths through social work services, investigations, oversight of the alternative sentencing programs and pre/post planning for those remanded to the YRC. JJS provides treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families. The overall goal of the unit is to provide long-term intervention, social work supportive services, referrals, counseling, case management and other types of services to families with extreme and chronic dysfunction and/or are at high-risk.

## ST. CROIX DISTRICT

### Accomplishments, Initiatives, and Collaborative Efforts

The Juvenile Intensive Support Services (JISS) Program continues to serve 24 minors in the District of St. Croix. JISS provides regular face-to-face supervision, group and parent counseling, random drug screens, and curfew checks. The JISS Program has continued to be an effective program for our clients in the Juvenile Justice (JJ) system. The program accepts our delinquent, pre-delinquent and Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) population.

The Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) continues to utilize the Strengthening Families Program held at the AZ Academy on St. Croix and the Village. The Court recognizes this program for its dynamics and longevity. The Strengthening Families Program focuses on communication between adolescents and their parents. Transportation, a light meal, and childcare for younger siblings are provided.

The DJJ attended trauma training in Puerto Rico and continues to collaborate with the lead agency, the Division of Mental Health, in local Learning Communities, Screening and Assessment, and Public Awareness. We will continue to collaborate with the Department of Education (DOE). The DJJ staff has built a rapport with the DOE and make presentations when necessary to the staff and the student population.

The social workers will continue to collaborate with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A social worker coordinates the group sessions for students at the St. Croix Central High School as part of the Sorority's "Ascend" year-long program. Six students completed the program thus far.

Professional Social Workers Month Activities:

The Social Workers plan to participate in Professional Social Workers' Month activities coordinated by the National Association of Social Workers. The activities are social, educational, and community minded.

### **TRAINING ATTENDED:**

Date	# of Staff Attended	Topics
October 7, 2014	3	Restorative Justice Presentation by Legal Services of the VI
October 20 - 22, 2014	2	Complex Trauma Treatment Network – Caribbean Basin Regional Conference
October 29, 2014	2	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Best Beginning Early Childhood Conference by DHS Office of Child Care and Regulatory Services
November 3, 2014	1	Presented to Public School Counselors and Attendance Counselors at the request of the Director of Student Services
November 17, 2014	3	Trauma – Informed Care: Addressing the Impact of Trauma on Children in the Virgin Islands by NASW, ACA, VIPD, DHS, WCSC, VIBS, AVIP, DOH,ATTC, Office of the Governor
December 2-3, 2014	1	Resiliency Training - Retention Training Institute at the National Guard Amory in conjunction with the Office of the Governor
December 2-4, 2014	2	Changing the face of violence in St. Croix – Focusing on Tools of peace in violent times by the Alternatives to Violence Project
December 22, 2014	7	DJJ assisted with Foster Care Children's Party

January 19, 2015	2	Participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and volunteered at the Flamboyant Gardens senior housing community on St. Croix.
February 7, 2015	1	Let's Engage Our Youth For A Healthy VI by The Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council. Referred 7 minors.
February 11, 2015	2	Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference at UVI for junior high and high school males-15 Juvenile Justice clients attended.
February 11, 2015	1	Social Worker Presented to girls at the Alternative Education Program.
February 27, 2015	3	Providing Tools for the Helping Professionals to Empower Families in Breaking the Cycle of Dysfunction Presented by the American Counseling Association of the Virgin Islands. How Healing Occurs in the Brain when Interventions are Introduced. How can we help parents in navigating available community resources to assist in their parenting role?
April 20, 2015	1	Autism Conference at UVI...Social Skills Development training for parents and educators of children with autism.
April 24, 2015	1	Collaboration...Children are our Priority by the St. Croix Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force.
June 3, 2015	1	True Colors workshop with Department of Education's Counselors – UVI and DOE.
June 4, 2015	1	Youth with Hidden Disabilities & Their Involvement with Juvenile Justice Systems – VIUCEDD at UVI.
June 29, 2015	1	Trauma Webinar – Trauma 101.

## **ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN DISTRICT**

### **Accomplishments, Initiatives, and Collaborative Efforts**

The Juvenile Wrap Around Program (JWRAP) serves 35 minors in the St. Thomas District. JWRAP provides regular face-to-face supervision, group and parent counseling, random drug screens, and curfew checks. Referrals to JWRAP are made by Intake, Division of Juvenile Justice and Division of Children and Family Services. The Court also uses JWRAP as an alternative to detention.

In September 2014, Higher Achievement Wisdom and Knowledge (HAWK) began its fall sessions. The purpose of this group is to equip young people with the tools that will help them make a successful transition from childhood into adulthood.

In September 2014, JJ staff worked along with the Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) and the Crime Prevention Council on the Night Out against Crime, Drugs and Violence activity.

In October 2014, JJ staff again worked with Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) on Red Ribbon Week activities. Included going into the schools and making presentations.

On November 14, 2014: Juvenile Movie Day – Theme: Think Before You Move. JJ staff worked with the Family Court to sponsor a movie day: An afternoon in which minors who are in the Juvenile Justice System come to the Court to watch an inspirational movie and listen to motivational guest speakers.

HAWK began its Spring sessions in February 2015.

On February 21, 2015, JJ staff assisted with the Department of Education's Food Distribution to low-income families.

On February 28, 2015, JJ social workers collaborated with the Nigel Hodge Foundation to host a fun day to benefit the pediatric unit at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital. The event was a success. JJ staff was involved in the planning and implementation of the fun day and supervised clients who performed community service hours.

On February 28, 2015, JJ staff chaperoned 12 minors to Pistarckle Theater's National Comedy Theater. Transportation was provided by JJ staff.

On March 7, 2015, JJ staff chaperoned 14 minors at Reichhold Center for the Arts for the presentation of Spencer's Theater of Illusion.

On March 28, 2015, JJ staff participated in the [2015 St Thomas/ St. John Special Olympics](#) by assisting with setting up and cleaning up. JJ staff also supervised clients who performed community service.

On May 1, and 2, 2015 JJ staff assisted the Division of Senior Affairs at the Senior Carnival stand during Carnival Parades.

May 15, 2015: Youth Development Group meeting.

On May 15, 2015: Juvenile Movie Day – Theme: To Succeed at Anything, You must give everything. JJ staff worked with the Family Court to sponsor a movie day with inspirational speakers.

On May 16, 2015, JJ staff participated with several clients in the Territory Wide Road Side Cleanup sponsored by the USVI Department of Tourism.

On June 6, 2015, JJ staff participated in the Crime Prevention Council "Careers Before Tears" Job Fair at the Tutu Park Mall. Businesses and government agencies participated with exhibits and displayed brochures, posters and other items.

#### TRAINING ATTENDED:

Date	# of Staff Attendee	Topics
<b>October 20 - 22, 2014</b>	2	Complex Trauma Treatment Network – Caribbean Basin Regional Conference
<b>November 17, 2014</b>	3	Social Work Practice Conference 2014 "Through a Child's Eyes: Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Children"
<b>December 9-10, 2014</b>	1	Resiliency Training - Retention Training Institute at the National Guard Amory in conjunction with the Office of the Governor
<b>February 3, 2015</b>	4	Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference at UVI for junior high and high school males -15 clients attended

Two JJ clients are participating in the "Careers Before Tears" Summer training. These clients will be placed as an on-the-job personnel. They will receive \$300 at the end of the program.

HAWK began its summer sessions on July 6, 2015.



### CE Information

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### Social Work Month Practice Conference

March 13, 2014  
St. Thomas

March 14, 2014  
St. Croix

Join us for two dynamic and timely continuing education workshops:

*"Domestic Violence: Why Is This So Complicated?" & "Ethics & Boundaries in Small Communities: The Joys and the Challenges"*

Presented by  
**Amanda Evans, MSW, EdD**

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### Through a Child's Eyes: Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Children

**Social Work Practice Conference**  
**November 19, 2014**  
**St. Thomas**

Join us for a dynamic and timely continuing education workshop exploring an important issue

Presented by **Jim Harris, MSW, EdS**

**THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PREVENTION COUNCIL, INC.**

# CAREER

## "BEFORE TEARS"

### EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS-BUILDING

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015**

**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Tutu Park Mall  
(Center Court)**

There will be Programs that will provide information on Skills Training Job Placement

- College Admission
- Counseling Services

Summer Employment, Resume Writing  
Federal Grant Writing, After-School & Athletics Summer Programs  
Karate & Demonstrations and Law Enforcement Careers

**FREE EVENT**

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# HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE



## Who?

The group will be facilitated by  
Vaughn Walwyn & Alston Creque  
Juvenile Justice Staff

## Where?

The group will be conducted at the  
Department of Human Services,  
Intervention's conference room.

## When?

Summer Sessions: Wednesdays  
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM.

Fall & Spring Sessions:  
Every other Wednesday  
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM.  
Beginning October 8, 2014

Fall Sessions (October to January)  
Spring Sessions (February to June)  
Summer Sessions (July to September)

Referrals can be made through Mr. Walwyn  
or Mr. Creque at the numbers or email  
address provided.

Group attendance is mandatory and referring  
agencies or individuals will receive regular  
progress reports on participants.



A Group For Males & Females To Openly  
Develop Into Confident, Competent  
and Conscious Men & Women

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OUR POWER WILL BECOME KNOWN WHEN WE  
SPEAK WORDS OF WISDOM AND HEALING



The purpose  
of this group is to equip young  
people with the tools that will help them  
make a successful transition from childhood  
into adulthood. We will attempt to give them the  
understanding that their person—the physical, the  
mental, and the spiritual—is sacred and that they are  
loved, respected, and valued by their community.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- \* (P.J.N.S.) Persons In Need of Supervision
- \* Pre-Delinquents
- \* Persons who are on probation with the Court
- \* Foster Care & Protective clients
- \* Parents & grandparents
- \* Professionals are welcome to participate by making presentations and providing training

"The first step  
you should take to be  
successful is to decide what  
kind of person you are.  
One who makes things  
happen, one who  
watches things happen,  
or one who wonders  
what happened."

John Capozzi



The following are ten educational areas in which  
members will receive training:

Family History  
Sex Education & Relationships  
Ancestral Roots  
Spirituality & Community Spirit  
Self-Care  
Housekeeping & Finances  
Assertiveness & Leadership  
Values Clarification & Future planning  
Time Management  
Art & Dance



Among other things, the group will offer the following:  
Group Therapy  
Family Counseling  
An understanding of the history & accomplishments of our  
people.  
Conflict Resolution  
Role Identification  
Partnership Building  
Generational Gap-Building  
Values Clarification & Individual Philosophy Examination

## PROGRAM DESIGN

The group will be a closed co-ed group of approximately  
10 to 15 members.

Each group will consist of at least 20 sessions.

Sessions will be divided into 5 phases with each phase  
consisting of 4 sessions.

- Phase I (Observation Phase)
- Phase II (Task Phase)
- Phase III (Process Phase)
- Phase IV (Aftercare)
- Phase V (Certification)



## INTAKE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – LIHEAP

### How services funded by the CBG will be directed:

Services provided with the assistance of the CBG will be used to,

- prevent, reduce, and eliminate dependency
- achieve or maintain self-sufficiency

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds are used to assist low income individuals, in general, and seniors, in particular, to off-set high energy costs.

### Characteristics of individuals to be served by CBG funds:

- definition of children and/or adults ( as applicable to your program(s))
  - Children refer to individuals under the age of 18, and adults refer to individuals over the age of 18. Seniors refer to individuals 65 years and older
- Eligibility criteria
  - To be eligible individuals must be:
    - ✓ Heads-of-household 18 years and older for general energy assistance
    - ✓ 65 years and older heads-of-household for senior emergency assistance
    - ✓ A citizen of the United States of America or legal resident
    - ✓ A member of the family living in the home with a head-of-household
    - ✓ Declared disabled by physician
- Income criteria
  - A single adult with income not exceeding \$25,000 per year or a combined household not exceeding \$40,000 per year

### How services funded by the CBG will be directed at one or more of the 29 SSBG Expenditure Categories:

#### Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

During fiscal year 2014, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program provided assistance to a total of 12,125 households, through direct payment to the Water and Power Authority (WAPA).

Of that number, 10,610 senior citizens, comprising 87% of the total LIHEAP assistance were recipients.

#### (ECAP) Energy Crisis Assistance Program

**Caseload 2006-2014** (supported in part with LIHEAP funding)

FY	60 and Over	Under 60	Total	LIHEAP	ECAP
2006	3,089	1,716	4,805		
2007	3,060	2,396	5,456		
2008	5,560	3,718	9,278		
2009	7,153	4,970	12,123	229	11,894
2010	9,704	4,227	13,931	2,322	11,609
2011	10,168	1,550	11,718	3,633	8,085
2012	11,026	1,751	12,777		
2013	11,500	1,597	13,097		
2014	10,610	1,515	12,125		
Total	71,870	23,440	95,310		

## **INTAKE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **How services funded by the CBG will be directed:**

Intake and Emergency Services funded by Community Block Grant (CBG) will be utilized to prevent neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults through crisis intervention services provided in the course of child protective services investigations. CBG funds will continue to finance ameliorative and restorative services such as counseling, therapy psychological and psychiatric evaluations through private providers and provision of necessities for children and families who are in need of emergency services grants.

### **Characteristics of individuals to be served by CBG funds:**

Individuals to be served by CBG are children who are 18 years or younger and adults who are 18 years of age or older. But adults 60 years of age or older are considered to be seniors.

- Eligibility criteria:

Applicants for emergency welfare services and family preservation services must present evidence of immediate need resulting from crisis or emergency situation for which there is neither sufficient nor available resources.

Applicant must live in the Virgin Islands.

Applicant cannot be inmates or residents in any institution. Individuals may apply but cannot receive a grant until they are released.

Applicant must be ineligible for any other category of assistance

All other community resources available must have been exhausted.

- Income criteria:

There are no income criteria to receive services from the Office of Intake and Emergency Services. Children and families receive services based on reports to our agency, that there is/are an issue or issues of outstanding conflict. Services rendered to children and families may at times be involuntary.

Income is considered only in comparison to expenditures for clients who seek financial grant via the EWS and FPR programs, to determine emergency need. Income is also considered to determine whether children and families are in need of full or partial payment for services such as medical, psychological and psychiatric evaluation and counseling services.

### **How services funded by the CBG will be directed at one or more of the 29 SSBG Expenditure Categories:**

- Information and Referral
- Protective Services - Children

CBG funds provide staffing of social workers and social worker supervisors (District Managers) whose primary and legal mandate is to provide Child Protective Services.

CBG funds also provide administrative staffing, Intake Case Manager and Intake Counselors who mainly provide information and Referral Services.

- Central Intake:

During fiscal year 2014, only one (1) victim of family violence was reported and received assistance to alleviate their trauma and existence in a dangerous environment. Direct emergency services, such as medical services, food, start-up costs for relocation, legal referrals, support group and phone crisis counseling were provided.

Investigation services and contacts were as follows:

SERVICES	CHILDREN	ADULTS
• Investigation of suspected child abuse and/or neglect	238	
• Investigation and Crisis Intervention	85	
• Services for persons needing emergency welfare assistance because of fire, flooding, eviction, medical emergencies, etc.		52
• Family Preservation		149
• Teen Pregnancies	14	

*Clients in these programs are counted as a head of household. Therefore, a fire victim or repatriation clients, etc., may have one or several children at the time service is rendered, but those children are not accounted for statistically.*

Included among the activities Intake and Emergency Services staff has participated in and conducted are the following:

Date	Subject	Presenter	Participants
10/28/13	Court Hearing - Grandberry Children	N/A	R. Francis, N. Lewis
11/20/13	Placed minor at Crisis Stabilization Center- J. Jones	N/A	L. Richards Ryan and N. Lewis
11/18/13	Guardianship Meeting	Assistant Commissioner - Benjamin	N. Lewis & DHS-District Managers
12/6/13	Court Hearing: J. Jones	N/A	L. Richards Ryan & N. Lewis
12/17/13	VIBS/DOE Meeting	N/A	Assistant Commissioner Benjamin, N. Lewis & DHS District Managers
12/20/13	VIBS meeting	N/A	Assistant Commissioner Benjamin, N. Lewis & DHS District Managers, VIBS Staff
1/14/14	Child Abuse Task Force Meeting	N/A	N. Lewis/Task Force Members
1/16/14	Strengthening Families Work Group Meeting	E. Hirsh	N. Lewis/Work Group Members
1/27/14	Group Supervision	N/A	Assistant Commissioner- Benjamin, N. Lewis and L. Smith

Date	Subject	Presenter	Participants
2/11/14	Child Abuse Task Force Meeting	N/A	N. Lewis/Task Force Members
2/13/14	Staff Meeting	N/A	N. Lewis/ OIES-Staff
3/11/14	Child Abuse Task Force Meeting	N/A	N. Lewis/Task Force Members
3/17/14	Group Supervision.	N/A	Assistant Commissioner- Benjamin, N. Lewis and L. Smith
3/20/14	Meeting at Evelyn M. Williams	N/A	E. Ferris, N. Lewis- School Principal-Dr. A. Jackson, G. Counselor, Special Ed. Teacher.
3/21/14	Meeting at Evelyn M. Williams	N/A	E. Ferris, N. Lewis- Special Ed. Teacher Assistant.
3/24/14	Meeting at Evelyn M. Williams School with Social Worker, Esther Ferris.	N/A	Special Ed. Teacher Assistant.
4/8/14	Child Abuse Task Force Meeting	N/A	N. Lewis/Task Force Members
5/9/14	Child Abuse Task Force Mini-Training	Myself, and Task Force Members	E. Ferris & L. Ryan, Task Force Members and Community Stakeholders.
5/14/14	Forum on Youth Services	Woodward Academy Staff	DHS- Managers & Administrators, L. Ryan and E. Ferris.
6/17/14	Mock Budget Hearing	DHS-Managers, Administrators	DHS-Mangers, Administrators and Senior Staff.
6/23/14	Out of Home Placement Meeting	C. Benjamin, Intake Staff-STX	N. Lewis, Intake Staff-STX
6/25/14	Strengthening Families Workgroup	E. Hirsh/A. Ferdtschneider	N. Lewis, Community Stakeholders
8/18/14	Head Start in-service Presentation of CA/N	N. Lewis & L. Richards Ryan	Head Start Staff
8/22/14	Early Head Start in-service Presentation of CA/N	N. Lewis & L. Richards Ryan	Early Head Start Staff
9/03/14	Trauma Treatment Complex Network	Joshua Arvidson	N. Lewis and M. Dupigny
8/3-6/15	On-Site Technical Assistance Conference - Leading Change Through CCDF Reauthorization	Several	MIS, Fiscal, Legal, TANF, HS, Protective & Foster Care, Viterna, Fire, Police, Red Cross Staff

- **Family Preservation and Support Services:**

Family preservation assistance services were provided to families throughout the territory. Through the family-based preservation program, payment of rental and electrical installation fees, basic household furniture and appliances for homeless individuals and families, assistance in obtaining suitable housing, assistance in the prevention of family eviction, and psychological/therapeutic counseling through private provider services were provided to 149 families during FY 2014.

In FY 2014, ninety five (95) requests for Housing Services were received. The limited availability of affordable housing facilities, due primarily to the high cost of living particularly on the island of St. Thomas, has made the need for these services more critical.

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Virgin Islands Developmental Disabilities Council does not provide direct program services.

- Hired full-time executive director to implement the approved 5-Year State Plan.
- Hired an administrative assistant to assist the executive director.
- Participated in technical assistance and capacity building activities through the National Association on Councils with Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) in May 2013.
- Participation in technical assistance webinars with Administration on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).
- Members and staff participated in the NACDD Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC in April 2013.
- Members and staff participated in the NACDD T/A and Annual Conference in Washington, DC in July 2013.
- Submitted its 5-Year State Plan in December 2014.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE & PROJECTIONS - FY 2015

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

As the administrative department for the Consolidated Block Grant, the Department of Human Services will plan and maintain effective, responsive programs for its clients. Administrative support services will include the following activities:

1. Coordination and preparation of funding applications, state plans and reporting requirements.
2. Development of programs to be responsive to community needs through a sensitive, effective delivery system.
3. Continuation of the department's plan as outlined by each service area, employing methods for on-going evaluation and modification.
4. Stimulation of innovative public and private approaches and strategies to solve problems of the disadvantaged.
5. Provision of necessary fiscal, personnel, and auditing services that program meets its mandates.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

In FY 2015, the Office of Residential Services coordinated both local and out-of-territory residential placements for children, youth, and adults with special needs. These placements were done in eighteen (18) separate residential programs- eleven (11) locally and seven (7) out-of-territory.

There were nineteen (19) out-of-territory placements with one (1) discharge from Oct 1, 2014 to Mar 31, 2015 and five (5) new admission(s) from Oct 1, 2014 to March 30, 2015.

There are currently referrals for off-island residential placements to be expedited beginning April – June 2015.

Referrals for off-island residential placements	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015
St. Thomas	0	0	0
St. John	0	0	0
St. Croix	1	0	0

From October 1, 2014 through March 30, 2015, there were a total of sixty-four (64) clients enrolled in local residential facilities between the districts of St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John, and a total of nineteen (19) clients enrolled in out-of-territory facilities between a total of eighteen (18) contracted residential facilities both locally and out of the Territory

### FY 2015 DATA (10/1/14 thru to 3/31/15)

• Number of Children Enrolled in Residential Facilities:							Total
<b>Local- island/District:</b>	St. Thomas	<b>28</b>	St. John	<b>1</b>	St. Croix	<b>35</b>	<b>64</b>
discharges:	St. Thomas	<b>10</b>	St. John	<b>1</b>	St. Croix	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
new admissions:	St. Thomas	<b>7</b>	St. John	<b>0</b>	St. Croix	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
adjusted enrollment:	St. Thomas	<b>5</b>	St. John	<b>0</b>	St. Croix	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Out-of-Territory:</b>							<b>19</b>
discharges:							<b>1</b>
new admissions:							<b>5</b>
adjusted enrollment:							<b>0</b>
<b>*NOTE: Out of Territory Youth include 1 discharged client attending community college</b>							

Number of Residential Facilities:							Total
<b>Local (by island or district):</b>	St. Thomas	<b>2</b>	St. John	<b>0</b>	St. Croix	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Out of Territory</b>							<b>7</b>

Number of Spaces Available, (based on contract)							Total
Local(by island or district):	St. Thomas	31	St. John	n/a	St. Croix	67	9

**Out-of-Territory: As Needed**

**Out-of-Territory Facilities / Number of Residents by Facility** (based on contract) (10/1/14 thru to 3/31/15)  
(based on contract)

<u>Name of Facilities</u>	<u>Residents Enrolled</u>
Devereux Florida	<u>5</u>
Devereux Texas	(1) <u>2</u>
Carlton Palms Educational Center	<u>0</u>
San Marcos Treatment Center	<u>1</u>
Woodward Academy	(1) <u>2</u>
Clarinda Academy	<u>1</u>
Benchmark Behavioral Health	<u>5</u>

**\*NOTE: Numbers in parentheses represent youth previously enrolled for some period between October 1, 2014- March 30, 2015, but now discharged or transitioned to the adult stats upon arriving at his/her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

#### LOCAL FACILITIES' ENROLLMENT

- **64** individual children and youth were enrolled in a residential facility for some period of time between Oct 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.
- **15** of those individuals had been newly admitted between Oct 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

Of those newly admitted:

- **2** were between ages 0 – 5
- **0** were between ages 6 – 12
- **13** were between ages 13-17
- **0** were between ages 18-19

- **28** of those **64** children and youth were originally referred out of the island of St. Thomas.
- **35** of those **64** children and youth were originally referred out of the island of St. Croix.
- **1** of those **64** children and youth were originally referred from the island of St. John.
- A total of **19** of the **64** children and youth were discharged from facilities.

Of those discharged:

- **2** were between ages 0-5
- **1** were between ages 6-12
- **16** were between ages 13-17
- **0** were between ages 18-19

- A total of **12** of the **64** children and youth's enrollment status were adjusted between facilities.

Of those whose status was adjusted:

- **0** were between ages 0-5
- **0** was between ages 6-12
- **11** were between ages 13-17
- **1** were between ages 18-19

- October 1, 2014 to Mar 31, 2015,
  - there were a total of **64** children and youth in local residential placements
  - there were a total of **19** children and youth enrolled in off-island residential placements
  - a total of **83** children and youth were in residential placement

**NOTE:** Two (2) of the discharges recorded above (one (1) in a local facility and one (1) in an out-of-Territory facility), were not actual client discharges from facilities, but rather, clients who arrived at their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and were transitioned to the adult stats. The transitions are posted as discharges to preserve the “children & youth” count. The adult counts were adjusted accordingly.

#### **FY 2015 CHILDREN & ADULTS' DATA**

*(October 1 2014 – March 31, 2015)*

	Children & Youth (1 Day to 19 Years)	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
STT- STJ	29	16	1	0	17	46
STX	35	10	0	0	10	45
OUT-OF-TERRITORY	19	39	3	0	42	61
TOTALS	83	65	4	0	69	152

#### **CLIENTS - CHILDREN & ADULTS**

*Anticipated for (April 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015)*

	Children & Youth (1 Day to 19 Years)	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
STT- STJ	34	16	2	0	18	52
STX	40	12	0	0	12	52
OUT-OF-TERRITORY	25	40	3	0	43	68
TOTALS	99	68	5	0	73	172



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## Local Facilities

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### Virgin Islands Behavioral Services (VIBS) (St. Croix)

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1. Boys Group Home –
2. Girls Group Home- a.k.a Boys' Group Home 2
3. Girls Cottage
4. Crisis Stabilization Center

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### Lutheran Social Services

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- Queen Louise Home for children(St. Croix)
  5. Sister Emma Cottage(Long term placement for significantly disabled children)
  6. Cottage A (Emergency Placement for Girls)
  7. Cottage B (Emergency Placement for Boys)
- **Adult Residences**
  8. Yellow Cedar Residence (St. Thomas)
  9. Ginger Thomas Residence (St. Croix)

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### ST. Thomas Health Care Management Inc.

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10. Adolescent Residential Program (St. Thomas)
11. Day Treatment Program (St. Thomas)

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### Frederiksted Baptist Church

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12. Eagles' Nest Shelter(St. Croix)

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## OFF ISLAND Facilities

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### Sequel Youth Services

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13. Clarinda Academy(Clarinda, Iowa)
14. Woodward Academy( Woodward, Iowa)

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### Devereux Treatment Network

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15. Devereux Florida (Viera Campus, Foster Care, and Group Homes)
16. Devereux Texas (Victoria Campus and League City Campus)

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### Advoserv

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17. Carlton Palm Educational Center (Mt, Dora, FL)

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### Universal Health Services Inc.

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18. San Marcos Treatment Center (San Marcos, Texas)
19. Benchmark Behavioral Health (Woodcross, Utah)

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES

A considerable portion of Consolidated Block Grant funding continues to be spent on assisting dysfunctional families in becoming productive members of the Community. Training and support services are provided to foster parents and children. Services to clients include crisis intervention, facilitating services for adoption and foster care and court related cases. It is estimated that 40 new clients (protective and foster care) will be served with 455 counseling sessions conducted by the end of FY Sept 30, 2015.

	As of March 2015	As of March 2015	Projected by close of FY 2015	Projected by close of FY 2015
SERVICES	Children	Families	Children	Families
Protective Services (cases) In Home	211	99	231	110
Foster Care Services (clients) Out of Home	55	41	70	51
Home Studies	38	34	50	46
Delinquency (clients)	1	1	1	1

District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comments
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster & Adoptive Parents Monthly Meetings	DHS Food Stamp Lobby	October 2013 November 2014 (July, August and December excluded)	Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. On average 10 Foster parents attended.
St. Thomas/St. John	Adopt a Family for the holidays	Meals from Pueblo	November – December 2013	Protective, Juvenile and Jobs families. We were able to serve 133 families.
St. Thomas/St. John	Parents as Tender Healers (PATH) / Foster Care Overview	Intervention Conference room	November 2013 - February 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Thomas/St. John	Community Gift Drop Off	DHS Lobby	Dec 2- 20 2013	All protective/foster children
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster & Adoptive Parents Association	DHS Strive Center	December 10, 2013	All Resource Families
St. Thomas/St. John	Florida Disney Cruise Line & Dept. of Tourism Christmas Gift Distribution	Marriott Frenchman's Reef	December 4, 2013	0-12 years old. DHS Head Start I and II were included
St. Thomas/St. John	Charlotte Amalie High School 11th graders	DHS Lobby	December 12, 2013	All protective/foster children
St. Thomas/St. John	Antilles School Gift Distribution	DCFS staff will pick up the gifts	December 2013	All foster/protective children

District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comments
St. Thomas/St. John	DCFS	Interview with St. Thomas Source regarding foster and protective care	February 2014	Resource Parents and DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Parents as Tender Healers (PATH)/ Foster Care	Intervention Conference room	March 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Thomas/St. John	Foster Care Month	Decorated a Tree in Emancipation Garden, other activities	May 1-31, 2014	DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Resource Parents Home Evaluation (annual recertification)	Throughout the District	June 2014	DCFS Staff
St. Thomas/St. John	Promotion Party	At a Foster parent home	June 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Disaster Preparedness Training	Resource Parents	June 2014	DHS Staff and VITEMA
St. Thomas/St. John	Summer Camps (some children traveled with their foster parents)	Throughout the District	June-August 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Back Pack for Success	DHS	July 2014	Protective and Foster Care Children
St. Thomas/St. John	Social Worker Visit Children at Schools	Throughout The District	Beginning September 2014	DCFS Social Workers
St. Croix	Foster & Adoptive Parents Association, Monthly Meeting	DHS Conference Room	October 2014-March 2015 Second Tuesday of each month	Foster, Adoptive and Relative Caregivers
St. Croix	DHS Parents as Tender Healers (PATH)	DHS Conference Room	September-November 2014	Training for foster & adoptive parents
St. Croix	Foster, Relative & Shelter Homes Recertification	District of St. Croix	October 2-16 2014	Foster, Relative and Shelter homes
St. Croix	Project Homeless Connect	Agriculture Fair Grounds	October 10, 2014	Two Workers and Two Foster parents
St. Croix	Department of Health, Division of Mental Trauma Informed Care, Training the Trainer Health	Sheraton Hotel San Juan , Puerto Rico	October 20, 2014-October 22, 2014	DHS Heads, Managers, staff and other Service Providers

District	Sponsors & Events	Location	Date	Participants/Comment
St. Croix	Disability Rights Center , Individuals Educational Programs	Disability Rights Center	November 06, 2014	DHS Staff
St. Croix	Trauma Informed Care: Addressing the Impact of Trauma on Children in the Virgin Islands	UVI Great Hall	November 17, 2014	DHS Staff, VIBS, VIPD, Mental Health and other Service Providers
St. Croix	DHS Adopt A Family	DHS Anna's Hope	November-December 2014	Families in need
St. Croix	Foster Children Christmas Party	Caribbean Cinemas, Sunny Isles Shopping Center	December 22, 2014	Foster and Protective Children
St. Croix	VI Care, AIDS & HIV training	DHS Conference Room	February 17, 2015	Foster, Adoptive and Relative Caregivers
St. Croix	ACA of the Virgin Islands	UVI Great Hall	February 27, 2015	DHS Staff, VIBS, Mental Health & other Services Providers
St. Croix	Virtues Project	DHS Anna's Hope Conference Room	March 16 – May 11, 2015	6 female clients from Virgin Islands Behavioral Services
St. Croix	Women's Imaging Center Bone Densitometry and Mammography Tour	Women's Imaging Suite JFL Hospital	March 25, 2015	DHS Staff
St. Croix	National Association of Social Workers The Neuroscience behind Trauma Resolution and Effective Treatment	Cardiac Center JFL Hospital. St. Croix USVI	April 16, 2015	DHS Social Workers and other Social Workers from other Agencies
St. Croix	8th Annual Autism Conference UVI, Disability Rights, VIAN, and Island Therapy Solutions	UVI Great Hall	April 20, 2015	DHS Staff, VIBS, Parents, Students, Disabled individuals, Services Providers and other Community Stakeholders
St. Croix	VIUCEDD, UVI Effective Treatment for Youth with Aggressive, Disruptive & Self – Injurious Behaviors Training	UVI Extension	April 30, 2015	Licensing Specialist and District Manager
St. Croix	Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago	Juvenile Justice Conference Room	May 12, 2015	Foster Parents, DHS Staff and Assistant Commissioner
St. Croix	Foster & Adoptive Parents Picnic	Vincent Mason Pool Frederiksted	May 17, 2015	Foster Parents
St. Croix	Virtues Group	Anna's Hope	May 18, 2015	Clients from VIBS
St. Croix	Foster Care Walk-a-thon	Kmart (West) to Fort Frederick	May 25, 2015	DHS Staff and the Community

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

		OCT '14 – MAR '15	APR '15 – SEP '30
• Number of PINS			
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	3	10
	St. Croix	5	12
• Number of Adjudicated Youth			
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	40	62
	St. Croix	54	73
• Total number of PINS and Adjudicated Youth			
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	43	72
	St. Croix	59	85
• Pre-delinquents			
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	55	77
	St. Croix	9	15
Total: St. Thomas / St. John and St. Croix		<u>166</u>	<u>249</u>

### PINS – Persons in Need of Supervision

Youth In Residential Centers		OCT '14 – MAR '15 (Total number of admissions)	APR '15 – SEP '30 (Total number of admissions)
On-Island (YRC*)			
(*YRC – Youth Rehabilitation Center)		41	70

## DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

### ST. CROIX DISTRICT

#### Accomplishments, Initiatives, and Collaborative Efforts

The Juvenile Intensive Support Services (JISS) Program continues to serve 24 minors in the District of St. Croix. JISS provides regular face-to-face supervision, group and parent counseling, random drug screens, and curfew checks. The JISS Program has continued to be an effective program for our clients in the Juvenile Justice (JJ) system. The program accepts our delinquent, pre-delinquent and Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) population.

The Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) continues to utilize the Strengthening Families Program held at the AZ Academy on St. Croix and the Village. The Court recognizes this program for its dynamics and longevity. The Strengthening Families Program focuses on communication between adolescents and their parents. Transportation, a light meal, and childcare for younger siblings are provided.

The DJJ attended trauma training in Puerto Rico and continues to collaborate with the lead agency the Division of Mental Health in local Learning Communities, Screening and Assessment, and Public Awareness. We will continue to collaborate with the Department of Education (DOE). The DJJ staff has built a rapport with the DOE and make presentations when necessary to staff and the student population.

The social workers will continue to collaborate with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A social worker coordinates the group sessions for students at the St. Croix Central High School as part of the Sorority's "Ascend" year-long program. Six students completed the program thus far.

#### Professional Social Workers Month Activities:

The Social Workers plan to participate in Professional Social Workers Month activities coordinated by the National Association of Social Workers. The activities are social, educational, and community minded.

#### **TRAINING ATTENDED:**

<i>Date</i>	<i># of Staff Attended</i>	<i>Topics</i>
<b>October 7, 2014</b>	3	Restorative Justice Presentation by Legal Services of the VI
<b>October 20 - 22, 2014</b>	2	Complex Trauma Treatment Network – Caribbean Basin Regional Conference
<b>October 29, 2014</b>	2	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Best Beginning Early Childhood Conference by DHS Office of Child Care and Regulatory Services
<b>November 3, 2014</b>	1	Presented to Public School Counselors and Attendance Counselors at the request of the Director of Student Services
<b>November 17, 2014</b>	3	Trauma – Informed Care: Addressing the Impact of Trauma on Children in the Virgin Islands by NASW, ACA VIPD, DHS WCSC, VIBS, AVIP, DOH,ATTC, Office of the Governor
<b>December 2-3, 2014</b>	1	Resiliency Training - Retention Training Institute at the National Guard Amory in conjunction with the Office of the Governor
<b>December 2-4, 2014</b>	2	Changing the face of violence in St. Croix – Focusing on Tools of peace in violent times by the Alternatives to Violence Project
<b>December 22, 2014</b>	7	DJJ assisted with Foster Care Children Party
<b>January 19, 2015</b>	2	Participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and volunteered at the Flamboyant Gardens senior housing community on St. Croix.
<b>February 7, 2015</b>	1	Let's Engage Our Youth For A Healthy VI by The Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council. Referred 7 minors.
<b>February 11, 2015</b>	2	Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference at UVI for junior high and high school males-15 Juvenile Justice clients attended.
<b>February 11, 2015</b>	1	Social Worker Presented to girls at the Alternative Education Program.

<b>February 27, 2015</b>	3	Providing Tools for the Helping Professionals to Empower Families in Breaking the Cycle of Dysfunction Presented by the American Counseling Association of the Virgin Islands. How Healing Occurs in the Brain when Interventions are Introduced. How can we help parents in navigating available community resources to assist in their parenting role?
<b>April 20, 2015</b>	1	Autism Conference at UVI...Social Skills Development training for parents and educators of children with autism.
<b>April 24, 2015</b>	1	Collaboration...Children are our Priority by the St. Croix Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force.
<b>June 3, 2015</b>	1	True Colors workshop with Department of Education's Counselors – UVI and DOE.
<b>June 4, 2015</b>	1	Youth with Hidden Disabilities & Their Involvement with Juvenile Justice Systems – VIUCEDD at UVI.
<b>June 29, 2015</b>	1	Trauma Webinar – Trauma 101.

**DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**  
**ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN DISTRICT**

**Accomplishments, Initiatives, and Collaborative Efforts**

The Juvenile Wrap Around Program (JWRAP) serves 35 minors in the St. Thomas District. JWRAP provides regular face-to-face supervision, group and parent counseling, random drug screens, and curfew checks. Referrals to JWRAP are made by Intake, Division of Juvenile Justice and Division of Children and Family Services. The Court also uses JWRAP as an alternative to detention.

In September 2014, Higher Achievement Wisdom and Knowledge (HAWK) began its fall sessions.

In September 2014, JJ staff worked along with the Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) and the Crime Prevention Council on the Night Out against Crime, Drugs and Violence activity.

In October 2014, JJ staff again worked with Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) on Red Ribbon Week activities. Activities included going into the schools and making presentations.

On November 14, 2014: Juvenile Movie Day – Theme: Think Before You Move. JJ staff worked with the Family Court to sponsor a movie day: an afternoon in which minors who are in the Juvenile Justice System come to the Court to watch an inspirational movie and listen to motivational guest speakers.

HAWK began its Spring sessions in February 2015.

On February 21, 2015, JJ staff assisted with the Department of Education's Food Distribution to low-income families.

On February 28, 2015, JJ social workers collaborated with the Nigel Hodge Foundation to host a fun day to benefit the pediatric unit at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital. The event was a success. JJ staff was involved in the planning and implementation of the fun day and supervised clients who performed community service hours.

On February 28, 2015, JJ staff chaperoned 12 minors to Pistarckle Theater's National Comedy Theater. Transportation was provided by JJ staff.

On March 7, 2015, JJ staff chaperoned 14 minors at Reichhold Center for the Arts for the presentation of Spencer's Theater of Illusion.

On March 28, 2015, JJ staff participated in the [2015 St Thomas Special Olympics](#) by assisting with setting up and cleaning up. JJ staff also supervised clients who performed community service.

On May 1, and 2, 2015 JJ staff assisted the Division of Senior Affairs at the Senior Carnival stand during Carnival Parades.



May 15, 2015: Youth Development Group meeting.

On May 15, 2015: Juvenile Movie Day – Theme: To Succeed at Anything, You must give everything. JJ staff worked with the Family Court to sponsor a movie day with inspirational speakers.

On May 16, 2015, JJ staff participated with several clients in the Territory Wide Road Side Cleanup sponsored by the USVI Department of Tourism.

On June 6, 2015, JJ staff participated in the Crime Prevention Council “Careers Before Tears” Job Fair at the Tutu Park Mall. Businesses and government agencies participated with exhibits and displayed brochures, posters and other items.

#### TRAINING ATTENDED:

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October 20 - 22, 2014	2	Complex Trauma Treatment Network – Caribbean Basin Regional Conference
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December 9-10, 2014	1	Resiliency Training - Retention Training Institute at the National Guard Amory in conjunction with the Office of the Governor
February 3, 2015	4	Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference at UVI for junior high and high school males -15 clients attended

Two JJ clients are participating in the “Careers Before Tears” Summer training. These clients will be placed as an on-the-job personnel. They will receive \$300 at the end of the program.

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**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

There will be:  
 Bouncers, Balloons  
 Face Painting, Mascots,  
 Steel Band, a Fashion Show  
 & much more...

Entertainment by  
 The Lashing Pups, DJ Shama  
 Quadrille Dancers, ACJHS Drumline  
 & Majorettes

**Food & Drinks on Sale!**

Contact The Nigel Hodge Foundation at 340-777-9530

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## INTAKE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – LIHEAP

### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

As of March 2015, 6,304 households received assistance from the LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and it is estimated that a total of 12,000 households will receive assistance by close of fiscal year 2015. As of March 2015, 5,544 or (46%) of these households were represented by senior citizens, while another 760 or (6%) will be individuals with disabilities, it is estimated that 10,450 or (87%) of these households are represented by senior citizens, while another 1,550 or (13%) will be individuals with disabilities, by close of fiscal year 2015.

### **(ECAP) Energy Crisis Assistance Program**

**Caseload 2006-2015** (supported in part with LIHEAP funding)

FY	60 and Over	Under 60	Total	LIHEAP	ECAP
2006	3,089	1,716	4,805		
2007	3,060	2,396	5,456		
2008	5,560	3,718	9,278		
2009	7,153	4,970	12,123	229	11,894
2010	9,704	4,227	13,931	2,322	11,609
2011	10,168	1,550	11,718	3,633	8,085
2012	11,026	1,751	12,777		
2013	11,500	1,597	13,097		
2014	10,610	1,515	12,125		
As of March 2015	5,544	760	6,304		
By Sept. 30, 2015	6,456	790	7,246		
Total	83,870	24,990	108,860		

Funding will continue to be used to support the elderly and disabled population by supplementing the payment of high electrical costs.

**Due to increased federal funding, the Department was unable to increase the payment ceiling to clients from \$100 to \$200, effective February 18, 2014.**

## INTAKE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### **Central Intake**

The Division of Intake & Emergency Services has realized a slight increase in cases compared to the same period (October 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015) in FY 2015. This slight increase is attributed to clientele served and referrals to other units and divisions. The most significant increase was realized in the area(s) of Families that had 3-4 siblings as Child Abuse/ Neglect cases. In some instances, Intake had families that were relocated with the increase in family size as well

In this program, from one year to the next, stability in numbers are attributed to one district offsetting in the other.

As of March 2015, Central Intake, through a central point-of-entry system has identified and assisted with the following:

- Investigation and crisis intervention services for an estimated 30 clients, and projects it will have served 80 clients by the end of FY 2015.
- Emergency welfare assistance for 31 adult clients due to fire, flooding, eviction, medical crisis, etc., and projects it will serve 60 clients by the end of FY 2015.
- Burial services for an estimated 11 persons and projects it will serve 20 clients by the end of FY 2015.
- Repatriation of an estimated 0 homeless persons and projects it will serve 5 clients by the end of FY 2015.

As of March 30, 2015, this program has served 98 central intake clients and made 98 contacts and 12 referrals to other divisions within the Department of Human Services for additional services, follow-up assessment and treatment.

It is estimated that this program will serve 150 central intake clients with 150 contacts and 30\* referrals to other divisions within the Department of Human Services for additional services, follow-up assessment and treatment by the end of FY 2015.

As of March 2015, interim emergency services for the indigent, an important objective of the program has:

- Distributed emergency food, food vouchers, and used clothing to minimum of 0 families.
- Supported soup kitchens and other activities for the homeless on St. Thomas and St. Croix to provide services to approximately 0 participants daily.
- Provided food stamp representation to a minimum of 0 elderly persons with physical or mental impediments, who have no family or friends to assist them.
- Family Violence Services continues to work diligently to alleviate the trauma and danger resulting from family violence to as many as zero (0) victims of family violence. Through direct emergency services, such as emergency medical services, food, and start-up costs for relocation and legal referrals, support groups and phone crisis counseling and start-up costs for relocation, victims will be assisted as they seek to return stability to their lives.
- Family Preservation and Support Services will augment the present family support services through an assessment program that will give insight into the basic needs of troubled families in the community. It has initiated the family preservation and support services of the department and has collaborated with other departments in an effort to preserve family interaction and family life. It will keep the family intact as services are rendered to each individual family member and the family as a whole. This program has served 97 and it is anticipated that this program will serve approximately 120 families by the close of the fiscal year.



## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Virgin Islands Developmental Disabilities Council (VIDDC) continues to conduct its regular meeting, special meeting to address the needs of families/guardians and individuals with disabilities. VIDDC expects to submit its State Plan that encompasses the final three years of the 5-year State Plan. As a recently organized body, the Council is actively identifying resources to enhance its functions and more clearly define the roles of Council members.

The VIDDC will continue to focus on Public Relations/ Community Outreach and Infrastructure building.

How services funded by CBG will be directed at one or more of the 29 SSBG Expenditure To Provide:

- Parent Training on Civil Rights, Individual Education Program and other related activities with the requirements of the DD Act
- Provide support and funding for organizations and agencies to promote system change
- Re-establishment of committee structures in the VIDDC membership
- Support and participate in the PTSA Advocacy Conference scheduled for February 2016
- Build a ADA-compliant web site that will provide resources for families/guardians and individuals with DD
- Create and support leadership training for people with developmental disabilities
- Support employment efforts through partnering and collaboration with the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
- Assist with the strengthening of the self-advocates committee of the VIDDC to assist them towards self-determination and integration with community living.
- Educate the public and private sector employers on sensitivity and inclusive employment for persons with DD. This will include educational materials.
- Work with educational environments and organizations to promote program and initiatives to address early detection of children with DD
- Support and promote informational and educational opportunities for post-secondary education for persons with DD

## PROJECTED PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS – FY 2016

### RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

(October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016)

Residential Services will continue to seek opportunities for the expansion of on-island residential programs to accommodate clients returning home from off-island facilities, and projects that during fiscal year 2016, the:

Number of children enrolled in residential facilities				<u>Total</u>			
by island or district:	St. Thomas	35	St. John	0	St. Croix	40	75
off-island:							30

Number of residential facilities							
by island or district:	St. Thomas	2	St. John	0	St. Croix	9	11
off-island:							7

Number of spaces available	(based on contract)	Total			
by island or district:	St. Thomas    31	St. John    n/a	St. Croix    67	98	
off-island: As needed					

### CLIENTS PROJECTED ENROLLMENT-FY'15 - CHILDREN & ADULTS

	Children (1 Day to 19 Years)	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
STT	35	16	2	0	18	53
STX	40	12	0	0	12	52
OUT-OF- TERRITORY	30	39	2	0	41	71
TOTALS	105	67	4	0	71	176

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES

A considerable portion of Consolidated Block Grant funding continues to be spent on assisting dysfunctional families in becoming productive members of the Community. Training and support services are provided to foster parents and children. Services to clients include crisis intervention, facilitating services for adoption, and foster care and court related cases. It is estimated that 50 new clients (protective and foster care) will be served with 488 counseling sessions conducted by the end of FY 2016.

	Estimated to be Served FY 2016	Estimated to be Served FY 2016
SERVICES	Children	FAMILIES
Protective Services (cases) In Home	239	110
Foster Care Services (clients) Out Home	65	51
Home Studies	80	71
Delinquency (clients)	1	1

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Juvenile Justice Unit will continue to serve pre-delinquents, Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and adjudicated youths through social work services, investigations, oversight of the alternative sentencing programs and pre/post planning for those remanded to the YRC. JJS will continue to provide treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families. The overall goal of the unit is to provide long-term intervention, social work supportive services, referrals, counseling, case management and other types of services to families with extreme and chronic dysfunction and/or are at high-risk.

The funding will continue to support the programs and workshops the social workers attended which includes utilization of some of the same vendors. It will provide supports to program amendments through local legislation and inform the public of the various youth activities or programs that are available in the community.

Estimated to be Served FY 2016 (OCTOBER 1, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016)		
• Number of PINS		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	20
	St. Croix	9
• Number of Adjudicated Youth		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	65
	St. Croix	70

• Total number of PINS and Adjudicated Youth		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	85
	St. Croix	79
• Total number of Pre-delinquents		
by district	St. Thomas / St. John	70
	St. Croix	20
Total: St. Thomas / St. John and St. Croix		<u>254</u>

#### **PINS – Persons in Need of Supervision**

<b>Youth In Residential Centers</b>		<b>FY 2016</b> (Total number of projected admissions)
On-Island (YRC*)		
(*YRC – Youth Rehabilitation Center)	115	

Off-island training for social workers on the current Juvenile Justice trends and best practice programs and approaches

Develop a protocol to address mental health and substance abuse needs for the clients with DOE, DOH and JFL Hospital

Establishing a mode of service with the Department of Education and Mental Health in reference to suicidal students  
Train social workers on safety practices in reference to home visits and office visits.

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Proposed CPR training for JJS staff

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Man-Up Conference at UVI (staff will assist in planning and coordinating the program and chaperoning minors)

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- Repatriation of an estimated 10 homeless persons.

It is estimated that approximately 650 central intake clients will be served in Fiscal Year 2016, with 9,500 contacts and 100 referral for additional services, follow-up assessment and treatment made.

## PRE-EXPENDITURE REPORT: GRANT APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR 2016

### FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST

### PRE-EXPENDITURE REPORT

\$ 6,541,116

Total Award Request: FY 2016

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### COMPONENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Components

• Senior Citizens Services	2,713,332
• Children and Family Services	1,824,858
• Development Disabilities	235,156
• Intake and Emergency Services	893,799
• Family Assistance Program	580,868
• General Administration, Planning & Development, Special Programs and Project for Community Needs	293,103
	<u>\$ 6,541,116</u>

### ACTIVITIES

The components listed above will include:

Prevention Activities (Information & Referral; General Senior Citizens Activities: *Senior Citizens Activities*, *Socio-Recreational Activities*, Children, Youth and Families, Pre-School Services, Developmental Disabilities Council, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, and Caregiver Support).

Protective and Intervention (Senior Citizens Activities, Extended Homemaker Services, Homeless Services, Adult Services, Family Violence Prevention, Children and Family Services, Prevention and Support Services).

Access Service (Central Intake; Senior Citizens Activities; Transportation).

General Administration (Administration, Licensing, Program Development, and Fiscal Operation).

# PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

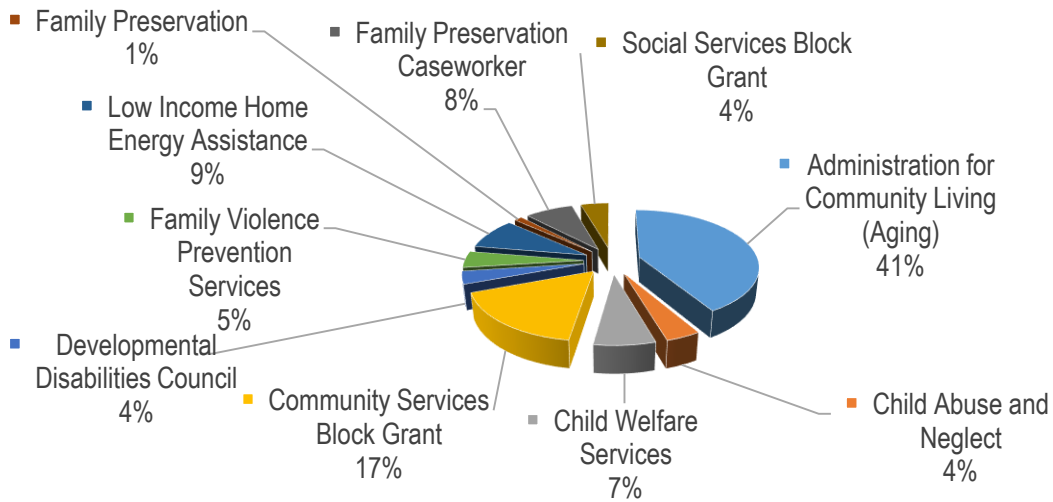
## CONSOLIDATED GRANT REQUEST UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2016

In accordance with Section 501 of PL95-134 of the Omnibus Territories Act as amended, 48 USC 1469, the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services is submitting a continuation grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for consolidation of the following grants under the Consolidated Block Grant.

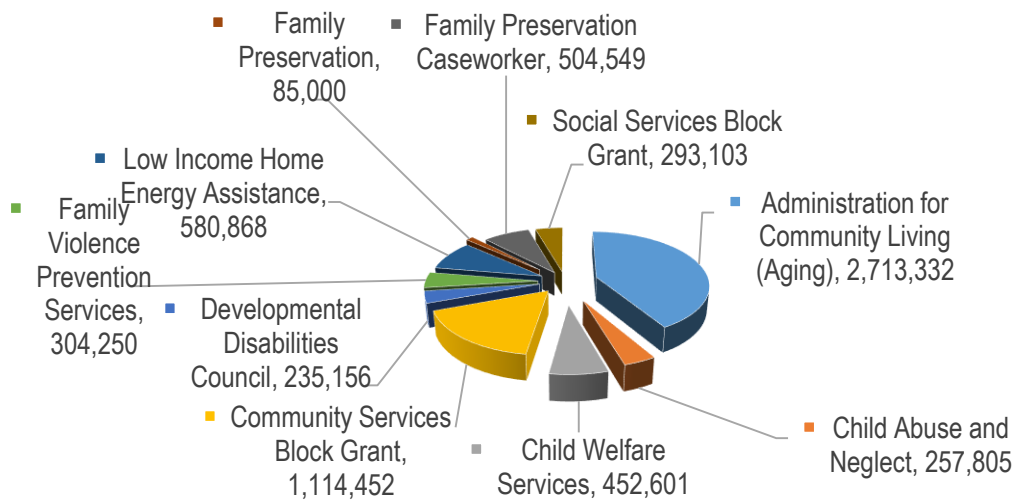
<b>Administration for Community Living (Aging)</b>	<b>2,713,332</b>
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect</b>	<b>257,805</b>
<b>Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>452,601</b>
<b>Community Services Block Grant</b>	<b>1,114,452</b>
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<b>Family Preservation</b>	<b>85,000</b>
<b>Family Preservation Caseworker</b>	<b>504,549</b>
<b>Social Services Block Grant</b>	<b><u>293,103</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u><u>6,541,116</u></u></b>

The Department of Human Services, in accordance with the United States Virgin Islands Government Reorganization Act of 1987, Act No. 5265, Title II, Section 432, is the designated state agency for the consolidated grant award. The EIN number for this award is 1-90-000-0059 AL.

## FY 2016 Consolidated Block Grant By Funding Sources



\$6,541,116



# PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 17, 2015

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## Department of Human Services – Continuation of Consolidated Block Grant

The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services hereby informs the Virgin Islands Community of its intention to submit an application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services for a **Continuation Consolidated Block Grant** as Authorized by the Omnibus Territories Act as amended 48 U.S.C. 1469 a. Copies of the Consolidated Block Grant Continuation Grant Proposal and its intended use of funds for Fiscal Year 2016 under the Consolidated Block Grant Award will be available to the public for review and comments beginning August 17, 2015 through August 28, 2015, at the Department of Human Services, Office of the Commissioner on:

- St. Croix – 3011 Golden Rock, Christiansted. Virgin Islands 00820;
  - St. Thomas – Knud Hansen Complex Building A, 1303 Hospital Ground, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802;
  - St. John - St. John Multi-Purpose Center, St. John, Virgin Islands 00803; and/or
- on the V.I. Department of Human Services' website at <http://www.dhs.gov.vi>.

*Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd* /s/

Honorable Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd, BSN, MS

Commissioner Designee  
Department of Human Services

**PUBLIC RESPONSE FORM**

**CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2016**

The Department of Human Services invites your comments on the proposed Consolidated Block Grant Award under the Consolidated Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2016. A copy of the proposed expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Grant Proposal is listed in the application.

**Please offer your comments on the sheet provided and Hand-Deliver, Mail or Fax them to:**

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If additional space is needed for your comments, kindly attach additional sheet(s) to the original Response Form as needed.

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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(l) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

### Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
8. Definitions of terms in the Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

*Controlled substance* means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

*Conviction* means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

*Criminal drug statute* means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

*Employee* means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of sub-recipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

#### Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

##### Alternate 1. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted-

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or



(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

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Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

*Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd, /s/*

Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd, Commissioner Designee  
VI Department of Human Services

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[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS—  
PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity(Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (l)(b) of this certification; and .
  - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

*Vivian J. Ebbesen-Hudd /s/*

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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. By signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any sub-awards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all sub-grantees shall certify accordingly.

*Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd* /s/

Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd, Commissioner Designee  
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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

### Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

*Vivian J. Ellesen-Mudd* /s/

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## NON-DISCRIMINATION

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et. seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §6101etseq. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. 1681et.seq. (Title IX) and the regulations at 45 CFR Parts 80 and 84, the Title XX agency assures that no individual shall be subjected to discrimination under this plan on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability and age.

*Vivian J. Ellesen-Mudd* /s/

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## VI CBG - CSBG ASSURANCES

1. The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS), the designated Lead Agency, intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment in accordance with the community services block grant program, including a description of how the State will support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of the community services block grant program;
2. The VIDHS will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with the community services block program--as governed by SSBG terms and conditions.
3. The chief executive officer of the State will designate an appropriate State agency for purposes of carrying out State community services block grant program activities.
4. The VIDHS will establish fiscal controls, procedures, audits and inspections.
5. The VIDHS will prepare and submit to the Secretary an annual report on the measured performance of the State and its eligible entities.
6. The VIDHS will comply with the prohibition against use of community services block grant funds for the purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than low-cost residential weatherization or other energy-related home repairs) of any building or other facility.
7. The VIDHS will ensure that programs assisted by community services block grant funds shall not be carried out in a manner involving the use of program funds, the provision of services, or the employment or assignment of personnel in a manner supporting or resulting in the identification of such programs with any partisan or nonpartisan political activity or any political activity associated with a candidate, or contending faction or group, in an election for public or party office; any activity to provide voters or prospective voters with transportation to the polls or similar assistance with any such election, or any voter registration activity.
8. The VIDHS will ensure that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with community services block grant program funds. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) or with respect to an otherwise qualified individual with a disability as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) shall also apply to any such program or activity.
9. The VIDHS will consider religious organizations on the same basis as other non-governmental organizations to provide assistance under the program so long as the program is implemented in a manner consistent with the Establishment Clause of the first amendment to the Constitution; not to discriminate against an organization that provides assistance under, or applies to provide assistance under the community services block grant program on the basis that the organization has a religious character; and not to require a religious organization to alter its form of internal government except as provided under Section 678B or to remove religious art, icons, scripture or other symbols in order to provide assistance under the community services block grant program.

*Vivian J. Ellesen-Thudd* /s/

Signature

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*Consolidated Block Grant Assurances selected and/or modified for inclusion in the VI CBG/SSBG Annual Report and Grant Proposal*