



# Community Services Block Grant

## State of Delaware

### CSBG Network Resources

#### CSBG Allocation, FY 2009:

\$3,730,000

In FY 2009, Delaware served 12,340 people in 6,184 low-income families.

Of over 7,500 surveyed, DE served:

- **3,595** adults who had not completed high school
- **3,566** children

Of over 3,500 surveyed, DE served:

- **3,099** people with disabilities
- **770** people who lacked health insurance

Of over 4,000 surveyed, DE served:

- **3,260** families with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline
- **2,964** “working poor” families relying on wages or unemployment insurance
- **1,721** families headed by single mothers
- **1,297** families in “severe poverty,” with incomes below 50% of the Poverty Guideline
- **781** families in which at least one family member was a retired worker
- **389** families receiving TANF

#### Total CSBG Recovery Act Award:

\$5,000,000

#### CSBG Recovery Act Jobs Created/Retained (July to September 2010):

64

### Investing in Services to Help Struggling Families

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides States with the stable, flexible funding required to deliver comprehensive, locally designed strategies to reduce poverty.

The network of State administered CSBG agencies is a nationwide service-delivery infrastructure that integrates a range of initiatives in areas such as employment, education, energy, health, housing, and transportation, rather than addressing individual issues in isolation. Nationally, the CSBG Network serves 23% of all families in poverty and reduces or eliminates 34.3 million conditions of poverty.

### CSBG Recovery Act Funds Invest in Self-Sufficiency in Delaware

First State Community Action Agency’s (First State), *Fathers, Mothers, and Children: A Second Chance Program* is one of many examples of how CSBG Recovery Act projects used the power of partnership to meet the economic security needs of Delawareans. The project used CSBG Recovery Act funds totaling \$95,000.00 and targeted incarcerated, soon-to-be released parents. The program embodied a holistic and comprehensive approach to case management for incarcerated fathers/mothers, and had a goal of educating and supporting these parents for the eventual reintegration into families and communities. The program assisted economically challenged families to become self-sufficient in six core areas: education, employment, income, housing, transportation, and the reduction or elimination of governmental subsidy dependency.

Designed to transition the inmate into the community the program had three phases; a planning and assessment phase while inmates were still in prison, then service delivery and monitoring and finally an achievement or relapse prevention phase. First State’s program enrolled 86 individuals, 36 of which obtained employment. Without the support and guidance of programs such as First State’s *Fathers, Mothers, and Children: A Second Chance Program*, former inmates would be faced with the probability of unemployment, negative peer pressure, engagement in substance usage, and other criminal behavior that results in further disengagement, displacement, and recidivism.