In Missouri, Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for child welfare, child support enforcement, needs based programs, juvenile justice and MO HealthNet administration.

DSS has four program divisions (Children's Division, Family Support Division, MO HealthNet Division and Division of Youth Services) and two support divisions (Divisions of Finance and Administrative Services and Legal Services) reporting to the Office of the Director. The Office of the Director oversees and coordinates the divisions' programs and services.

The department's SFY-2018 budget is $9.6 billion, of which $1.8 billion is General Revenue.

98.8¢ out of every DSS General Revenue dollar goes directly into programs.

DSS has local offices for the Children's, Family Support and Youth Services Divisions. For an interactive list of contacts in our local offices, please visit our web site, http://www.dss.mo.gov/, and choose Local Offices from the horizontal tool bar.
In Missouri, the Children’s Division (CD) is charged with administering a variety of child protection and permanency programs and services including:

- Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy,
- Child Assessment Centers,
- Child Care,
- Children’s Treatment Services,
- Family Assessments in response to reports of possible child abuse and neglect,
- Foster Care,
- Independent Living,
- Intensive In-Home Services,
- Residential Treatment Services, and
- Transitional Living.

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The Family Support Division (FSD) is responsible for the direction and management of the state’s child support enforcement, rehabilitation services for the blind and needs based programs, Quality Review and Training.

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- The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is responsible for the direction and management of the State’s MO HealthNet (Medicaid) Fee-For-Service, Managed Care, and MO HealthNet for Kids programs.
- Note: MHD does not operate local offices.
The Division of Youth Services (DYS) is responsible for the direction and management of the state’s juvenile justice programs.

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The Division of Finance and Administrative Services provides budgeting, financial and support services to all agencies within the Department of Social Services. Offices are located in Jefferson City and various other locations around the state.
The Division of Legal Services provides comprehensive legal support to all program and support divisions in the Department of Social Services. The division represents the department, its divisions and the state.