

2016 Annual Report





Architects. Carpenters. Electricians. Plumbers. Roofers. Constructing a house requires a team of specialists; the same holds true when building strong families and strong communities. Caseworkers, family advocates, crisis intervention specialists, therapists and other Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) staff all work together to help children, families and seniors heal from trauma; strengthen and restore families; and provide infants, children and youth with loving adoptive families. In FY'16, the agency helped more than 18,000 people build the foundations necessary to get through life's challenges while developing lasting

coping skills. Now in its fifth year of operation, CYFS continues to be a social service leader in strengthening families and individuals through its family-centered and trauma-informed approach in all of its programs and services.

And it is with your support that we continue to achieve amazing solutions together.

Take for instance, transitioning our Guardian Angel residential treatment center for boys to its new home in Morton. The boys served by Guardian Angel Home are victims of severe abuse, neglect and abandonment, and they each need special trauma interventions and structured services to help them heal and cope. While the boys are under the care of CYFS, we are their home, so the agency designed a living environment that truly feels more home-like and better meets the therapeutic and educational needs of each child. We are very grateful to our donors who have a special interest in Guardian Angel and helped support the rehabilitation and construction of the new facilities. Donors played a key role in the solution – the project couldn't have been completed without you.

Your support didn't stop there. CYFS provided safe and loving homes to more than 1,300 abused or neglected children. Let the magnitude of that sink in for a moment – 1,300 young, precious lives – that is more children than would fill 3 elementary schools! And our Youth Services program provided support to another 500 youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system or scared and unsafe because they ran away from home. They stabilized families in crisis, prevented juvenile delinquency, and helped teens not only get back on the right track, but stay out of trouble. These are just a few examples of how The Center for Youth and Family Solutions gives people the tools they need to heal, to cope and to thrive. As you read through this year's Annual Report, I truly hope you take pride in knowing you helped make a difference. You are part of the solution. And together, we are building strong families and stronger communities.

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Board President



Our Guardian Angel residential program now calls Morton home and we couldn't feel more grateful for the warm welcome we have received from the community.



Building Solutions Together

The Center for Youth & Family Solutions

Engages and serves children and families in need with dignity, compassion, and respect by building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges together.



Parents in our Intact Family Program learn to improve their parenting skills and make lasting changes that will help them provide their children a safe and loving home.

81%

of families successfully completed this program and 95% of those are still doing well a year later.

" My caseworker truly was my foundation. She was always there for us and always followed through with every question, every issue, every concern. "

-CYFS Foster Parent



of seniors served by our New Day senior program were able to continue living independently. This program provides counseling and volunteer companion services to older adults to address issues such a as grief and depression and prevents costly nursing home care.

98%

Better Building Futures

It is our goal that **every** child we serve has a forever family. Our adoption program contributed to this effort by placing

146 children with loving adoptive families.

7,369 Families facing life storms

were provided the necessary tools to heal, cope and thrive.



"I have forty years' experience in the mental health field and I can say CYFS was a tremendous asset to both my child and myself."

- Youth Services Parent



90% of the individuals and families we helped in our Counseling Program reported the services they received were effective in helping them resolve the issues that brought them into counseling and they maintained progress six months later.



" I will recommend CYFS to others I know who want to foster or adopt a child. CYFS has a wonderful staff who I hold in the highest respect."
-CYFS Adoptive Parent

18,265 People were impacted by our services.

That's 332 buses filled with people.

95% of youth served in Crisis Intervention are now off the streets and returned to a safe living environment.



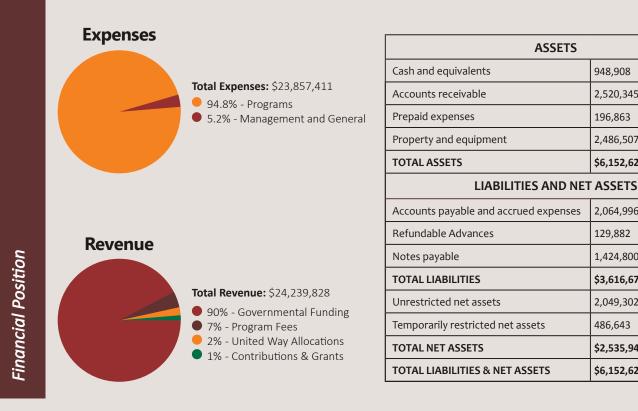
338 Children experienced the stability of a lasting, safe and caring family through reunification or adoption.

Our Foster Care Program reunites parents with their children when they take the steps to ensure their well-being, or finds children forever families through adoption.









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