



EVANGELICAL CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY

2018 Annual Report

For over 68 years, it has been ECFA's mission to provide hope and healing to children, adults, and families through compassionate, Christ-centered, quality social services from a biblical perspective. This year, we have been privileged to serve 379 individual and family cases through our social services programs in the metropolitan Chicago area and in the state of Wisconsin.

As a Christian faith-based agency, ECFA served 76 women in our Pregnancy Support Services Program. We placed a total of 26 children in adoption, including 9 children from 5 foreign countries. Our family therapists carried 78 counseling cases and served 110 clients. Sixteen individuals were assisted through our post-legal adoption services program. In addition, 498 individuals from 121 families were served through our Intact Family Services Program.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING



Children need a healthy family structure to feel safe, secure, and a sense of belonging. ECFA counselors and case managers often see young adults who lack adequate parenting skills because they have never learned how to be a good mom or dad from their own parents.

"Amanda" has a preschooler and a toddler. Sadly, she has abused drugs in the past which brought her to the attention of the child welfare authorities. Amanda was referred to ECFA for counseling. From the first visit to the home the therapist, Julie, saw that the preschooler was out of control and acting wild. She was oppositional to her mother who disciplined her harshly out of feelings of frustration.

Julie immediately began working with Amanda and her children on establishing basic rules for healthy family functioning. Amanda's preschooler learned how to sit down and listen, not interrupt adults, control her anger, to be safe, kind to others, and honest. Amanda says that there has been marked improvement in her daughter's behavior. She went from being upset and angry at her mother all the time to saying to her, "You are a pretty good mom." Amanda has a tender heart and really wants to be a good parent.

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ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

New Clients accepted	51
Total persons served	110
Clients served through:	
Individual Counseling	36
Family Counseling	35
Premarital/Marital Counseling	1
Couple Counseling	4
Total Cases Served	78
Total Number of Counseling Sessions	642

INTACT FAMILY SERVICES



The Intact Family Services (IFS) Program serves families indicated by DCFS for abuse or neglect. Many families have significant underlying issues leading to DCFS involvement such as substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health concerns. Through referrals to specialized service providers, including ECFA's counseling program, IFS assists parents in preventing future abuse and neglect from occurring and improving overall family functioning. IFS

workers not only assist families through providing resources and service referrals, but also serve as advocates for families with schools, landlords, physicians, and other community providers.

"Jose" and "Rosa's" family was brought to the attention of DCFS due to reported child abuse. Jose and Rosa participated in parent coaching and successfully completed services. Through the parenting service, they learned positive parenting strategies and how to appropriately and effectively discipline their children. Their children also had behavioral issues and were referred to counseling as an additional support to the family. The children have remained in counseling after case closure. While the case was open, Jose and Rosa were also being mistreated by their landlord. The IFS worker advocated on their behalf through several meetings with the landlord which resulted in a very positive outcome and justice for the family. When the family's case closed, they were sad to say goodbye to their worker but proud of the progress they had made.

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ILLINOIS INTACT FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

New Cases	56
Cases Closed	54
Total Cases Served	121
Total Children Served	285
Total Parents Served	213
Total Individuals Served	496

ADOPTION PROGRAM



Many children are in need of nurturing adoptive homes. ECFA's Adoption Program provides services to those interested in adopting children of all ages, domestically or internationally, healthy or with special needs.

During the "dating phase" of their relationship Bill and Sharon discussed the idea of adoption as a way to grow their family. Sharon was volunteering as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in the foster care system. She saw many children separated from their parents, and sadly from their siblings. Sharon felt a call to keep siblings together, and Bill was immediately on board to sharing the many blessings in their lives with children who needed a permanent, caring family. They prayed every morning for the children that God was preparing for them. Bill and Sharon became licensed through ECFA to adopt children from the foster care system either in state or out of state. About seven months after being licensed, they inquired about

a sibling group of three children in Massachusetts ages 10, 7, and 5. Sharon says, "These children stood out to us as being in the right age group and a match for our capabilities and their circumstances. We had many discussions with their outstanding DCFS case worker in Massachusetts concerning these children about how and what we would need to provide for their growth, security and development."

When Bill and Sharon were asked about their adoption journey, they replied, "We rely on scripture, prayer and community to help us know how to love and direct these children to a place where they can be healthy and begin to model safe forms of caring for each other and others. We repeatedly tell them our job is to love them through all circumstances, teach them values, keep them safe, and watch them become the amazing children God has designed them to be. Each morning before school we remind them to love God, be kind, work hard, and make good decisions." Bill and Sharon would also like others to know that "the need is great for adoptive homes for older children and sibling groups. It is hard work, yet, we can honestly say caring for these three children in our home and being a family has been the most satisfying and greatest work of our lives."

— Bill & Sharon Kozek

PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES



With national statistics indicating that approximately 50% of all pregnancies are unplanned, there is a great need for social service programs to provide pregnancy counseling to those seeking assistance. The social workers in Pregnancy Support Services are specially equipped to help and aid in preparing for the baby.

Services include pregnancy tests, assistance with development of a parenting or adoption plan, parenting support and education, practical help of providing diapers, wipes, and maternity clothes, limited emergency financial assistance, and community referrals. The program's ability to provide pregnancy counseling in Spanish and workers being able to travel to see clients, makes services accessible to a greater number of people.

As a single mother of a school aged child, "Tabitha" knew when the pregnancy test was positive, she would need to make some difficult decisions. Finances and space were already tight in her apartment. She wondered how she could manage with a new baby.

When Tabitha began to work with Amanda, her PSS worker, Tabitha was feeling overwhelmed and unsure how she could make parenting work. Amanda provided education and counseling and Tabitha began to feel confident that she could provide for her family through hard work and community resources.

When Tabitha's baby was born, it was soon discovered that she had a major medical complication. This has demanded a lot of Tabitha and she was at times worn out. However, she continued pushing forward so that she can be the best mom for her children.

While working with Amanda, Tabitha developed great goals for herself and her family, including locating housing that allowed sufficient space for her growing family. She is also pursuing different employment and establishing healthier relationships. Amanda says that Tabitha is one of the hardest working people she knows and is confident she will be a great success!

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ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

Adoption Program

New Cases during FY18	10
Home Studies Completed	11
Total Placements	13
Domestic	10
International	3
China	1
India	1
Vietnam	1

Total Cases Served.....42

Post Legal Adoption Services

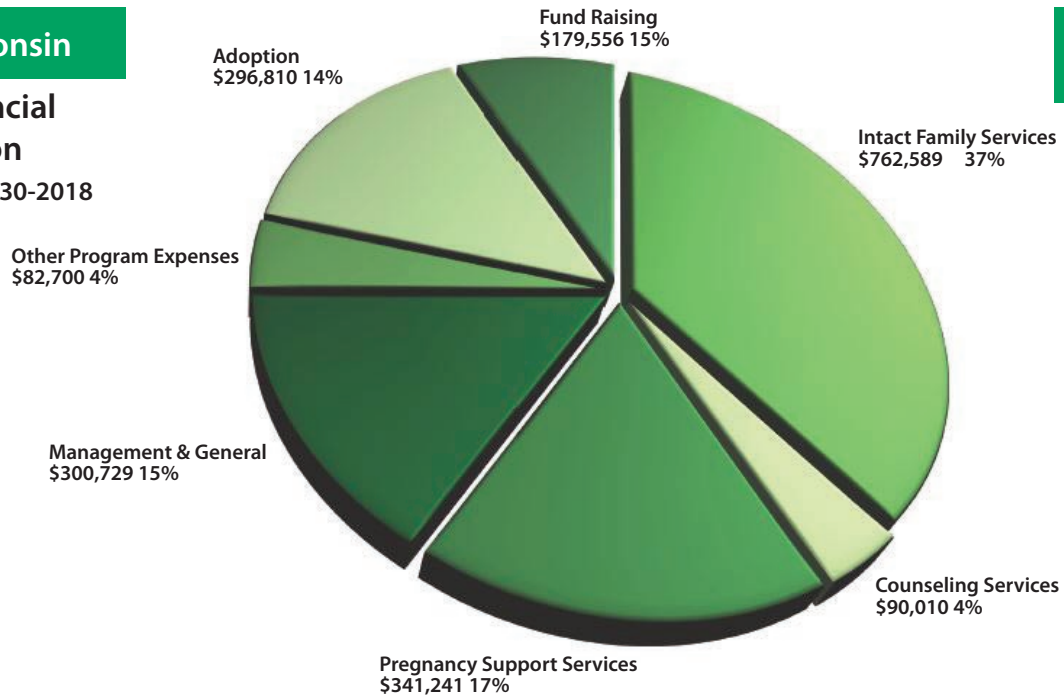
New Cases during FY18	12
Total Cases Served	16
Total Reunions	5

ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

New Cases during FY18	31
Mothers Parenting	30
Mothers Placing	1
Infants in Baby Care	1
Total Cases Served	47

Agency Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2018



Evangelical Child and Family Agency
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For FYE 6-30-2018

	Illinois	Wisconsin	Foundation	Combined 2018	Combined 2017
Contributions	421,254	181,919	11,282	614,455	572,771
State Purchase of Services	837,307	0		837,307	733,148
Wills & Bequests	42,092	0		42,092	211,815
Program Service Fees	104,976	61,008		165,984	177,374
United Way	2,710	16,638		19,348	22,963
Special Events (net)	156,840	13,897		170,737	282,196
Resale Shops (net)	0	0		0	40,607
Gain/(Loss) on Assets	21,850	(532)	134,785	156,103	203,019
Total Support & Revenue	\$1,587,029	\$272,930	\$146,067	\$2,006,026	\$2,243,893
Expenditures					
Adoption Services	189,691	107,119		296,810	249,507
Foster Family Care	0	0		0	9,757
Intact Family Services	762,586	0		762,586	673,277
Pregnancy Support Services	205,997	135,244		341,241	337,030
Counseling Services	90,010	0		90,010	83,169
Safe Families	0	0		0	84,331
Other Program Expenses	0	0	82,700	82,700	48,900
Program Expenditures	\$1,248,284	\$242,363	\$82,700	\$1,573,347	\$1,485,971
Management & General	235,846	57,185	7,698	300,729	311,252
Fund Raising	116,234	63,322		179,556	183,468
Total Expenditures	\$1,600,364	\$362,870	\$90,398	\$2,053,632	\$1,980,691
Income(Loss) from Operations	(\$13,335)	(\$89,940)	\$55,669	(\$47,606)	\$263,202

WISCONSIN DISTRICT



For over 34 years, the professional staff of ECFA in Wisconsin has provided quality social services from a biblical perspective through our Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) and Adoption Programs. During this time, we have served 3006 birth mothers and fathers, and placed 499 children in forever homes.

Licensed social workers provide home studies and post-placement services to adoptive parents. Adoption placements include children from the state of Wisconsin, interstate placements, international placements, children coming from the child welfare system, and in embryo services.

PSS offers services free of charge to expectant mothers, fathers, and families facing an unplanned pregnancy or who have encountered challenges during pregnancy. Our social

workers provide life-affirming services including professional counseling, education, referrals to community resources, and material goods during pregnancy and after birth.

Birthparents who are interested in an adoption plan may view profiles of available adoptive parents either online or when meeting with their social worker. Open adoption offers birthparents and adoptive couples the opportunity to meet and interact with each other while discussing their level of comfort with future contact.

WISCONSIN SERVICE STATISTICS

Pregnancy Support Services

New Cases during FY18	19
Mothers Parenting	23
Mothers Placing	6
Infants in Baby Care	1
Total Cases Served	29

Adoption/Baby Care Program

New Cases during FY18	14
Home Studies Completed	6
Total Placements	13
Interstate	7
International	6
China - 2 Columbia - 1 Haiti - 1 India - 2	
Total Cases Served	46

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