

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY

For over 72 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

1,128

individual and family cases through our social services programs in the metropolitan Chicago area and in the state of Wisconsin.

81

families served in our
Pregnancy Support
Services Programs 184
individuals served

85

families served in our
Adoption Programs
24 children placed
and 203 persons
served

49

counseling cases
carried by family
therapists
66 clients served

18

individuals assisted
through our Post Legal
Adoption Services
Program

165

families served in our
Intact Family Services
program for a total
of 657 individuals

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 and pregnancy support programs, IFS assists parents in preventing future abuse and neglect from occurring by improving overall family functioning.

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

This past year, IFS served the “Jones” family. This family came to the attention of DCFS due to ongoing mental health concerns and behaviors displayed by a minor in the home that were threatening to self and family members. This family engaged in services immediately. The minor participated in a hospitalization program and extensive outpatient individual counseling. Both parents engaged in parenting support and coaching. The other minors regularly attended protective daycare. Ultimately the family was able to remain safe and intact and the family continues to engage in ongoing mental health support put in place while with ECFA. It is an incredible privilege to come alongside these families when they are faced with struggles and challenges. We are encouraged to see positive changes when families are strengthened and remain together.



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ILLINOIS INTACT FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

New Cases	92
Cases Closed	90
Total Cases Served	165
Total Children Served	390
Total Parents Served	267
Total Individuals Served	657



PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

ECFA offers Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) to affirm life and come alongside mothers, couples, and families throughout a woman’s pregnancy and up to a year after the baby’s birth. For a new client, PSS is unlike most other home visiting programs because the only two criteria for admission into the program are to be pregnant or recently given birth, and be residing in the Chicagoland or Southeastern Wisconsin areas. PSS offers emotional support, counseling, and education regarding parenting or adoption. PSS also offers baby items to those clients in need of material support.

“Amy” called PSS due to her second pregnancy and needing housing assistance. She had just moved to the area from out of state to get away from a domestic violence situation with her former boyfriend. During the first session with her PSS worker, Julie, Amy was informed of a housing program that might work well for her. Shortly after that first session, she moved into that long-term housing facility with her daughter.

Once housing was no longer an issue, Amy began to focus on her mental health needs with Julie, as well as attending school, working a part-time job, and maintaining a healthy pregnancy. She had a high-risk pregnancy and delivered her son “Daniel” a month premature. Fortunately, he did not need intervention from the NICU team. Amy greatly appreciated getting to meet bi-weekly with Julie for emotional support and parenting education. She now feels confident in her ability to parent her two children well. Amy’s current life goals are to finish college, maintain her mental health, and obtain a car to meet the transportation needs for her young family.



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Julie believes that Amy has made major strides in overcoming the challenges she had throughout her pregnancy. Julie says that Amy prioritizes her children’s needs and has been adjusting well to balancing her school, work, and parental responsibilities.

ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY22	54
Mothers Parenting	38
Mothers Placing	2
Infants in Baby Care	0
Total Persons Served	103



WISCONSIN PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY22	27
Mothers Parenting	22
Mothers Placing	5
Infants in Baby Care	0
Total Persons Served	81



ADOPTION

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

All children need a safe, nurturing home in which to grow up. ECFA’s adoption program offers training and support to families throughout their adoption journey, whether the adoption is domestic in Illinois or another state, waiting children in foster care, or children from another country.

“It has been a very blessed (albeit unpredictable and challenging!) journey that allowed us the privilege of adopting a sibling group of four. We also have three biological children, and have adored our days with our sweet seven. It has truly been an honor to watch God at work within all of our children, but especially for our children from a hard place. To see how the Lord provided needed healing has been nothing short of miraculous.



Josh & Michelle's Children

Through ECFA, God made a way where there was no way, and we became a licensed foster to adopt home. God continued to surprise us, and brought us Keysia in September of 2021. Keysia’s adoption was finalized on July 26, 2022. When asked her perspective on adoption, Keysia said, ‘My adoption was a great experience for me since I’ve never known what being adopted felt like. Being adopted feels like I know someone actually loves me. And I want other kids to feel loved too.’ To God alone be the glory!”

~ Josh and Michelle

ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

Families served during FY22	39
Home Studies Completed	9
Children Placed	14
Domestic	13
International	1
Honduras: 1	
Children carried over from FY21	3
Total Persons Served	94

POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES

New Cases during FY22	10
Total Persons Served	18
Total Reunions	8

WISCONSIN ADOPTION STATISTICS

Families served during FY22	46
Home Studies Completed	21
Children Placed	10
Domestic	7
International	3
Ukraine: 3	
Children carried over from FY21	7
Total Persons Served	109



COUNSELING

ECFA serves a wide range of clients including children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. We are encouraged to see individuals and families make progress during the time they are in counseling. Sometimes change happens quickly. In other cases, it takes longer for a client to develop a trusting relationship with the therapist. Our approach is to treat each individual with compassion and support in order to help them feel prepared to address and resolve their personal challenges.

“Rachel” is a middle aged woman who had experienced a difficult home life as a child. Her father was emotionally abusive and her mother was too preoccupied with the other children in the family to meet Rachel’s most pressing needs. Consequently, she has dealt with feelings of abandonment and depression most of her life. After 20 years of marriage, and raising two sons, she and her husband divorced. She decided to live with her older son’s family for a period of time but tension arose in the home when she was no longer welcomed by her daughter-in-law.



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What hurt Rachel the most was the estrangement she experienced from her two adult sons. She deeply missed seeing her grandchildren and being involved in their lives. As a two-time cancer survivor, she decided to seek counseling with an ECFA therapist in hopes of reconciling with her family. Fortunately, she found a very supportive church where she has been helped to heal and feel affirmed.

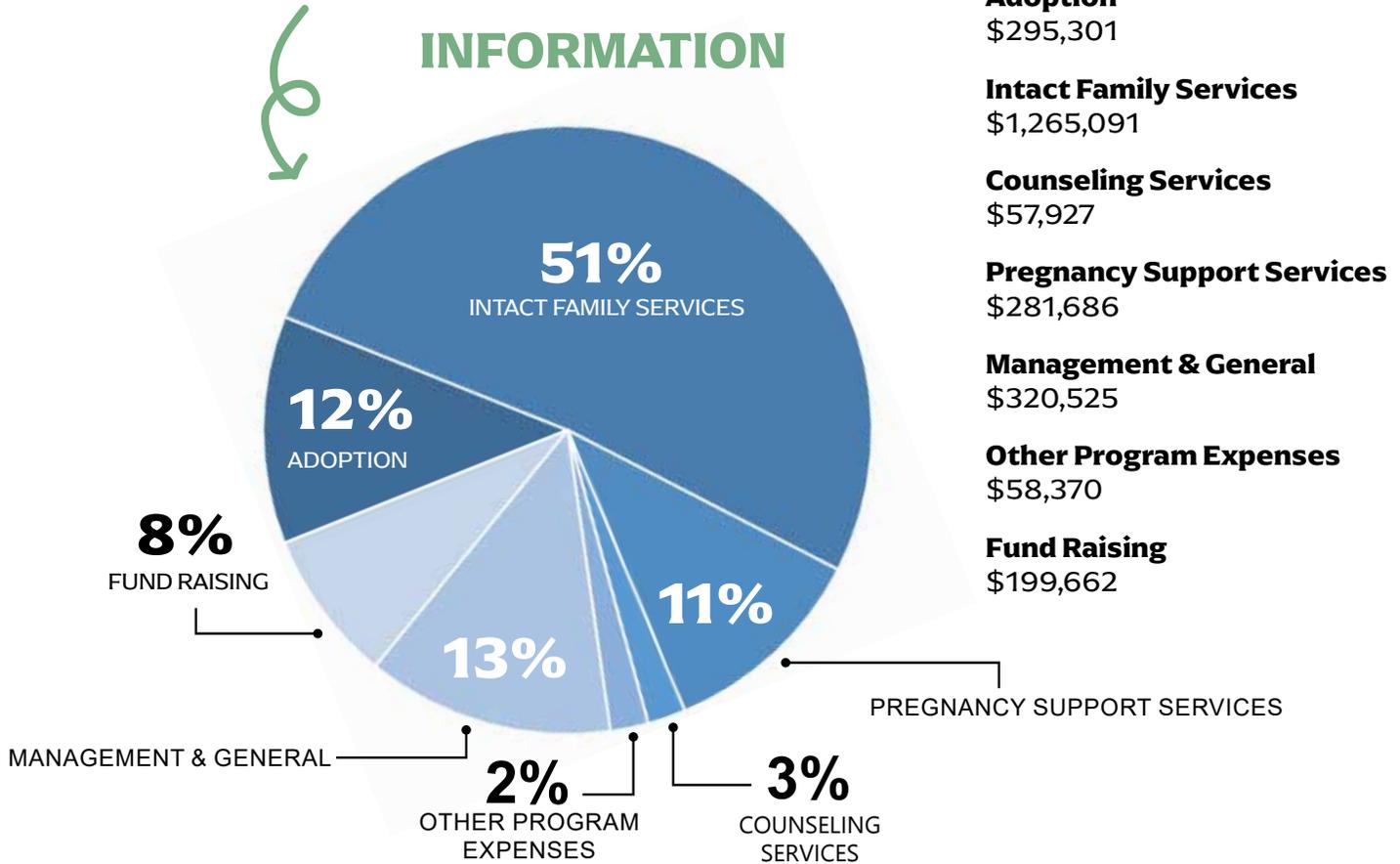
In counseling Rachel was able to address her unresolved feelings about the losses in her life. Over time, her son and daughter-in-law agreed to join her for family sessions. After some difficult conversations, they were able to work through many hurt feelings and improve their communication and relationships with one another. They have since reconciled and are now enjoying being together again. It continues to be our privilege to assist individuals and families find healthy ways to resolve emotional and relational issues in their lives.

ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

Total Cases FY22	49
New Clients Accepted	17
Total Persons Served	66
Total Counseling Sessions	209



Fiscal Year Ending 2022
ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN
AGENCY FINANCIAL
INFORMATION



Evangelical Child and Family Agency
 Annual Report Statistics
 For FYE 6-30-2022

	Illinois	Wisconsin	Foundation	Combined 2022	Combined 2021
Contributions	467,596	213,583	34,665	715,845	590,030
State Purchase of Services	1,452,779	0		1,452,779	1,328,011
Wills & Bequests	202,436	0		202,436	9,900
Program Service Fees	70,109	57,625		127,734	97,465
United Way	0	10,022		10,022	10,602
Special Events (net)	136,892	51,836		188,728	179,416
Loan Forgiveness Income	0	0		0	316,200
Gain/(Loss) on Assets	(1,350)	0	(209,479)	(210,829)	481,914
Total Support & Revenue	\$2,328,463	\$333,066	(\$174,814)	\$2,486,716	\$3,013,538
Expenditures					
Adoption Services	203,859	91,442		295,301	283,500
Intact Family Services	1,265,091	0		1,265,091	1,131,631
Pregnancy Support Services	194,600	87,086		281,686	342,383
Counseling Services	57,927	0		57,927	97,156
Other Program Expenses	0	0	58,370	58,370	60,000
Program Expenditures	\$1,721,477	\$178,528	\$58,370	\$1,958,375	\$1,914,670
Management & General	277,764	33,970	8,791	320,525	323,882
Fund Raising	159,095	40,570		199,665	206,199
Total Expenditures	\$2,158,336	\$253,068	\$67,161	\$2,478,565	\$2,444,751
Income(Loss) from Operations	\$170,127	\$79,998	(\$241,975)	\$8,150	\$568,787

A copy of the audited financial statement will be provided upon written request and may also be viewed at the Agency's corporate office.



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