



# EVANGELICAL CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY

## 2019 Annual Report

For over 69 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 389 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 99 women in our Pregnancy Support Services Programs. In our Adoption Programs we placed a total of 23 children, including 8 children from 4 foreign countries. Our family therapists carried 94 counseling cases and served 128 clients. Seventeen individuals were assisted through our Post Legal Adoption Services Program. In addition, 614 individuals from 156 families were served through our Intact Family Services Program.

### ADOPTION PROGRAM



God has a lot to say in His Word about the church caring for orphans. It is clear He calls some families to adopt, other families to come alongside a family, but for all of us to pray for orphans and orphan ministries. Zeke and Megan experienced God's direction to adopt, and we are thankful for the opportunity to come alongside them during their adoption journey.

"Adoption has been in our hearts since the beginning of our relationship. We always talked about when we would adopt 'down the road.' In November 2016, we saw a picture of a little boy, and I (Megan) couldn't get him out of my mind. Zeke agreed that he too was very drawn to this little boy.

As the months passed, the Lord planted him deeper into our hearts. We continued to pray and felt that we had to at least pursue adopting this little boy. We contacted ECFA, as we had seen them support and encourage our friends through a difficult adoption process.

Yi-Kai, joined our family in September 2018. Yi-Kai is named after Zeke's Chinese name, given to him by a Chinese friend. Yi means righteousness, and Kai means victorious warrior. Yi-Kai has been a blessing to our family. We love him dearly and he has made it clear that he is happy to be part of our family."

- Zeke and Megan

### ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

New Cases during FY19 .....	7
Home Studies Completed .....	7
Total Placements .....	4
Domestic .....	3
International .....	1
China -1	
Total Persons Served .....	76

### POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES

New Cases during FY19 .....	12
Total Cases Served .....	17
Total Reunions .....	2

### COUNSELING PROGRAM



ECFA counselors are called upon to serve a wide variety of people including individuals who suffer from alcohol and substance abuse. "Mandy's" dependence on alcohol has caused a great deal of pain for her children and family members. When her ECFA therapist began seeing her, she already had a history of anger outbursts and physical aggression that put her two young children at risk.

Her counselor helped Mandy identify the stressors in her life that have triggered her abusive drinking. She has become involved in a 12 step group, found a sponsor, and has good support for her recovery. Because of significant changes in her lifestyle, Mandy has been able to maintain sobriety. She is involved in a running program, switched jobs giving her more time with her kids, and has developed healthy relationships.

She is now self-determined, highly motivated, resilient, and has developed a good sense of humor. Mandy has a Christian faith-based background and wants to begin to grow spiritually. We are encouraged by the progress and positive changes Mandy has made since coming to counseling. We are grateful that her children feel safe at home and can look to Mandy to be the nurturing mom she wants to be.

### ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

Total Cases .....	94
New Clients Accepted .....	75
Total Persons Served .....	128
Total Number of Counseling Sessions .....	733

## INTACT FAMILY SERVICES



The Intact Family Services Program (IFS) 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 the families are connected with.

"Laura" is a single mom of three children and cares for a niece as well. She was referred to the IFS program due to medical needs of her son that were not being attended to as recommended. Laura lacked supports and was overwhelmed at single parenting with very limited resources. However, Laura wanted more for herself and her children.

Laura engaged well with IFS, started attending a local church's support group, engaged in weekly counseling, and began following all the medical recommendations for her son. Through the IFS program Laura also was able to obtain a Housing Choice voucher which assisted with rent.

Through the support that Laura received overall during the year she was engaged with IFS, Laura obtained daycare for her children, assistance with housing, worked through boundary issues and healthy relationships with her therapist, met all of the needs of her children, and broadened her support network. Laura also was promoted in her job to manager and was able to purchase a vehicle for the first time. She is so thankful for the help she received through IFS and feels that it was a blessing to have had the hotline called because it resulted in providing the help she needed.

## ILLINOIS INTACT FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

New Cases .....	93
Cases Closed.....	73
Total Cases Served.....	156
Total Children Served .....	341
Total Parents Served .....	273
Total Individuals Served .....	614

## PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES



Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) comes alongside anyone needing support during their pregnancy. Our team offers a variety of services which may include pregnancy and childbirth education, parenting support and education, and resource referrals. We also provide adoption planning.

PSS is offered in English and Spanish. There is no cost to the client and services are provided in the home which benefits PSS clients and their families.

"Cindy" is a recent mom who has been helped by in-home parenting support and education. She began using drugs as a teenager to cope with a troubled relationship with her father. When Cindy's child was born drug-exposed, she knew she needed help. She was referred to PSS and began working with Faith.

Initially, Cindy didn't trust Faith and saw her as someone who would condemn her despite all the hard work she was doing to better her life for her family.

After several meetings, Cindy began to enjoy her time with Faith and started to engage in the educational aspect of services. Cindy feels that she is learning how to parent well by going through a parenting curriculum with Faith. She can now to advocate for herself and manage stress in healthy ways.

Cindy has maintained a drug-free lifestyle for almost a year and has overcome many challenges in her life. Faith believes that if Cindy continues to make her health and sobriety a priority, she will be a great mom who can provide a safe and nurturing environment for her children.

## ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

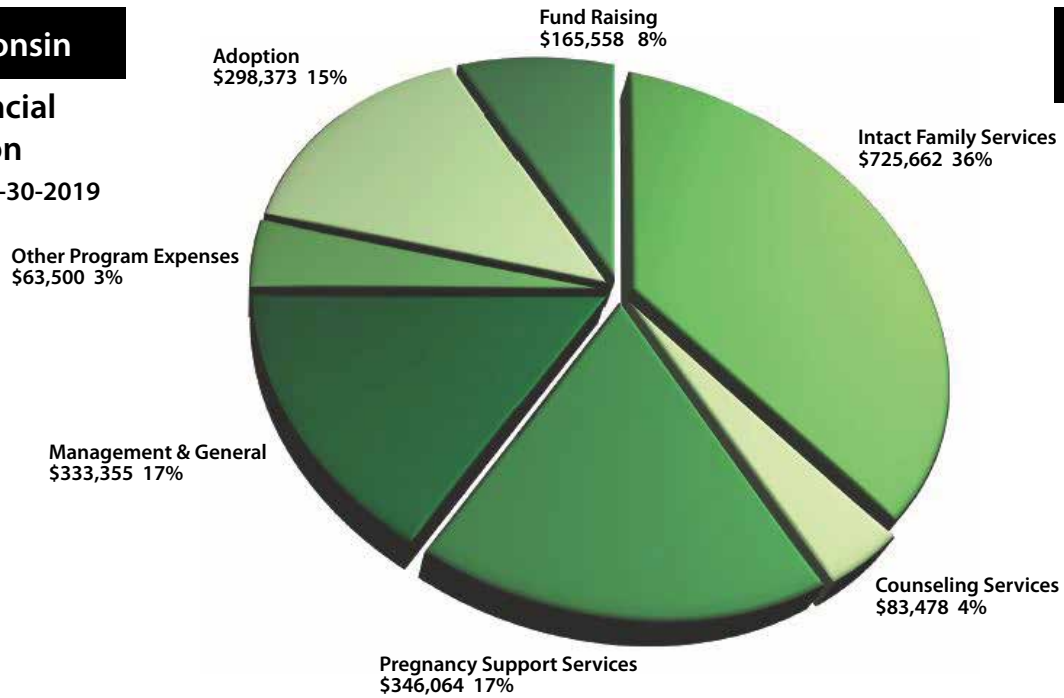
New Cases during FY19 .....	32
Mothers Parenting .....	12
Mothers Placing .....	0
Infants in Baby Care .....	0
Total Persons Served.....	84

# Illinois & Wisconsin

# Breakdown of Expenses

## Agency Financial Information

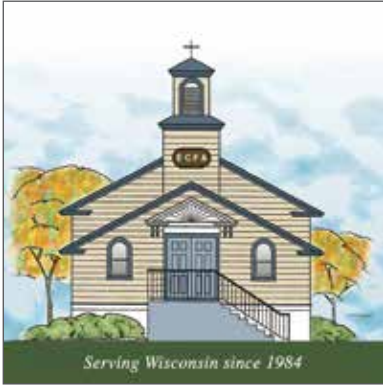
Fiscal Year Ending 06-30-2019



## Evangelical Child and Family Agency Annual Report Statistics For FYE 6-30-2019

	Illinois	Wisconsin	Foundation	Combined 2019	Combined 2018
Contributions	393,940	194,314	10,409	598,663	614,455
State Purchase of Services	962,785	0		962,785	837,307
Wills & Bequests	7,763	107,614		115,377	42,092
Program Service Fees	53,290	103,149		156,439	165,984
United Way	2,200	13,342		15,542	19,348
Special Events (net)	147,402	24,746		172,148	170,737
Gain/(Loss) on Assets	4,225	11,044	114,801	130,070	156,103
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,571,605</b>	<b>\$454,209</b>	<b>\$125,210</b>	<b>\$2,151,024</b>	<b>\$2,006,026</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Adoption Services	188,253	110,120		298,373	296,810
Intact Family Services	725,662	0		725,662	762,586
Pregnancy Support Services	189,273	156,791		346,064	341,241
Counseling Services	83,478	0		83,478	90,010
Other Program Expenses	0	0	63,500	63,500	82,700
<b>Program Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,186,666</b>	<b>\$266,911</b>	<b>\$63,500</b>	<b>\$1,517,077</b>	<b>\$1,573,347</b>
Management & General	277,618	48,079	7,658	333,355	300,729
Fund Raising	108,576	56,982		165,558	179,556
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,572,860</b>	<b>\$371,972</b>	<b>\$71,158</b>	<b>\$2,015,990</b>	<b>\$2,053,632</b>
<b>Income(Loss) from Operations</b>	<b>(\$1,255)</b>	<b>\$82,237</b>	<b>\$54,052</b>	<b>\$135,034</b>	<b>(\$47,606)</b>

# WISCONSIN DISTRICT



For more than 35 years, the staff of ECFA has provided compassionate and quality social services through our Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) and Adoption programs. During this time, we have served 3108 birth mothers, fathers, and families and placed 515 children in forever homes.

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

PSS offers services free of charge to expectant mothers, fathers, and families facing challenges during pregnancy. Our social workers offer life-affirming services including education, referrals to community resources, counseling, and material goods. Birthparents who are interested in an adoption plan may view profiles of available adoptive parents either online or when meeting with their social worker.

## WISCONSIN ADOPTION STATISTICS

New Cases during FY19 .....	13
Home Studies Completed.....	14
Total Placements.....	19
Domestic .....	12
International .....	7
<i>China - 3 Haiti - 2 India - 1 Latvia - 1</i>	
Total Persons Served.....	194

## WISCONSIN PSS STATISTICS

New Cases during FY19 .....	24
Mothers Parenting .....	22
Mothers Placing .....	3
Infants in Baby Care .....	0
Total Persons Served.....	102

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