



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# For over 71 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

# 453

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

## 82

families served in our  
Pregnancy Support  
Services Programs  
197 individuals served

## 85

families served in our  
Adoption Programs  
14 children placed  
(including 3 children from  
3 foreign countries)

## 87

counseling cases carried  
by family therapists 92  
clients served

## 17

individuals assisted  
through our Post Legal  
Adoption Services  
Program

## 182

families served in our  
Intact Family Services  
program for a total  
of 699 individuals

# 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 and pregnancy support programs, IFS assists parents in preventing future abuse and neglect from occurring and 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 “Smith” family. This family came to the attention of DCFS due to substance abuse concerns and was referred to ECFA’s IFS Program. They engaged in services right away and allowed their caseworker to visit regularly. Both parents committed to abstinence and have maintained their sobriety for over a year. Although the IFS case is closed, the family has remained involved in services put into place while with ECFA.

It is an incredible privilege to come alongside families when they are struggling with challenges in their lives. 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 . . . . .	96
Cases Closed . . . . .	98
Total Cases Served . . . . .	182
Total Children Served . . . . .	399
Total Parents Served . . . . .	300
Total Individuals Served . . . . .	699



# PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

The Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) program considers it a great honor to work alongside women, couples, and families as they navigate an unplanned pregnancy or challenges during their pregnancy or after delivery. Our social workers offer life affirming options of parenting or adoption, and provide counsel, education, and support during pregnancy and up to one year after delivery.

“Emily” experienced her first pregnancy 5 years ago. At this time, Emily was involved in an unhealthy lifestyle of poor relationships, drug use, and instability. After delivering her son, “Logan”, she quickly decided that she was not equipped to parent her little one. In an act of complete selflessness, she chose to place Logan with a Christian adoptive family through ECFA.

Fast forward to present day. Emily is actively parenting her second son, “Jimmy”, with some family support. Emily has maintained employment for several months, she has maintained her sobriety, and is able to provide Jimmy with the much needed stability of a loving home. Emily has been very involved in PSS for the past year and has grown a lot in her maturity, parenting knowledge, and confidence. Emily faithfully meets with her PSS worker weekly and has completed the Nurturing Program for Parents and their Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers. Completing this curriculum is no easy task as it is quite long at 50 chapters.



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Soon, Emily will end services, and will “step down” to the PSS mentoring program, which will continue to provide support and guidance. This mentor relationship will help ensure that Emily has the necessary tools to continue to parent her son well and encourage her toward greater independence.

## ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY21 . . . . .	66
Mothers Parenting . . . . .	63
Mothers Placing . . . . .	0
Infants in Baby Care . . . . .	0
Total Persons Served . . . . .	149

## WISCONSIN PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY21 . . . . .	16
Mothers Parenting . . . . .	13
Mothers Placing . . . . .	2
Infants in Baby Care . . . . .	1
Total Persons Served . . . . .	48

# ADOPTION

Reflections on Oluwatoyin’s adoption into our family.....

“There is no doubt in our minds that Oluwatoyin’s adoption was divinely ordained. Every time we reflect on her coming to our home and family in the United States, we acknowledge the power of Almighty God in using us (her aunt and uncle) to become her adoptive parents.

Oluwatoyin was orphaned at the age of one when her parents transitioned into glory on August 21, 2004. This was sad and traumatizing for her, but through God’s ordained destiny for her, He empowered us to fill the void left by her parents. She remained in Nigeria with her grandmother until we received the clearance for her to come to the USA.”



On January 9, 2021, Oluwatoyin arrived in the United States accompanied by her Aunt Adeola. What a day of rejoicing as Adesoji’s and Adeola’s children, Ayokanmi, Irebambo, and Eyitayo welcomed and embraced their sister with love.

“We are eternally thankful to God for perfecting everything we needed for Oluwatoyin to reunite with us again as one family in the United States of America and for ECFA’s assistance. As firm believers in Almighty God, we know that every step is ordained by God. It was no coincidence that we would be the channel through whom God will use to help Oluwatoyin to fulfill God’s ordained destiny for her.” ~ Adesoji and Adeola

## ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

Cases served during FY21	43
Home Studies Completed	8
Total Placements	9
Domestic	7
International	2
Bulgaria: 1   Nigeria: 1	
Total Persons Served	95

## POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES

New Cases during FY21	7
Total Cases Served	17
Total Reunions	7

## WISCONSIN ADOPTION STATISTICS

Cases served during FY21	42
Home Studies Completed	10
Total Placements	5
Domestic	4
International	1
Columbia: 1	
Total Persons Served	102



# COUNSELING

ECFA continues to serve a wide age range of clients including children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. We always feel encouraged when one of our clients shows progress during the time they are in counseling with us. Sometimes changes happen quite quickly, but more often than not it takes time for our therapists to develop a trusting relationship with those they seek to serve.

“Lindsay” was first referred to us for help with parenting her young son. At the time, she had been going through a difficult separation from her husband, was drinking in excess, and had a severe eating disorder. Her therapist, Julie, focused on meeting Lindsay where she was at. It took time for Lindsay to begin to trust Julie and feel confident that she was working in her best interests.

Julie helped Lindsay see the issues complicating her eating disorder. Over time she began to realize her own personal worth and that she did not need to be “the thinnest person in the room.” She began to develop a healthier lifestyle so she could be a better mother to her little boy. Over the period of a few months she began to show significant progress, worked closely with her doctor, and even was able to gain twelve pounds.

Julie says that Lindsay is a very loving and nurturing mom. Her home is immaculate, she has age appropriate toys for her son to play with, and she makes sure he has a nutritious diet. Her relationship with “Jacob’s” father also has improved so that they can successfully share parenting responsibilities. Lindsay has been able to balance her working schedule with her role as a mother. She now has the tools she needs to be successful in parenting and raising her child. relate to each other much better and have learned life skills that will help them if difficult times present themselves again.



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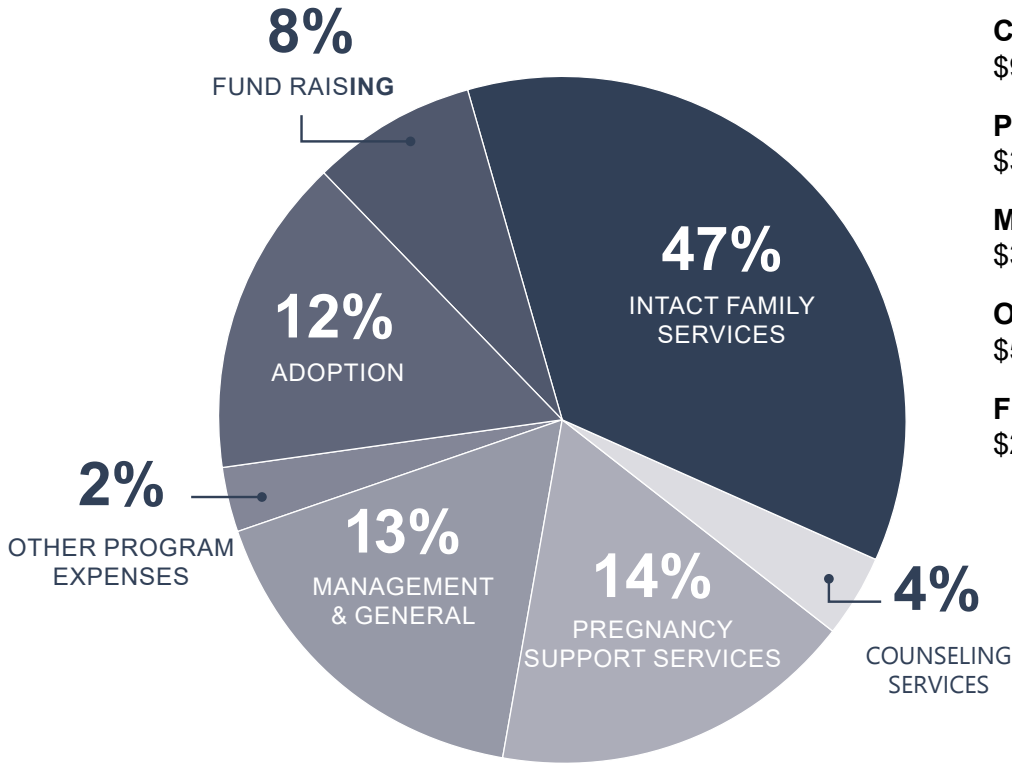
## ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

Total Cases FY21 . . . . .	87
New Clients Accepted . . . . .	57
Total Persons Served . . . . .	92
Total Counseling Sessions . . . . .	747



Fiscal Year Ending 06.30.2021

# ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN AGENCY FINANCIAL INFORMATION



**Adoption: 12%**  
\$283,500

**Intact Family Services: 47%**  
\$1,131,631

**Counseling Services: 4%**  
\$97,156

**Pregnancy Support Services: 14%**  
\$342,383

**Management & General: 13%**  
\$323,882

**Other Program Expenses: 2%**  
\$59,730

**Fund Raising: 8%**  
\$206,199

Evangelical Child and Family Agency  
Annual Report Statistics  
For FYE 6-30-2021

	Illinois	Wisconsin	Foundation	Combined 2021	Combined 2020
Contributions	391,200	186,187	10,000	587,387	560,847
State Purchase of Services	1,328,011	0		1,328,011	1,396,015
Wills & Bequests	0	9,900		9,900	230,042
Program Service Fees	53,350	44,115		97,465	185,906
United Way	194	10,408		10,602	13,416
Special Events (net)	141,864	37,552		179,416	168,921
Loan Forgiveness Income	230,826	85,374		316,200	0
Gain/(Loss) on Assets	3,781	43	17,669	21,493	23,959
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,149,226</b>	<b>\$373,579</b>	<b>\$27,669</b>	<b>\$2,550,474</b>	<b>\$2,579,106</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Adoption Services	201,597	81,903		283,500	312,407
Intact Family Services	1,131,631	0		1,131,631	1,171,230
Pregnancy Support Services	221,140	121,243		342,383	376,293
Counseling Services	97,156	0		97,156	93,399
Other Program Expenses	0	0	59,730	59,730	59,730
<b>Program Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,651,524</b>	<b>\$203,146</b>	<b>\$59,730</b>	<b>\$1,914,400</b>	<b>\$2,013,059</b>
Management & General	268,599	47,192	8,091	323,882	341,578
Fund Raising	150,143	56,056		206,199	190,119
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,070,266</b>	<b>\$306,394</b>	<b>\$67,821</b>	<b>\$2,444,481</b>	<b>\$2,544,756</b>
Income(Loss) from Operations	\$78,960	\$67,185	(\$40,152)	\$105,993	\$34,350

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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