



# 2020-21

ANNUAL REPORT



**THE CENTER**  
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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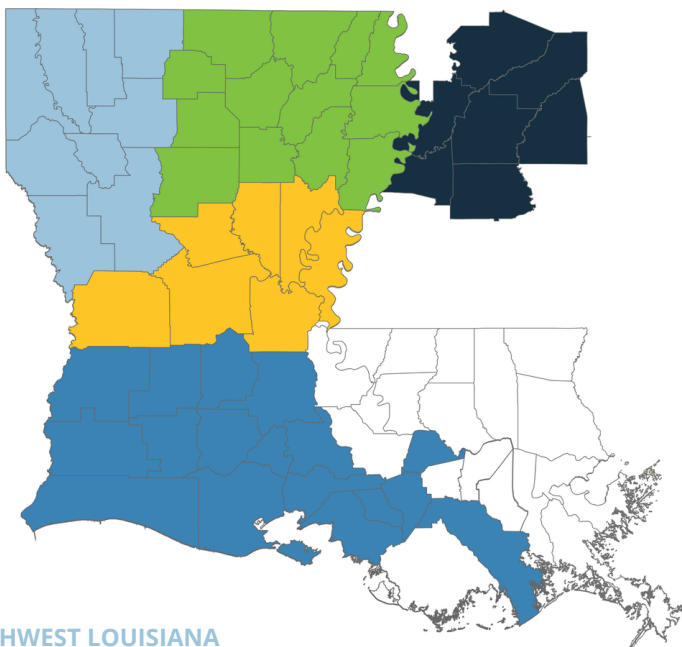
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### **NORTHWEST LOUISIANA**

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn

### **NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

### **CENTRAL LOUISIANA**

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, La Salle, Rapides, Vernon

### **SOUTH LOUISIANA**

Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermillion

### **CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Warren, Yazoo

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# **AREAS SERVED**



# THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Center for Children & Families is an umbrella nonprofit made up of a variety of different programs serving the state of Louisiana, and recently expanded its reach to Mississippi. Since its inception, The Center has overcome many challenges to become the successful, multi-faceted organization that we are today.

What started as a three person staff functioning on a \$4,000 budget, is now a thriving organization with nearly 100 employees, supporting over 125 volunteers and around 80 contract therapists, who in turn are serving thousands of children across the state. Our board members and administration are dedicated to searching out other needs that are not being sufficiently met, as well as the means to meet these needs with the “best practice” mentality that has defined every action taken since 1999.

With programs such as CASA, the Children’s Advocacy Center, Therapeutic Services, and Brokers of Hope, The Center for Children & Families is well on its way to further redefining the way children’s social services are delivered in our area.

## **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES**

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northeast Louisiana (CASAs) continue to train volunteers to advocate for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. With the number of assigned cases continually on the rise, our CASA program is consistently adapting to this increase by adding staff and training new advocates in order to meet this need. In 2020, 34 new volunteers joined in the efforts of speaking up for the children in our area, serving a total of 341 foster children.

## **THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER**

The Children’s Advocacy Center of Northeast Louisiana (CAC) remains a powerful avenue of support for child and mentally-challenged adult victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, or witnesses to violent crimes. The CAC joins all parties who are necessary in examining cases involving sexual or severe physical abuse. This year the CAC interviewed 252 children, performed 17 medical exams, and referred all 224 children for counseling with our agency.

## **THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**

The Center for Children and Families works with Master's level clinicians practicing a number of different models of in-home therapy to serve at-risk children. This year, our Therapeutic Services program served 3,323 children across Louisiana and Mississippi. Our Functional Family Therapy Program (FFT) and Multi-Systemic Therapy Program (MST) are intensive family and community based treatments that address antisocial behavior in young offenders. FFT-Child Welfare (CW) is an expansion of the highly effective FFT evidence-based mental health program that can now serve children across the entire age range (0-18). Crisis Intervention deploys responders to families within hours to help stabilize situations in which a child may be immediately removed from the home. Family Preservation is a specialized treatment program utilizing systemic family therapy for at-risk children and youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The Family Support and Youth Transition Program (FSYTP) is our program designed to facilitate the successful transition of youth in state custody, back into the community. FSYTP covers multiple regions of the Louisiana, with three teams serving out of Monroe, Shreveport and Crowley.

## **BROKERS OF HOPE**

Brokers of Hope is designed to provide hope in Union Parish to families in crisis and create a pathway to a community ready to help. This is achieved through counseling and crisis intervention, in addition to the development of a resource network of community members, organizations, and churches willing to provide support to impoverished families with assessed and valid needs. Brokers of Hope coordinates with local citizens to provide opportunities for the community with families in meaningful and empowering ways.

## **COMMUNITY**

As an organization, our footprint in this community has grown larger each year. The Christmas Project is our annual event that helps the families we serve during the holiday season. Thanks to our community partners, we were able to provide 739 children with clothing and gifts to open on Christmas morning. This effort was helped by Stuff-a-Bus which brought in over 2,500 toys and \$1,200 in donations. We also continued in the notable work of the Heart Gallery of Northeast Louisiana, which is a portable gallery of portraits of children available for adoption in our region.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JUNE 30, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

## SUPPORT & REVENUE

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GRANTS	\$3,297,428
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE	\$6,521,645
FUNDRAISING	\$47,350
INTEREST INCOME	\$1,872
OTHER INCOME	\$1,215,841
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,084,136</b>

## EXPENSES

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PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$6,123,169
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$3,402,352
FUNDRAISING	\$4,429
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$9,529,950</b>

# ASSETS

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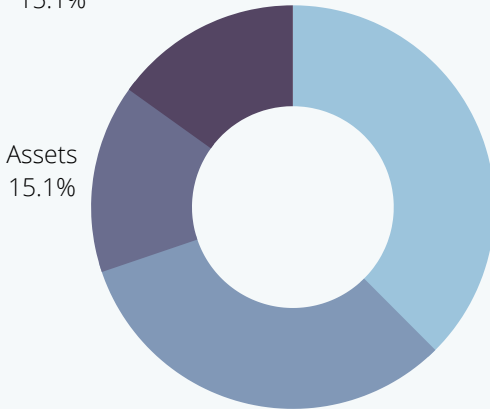
CASH	\$1,753,633
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	\$1,412,925
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$1,295,867
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,462,425</b>

# LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$400,995
CURRENT NET ASSETS	\$4,061,430
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,462,425</b>

Liabilities & Net Assets  
15.1%



Support & Revenue  
37.5%

Expenses  
32.3%

Assets  
15.1%

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE  
*safe, healthy environments*  
T H R O U G H  
**ADVOCACY, COUNSELING,  
EDUCATION & PREVENTION.**



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