



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY

For over 70 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

488

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

105

families served in our
Pregnancy Support
Services Programs
206 individuals served

85

families served in our
Adoption Programs
11 children placed
(including 5 children from
3 foreign countries)

101

counseling cases carried
by family therapists 131
clients served

23

individuals assisted
through our Post Legal
Adoption Services
Program

174

families served in our
Intact Family Services
program for a total
of 716 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 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 year has been an especially challenging and critical year for IFS with the current pandemic and consequences of it. Children are home with overwhelmed and frustrated parents, parents have limited resources, communities are facing challenges with meeting needs, schools are mostly remote, and there is an incredible amount of isolation occurring. As a result of these circumstances, many of our families have faced various crises and workers have been engaged in even more crisis management than in a normal year.

IFS case managers are on the front lines going into homes putting themselves and their own families at risk. However, more than ever, our client families need us. They need our support, consistency, encouragement, resources, and prayers. Our IFS staff continues to rely on God's strength and provision in service of our most vulnerable families.



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ILLINOIS INTACT FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

New Cases.	96
Cases Closed.	88
Total Cases Served	174
Total Children Served	396
Total Parents Served	320
Total Individuals Served.	716



PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) comes alongside anyone needing support during their pregnancy. We offer services free of charge to expectant mothers, fathers, and families in need of assistance. Our social workers provide pregnancy and childbirth education, counseling, referrals to community resources, parenting education, and material goods. We also provide adoption planning and services are available in Spanish in our Illinois office.

“Sally and Michael” were referred to PSS by a local health department. They sought services from their ECFA Wisconsin social worker, Rachel, which included learning how to budget their finances, improving parenting skills for their twin boys, determining ways to bring Michael’s son from a previous relationship into family life on weekends, and preparing for the birth of a baby daughter.

Rachel worked through the “Nurturing Parenting” curriculum with them. Among some of the most helpful new things they learned were establishing regular mealtime and better bedtime routines. Sally and Michael appreciate the help Rachel has been giving them and they feel much better prepared for the birth of their little girl.



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ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY20	67
Mothers Parenting	51
Mothers Placing	0
Infants in Baby Care	1
Total Persons Served	94

WISCONSIN PSS STATISTICS

Cases served in FY20	38
Mothers Parenting	15
Mothers Placing	3
Infants in Baby Care	0
Total Persons Served	112

ADOPTION

God has a lot to say in His Word about the church caring for orphans. Read below about Wesley and Rebecca's call to adopt:

"Since before we were married, even as college kids dating, God placed the desire to adopt on our hearts. We knew nothing about the process or how it would happen; it was something we were drawn to from the beginning of our family's story.

One and a half years ago, we realized God had readied everything so that we could finally make the first move to adopt. We contacted ECFA on the recommendation from our adoption consultants, and we knew they had supported some friends of ours through their adoption. It was such a blessing to know that our consultants and ECFA were both supporting us in prayer as we experienced a disrupted match with a birth mother that immediately led to us meeting our baby girl's birth mother.

Ivory Saige ("Ivy") officially joined our family on August 12, 2020 but she and her birth family have been a part of our family since our first conversation last November, before Ivy was born. Her name reflects this relationship, as her birth mother suggested her first name, and she shares a middle name with me, her adoptive mother. God blessed us greatly when He brought our two families together; His hand has been so apparent in every step of this process. We cannot express how grateful we are to have Ivy in our family."

--Wesley and Rebecca



ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

Cases served during FY20.	38
Home Studies Completed.	14
Total Placements	3
Domestic	3
International	0
Total Persons Served	97

POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES

New Cases during FY20	6
Total Cases Served	23
Total Reunions.	0

WISCONSIN ADOPTION STATISTICS

Cases served during FY20.	47
Home Studies Completed.	10
Total Placements	8
Domestic	3
International	5
China: 1 India: 3 Columbia: 1	
Total Persons Served	157

COUNSELING

ECFA counselors serve a wide age range of clients including children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. “Brittany” is a little girl whose mother suffers from PTSD due to past trauma. Brittany witnessed the police being called to subdue her mom during an emotional breakdown. After being hospitalized, her mother began receiving medication and counseling support.

Brittany started to respond with outbursts of anger after her mother returned home. Instead of being her usual cheerful self, she started to act like she was fearful and filled with angry thoughts. Her parents requested counseling support and Brittany started seeing an ECFA therapist who used play therapy to help her learn how to express her emotions and manage her feelings in a healthy way. As Brittany’s behavior changed, the whole family began to develop more open communication around what happened at the time of mom’s hospitalization.

Brittany has become more open about sharing her feelings, is less anxious, and has returned to her previous cheerful self. She again shows great imagination, likes to play games with her family, draws with her colorful markers, and plays with her dolls and dollhouse. Brittany and her family have used their time in counseling to learn the skills needed to overcome their traumatic situation. They now 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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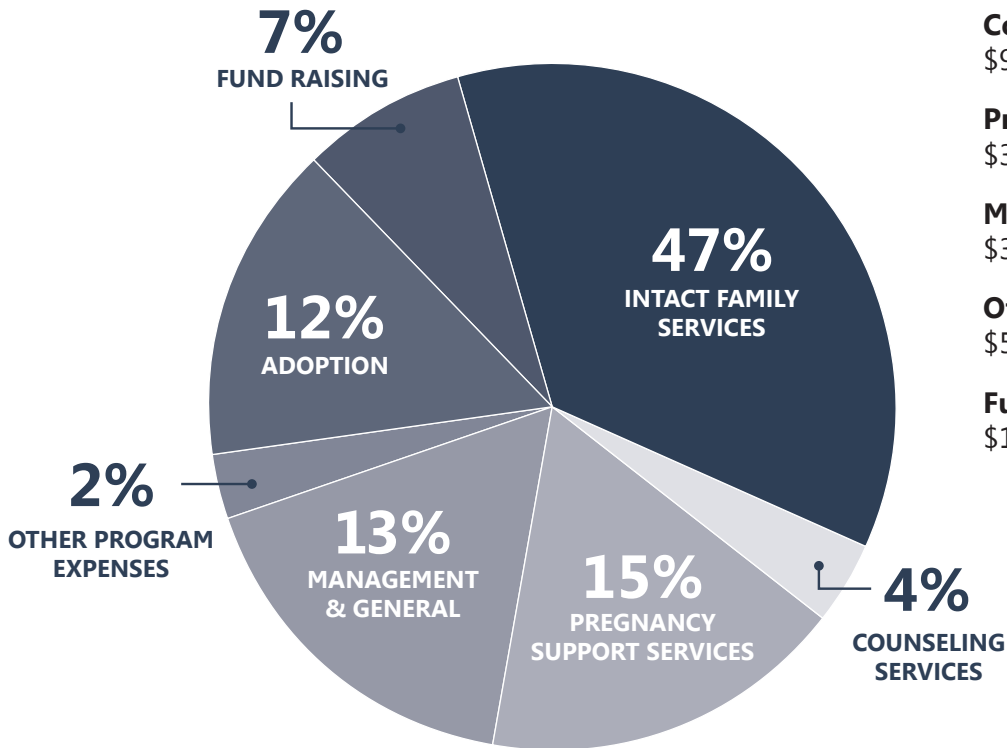
ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

Total Cases	101
New Clients Accepted.	71
Total Persons Served	131
Total Counseling Sessions	945



Fiscal Year Ending 06.30.2020

ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN AGENCY FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Adoption: 12%
\$312,407

Intact Family Services: 47%
\$1,171,230

Counseling Services: 4%
\$93,399

Pregnancy Support Services: 15%
\$376,293

Management & General: 13%
\$341,578

Other Program Expenses: 2%
\$59,730

Fund Raising: 7%
\$190,119

Evangelical Child and Family Agency
Annual Report Statistics
For FYE 6-30-2020

	Illinois	Wisconsin	Foundation	Combined 2020	Combined 2019
Contributions	372,714	178,133	10,000	560,847	598,663
State Purchase of Services	1,396,015	0		1,396,015	962,785
Wills & Bequests	124,655	105,387		230,042	115,377
Program Service Fees	94,605	91,301		185,906	156,439
United Way	432	12,984		13,416	15,542
Special Events (net)	129,633	39,288		168,921	172,148
Gain/(Loss) on Assets	4,852	1,438	17,669	23,959	130,070
Total Support & Revenue	\$2,122,906	\$428,531	\$27,669	\$2,579,106	\$2,151,024
Expenditures					
Adoption Services	194,259	118,148		312,407	298,373
Intact Family Services	1,171,230	0		1,171,230	725,662
Pregnancy Support Services	213,410	162,883		376,293	346,064
Counseling Services	93,399	0		93,399	83,478
Other Program Expenses	0	0	59,730	59,730	63,500
Program Expenditures	\$1,672,298	\$281,031	\$59,730	\$2,013,059	\$1,517,077
Management & General	276,628	56,859	8,091	341,578	333,355
Fund Raising	128,009	62,110		190,119	165,558
Total Expenditures	\$2,076,935	\$400,000	\$67,821	\$2,544,756	\$2,015,990
Income(Loss) from Operations	\$45,971	\$28,531	(\$40,152)	\$34,350	\$135,034

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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