



The Center for Family Safety and Healing

2021 Impact Report



Message from Our President



The Center for Family Safety and Healing (TCFSH) aspires to end family violence and create safe and thriving communities. Because of your support, and our home at Nationwide Children's Hospital, we have continued to serve this mission in challenging times.

TCFSH is a lifeline for abused children, women experiencing domestic violence, parents and their babies at risk, and children living in out-of-home placements. During the pandemic, the needs of the families we serve have grown more complex. Through our Direct Assistance Fund, we helped families stay in their homes, keep the lights on, feed their children and safely relocate when needed. More than 2,900 household members have been served, thanks to generous donors and supporters.

Our teams have worked hard over the past year to keep up with the growing needs of families. More survivors are reaching out for help and working to rebuild their lives. Home visiting programs continue to expand, with more than 10,000 home visits provided last year. More new moms and dads are receiving support to give their children the best possible start in life. In the child assessment center, our medical and social work teams continue to care for children who have experienced unimaginable abuse. They offer hope and healing to those most in need. And across all these program areas, TCFSH provides legal assistance and advocacy to help families move forward.

Two years ago, our strategic plan called for a greater focus on practical support to help families meet their basic needs. Today, our housing unit works with clients struggling with housing instability and identifies landlords who can help fill the gap. Through a partnership with the City of Columbus and LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, we now provide longer-term rental assistance for victims of domestic violence. The strategic plan also spoke to prevention of family violence, and today, our trainers and educators are working with schools and community groups to create a prevention agenda.

As part of Nationwide Children's, TCFSH is committed to health equity and racial justice. We've been working internally to improve our diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and externally to have these conversations with community partners. We are appreciative of the YWCA of Franklin County for providing training to our staff and for their leadership in the community. We pledge to continue these efforts.

Speaking personally, I'm grateful every day to be part of Nationwide Children's. From developing the latest COVID-19 protocols to instilling a positive organizational culture, Nationwide Children's seeks to support employees while achieving the best outcomes for every child. Nothing could be more meaningful for the families served by TCFSH.

Many thanks to the community members, donors and staff who supported TCFSH's critical work over the past year. May we all look forward to a brighter future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Rosenthal".

Lynn Rosenthal

President, The Center for Family Safety and Healing



MISSION

The Center for Family Safety and Healing is dedicated to the wellbeing of children and families. Together, with our partners and communities, we support victims of family violence and advocate for social change to prevent abuse.

VISION

End family violence and create safe and thriving communities.

CORE STRATEGIES

Crisis Response



Act with urgency to respond to victims.

Excellence in Service



Provide integrated services to children and adults that focus on healing, prevent re-victimization and address racial disparities.

Housing and Support Services



Provide housing and supportive services to victims and families so they can live safely and with self-sufficiency.

Prevention



Stop perpetration of family violence.

Working Together to Prevent Family Violence and Restore Hope

TCFSH fully addresses all aspects of family violence including child abuse and neglect, teen dating abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse. We offer a continuum of research-based prevention, assessment, intervention and treatment programs for individuals who have experienced family violence.

Benefits of this integrated team approach include:

- A one-stop, coordinated response to child abuse for individuals and families through partnerships with law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution and a wide range of community resources
- A network for domestic violence survivors to connect with to improve safety and wellbeing
- Expanded forum for education, advocacy and ongoing research

Our work and dedication are evident in the many programs and services we provide. Our reach extends wide into the community, offering support to prevent family violence and restore hope. TCFSH provides a lifeline to those in need and important tools to break the cycle of family violence.

Our Partners in Hope



LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, A Member of the Lutheran Social Services Family



Columbus Division of Police Special Victims Bureau



Franklin County Children Services



Franklin County Prosecutor's Office



Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital

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2021: Our Year in Review

Thanks to your unwavering support, we were able to provide a place of healing and a vision for change to restore hope for those who needed it most.

Adult Services Counseling

services include evidence based, trauma-informed counseling in a confidential and secure office setting.

2,386

counseling visits

157

counseling clients served

Child Assessment Center (CAC)

provides responsive and timely medical assessment and interviews for children who may have experienced child abuse as well as supportive mental health services for these children and their caregivers.

1,166

visits

1,135

patients served

Family Support Program provided by Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's

offers counseling for children and adolescents who have been sexually or physically abused and/or exposed to family violence.

8,708

counseling visits

Maternal-Infant Home Visitation

provides home visits to low-income mothers from early pregnancy through a child's second or third birthday.

10,756

home visits

899

families served

Research

supports continuous quality improvement and investigates family violence issues impacting victims across their lifespan, as well as between victims within the family unit.

11

international /
national conference
presentations

55

regional / local
presentations

7

publications

Adult Services Advocacy

services include assistance with the development of safety plans, linkages to community resources, access to emergency shelter and legal system navigation.

499

advocacy clients served

84%

of advocacy referrals were high
lethality

Lawyers for Kids

provides direct legal services to patients and families receiving services at TCFSH and Nationwide Children's.

418

families referred for
legal assistance

736

legal screens
completed
from the CAC

118

CAC screens
received legal
support

Home Based Team provided by Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's

offers intervention within the home and community setting to assist caregivers in developing a strong relationship with their child and learning healthy, effective parenting strategies.

3,406

counseling visits

Fostering Connections

is a specialty clinic that provides health care services to children and adolescents residing in out-of-home care environments.

1,830

visits

750

patients served

Training and Advocacy

provides learning and training opportunities to individuals and organizations in the community to raise awareness, build capacity and educate about family violence issues.

358

trainings
conducted

67

organizations
served



Crisis Response

Act with urgency to respond to victims.

Crisis response takes on many forms, but even more so during a global pandemic. Enhanced identification, immediate live support and mobile advocacy remain top priorities.

Enhanced Identification

TCFSH Receives Three-Year Grant Funding for Human Trafficking Program

Abused and neglected children are known to be at higher risk for trafficking and exploitation. TCFSH was awarded a three-year grant from the Office of Victims of Crime to address the issue of human trafficking in the community.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hired a new case coordinator to serve youth at risk and victims of trafficking or exploitation.
- Expanded commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) screening to include youth in the Fostering Connections clinic. This facilitates the identification of high-risk youth and allows us to link them with the Trafficked and Exploited Youth Case Coordinator for additional support and resources.
 - 406 CSEC screenings completed across the Child Assessment Center, Emergency Department and Fostering Connections clinic
 - 12% screened at risk and confirmed for CSEC
- Enabled training of Nationwide Children's employees to help identify victims of trafficking.

Immediate Live Support

Expansion of Intake and Advocacy Hours Improves Live-Response for Victims

Due to increasing demands for emergency housing and other immediate service needs, Adult Services Advocacy and Intake extended services through 8 p.m. Staff work together to address individual safety concerns and client needs, which may include advocating for emergency shelter access or arranging immediate hotel stays, providing critical food and gas assistance, or securing transportation for safe relocation inside and outside of Franklin County.

Mobile Advocacy

Advocates Meet the Needs of Victims in Their Communities Near the Moment of Crisis

Adult Services hired a Court Systems Coordinator, who partners with city and county officials to ensure that legal responses to victims of domestic violence are survivor-centered. The Coordinator's involvement is critical for the development of a second responder program to assist victims on the scene of domestic violence incidents.



ADVOCACY SUCCESS STORY

TCFSH received a referral for a client who was incarcerated. The client, who was a victim of domestic violence and human trafficking, had been unable to obtain any services since incarceration and requested support for herself and advocacy for connecting with her court-appointed attorney.

The Adult Services advocate met with the client to provide domestic violence education and resources, as well as connect her with other victim services.

With help from her TCFSH advocate, the client:

- Formed a better relationship with her attorney
- Stayed safe from her abuser incarcerated in the same facility
- Was accepted into the CATCH Court program for defendants who exhibit post-traumatic stress disorder, other mental health disorders and/or drug or alcohol dependency to decrease recidivism, jail nights and arrests and to improve public safety and the defendant's quality of life.

2022 Goals: A Look Ahead

- Improve coordination between TCFSH programs to better serve domestic violence victims
- Develop a technology platform that supports the use of text/chat for community members interested in contacting TCFSH
- Address acute response barriers that stand in the way of immediate referrals in primary care and the Emergency Department
- Increase the percentage of calls that are answered in real time rather than through voice mail
- Establish an online referral process for incoming adult referrals from professional organizations



Excellence in Service —

Prioritize excellence in all services for children and adults that focus on healing, prevent re-victimization and address racial disparities.

Excellence in service remains at the heart of everything we do. We strive to fulfill this core value through program quality and growth, operational effectiveness, systems advocacy, partnerships, and culture and wellness.

Taking a Stand for Social Justice

Supporting Children Disproportionately Affected by the Criminal Justice System

TCFSH and Nationwide Children's Stand Against Racism, Stand For Health Equity social justice initiative was established to address the effects of incarceration in our society and improve outcomes for youth and families involved in the justice system. Housed within TCFSH, the social justice team aims to:

- improve behavioral health outcomes of children of incarcerated parents
- create a coordinated health care response for detained youth
- decrease the number of youth in detention

We recognize communities of color are disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system, and we are committed to engaging in the work with internal and external partners to mitigate these impacts.

Family Support Program Workgroup Addresses Racial Trauma

Amidst the pandemic, the multiple racial injustices and deaths ignited an internal response within the Family Support Program. Staff were experiencing fatigue around processing racial trauma in sessions, as well as working to process in our own lives. Collectively, we decided to “do the work” to strive to be anti-racist, be accountable as professionals and challenge one another, and process racial trauma within the context of our trauma-focused scope of practice.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Formed a racial justice workgroup to help lead the charge in providing team trainings, consultation, resources and support
- Met twice per month for over 12 months and continued to discuss and implement strategies for change and anti-racism that allow safety for the families we serve to process the racial trauma they have experienced, in addition to their child maltreatment

Operational Effectiveness

Collaboration with Franklin County Children Services for Continuity of Care

In partnership with Franklin County Children Services, the Fostering Connections Program refined their medical intake and screening process to provide timely notification of changes in placement. As a result, TCFSH can ensure a successful continuity of care and medical needs are being proactively addressed for families during these life transitions. Families are screened over the phone for urgent health care needs, adverse adjustment reactions and/or family concerns that need to be addressed.

Staff assist foster care, kinship, respite and biological families with:

- linking to their choice of primary care
- updates on any existing specialty care services that need continued
- obtaining immunization, medication and therapy records

1,289
families screened
in 2021

Enhanced Integration of Services

Child Assessment Team Clinic Offers Multidisciplinary Follow-Up Services for Youth

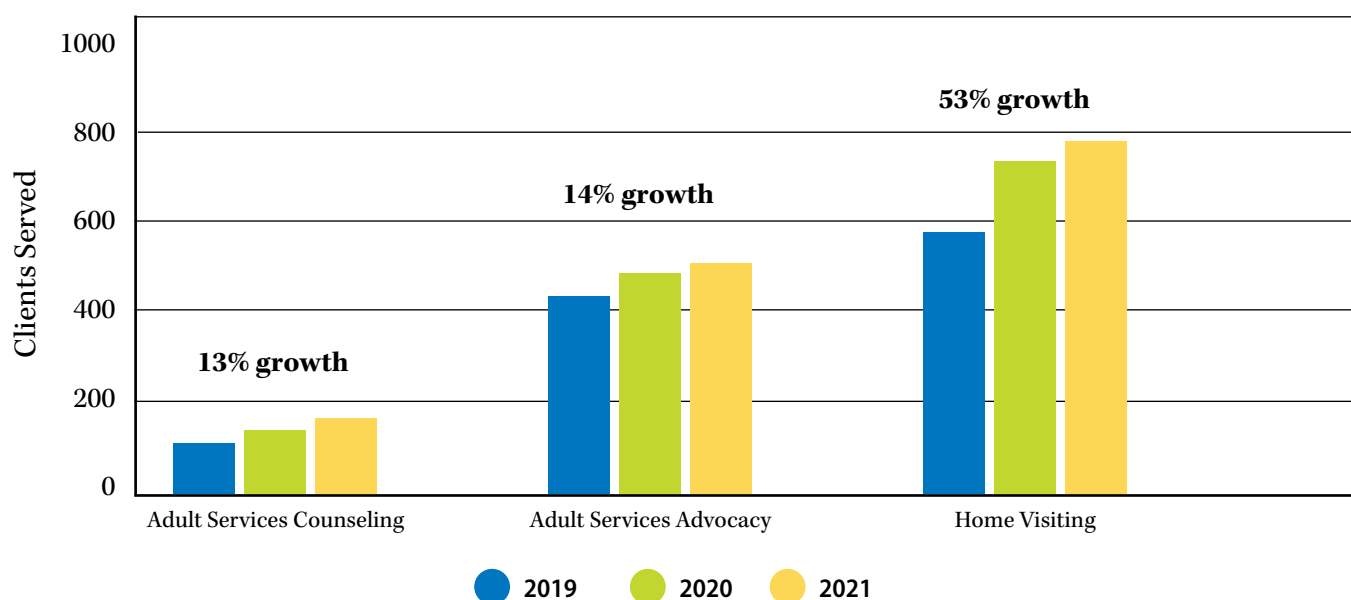
The Child Assessment Team is the hospital-based inpatient consultation service for children with suspected child maltreatment. The Child Assessment Team Clinic opened in late 2020 and serves as a multidisciplinary follow-up clinic for children with suspected physical abuse, a population that historically was not receiving routine coordinated follow-up. The clinic's care team includes child abuse pediatrics, nursing, medical social work, psychology and trauma services.

- Child Assessment Team Consult Service: 502 consults to Nationwide Children's
- Outpatient CAT Clinic: 187 patients served in 2021

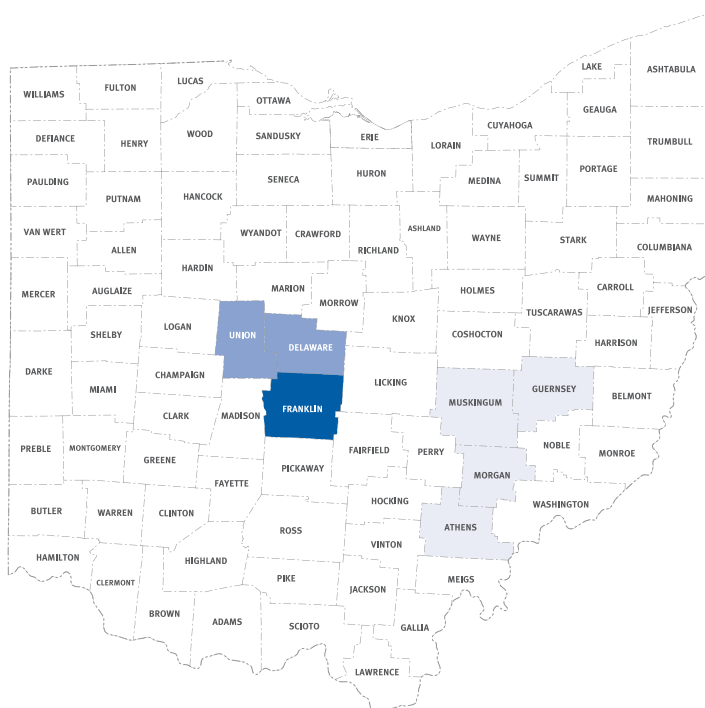
Integrated Psychology Enhances Interdisciplinary Approach

In partnership with Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health, TCFSH now provides Integrated Psychology services in our Fostering Connections clinic. This new service creates a more robust interdisciplinary approach by providing immediate access to a psychologist during a child's medical appointment and aligning behavioral health interventions with their overall medical care.

Program Growth



Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion



Initially only serving Franklin County, the Nurse-Family Partnership expanded services to Delaware and Union counties in 2021. Additional growth is expected for southern and eastern Ohio in 2022.

- 2020: Franklin County
- 2021: Expanded to Delaware and Union counties
- Future/2022: Athens, Muskingum, Morgan and Guernsey counties

Program Quality

A New, National Collaborative to Improve the Practice of Child Abuse Pediatrics

TCFSH became one of the founding sites of the Child Abuse Pediatrics Network (CAPNET), a new multi-center research network collecting standardized, reliable data on child abuse. The mission of CAPNET is “to make the care of potentially abused children more effective, safe and fair.”

CAPNET is focused on enhancing evidence-based care for the identification and treatment of child abuse. Collecting reliable, standardized data can improve the science of detecting and treating abused children. This research will also create data-driven approaches to improving population health by identifying the issue and investigating the drivers behind the problem.

In addition to creating research-based practices that will improve population health, CAPNET will play a crucial role in the prevention of child abuse by identifying at-risk children as well as the trends that place children at risk.

Read more at [NationwideChildrens.org/Collaboratory/CAPNET](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Collaboratory/CAPNET).

Lawyers for Kids Services Found to Reduce Caregiver Stress

Lawyers for Kids conducted research showing that the provision of legal services to TCFSH clients and Nationwide Children's patients reduces caregiver stress. Lawyers for Kids presented its findings at the American Public Health Association's 2021 conference in Denver.

- Caregivers reported a 106% reduction in stress in surveys when asked, “How often in last month have legal concern(s) made you feel difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?”
- 150 participants
 - 73% female
 - 46% White 37% Black
 - 30.5 average age

New Partnerships

Blueprints for Safety: Developing a Coordinated Response for Domestic Violence Crimes

Franklin County domestic violence homicides are up by over 150%, and local law enforcement, prosecutors, probation teams, judges and victim advocates are teaming up to do something about it. In 2020, Franklin County received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Violence Against Women to bring the evidence-based Blueprint for Safety domestic violence response model to our community.

In this partnership, TCFSH is working together with county, city and local social service agencies to develop a unified response that breaks cycles of violence and reduces domestic violence homicides. The Blueprint for Safety team is reviewing existing domestic violence response procedures and going into the field to see how procedures translate to action. We'll use what we learn, together, to draft our local Blueprint for Safety domestic violence response policy and implementation plan.

Read more at <https://jpp.franklincountyohio.gov/blueprint-for-safety>.

2022 Goals: A Look Ahead

- All TCFSH departments have project goals with a focus on deliberate expansion and adoption of evidence-based practice
- Establish organizational structure for Center-wide quality improvement program
- Continue culture and wellness initiatives with YMCA Racial Equity 201 training and YOU Matter representative





Housing and Support Services

Provide housing and supportive services to victims and families so they can live safely and with self-sufficiency.

Housing and support services provide the foundation to help families feel safe and rebuild lives. We strive to fulfill this core value through advocacy, funding for housing and basic needs, and collaborations with housing and social service partners.

Flexible Spending for Housing and Basic Needs

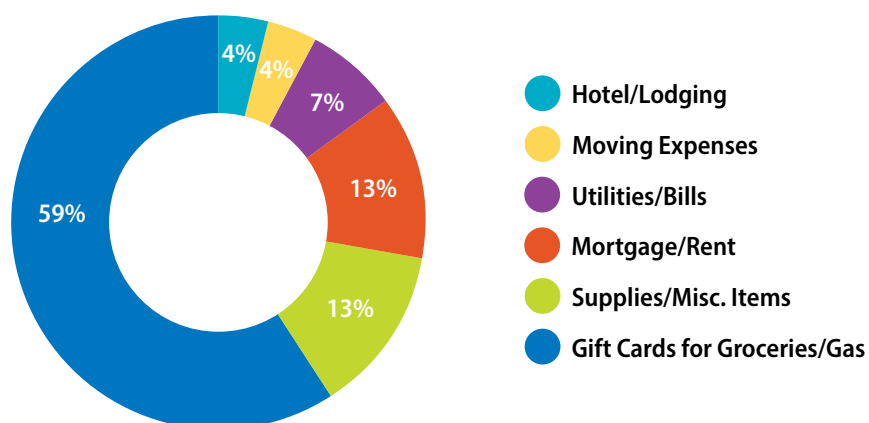
Direct Assistance Fund Continues to Provide Relief for Families

Established in April 2020, the Direct Assistance Fund responds to the increased needs of clients and patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds address food insecurity, emergency housing, utilities and immediate safety needs.

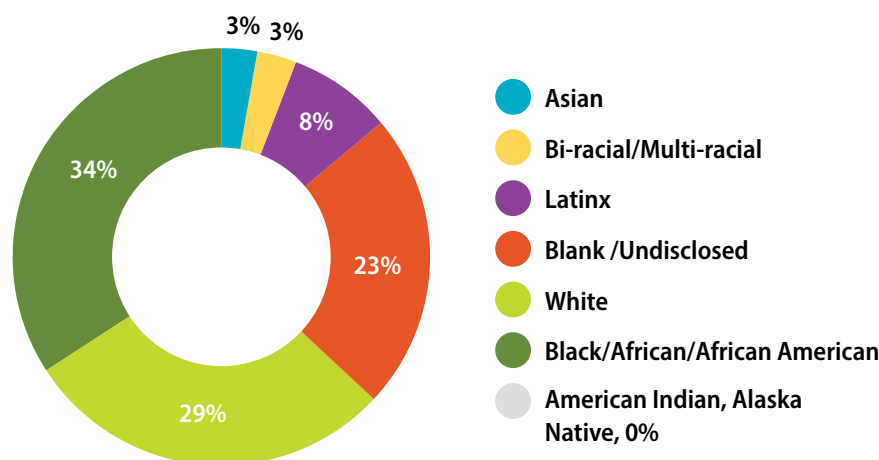
2021 HIGHLIGHTS



Requests Received by Type



Requests Received by Demographic



Housing and Supportive Services Collaboration

Connecting Survivors With Safe Housing

TCFSH partnered with LSS CHOICES and the City of Columbus to provide emergency rental assistance directly to our clients and is developing financial empowerment initiatives that will help survivors stay in their homes. From emergency hotel stays and landlord relationships, to installing security systems to improve home safety, the Direct Assistance Fund helps survivors find and keep housing.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hired a housing coordinator to advocate with housing systems to meet the needs of survivors and their children
- Provided 84 housing consultations to support survivors and families, who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Became a member of nine statewide and nationwide workgroups supporting policy and economic justice around housing shortage and barriers
- Collaborated with 23 agencies to discuss partnerships and create clear pathways for survivors and families to access safe housing and associated supports
- Developed a best practice model for working with landlords
- Identified new housing opportunities to support survivors and families

SUCCESS STORY

A survivor, referred to TCFSH, fled from out of state with her children due to domestic violence and engaged in safety planning and relocation services through the Adult Services housing advocate. The client was able to find affordable housing, and since engaging with advocacy, she was able to complete her housing voucher. The advocate assisted the client with obtaining a case manager and resources for school, food and employment resources for stabilizing her future income, and now the client has been able to maintain stable housing.



Lawyers for Kids helped 53 families avoid eviction and improved their housing conditions.

Domestic Violence Services and Safety Planning Expanded to Latinx Community

Throughout 2021, TCFSH worked with Our Lady of Guadalupe Center (OLGC), collaborating on cases for Latinx and Spanish-speaking survivors to provide domestic violence safety planning and safe relocation.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Added an advocate who is bilingual in Spanish
- Delivered the first domestic violence safety planning training to OLGC staff in Spanish

Individual and Policy Advocacy

Lawyers for Kids Achieves Systemic Victory

Since its formation at TCFSH in 2017, the Medical Legal Partnership (now Lawyers for Kids) has received over 100 referrals from Complex Care for assistance with home care after managed care plans reduced hours or stopped care altogether. These challenges stemmed from a blanket 60-day prior authorization period required by the managed care plans.

After representing numerous families struggling to maintain home health care hours for their chronically ill children, Lawyers for Kids met with the Ohio Department of Medicaid and raised awareness of the gaps in care created by the 60-day limit for children with chronic, stable health conditions. They advocated for requiring managed care plans to tailor prior authorization periods for home health care to the specific needs of the individual child needing care. This change, effective in July 2021, positively impacted children all over the state of Ohio, and ensured an ongoing source of care tailored to specific needs of each patient.

SUCCESS STORY

A seven-year-old child, with cerebral palsy and epilepsy, needed substantial home health care hours but received a reduction of 10 hours a week. Legal aid appealed, and the child received the hours he needed -- for 60 days. The plan continued to reduce the child's hours every 60 days, despite there being no change in his circumstances. Legal aid met with counsel for the Ohio Department of Medicaid and raised awareness of the gaps in care created by the 60-day limit for children with chronic, stable health conditions. As a result of this advocacy, Medicaid agreed to a modification to the managed care plan contract, effective July 1, 2021, that prohibits a hard limit of 60 days. The new language requires that the length of prior authorization periods ensures an ongoing source of care tailored to specific needs of each patient.

2022 Goals: A Look Ahead

- Develop financial empowerment material for clients and families
- Provide Domestic Violence Housing First training
- Establish data tracking system for housing consultations
- Implement long-term rental assistance through the Stable Housing Initiative





Prevention

Stop perpetration of family violence.

Prevention starts with programs that shift the conversation and the effort toward ending perpetration of family violence. Through the development of a prevention coalition, local efforts, public health campaigns and new programs, our goal is to infuse new practices into the community that will stop the cycle and destigmatize family violence.

Prevention Education Expansion

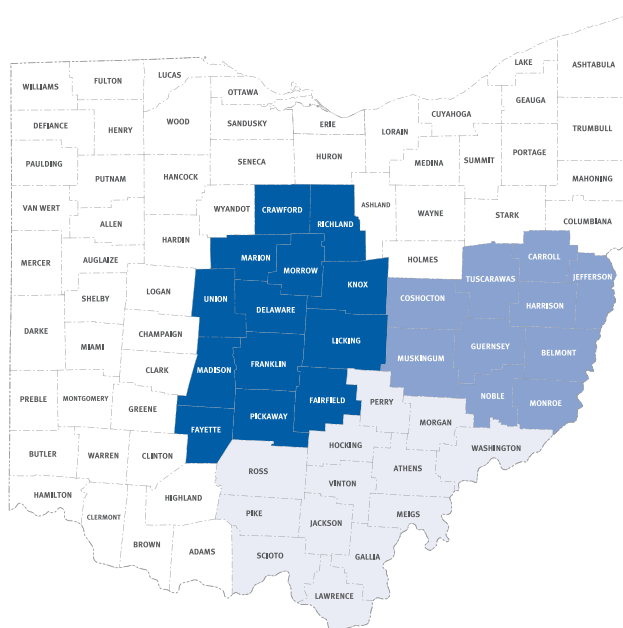
Partnership With Ohio Children's Trust Fund Focuses on Regional Education

TCFSH received grant funding from Ohio Children's Trust Fund to provide regional coordination of child abuse prevention services in central, southeastern and eastern Ohio. Local child abuse and neglect prevention professionals work with regional councils to develop and share domestic violence prevention strategies that meet local needs.

TCFSH has been successfully coordinating the Central Regional Prevention Council for approximately four years. In 2021, TCFSH was competitively selected to serve as the coordinating entity for the eastern and southeast regions by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, expanding our reach from 13 counties to 36 counties.

This grant enables us to:

- Train 25 authorized facilitators of Stewards of Children through Darkness to Light, a prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse
- Provide materials to support training for 2,275 parents and caregivers and professionals across central Ohio

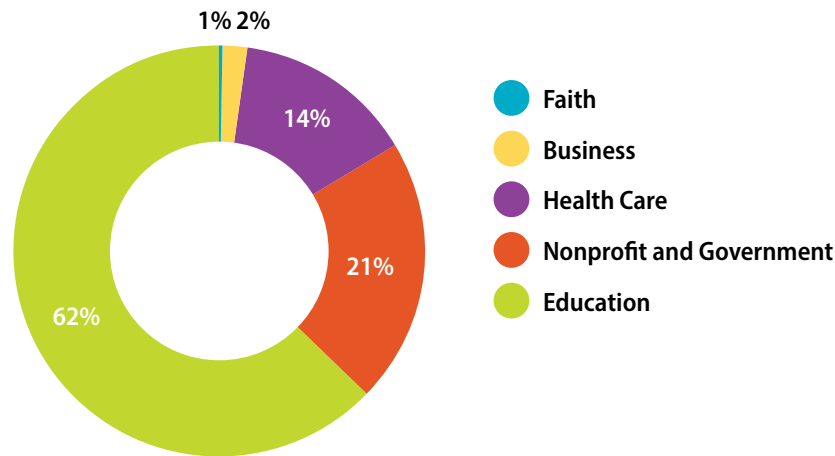


Existing - Central Region: Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Richland and Union

NEW - Southeast Region: Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington

NEW - Eastern Region: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble and Tuscarawas

358 Trainings by Type



Educating Youth on Healthy Relationships

TCFSH increased school partnerships by 20% to 35 schools for educating youth on healthy relationships.

“The kids really like this program. I have been here a long time and I feel this is the best outside program we have had the kids participate in. The presenter is amazing and very informative.”

– Middle School Educator

Training Partnerships

Buddy Up for Life

Buddy Up for Life is an incredible organization that supports young adult athletes with down syndrome through the cultivation of increased independence, promotion of greater health and wellness, and fostering of meaningful friendships. TCFSH partnered with staff, parents and athletes to build skills about digital safety, including healthy relationships online. Through exercises and thoughtful conversation, over 45 athletes and families learned how to stay safe on social media platforms.

Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)

COHHIO is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to ending homelessness and promoting decent, safe, fair, affordable housing for all, with a focus on assisting low-income and special needs populations. TCFSH partnered with COHHIO to deliver a five-part training series for 90 providers who work with transitional youth. The training series assisted providers in furthering goals around trauma-responsive care, resilience and permanent connections for the young people they serve. By incorporating knowledge of adolescent brain development, the series provided practical tools and insights for supporting young people on their journey toward resilience and stability.

State of Ohio Workplace Domestic Violence Training

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, TCFSH provided consultation to develop an enhanced training program to educate 28,000 State of Ohio employees and 8,392 managers about domestic violence and its impact on the workplace. A total of 67 human resources liaisons representing the majority of the State of Ohio’s agencies received further in-depth training in 2021, which equipped them to better support managers and employees experiencing harm and hold accountability for employees causing harm.

2022 Goals: A Look Ahead

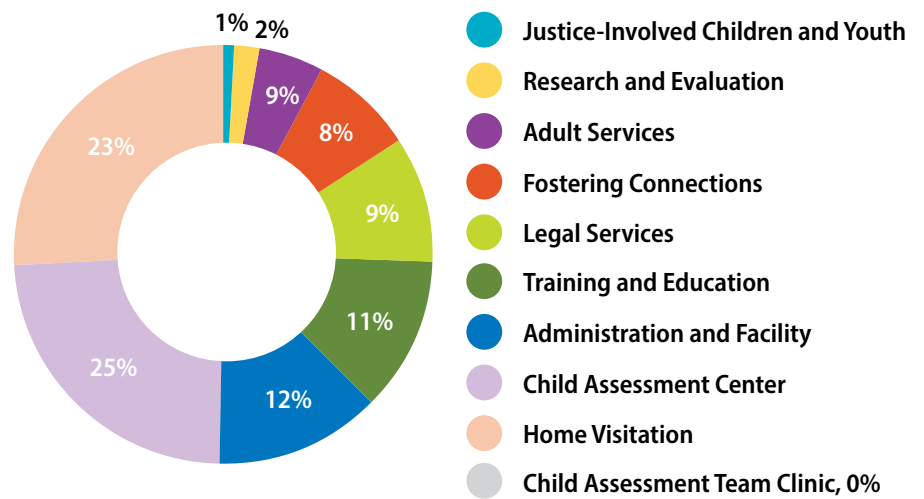
- Coordinate existing prevention strategies across TCFSH to streamline ongoing efforts
- Continue development opportunities in the community for prevention initiatives

Financials

TCFSH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by an impressive combination of public and private resources.

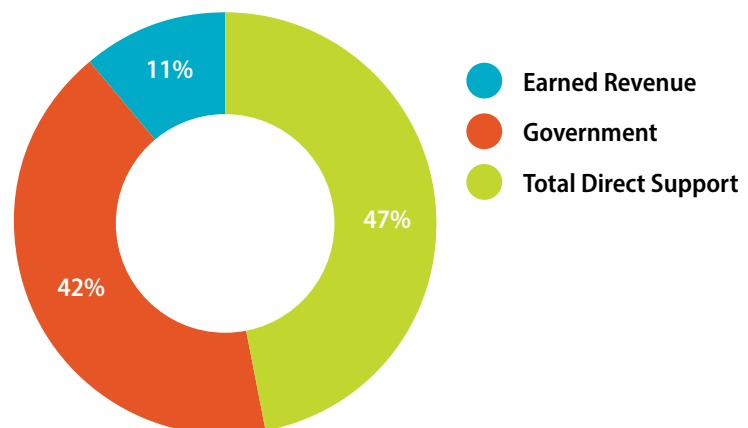
Expenses

2021 Expenses	Amount
Child Assessment Center	\$2,752,694
Child Assessment Team Clinic	\$51,654
Fostering Connections	\$874,944
Adult Services	\$1,033,579
Home Visitation	\$2,564,746
Legal Services	\$1,011,900
Research and Evaluation	\$201,497
Training and Education	\$1,268,850
Justice-involved Children and Youth	\$105,334
Administration and Facility	\$1,358,778
Total Expenses	\$11,223,976



Revenue

2021 Revenue	Amount
Total Direct Support	\$4,891,606
Government	\$4,468,436
Earned Revenue	\$1,165,091
Total Revenue	\$10,525,134



Giving

Volunteers Find New Ways to Show Support During Pandemic

Volunteers and community groups continue to be a big support for TCFSH. Although our volunteers and community groups were not able to be in our physical space, we still received support that made an impact on our daily operations. We are grateful to the numerous individuals and groups who coordinated curbside drop off donations of stuffed animals, toys, diapers and other supplies. Thank you to all our donors who chose to show support by purchasing from our Amazon Wish List. It is always exciting to open boxes to see what was sent for the children to enjoy! We look forward to having volunteers back when it is safe to do so. For more information about volunteering, visit FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Support-Us/Volunteer.

51
in-kind donations
received

Virtual Rock 'N Bowl Event Raises Nearly \$80,000

Rock 'N Bowl is an annual TCFSH fundraising event coordinated by the Development Board of Nationwide Children's. In April 2021, more than 400 people joined a virtual bowling event which successfully raised nearly \$80,000. We appreciate our generous sponsors and look forward to 2022's event on August 20. Learn more at NationwideChildrens.org/RockNBowl

Holiday Gift Bags Brighten Season for 600 Families

A special thank you to the Development Board of Nationwide Children's and other community partners who have continued to support our clients and their families during the holiday season. Gift bags were delivered by our home visitation staff and contained a Donatos Pizza gift card, a teddy bear, a developmental toy, diapers and wipes, a blanket, pajamas, crayons, a coloring book and a cookie decorating kit. These special gift bags warmed the hearts of 600 families enrolled in our Maternal-Infant Home Visitation Program.

Collaborative Initiatives

Capital University Family Advocacy Clinic

The Family Advocacy Clinic provides legal assistance and/or representation to victims of domestic violence who cannot afford to hire private counsel. The Contested Custody Unit provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence in cases where child custody is, or is likely to be, contested. The Civil Protection Unit provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence to secure Civil Protection Orders and to assist clients with housing needs, employment concerns and divorce proceedings.

1,189
individuals
received advice
and counsel

255
civil protection
orders opened

29
contested custody
cases

Project S.A.F.E. Provides Screening and Support for Pregnant Women

Project S.A.F.E. (Safe Assessment for Everyone) has been funded since 2000 through a grant from TCFSH and is based at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's Resident OB-GYN Clinic. This project provides domestic violence screening for women who are receiving prenatal care and offers referrals for supportive services as needed.

OSU Offers Family Violence Perspectives and Interventions Curriculum

TCFSH collaborates with The Ohio State University College of Social Work to offer a course to graduate and undergraduate students. This course introduces:

- Fundamental knowledge and concepts for working with victims of all types of family violence
- Factors that contribute to family violence and long-term consequences
- The importance of multidisciplinary teams in responding to family violence
- Presentations by various professionals representing victim advocacy, child and adult protective services, behavioral health, medical, forensic interviewers, law enforcement and the courts

28
undergraduate
students

7
graduate
students

expanding to
2x
a year to support
increased
demand



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