



The Center for Family Safety and Healing
2022 Impact Report



Message From Our Interim President



Our vision is clear. We aim to end family violence and create safe and thriving communities.

In early 2020, we launched our current strategic plan. We are grateful for the leadership provided by our recent past president, Lynn Rosenthal, who helped develop this plan and navigated the unexpected pandemic-related challenges, which had just unfolded as we launched our new initiatives. Despite the rapidly changing and increasing needs of our clients, our staff persevered. With the unwavering support from the board at The Center for Family Safety and Healing (TCFSH) and Nationwide Children's Hospital's executive leadership, remarkable accomplishments have been made. We have expanded many of our clinical and supportive services and contributed to the academic and research mission of the hospital.

As you read our 2022 Impact Report, our accomplishments will be apparent. We significantly expanded our child abuse prevention services across central, eastern and southeastern Ohio. This included the expansion of our Maternal-Infant Home Visitation Services in these regions as well. Our Training and Advocacy Team have secured grants to provide primary prevention for child sexual abuse and digital teen dating abuse. The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) continues to be one of the most highly respected CACs in Ohio, and our hospital-based Child Abuse Team Clinic has been presented as a national model program within the child abuse pediatric professional community.

Likewise, we have continued to build meaningful, local partnerships critical for community impact. We are working with the City of Columbus to provide domestic violence advocacy to survivors in the court system and will be implementing a co-responder domestic violence program with the Columbus Division of Police. We are poised to provide domestic violence advocacy with survivors involved in the child protective system and have been working with Franklin County Children Services so that supportive caregivers can stay safe and together with their children. Our work with the Community Shelter Board to prevent homelessness by providing housing advocacy and training on trauma-informed, survivor-centered services is central to our ability to help survivors live safely and thrive.

Family violence is complex and requires that we work with families to address the many social and environmental factors that influence the pathways through violence that children and families experience. We continue to partner with Nationwide Children's to provide legal assistance and support to children and families touched in some way by the justice system, especially people of color, who are disproportionately represented and impacted. We are excited to be working with hospital partners to complete formal strategic planning that builds on Nationwide Children's *Stand Against Racism, Stand for Health Equity* and the gains that we have begun to make to develop new supports for these children and their families.

Our work is lifesaving, and it is both exhilarating and exhausting. We want to thank each of you, including our donors, community and hospital partners, and board members for supporting us as we continue our work to end family violence and create safe and thriving communities. On behalf of all that you do for our families and our staff, thank you.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nancy Cunningham, PsyD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Cunningham, PsyD

Interim President, The Center for Family Safety and Healing

2020-2025 Strategic Plan

A place for healing. A vision for change.



MISSION

The Center for Family Safety and Healing is dedicated to the well-being 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

Excellence in Service



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

Prevention



Stop perpetration of family violence

Crisis Response



Act with urgency to respond to victims

Housing and Support Services



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

Working Together to Prevent Family Violence and Restore Hope

TCFSH addresses 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 through partnerships with law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors and a wide range of community resources
- A network for domestic violence survivors to improve safety and well-being
- Specialized programs to improve maternal-infant outcomes and health care services for children and adolescents placed in out-of-home care
- Reduced barriers to anyone wanting access to treatment
- An 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 into the community, offering many ways to prevent family violence and restore hope. These programs and services are a lifeline to those in need and are important tools in our efforts 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's Services



Franklin County Prosecutor's Office



Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital

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Giving

Welcoming Back Volunteers

Volunteers and community groups continue to be a big support for TCFSH and we look forward to the return of in-person volunteering in 2023. Volunteering can include everything from interacting with children during appointments, to coordinating a donation drive for stuffed animals or essential care items like diapers and baby wipes. If you have extra time in your schedule and want to make a difference for a child, learn more about volunteering at FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Volunteer.

Donations Make All the Difference

We are grateful to the numerous individuals and groups who showed their support by coordinating drop-off donations of stuffed animals, toys, diapers and other supplies to TCFSH or purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List. These items help provide comfort, care and healing for our children. It is always exciting to open boxes and see what was sent for the children to enjoy! To learn more about donations, visit FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Donate.

64
in-kind
donations
received



Rock 'N Bowl 2022

Rock 'N Bowl is an annual TCFSH fundraising event coordinated by the Development Board of Nationwide Children's. In August 2022, more than 500 bowlers participated in the event at the Columbus Bowling Palace. We appreciate our generous sponsors who supported the event and our mission. If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to Rock 'N Bowl, learn more at NationwideChildrens.org/RockNBowl.

500+
bowlers

\$98,964
raised

Continued Support From BalletMet Columbus

Since 2017, BalletMet Columbus has donated performance tickets for TCFSH clients and families through their KidTix program. The tickets allow children to experience the arts in our community. KidTix program sponsors include the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the Ohio Arts Council and The Columbus Foundation.

Spreading Holiday Joy for Families

A special thank you to the Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital and other community partners who supported our clients and their families during the holiday season. With their help, TCFSH hosted an in-person holiday event for client families at St. Charles Preparatory School. Families had the opportunity to take pictures with characters including superheroes and princesses, view beautiful holiday lights and decorations, enjoy a meal, and take home a gift blanket.

400+
families
attended

600
gift bags
distributed

The Maternal-Infant Home Visitation team also continued their holiday tradition of delivering special gift bags to families enrolled in their programs. Gift bags included developmental toys, pajamas, crayons and coloring books.

Season's Greetings

The Social Justice team partnered with Just Detention International and TCFSH volunteers to send holiday cards to survivors of sexual assault who are incarcerated.

450+
cards
distributed

Our Programs and Services: 2022 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. These highlights reflect how our programs and services continue to support families and the community.



more than **5,600**
unique families served



more than **25,000**
visits across TCFSH programs

Adult Services Counseling

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



2,175
counseling visits



162
counseling clients served

Adult Services Advocacy

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



683
advocacy clients served



83%
of advocacy referrals
were high lethality

Child Assessment Center (CAC)

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



1,086
visits



1,063
patients served

Child Assessment Team (CAT)

is the hospital-based inpatient consultation service for children with suspected child maltreatment.



815
consults provided to Nationwide Children's

Child Assessment Team Clinic (CATC)

is an outpatient clinic for children with suspected physical abuse to receive coordinated follow-up care.



23
referrals made to
support services



22
new mandated reports
made for new child
maltreatment concerns



206
patients served



577
in-person or phone
encounters with patients

Fostering Connections

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



1,808
visits



735
patients served

Lawyers for Kids

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



1,866
families referred for legal
assistance



517
legal screens completed
from the CAC



87
CAC screens received legal
support

Maternal-Infant Home Visitation

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



9,178
home visits



967
families served

Training and Development (TAD)

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



199
trainings conducted



67
organizations served

Research and Academic Presentations

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



4
international or national
conference presentations



24
regional or local presentations



20
publications

Child Abuse Prevention - Ohio Children's Trust Fund

supports organizations across the region for locally provided child abuse prevention services.



1,606

families served



36

counties reached

Trauma Services SAMSHA Grant

provides trauma treatment and support services to families facing significant system, social or economic barriers to care.



66

families received trauma services

Social Justice Initiatives - Children of Incarcerated Parents and Justice-Involved Youth

is a partnership with Nationwide Children's to reduce racial disparities in health care for families impacted by the justice system.



134

people reached

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.



7,047

counseling visits

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 discipline strategies.



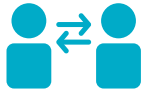
2,805

counseling visits

Collaborative Initiatives

Capital University 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/or divorce proceedings.



765

**individuals received advice
and counsel**



65

civil protection orders opened



31

contested custody cases

The Ohio State University Family Violence Curriculum Returns to the Classroom

In 2022, the Child Assessment Center returned to co-teaching The Ohio State University's (OSU) Family Violence: Perspectives and Interventions course in-person, after being held virtually due to COVID-19. This marked our seventh year of collaboration with OSU's College of Social Work. Due to popular demand, the course continues to grow and is now offered twice a year.



39

undergraduate students



20

graduate students





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

Social Justice Initiatives – Children of Incarcerated Parents and Justice-Involved Youth

There are 4.2 million children in the United States who currently have asthma; there are 4.9 million children who have had a parent or guardian incarcerated.

Children of incarcerated parents have an increased risk of many negative health outcomes – from developmental and language delays to depression and asthma. There are also other outcomes, like housing instability and food insecurity, that have an impact on health.

TCFSH's Social Justice team engaged a consulting group, Cohear, to lead six focus groups and conduct more than a dozen interviews with families impacted by the criminal justice system and stakeholders serving individuals who are incarcerated. In 2023, TCFSH will engage in Nationwide Children's strategic planning process to integrate their recommendations into the social justice initiative's priorities.

More
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Franklin County I Father a Child (IFAC) Grant

In March 2022, the Franklin County Office of Ohio Justice Policy and Programs (OJPP) launched the Children of Incarcerated Parents (CoIP) initiative designed to provide wraparound services to youth who have a father incarcerated in Franklin County and their caregivers. In partnership with OJPP, the Social Justice team began working with clients through the I Father a Child (IFAC) grant provided by Franklin County's CoIP Initiative.

Through this grant, TCFSH provided outreach and services to five groups from the Franklin County Jail, Alvis House and Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF). This program reached 28 families who had a father incarcerated in Franklin County. The fathers received parenting classes and their families received support to help identify and address any needs due to the incarceration.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Published a guide for caregivers of children with incarcerated parents. This guide contains tools to help children cope with trauma, information about planning facility visits and other resources.
- Recruited 10 mentors for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi Program, a mentoring program that matches children of incarcerated parents with role models from the community.
- Expanded the scope of the Juvenile Intervention Center, Pediatric Academic Association (JIC-PAA) contract, which allowed funding for increased nursing hours and a behavioral health therapist dedicated to this population.

Enhanced Integration of Services

Improving Continuity of Care During Foster Care Transitions

The Fostering Connections Program partners with Franklin County Children Services for timely notification of changes in placement for medical intake and screening. As a result, TCFSH ensures successful continuity of medical care for children and proactively addresses concerns during foster care 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
- Updating on any existing specialty care services needed
- Obtaining immunization, medication and therapy records

1,034
families screened
in 2022

Leap614: Assisting Foster Youth With Transition to Independent Adulthood

In 2022, the Fostering Connections Program created and launched Leap614, a web app toolkit to connect young people in Franklin County with local resources to support their transition from foster care to independent adulthood. The site, NationwideChildrens.org/Leap614, contains information about education, health care, housing and employment. This project was supported by a CATCH Resident Grant through the American Academy of Pediatrics.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hired a social worker to address the psychosocial needs of patients and families. In collaboration with the Ohio Youth and Family Ombudsman's office, social work has continued to grow rapport with Franklin County Children Services to better serve our youth and connect with resources.**

Program Quality

Child Assessment Center Receives Reaccreditation from National Children's Alliance

The Child Assessment Center received National Children's Alliance (NCA) reaccreditation in 2022. NCA is the national accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in the U.S. The rigorous accreditation process, including a site visit, ensures children across the U.S. receive consistent, evidence-based services that help them heal from abuse. This latest accreditation is valid for five years.

Child Assessment Team Clinic Nationally Recognized as Model Program

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

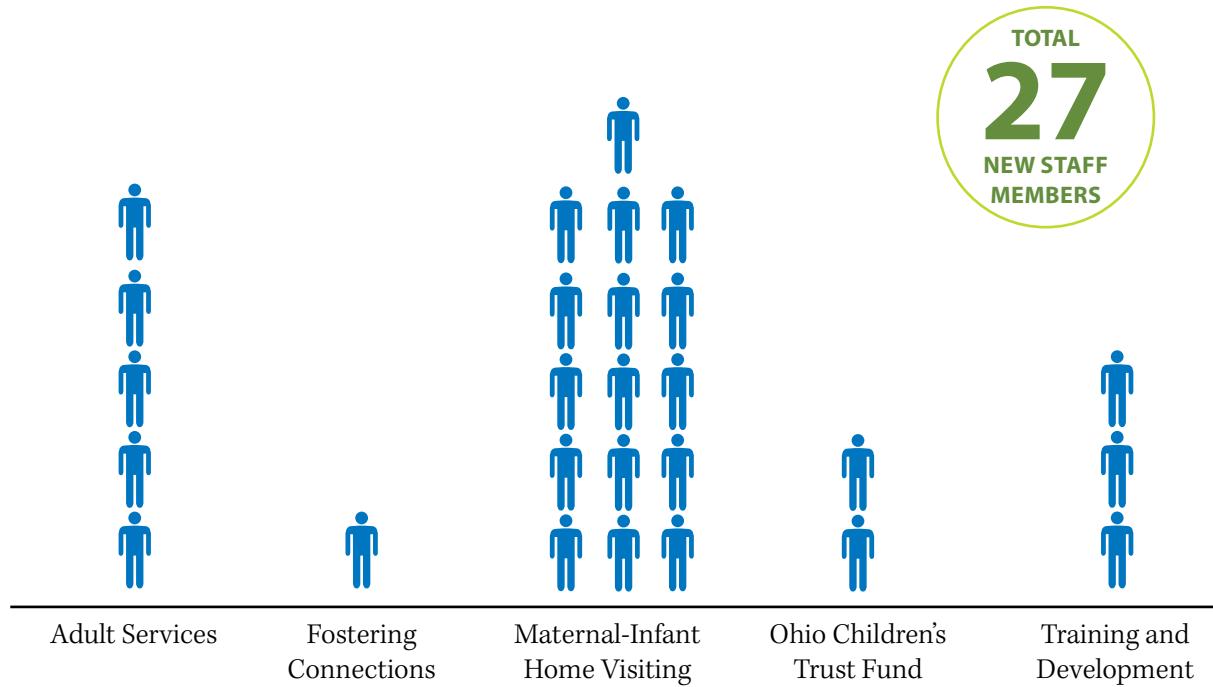
The clinic was presented as a model program at the Ray E. Helfer Society Annual Conference and the Pediatric Trauma Society Conference. Prior to the clinic opening in 2020, children with physical abuse injuries were not routinely seen for follow-up, and new concerns for child maltreatment could go unnoticed. With a focus on supporting both the child and family, the clinic also routinely screens for social determinants of health and provides referrals to support services.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Expanded referral sources from the Emergency Department to also include Urgent Care, Primary Care and Orthopedics.**
- **Achieved nearly real-time appointments for children seen in other clinics where concerns for abuse were identified, including some same-day visits.**

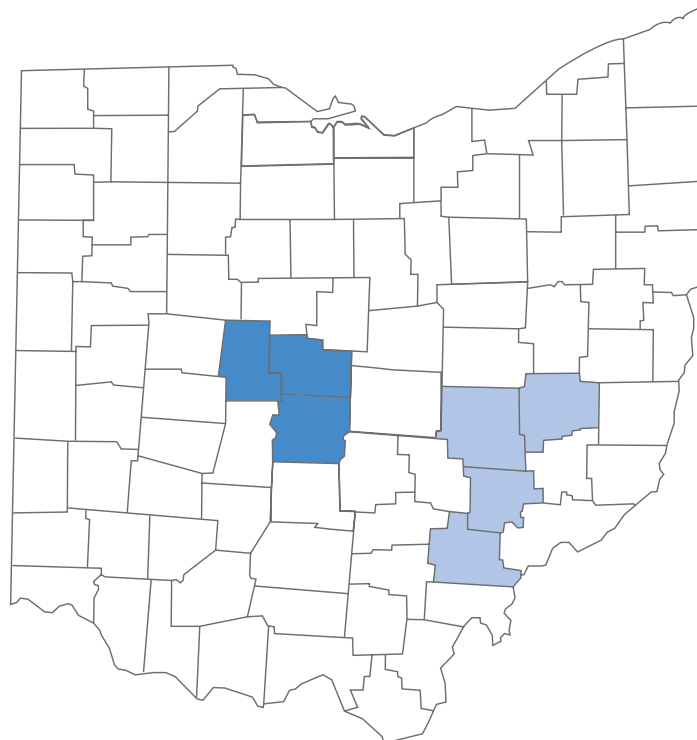
Program Growth

Staffing Growth to Support Programs and Services Expansion



Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion

In 2022, Nurse-Family Partnership expanded their service from three counties in central Ohio with the hiring of four new positions in southeastern Ohio counties: Athens, Muskingum, Morgan and Guernsey.



- 2021: Franklin, Delaware and Union counties
- 2022 Expansion: Athens, Muskingum, Morgan and Guernsey counties

Operational Effectiveness: Process Improvement Initiatives

Increased Multidisciplinary Team Engagement in the Child Assessment Center (CAC)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CAC noticed a decreased presence of multidisciplinary team (MDT) partner agencies at appointments, largely due to remote work transitions. In collaboration with partner agencies, including Franklin County Children Services, Columbus Division of Police Special Victims' Unit and Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, the CAC addressed barriers and implemented changes. As a result, the CAC has achieved the highest MDT presence at CAC visits in three years. Active MDT engagement allows families to feel supported in all areas of their visit.

Additionally, MDT supervisor meetings were reinstated after being on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of these meetings is to bring together all disciplines across TCFSH to facilitate coordination of services and foster a one-team approach toward patient safety and satisfaction.

Additional Outcomes in Efficiency:

- **Adult Services**

- Implemented a new case management system

- **Child Assessment Center**

- Reduced the amount of paperwork required by families to improve clinic efficiency and streamline care
- Reorganized clinic appointments resulting in improved staff satisfaction with a more consistent schedule

- **Fostering Connections Program**

- Decreased appointment no-show rate from 12% to 8%
- Increased the percentage of female adolescents who received contraception counseling
- Improved counseling for teens who will be aging out of the foster care system

- **Lawyers for Kids**

- Implemented a new electronic referral system to streamline the referral process for clinicians, as well as reduce the workload on the intake team

- **Training and Development**

- Built a new tracking system for community partners and trainings which will launch in 2023



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.

Ohio Children's Trust Fund

Children, and the adults in their lives – parents, family members, caregivers and educators – need access to resources that strengthen families. They also need family-serving systems that prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens to make child resiliency a real possibility. By expanding the partnership with the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), TCFSH is able to help improve the well-being of children and their families in central, eastern and southeastern Ohio.

An OCTF grant was secured in 2018, with a focus on coordinating child abuse and neglect prevention efforts across 13 counties in central Ohio. At the end of 2021, TCFSH secured two additional grants to serve as the lead coordinating entity for both eastern and southeastern Ohio, now covering a total of 36 counties.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The OCTF team brought on two additional team members and secured 21 new council members across the eastern and southeastern parts of the state. Adding new council members allows for visibility of the grant, collaboration among the regions and increased individualization of services. This has expanded the opportunity for TCFSH to have various connections across the regions to enhance the coordination of services. As a result, TCFSH has established new partnerships with 10 new organizations across eastern and southeastern Ohio:

- Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD)
- Sojourners
- Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP)
- Community Action Organization of Scioto County (CAOSC)
- Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP)
- Allwell
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Zanesville
- Big Brothers Big Sisters East Central Ohio
- Jefferson County Education Service Center (JCESC)

Healthy Relationships in a Digital World: Empowerment and Resiliency

In December 2021, TCFSSH was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Allstate Foundation to support the development of a new prevention program to support healthy relationships for Black teen girls, “Healthy Relationships in a Digital World: Empowerment and Resiliency with Black Girls,” in partnership with Black Girl Rising, Inc. The program will address digital boundaries, health literacy skills, bystander interventions and ways that adults can support healthy relationships for Black teen girls.

Key aspects of “Healthy Relationships in a Digital World: Empowerment and Resiliency with Black Girls” include:

- Focus groups with Black teen girls about relationships and social media, led by Black Girl Rising, Inc. in the spring and summer of 2022
- Prevention education sessions for teens and adults, to support healthy relationships for Black girls, to be developed by early 2023
- A “Best Friends” bystander conference, with an emphasis on empowerment of peer leaders, to be held in the fall of 2023

Technology is an integral part of teens’ lives and this program emphasizes the importance of healthy digital boundaries. Social media usage almost doubled during COVID-19 and teen girls outpace teen boys in using social media platforms, such as Instagram and Snapchat. Research shows that teen girls use social media as a powerful tool for finding potential dating partners, determining compatibility, initiating the dating process, and, ultimately, maintaining a relationship with day-to-day communication.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Welcomed three new staff members to support the grant, as well as to expand communications and social media presence**
- **In partnership with Black Girl Rising, Inc., TCFSSH completed seven focus groups with Black girls in central Ohio to inform a healthy relationship program in 2023**

Expanding Access to Peritrauma and Trauma Treatment for Families in Ohio

TCFSH received a five-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which allows for integrated partnerships with mental health, medical social work and local behavioral health agencies. The SAMHSA grant also allows TCFSSH to expand the current system of trauma care and improve outcomes by increasing access to peritrauma and trauma services in Franklin and surrounding counties.

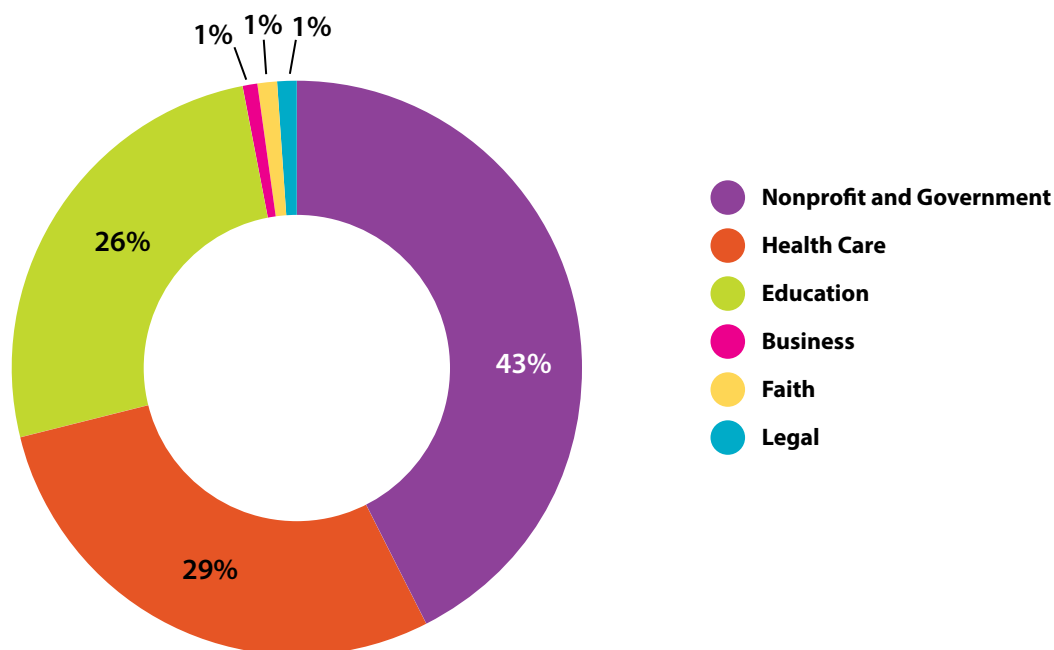
Identifying how to help a child after they have experienced a traumatic event can be difficult. TCFSSH aims to improve family engagement and satisfaction by providing integrated, family-driven trauma services that align with each family’s cultural needs and preferences. The end goal is to utilize a care management system to identify families who are experiencing barriers to care and assist them in addressing social determinants of health.

Training Partnerships

- In collaboration with the Columbus Health Department's CARE Coalition, TCFSH's Training and Development (TAD) team facilitated two cohorts of the Community Resilience Certification series for central Ohio community members interested in bringing trauma-responsive care to their respective organizations and communities.
- In partnership with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas (Domestic and Juvenile Branch), TAD provided a three-part trauma training series. Topics included the neurobiology of trauma, resilience-based tools for juveniles and adults, while also providing support for organizational compassion resilience.
- TAD recruited and certified 25 Authorized Facilitators of the Stewards of Children® curriculum from Darkness to Light. This will increase capacity for child sexual abuse prevention throughout central Ohio.
- TAD hosted a Healthy Digital Relationships summer camp series with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS). The camp series was held at three locations and reached 20 students.

"I know so much more about how to be safe on my phone." - Student

199 Trainings by Type



In 2022, TAD increased their focus on series training and grant work, which allowed them to increase their depth of training and impact with community partners.





Crisis Response

Act with urgency to respond to victims

Crisis response takes on many forms. Enhanced identification, immediate live support and mobile advocacy remain top priorities.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Adult Services hired three community advocates (two law enforcement and one domestic court) to improve service delivery time for clients.**
- **To improve timely response to callers, TCFSH's Intake Department expanded staffing and intake hours to 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. This expanded capacity has allowed us to effectively meet the increased call volume and provides the support needed to launch a new healthy relationship campaign coming later in 2023.**

Blueprint for Safety - Coordinated Response for Domestic Violence Crimes

TCFSH continues to be a leader and active partner in Franklin County's domestic violence initiative, Blueprint for Safety. Our organization works together with county, city and local social service agencies. Blueprint for Safety is a research-supported, justice system response model proven to reduce domestic violence deaths. The model raises awareness for domestic violence risk factors. The initiative then coordinates trainings, response directives and information-sharing practices across agencies. This streamlined approach allows justice actions from 911 through patrol response, prosecution and community supervision to be connected. The model also creates pathways/bridges to victim services available within systems and in the community. It breaks down silos and promotes a coordinated, victim-centered response.



Advocacy Crisis Team - Domestic Violence Co-Responder Program

TCFSH will increase family safety by responding with law enforcement to provide a trauma-focused on-scene advocacy to domestic violence survivors. TCFSH will partner with the Columbus Division of Police, LSS CHOICES and Blueprint for Safety leaders.

Goals include:

- Provide safety planning for high-risk survivors of domestic violence and their children
- Enhance survivors' immediate connection to resources
- Improve reliability of the Lethality Assessment Program
- Remove firearms at the scene
- Increase survivor participation in prosecution
- Improve survivor experience with reaching out to law enforcement

Accomplishing these goals will allow law enforcement officers to focus on the perpetrator and criminal aspects of the response.

Success Story

A client called intake seeking urgent relocation assistance for her and her young children. Adult Services provided a rideshare service for the client to come to TCFSH. Upon arrival, the client was in crisis and very emotional. Adult Services spoke with the client's out-of-town family members who would be providing housing support. Adult Services discussed transportation options for the client and her children and determined Adult Services would provide gas gift cards to the client's family, which would allow them to drive to get her. Adult Services secured a hotel for the client for the night and provided transportation assistance. She was picked up by her family the following morning so that she and her children could be safely relocated.





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.

Direct Assistance Fund Supporting Housing and Basic Needs

The Direct Assistance Fund was established in April 2020 to respond to the needs of clients and patients. Funds go directly to addressing food insecurity, emergency housing, utilities and immediate safety needs.

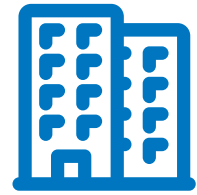
More Than \$438,000 in Assistance Provided to Families in 2022



\$169,000+
mortgage and rent



\$106,000+
grocery and gas gift cards



\$84,000+
hotels and lodging



\$42,000+
utilities and bills



\$21,000+
moving expenses



\$14,000+
other supplies

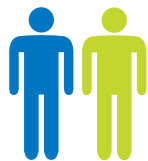
Connecting Survivors With Safe Housing

Through an integrated response, TCFSH continues to:

- Develop and strengthen community partnerships within the continuum of care to ensure the safety of survivors and families seeking housing supportive services
- Implement a coordinated, trauma-informed response
- Reduce the risk of homelessness
- Bridge the economic gap
- Increase safety for survivors and families
- Incorporate equity for the marginalized, underrepresented homeless population

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

TCFSH partnered with LSS CHOICES and the City of Columbus to provide emergency rental assistance directly to our clients, and we are developing financial empowerment initiatives that will help survivors stay in their homes. From emergency hotel stays and developing landlord relationships, to installing security systems to improve home safety, the Direct Assistance Fund helps survivors find and keep housing. Continued collaboration between TCFSH, LSS CHOICES and the YWCA will continue to impact housing for clients and ensure the safety of survivors and families seeking housing supportive services. This partnership resulted in:



11 survivors and 32 households served



\$6,000+ utility assistance



\$55,000+ rental assistance



3 months rental assistance provided on average

Additional Highlights

- Adult Services hired two housing advocates.
- Housing consultations nearly doubled to more than 150, a result of services being provided to multiple departments across the hospital.
- Lawyers for Kids presented research at the American Public Health Association (APHA) conference in Boston in 2022. This demonstrated that Lawyers for Kids is receiving housing referrals from Columbus-area zip codes that are being the hardest hit by the eviction crisis.

Success Story

An individual connected with a TCFSH advocate after her former partner violated a protection order by returning to the apartment where they had lived together. After he was arrested, her attention quickly turned to her housing situation. Although she had been living there, she was not on the lease. When her former partner stopped paying rent, she ran into barriers trying to get emergency rental assistance. Lawyers for Kids assisted her with obtaining rental assistance, finding alternative housing and negotiating with the landlord to delay an eviction filing.

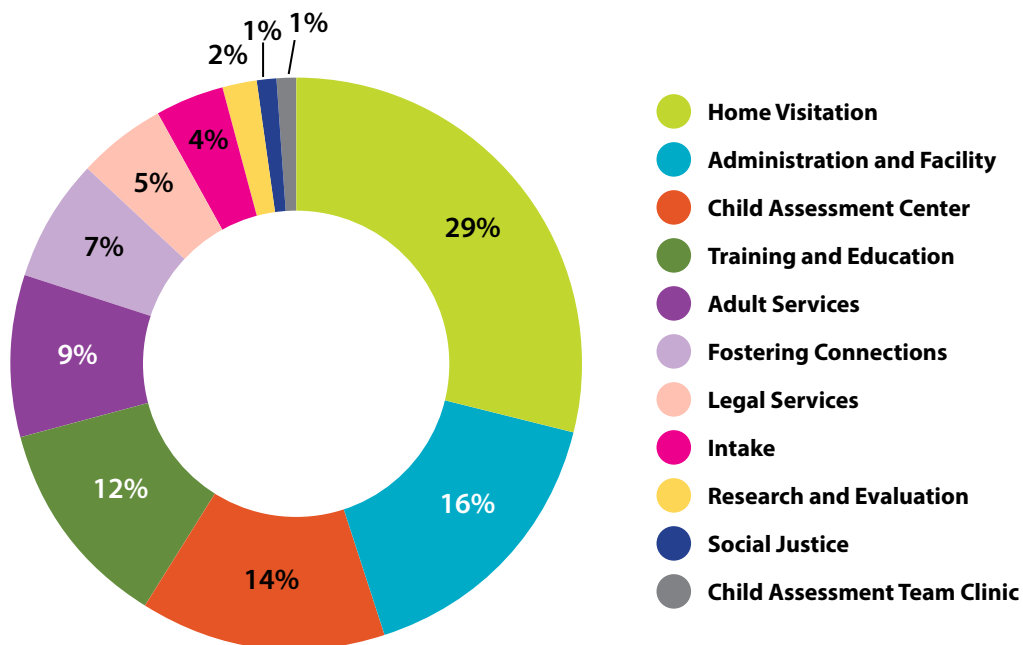
Success Story

A mother was referred to Lawyers for Kids (LFK) for help with a divorce from her abusive husband. The LFK lawyer helped her prepare and file the paperwork, but when her husband hired an attorney, the case was sent to Legal Aid for representation. The mother was very intimidated by the court proceedings. However, her attorney was able to negotiate a deal granting her full custody of her young children, child support and limited parenting time for her ex.

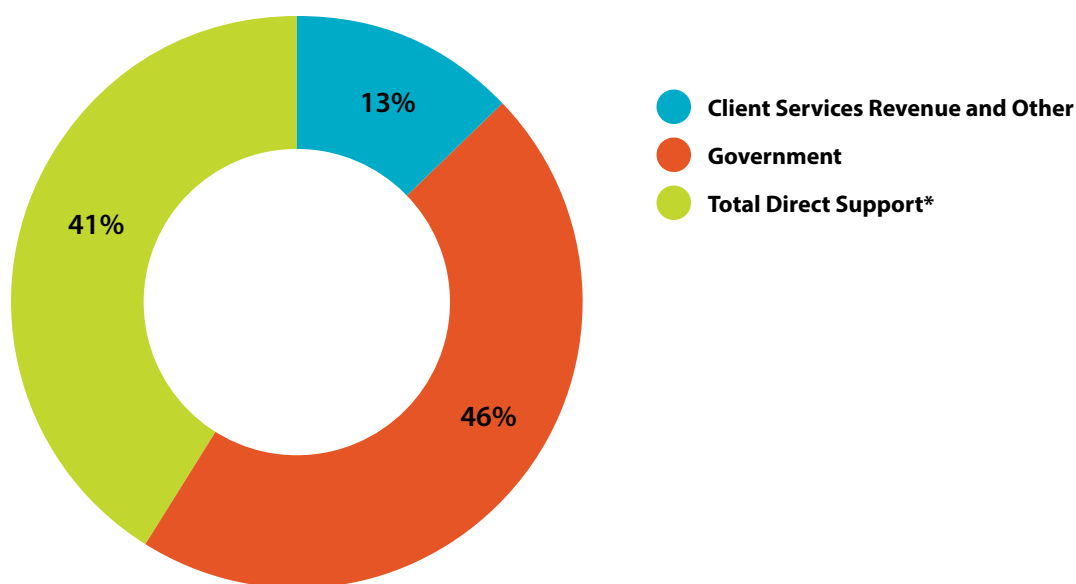
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2022 Expenses



2022 Revenue



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