



**The Center for Family Safety and Healing**  
*2024 Impact Report*



# Message From Our President



*Melissa Kay Graves, MPA, President*



*Kamilah Twymon, LPCC-S, MBA,  
Vice President of Operations*

Thank you for your continued support of The Center for Family Safety and Healing (TCFSH). Every day, we work tirelessly to end family violence and create safe, healthy families and communities where every child has the opportunity to thrive. Our work is unique — made possible by our partnership with Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the many stakeholders who share our mission. You are an integral part of this, and our life-saving work would not be possible without you.

Since joining in March 2024, I have been both inspired and humbled by our mission and the dedicated team and partners who embrace it. As you read through this annual impact report, you will see the programs and services we’ve provided to reduce isolation and enhance safety and support across the lifespan — from our youngest to our oldest community members. Here are a few key highlights of the impact you helped make possible this year:

- **Athens Child Advocacy Center Launch:** In collaboration with Athens County nonprofit organizations and the Nationwide Children’s Athens *Close To Home*<sup>SM</sup> Center, we proudly launched the Athens Child Advocacy Center. This initiative provides comprehensive services to families whose children have experienced abuse or sexual assault, eliminating the need for families to travel to Columbus to receive crucial support for safety and healing.
- **Green Flags Campaign and Training:** We launched the Green Flags training program and digital campaign, empowering caregivers and youth to recognize, define and create healthy relationships. Early intervention is key in building skills for healthy relationships, and this initiative helps prevent abuse before it begins by reaching young people at critical stages of development.
- **Expansion of Maternal Infant Home Visitation Program:** Our Maternal Infant Home Visitation Program expanded into eight counties, making it our largest program area to date. This evidence-based initiative is essential in preventing child abuse and promoting optimal maternal and child health outcomes.
- **Increased Housing Support:** Housing remains a chronic challenge in our community, especially for individuals trying to escape abusive relationships to protect themselves and their children. Over the past year, TCFSH significantly expanded its housing support services, helping more families secure stable, safe housing as they navigate difficult transitions.

We would also like to express our thanks to Nancy Cunningham, PsyD, for her leadership at TCFSH and welcome our new Vice President of Operations, Kamilah (Kam) Twymon, LPCC-S, MBA.

Your generosity and commitment enable us to make lasting change in the lives of those we serve. As we continue our work, we remain deeply grateful for your partnership in building a safer, healthier future for all.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Kay Graves".

Melissa Kay Graves, MPA  
President, The Center for Family Safety and Healing

# 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

*A place for healing. A vision for change.*

For those impacted by family violence, the path to healing can be complex.

**1 in 7**

children experience abuse or neglect in the United States

**1 in 3**

teens report abuse by a dating partner

**1 in 3**

women

and

**1 in 4**

men

experience rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime

## 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

## Preventing Family Violence and Restoring Hope

TCFSH 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, intervention and treatment programs for individuals who have experienced family violence.

Benefits of this integrated team approach include:

- A coordinated response to child abuse and child-welfare involved families through partnerships with law enforcement, child protection services, prosecutors and a wide range of community resources
- A network for domestic violence survivors to access services and support to improve safety and well-being
- An expanded forum for education, advocacy and ongoing research
- Integrated strategies that promote local and regional family violence prevention services



*The Center for Family Safety and Healing*

## 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



Community Shelter Board



Franklin County  
Children Services



Franklin County  
Domestic Juvenile  
Court



Franklin County  
Prosecutor's Office



Big Lots Behavioral Health  
Services at Nationwide  
Children's Hospital

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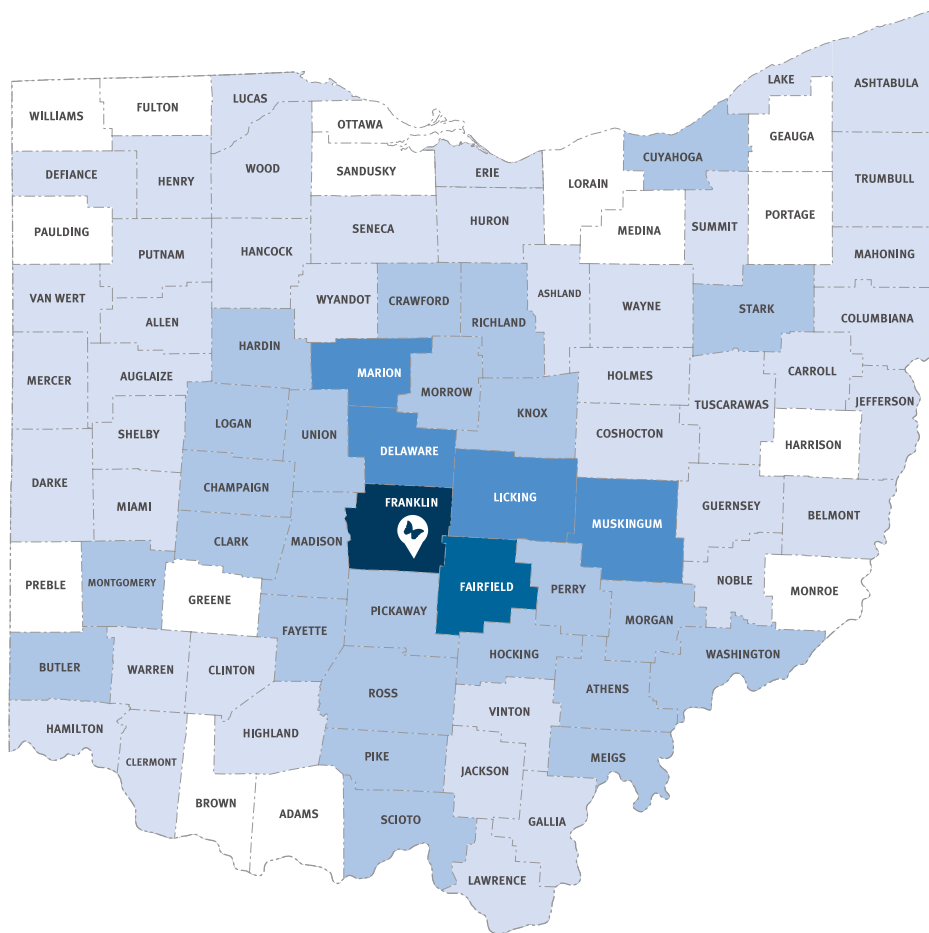
# Who We Serve



Over **12,000** unique clients served with over **45,000** visits across programs

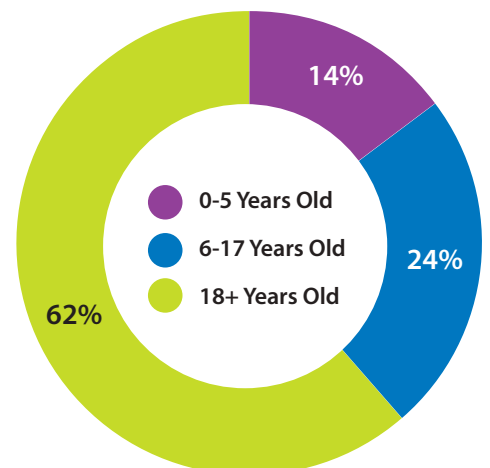
An additional **7,100** individuals served through community education and training

**73 of 88** counties served across Ohio



**76%** Female

**58%** Black, Indigenous, People of Color





# 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.*

## Child Assessment Center

The 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.



951  
visits



930  
patients served

## Key Achievements

- **Partnered to Open Satellite CAC in Athens, Ohio:** Partnered with Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP) to develop a satellite CAC in Athens, Ohio. The CAC medical clinic will be housed within the Nationwide Children's *Close To Home*<sup>SM</sup> Center to extend critical services to underserved areas, improving access for rural communities. The CAC, including forensic interviewing services, will be located at SAOP. The services will begin in 2025.
- **Launched Human Trafficking Outreach and Quality Improvement (QI) Initiatives:** Expanded outreach efforts through a human trafficking grant, increasing case management referrals. Launched a QI project to increase contraceptive counseling and continued existing QI initiatives, including human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine education.
- **Expanded On-Call Forensic Interview Response:** Expanded on-call forensic interview response criteria to include strangulation cases, ensuring timely care for high-risk individuals.
- **Improved Mental Health Screening and Response:** Prioritized initiatives to enhance our assessment tools and response to mental health concerns. This included restructuring mental health and suicidality screenings, the implementation of iPad-based checklists to streamline and improve accuracy in patient assessments, and the development of QI tools to monitor and ensure effective linkage of patients to mental health services following CAC appointments.

## Child Assessment Team and Clinic

The Child Assessment Team is the hospital-based inpatient consultation service for children with suspected child maltreatment. The Child Assessment Team (CAT) Clinic is an outpatient clinic for children with suspected physical abuse to receive coordinated follow-up care.



472  
consults provided to  
Nationwide Children's



222  
clinic visits

## Key Achievements

- **Extended Hours and Increased Access:** Expanded clinic hours to Fridays, improving access to crisis intervention services and reducing wait times for care.
- **Increased Referral Sources:** Broadened the range of referral sources to the CAT Clinic, ensuring more individuals in crisis receive timely support.
- **Implemented Social Worker Tracking System:** Developed new tracking reports for social workers, improving follow-up care and ensuring no clients fall through the cracks.

## Fostering Connections Program

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



**2,233**  
visits



**914**  
patients served

## Key Achievements

- **Integrated Psychology Services and Kinship Support:** Integrated psychology services into the clinic to improve access to mental health care for families. The team focused on supporting kinship families in partnership with Franklin County Children Services, addressing health care disparities.
- **Added Reproductive Health Education:** Launched Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) groups and contraceptive counseling programs, empowering adolescents to make informed reproductive health decisions and reduce unintended pregnancies.
- **Reinforced Suicide Risk Assessments:** Strengthened suicide risk assessment processes, aligning with the Zero Suicide Initiative to proactively support at-risk individuals.
- **Enhanced Adulthood Transition Education:** Improved education for youth aging out of foster care to prepare them for living on their own and set them up to be successful and self-sustaining adults.



## Working With Justice System-Involved Youth and Families

Nationwide Children’s and TCFSSH are working toward a community where all children and families affected by the justice system can reach their full potential. Black and Brown children are disproportionately and adversely impacted by the criminal justice system. We are engaging with internal and external partners to mitigate these impacts. We are addressing the issue of incarceration in our society through our work with children in the juvenile justice system and children of incarcerated parents.

In addition to meeting the chronic, urgent and emergent physical health needs of Juvenile Intervention Center (JIC) residents, we support behavioral health needs, help families reach their self-identified goals, and address gaps in health education.

### Key Achievements

#### Fostered Team Development and Growth:

- Staff completed training to enhance the clinic’s ability to offer appropriate birth control options for high-risk female patients.
- The clinic transitioned to a new pharmacy provider capable of offering unit dose packaging, enhancing medication safety and ensuring compliance with Ohio Board of Pharmacy recommendations.
- Care coordination and nursing teams were able to hire new members that strengthened the clinic’s overall operations.
- Staff collaborated with the JIC’s IT Services to bring Wi-Fi into the medical clinic, improving medication safety during distribution.
- A licensed mental health therapist from Nationwide Children’s Big Lots Behavioral Health Services joined the initiative to support assessments, individual therapy, group therapy and family engagement.



individual therapy sessions



diagnostic assessments



therapy groups

#### Delivered Educational and Collaborative Presentations:

- Team members presented at Nursing Grand Rounds, Pediatric Grand Rounds, the Medical-Legal Partnership Statewide Meeting and the Youth Defenders’ Conference, showcasing the collaboration between Nationwide Children’s and JIC.
- The initiative provided training to 10 clinical departments, enhancing care and collaboration with Juvenile Community Enrichment Services officers, Columbus Police Department and other law enforcement agencies interacting with patients.

#### Established JIC Initiatives to Enhance Patient Care and Experience:

- Nationwide Children’s Community Wellness and TCFSSH led educational sessions on topics such as Healthy Relationships in a Digital World, Male Hygiene, Female Hygiene and Making Proud Choices.
  - 34 sessions reached 57 youth. 90% of those surveyed said they were better equipped to “make more proud, responsible choices.”
- Nationwide Children’s Legal Services and Protective Services collaborated to create a transportation path to improve the patient experience of youth coming from the JIC.

### Improved Access Through Care Coordination:

- Care coordinators co-located an office within the medical clinic, allowing more frequent connections with patients and better alignment with the medical team.
- The team launched a project to improve the medical discharge process and ensure youth re-enter the community with the information they need to be healthy and successful. We plan to continue this effort in 2025.



93

new youth enrolled



309

youth served



259

goals completed

### Impact Highlights

Through the innovative work of this initiative, critical health needs were addressed for young people. Youth received routine, preventive and chronic interventions including:

- Dental procedures
- Foot braces for permanent disabilities
- Care for complex gastrointestinal issues
- Orthodontic procedures
- Surgery and care for torn ligaments
- Vision exams and eyeglasses





# Prevention

## Stop perpetration of family violence

*Prevention starts with programs that shift the conversation and the effort toward ending perpetration of family violence. Our goal is to infuse new practices into the community that will stop the cycle and destigmatize family violence.*

### Training and Advocacy

The Training and Advocacy Department creates programs to change social norms that support power-based violence. These programs aim to change attitudes and behaviors and raise awareness of community resources for those experiencing family violence. Key areas include employers, health care providers, legal systems, faith leaders, schools, colleges and universities.



**4,167**  
adults trained



**3,006**  
youth trained

### Building Resiliency With Youth: A How-to Guide for Safe Adults

With funding from the Ohio Department of Health, TCFSSH developed a train-the-trainer curriculum focused on building adolescent resiliency through supportive adults. Over 60 trainees from eight sub-grantees will deliver this curriculum statewide to strengthen trauma-responsive practices and enhance positive youth experiences.

### CAREgivers' Retreat Provides Healing for 75 Attendees

In partnership with the Columbus CARE Coalition, TCFSSH hosted the inaugural CAREgivers' Retreat, offering a space for healing, community building and self-care for over 75 caregivers. Participants attended workshops, made supportive connections and were provided with care throughout the event.

*“What I loved most about the retreat was meeting new people and learning you are not the only one going through it.” - Anonymous Participant*



## TCFSH Launches Youth Advisory Council

The first cohort of TCFSH's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) raised awareness about teen dating violence and healthy relationships, culminating in the planning of Winter WondHERFest. The event promoted media literacy, mental health and sexual health.

*“YAC has taught me so many lessons about teamwork and maintaining healthy relationships. It's truly a great program that's making a difference.” - Youth Participant*



## Green Flags: Supporting Healthy Teen Relationships

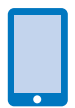
Green Flags is a campaign that offers a positive and approachable framework for building skills and supporting healthy relationships among teens in central Ohio. Along with providing resources at local community events, Green Flags launched digital advertising campaigns for teens on Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and Spotify that received strong engagement. Additionally, four toolkits were developed for key audiences (teens, parents and school and health care professionals) providing resources to support and guide teens in discussions about healthy relationships and dating safety. To learn more, visit [GreenFlags.info](http://GreenFlags.info).



**14,245**  
web visits



**8,211**  
ad clicks



**130**  
QR code scans



## Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

TCFSH's Prevention Team, with support and partnership from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, facilitated community-led initiatives to prevent child abuse and neglect. TCFSSH serves as the regional coordinator for central, east and southeast Ohio.

### Key Achievements

- **Regional Impact and Partnerships:** Partnered with 20 organizations across 36 counties in Ohio with prevention programs tailored to the specific needs of each community.
- **Triple P Parenting Program:** Collaborated with The Ohio State University and University of Michigan to assess the effectiveness of the Triple P Program on preventing child welfare involvement.



**1,751**  
youth and caregivers  
served

**252**  
caregivers participated  
in a study

**100% success**  
None of the participants became  
involved with child welfare

- **Parent Café Training:** Trained facilitators across east and southeast Ohio in the Parent Café model that has been proven to strengthen community-based prevention and family support.
- **Family Fun Events:** Organized family fun events in central and southeast Ohio that increased awareness and connections to prevention and family support resources across the regions.

**39**  
facilitators  
trained

**529**  
families  
reached



## Expanding Access to Trauma Treatment for Families

As part of a five-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), TCFSSH worked to expand access to trauma treatment for families in Ohio through the following initiatives:

- **Family Trauma Services:** Provided services to help families overcome the effects of trauma.
- **Clinician Development:** Equipped professionals with skills to offer effective trauma care.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborated with partners to expand trauma care access and enhance outcomes for families in central, northern and southeast Ohio. Partners include Nationwide Children's Early Childhood Mental Health Program, Nationwide Children's Clinical Medical Social Work, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services and other behavioral health agencies and child advocacy centers.

**210**  
families served

**21**  
clinicians trained

**6**  
counties reached

## Maternal-Infant Home Visitation

TCFSH's programs, Healthy Families America and Nurse-Family Partnership, improve pregnancy outcomes and reduce child abuse by promoting preventive health practices and screening for intimate partner violence. The programs enhance self-efficacy through home visits by nurses, social workers and early childhood professionals.



**16,399**  
home visits



**1,491**  
families served



**8**  
counties served in central,  
east and southeast Ohio

## Maternal-Infant Prevention Outcomes



**85%**  
of mothers received  
depression screening



**89%**  
of infants  
born full-term



**86%**  
of infants breastfed  
by 1 year of age





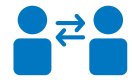
# Crisis Response

Act with urgency to respond to victims

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

## Adult Services Program

The Adult Services Program offers counseling and advocacy services to support adult survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV).



1,694

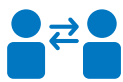
requests for services or referrals

### Key Achievements

- **Enhanced Program Capacity:** Adding three community advocates and two clinical therapists enhanced the ability to respond quickly to survivors by reducing wait times for clinical care and improving outcomes for clients engaged in trauma-informed therapy.
- **Improved Safety Planning and Advocacy Support:** Community advocates provided 933 safety items and facilitated applications for the Ohio Safe at Home program to enhance survivor safety. Advocates also collaborated with Franklin County Children Services to support over 80 clients to improve safety planning and case outcomes.
- **Expanded Collaborations and Law Enforcement Response:** The Advocacy Crisis Team-Domestic Violence (ACT-DV) Community Response Team expanded with the Columbus Police Department to provide co-response and outreach support to law enforcement-involved survivors, which improved accessibility. Additionally, legal response advocates are available at the Family Protection Center at the Domestic Relations branch of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to provide safety planning and advocacy. Both community response teams partner with culturally responsive organizations to enhance services for survivors of color and Hispanic origin.

## Adult Services Program Advocacy

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



1,429

advocacy clients served



13,732

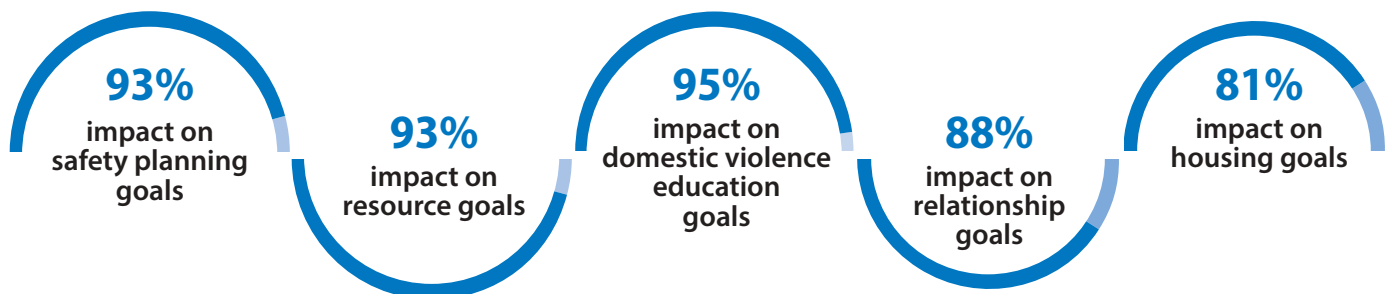
advocacy contacts



80%

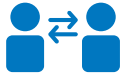
of advocacy referrals were a high risk for homicide

### Advocacy Clients' Reported Progress on Survivor-Driven Goals



## Adult Services Program Counseling

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



**1,427**  
counseling visits



**133**  
counseling clients served

**73%**  
of closed counseling cases  
had improved clinical  
progress





# 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 human services partners.*

## Direct Assistance Fund

The Direct Assistance Fund supports the housing and basic support needs of clients and patients. Funds go directly to addressing food insecurity, emergency housing, utilities and immediate safety needs.

More than \$332,000 in Assistance Provided to Families in 2024



**\$143,000+**  
mortgage and rent



**\$126,000+**  
grocery and gas gift cards



**\$6,000+**  
hotels and lodging



**\$32,000+**  
utilities and bills



**\$9,000+**  
moving expenses



**\$13,000+**  
other supplies

## Impact Story

A single mother of three, after years of abuse, was escorted by Columbus Division of Police to LSS CHOICES for safety and support. She was connected to the TCFSH Housing Program for additional support while staying in a hotel and received a Section 8 voucher extension from the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. With support from TCFSH and community partners, she found a landlord who accepted her voucher. TCFSH's Direct Assistance Fund assisted with her move-in costs and security deposit, and she successfully moved into a suitable home where her family is now thriving.

## Housing and Support Services

TCFSH leads domestic violence system workgroups, enhancing collaboration among victim service providers and community partners to improve housing access for survivors, reduce housing instability and prevent revictimization.

### Key Achievements

- Expanded our community network to enhance our response to survivors by streamlining housing referrals and placements and facilitating survivors' access to safe, reliable services.
- Provided technical assistance and training focused on trauma responsive care, culturally responsive approaches, and best practices to serving domestic violence survivors.
- Timely housing consultations helped address housing instability for a diverse range of clients.



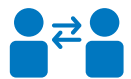
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housing consultations

### Housing Partnerships and Initiatives

Together with community partners, TCFSH helped survivors access safe housing options, including emergency rental assistance. Success in this area enabled the pursuit of funding for expanded housing services in 2025 and beyond.

- **LSS CHOICES:** TCFSH partners with LSS CHOICES Domestic Violence Shelter to safely triage survivors into hotels and provide support services through the Ohio Domestic Violence Network relocation program when shelter beds are unavailable. Services include safety planning, short-term housing, transportation and food assistance.
- **City of Columbus:** TCFSH continued its partnership with the City of Columbus and successfully secured the 2023 City of Columbus Stable Housing Initiative and Central Ohio Stable Housing Network funds. These two-year grants provide critical support for emergency rental assistance programs and fund a housing resource specialist position. Together, these initiatives strengthen our community response to housing instability.
- **Community Shelter Board (CSB):** TCFSH is working in partnership with CSB and housing providers in the Franklin County Continuum of Care to develop a victim coordinated entry system for people fleeing domestic violence and to identify and expand safe, affordable housing options for them.



45

clients served



70

families received  
emergency rental  
assistance

### Family Success Network

The Family Success Network focuses on strengthening and supporting families through connection to community resources, family coaching, parenting tips, budgeting and money management and financial assistance. Family coaches empower families to achieve their goals, support them in their needs and help build strengths. The program began accepting clients in September and reached full capacity by mid-November.

One client shared the following about how much she values her family coach:

*“She is very caring and compassionate, understanding just what I need. She gave me hope when I felt hopeless. I appreciate how she not only cares for me, but also my family. She never judges me. She gives me encouragement and makes me feel good about things I accomplish, no matter how big or little. She gives me inspiration too. I really appreciate her, and I am very grateful to have her in my life.” - Client*



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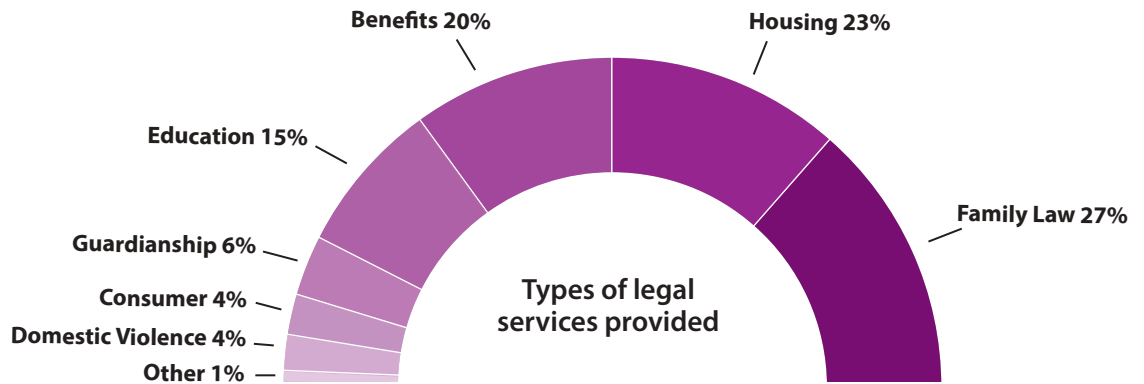
families served

## Lawyers for Kids

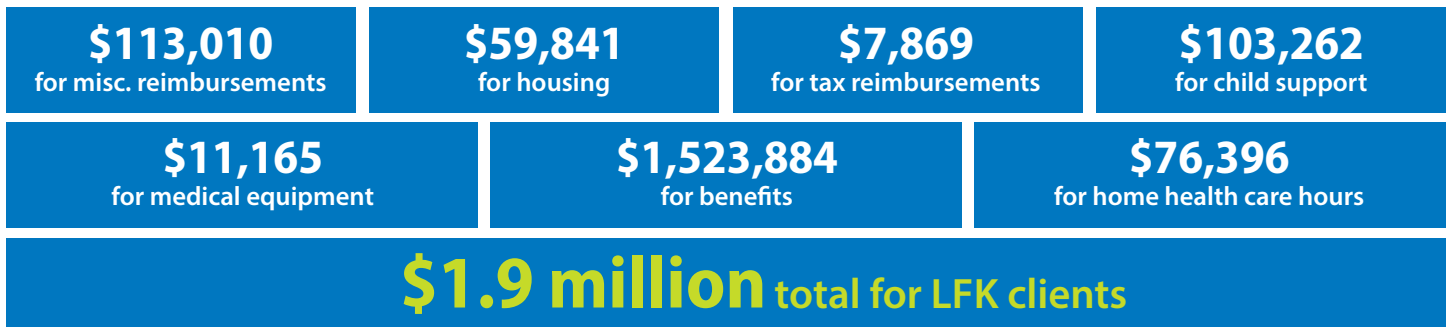
Lawyers for Kids (LFK) provides legal advice and advocacy to patients and families at TCFSH. As of January 1, 2025, these services are now available to all patients at Nationwide Children’s. LFK services have a transformative impact, addressing serious challenges such as maintaining child custody for domestic violence survivors, advocating for Individualized Education Plans for disabled students, preventing housing evictions and aiding with food assistance benefits.



**2,338**  
families referred  
for legal assistance



## More Than \$1.9 Million Recovered or Saved for Families in 2024



## Key Achievements

- TCFSH and Nationwide Children’s clinicians referred 2,338 families to LFK in 2024; and LFK attorneys provided 1,100 consultations to clinicians (30% increase from 2023).
- LFK hosted 10 “lunch and learns” that reached nearly 1,400 clinicians (23% increase from 2023). Topics included custody, addiction, immigration, housing, Medicaid, education, bullying, record sealing and rental assistance.
- Referrals for Linden area families increased by 15% in 2024, with approximately 194 families being referred.
- Partnered with the Ohio Department of Health to provide legal services to pregnant persons and families with children under the age of one, with the goal of addressing disparities in infant mortality.
- Nationwide Children’s Development Board hosted the inaugural All Rise fundraising event to benefit LFK.

## Impact Story

A mother of three, including an infant, sought help from TCFSH Adult Services after experiencing domestic violence. Her advocate screened her for legal needs and referred her to LFK for help. She wanted to file for a Civil Protection Order to keep her family safe. She also needed help with an eviction that had been filed because she was struggling to pay rent without the abuser’s income. An attorney from Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio represented her, obtaining a five-year protection order. Furthermore, she was able to help resolve the eviction by negotiating with the landlord to accept a payment plan and dismiss the case.

## Research and Evaluation

Research and Evaluation supports quality improvement and investigates family violence issues affecting victims throughout their lives and within family units. Our community presence and diverse programs enable us to conduct innovative research across various family violence populations.

### Key Achievements

- 21 abstracts at national/international professional meetings and conferences
- 11 national/international presentations
- 46 local/regional presentations
- 16 publications
- Hosted more than 70 researchers and practitioners from across Ohio at the second annual Family Violence Research-Practice networking event, building a network to support the dissemination of vital information in the field

### TCFSH Leads Research to Improve Care for Abused Children

Healing fractures can show a pattern of abuse, but it's hard to tell exactly when the fractures happened. Current methods depend on doctors' experience and limited research, which helps with treatment but isn't enough to diagnose abuse. Better ways to estimate fracture age could provide clear evidence for or against abuse and help protect children. Learning models could improve the evaluation of injured children by making abuse diagnoses more accurate and reliable.

Farah Brink, MD, working with the Abigail Wexner Research Institute Information Technology Research and Innovation Division, analyzed X-rays of accidental fractures in children under six to train and test these models. The models learned to estimate the time since injury and classify fractures by age.

The models could successfully tell the difference between new and healing fractures and estimated the age of fractures with about six days' accuracy. This research lays the foundation for a future computer-aided system that helps date healing fractures in suspected abuse cases.



# Collaborative Initiatives

## Blueprint for Safety - Coordinated Response for Domestic Violence Crimes

TCFSH remains a committed partner in Franklin County's domestic violence initiative, Blueprint for Safety. Through collaboration with county, city, and local service agencies, Blueprint for Safety has successfully coordinated training, response protocols and information-sharing practices across multiple organizations. This justice system model has demonstrated its effectiveness in reducing domestic violence fatalities and increasing awareness of associated risk factors.



## The Ohio State University (OSU)

TCFSH and OSU's College of Social Work collaborate on the Family Violence: Perspectives and Interventions course, which saw growing demand in 2024 with 41 undergraduate and 18 graduate students. TCFSH also presented two training sessions at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2024 Annual Program meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. CSWE is the accrediting body for undergraduate and master's level social work programs.

## Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's

The Family Support Program offers counseling and psychiatry services for children and adolescents who have been sexually or physically abused, experienced childhood traumatic grief or have been exposed to family violence. In 2024, the program added four clinicians to increase access to services and reduce wait times. Services continue to be offered in office, home and community settings.



**8,484**

counseling visits

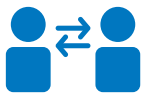


**649**

psychiatry visits

## Capital University Family Advocacy Clinic

Capital University provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, offering support in contested custody cases, civil protection orders and housing needs, often ensuring they can rebuild a life of safety for themselves and their children.



**375**

individuals received advice and counsel



**185**

civil protection orders opened



**24**

contested custody cases

## Impact Story

A client endured several years in an abusive relationship with her abuser, with whom she shared children. The abuser subjected her to severe physical and emotional abuse over several years, including kidnapping her and the children, threatening to kill her if she sought help, and attempting to drive his car into the apartment where she was staying. Despite her tremendous fear of appearing in court and testifying, with the assistance of the Family Advocacy Clinic, the client was ultimately granted a five-year Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order.

# Giving

## Volunteers Engage With Families

Volunteers support TCFSH in a variety of ways, from interacting with children during appointments to organizing donation drives for essential items like stuffed animals and diapers. Learn more about volunteering at [FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Volunteer](https://FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Volunteer).

**15**  
volunteers

**193**  
hours of service

## Donations Make the Difference

We appreciate the generous donations of stuffed animals, pajamas, blankets, toys, diapers and other supplies. These contributions bring comfort and healing to the children and families we serve. Learn more about donating at [FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Donate](https://FamilySafetyandHealing.org/Donate).

**79**  
in-kind  
donations

Amazon Wish List  
[bit.ly/TCFSH\\_Wish\\_List](https://bit.ly/TCFSH_Wish_List)



## Rock 'N Bowl 2024 Raises \$95,000

In February 2024, the Development Board of Nationwide Children's hosted the Rock 'N Bowl, raising \$95,000 with the participation of over 600 bowlers. Learn more about sponsoring or donating at [NationwideChildrens.org/RockNBowl](https://NationwideChildrens.org/RockNBowl).



## BalletMet Columbus Donates Tickets for Families

BalletMet Columbus supports TCFSH through the KidTix Program, donating tickets for families to enjoy live performances. In 2024, 37 tickets were provided for productions including *Asian Voices*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Nutcracker*.

## Holiday Party Brings Joy to 670+ Families

Over 670 families attended TCFSH's holiday event at St. Charles Preparatory School, enjoying meals, festive decorations and activities. In 2024, families received hand-made stockings donated by the Hocking Valley Quilt Guild and Friends. Special thanks to the Development Board of Nationwide Children's and other partners for their support.

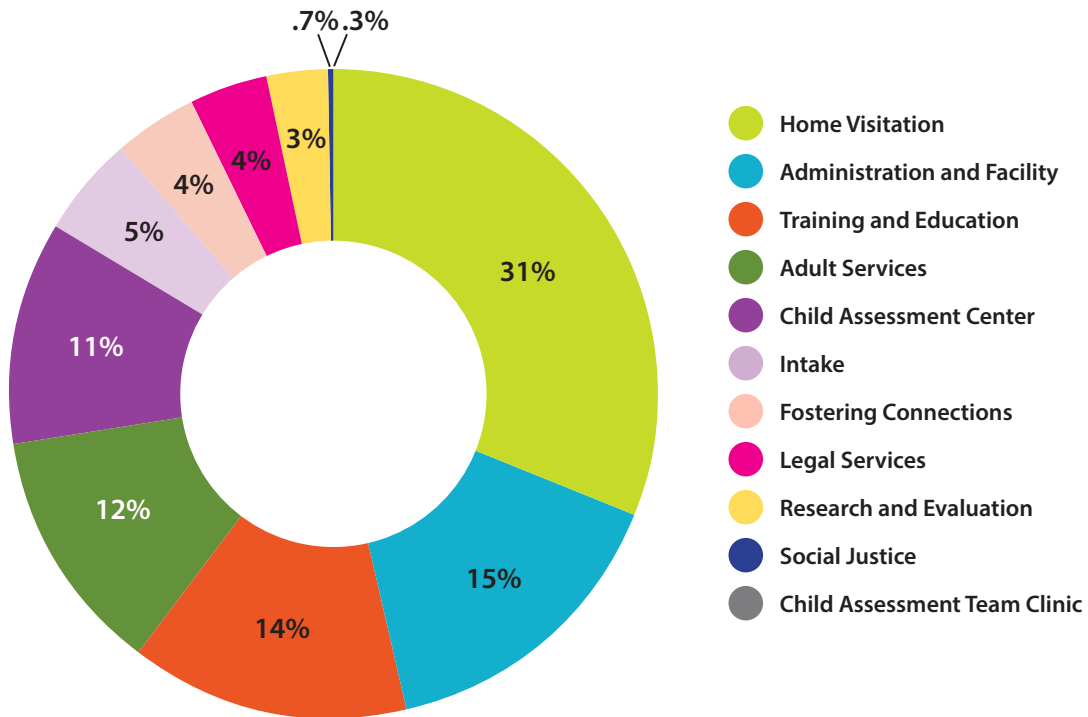
## Prison Assault Survivors Receive Season's Greetings

In collaboration with Just Detention International, TCFSH sent over 750 holiday cards to incarcerated survivors of prison sexual assault. This is the third year TCFSH joined the initiative, which involved over 25 volunteers from OSU's Kappa Delta Sorority.

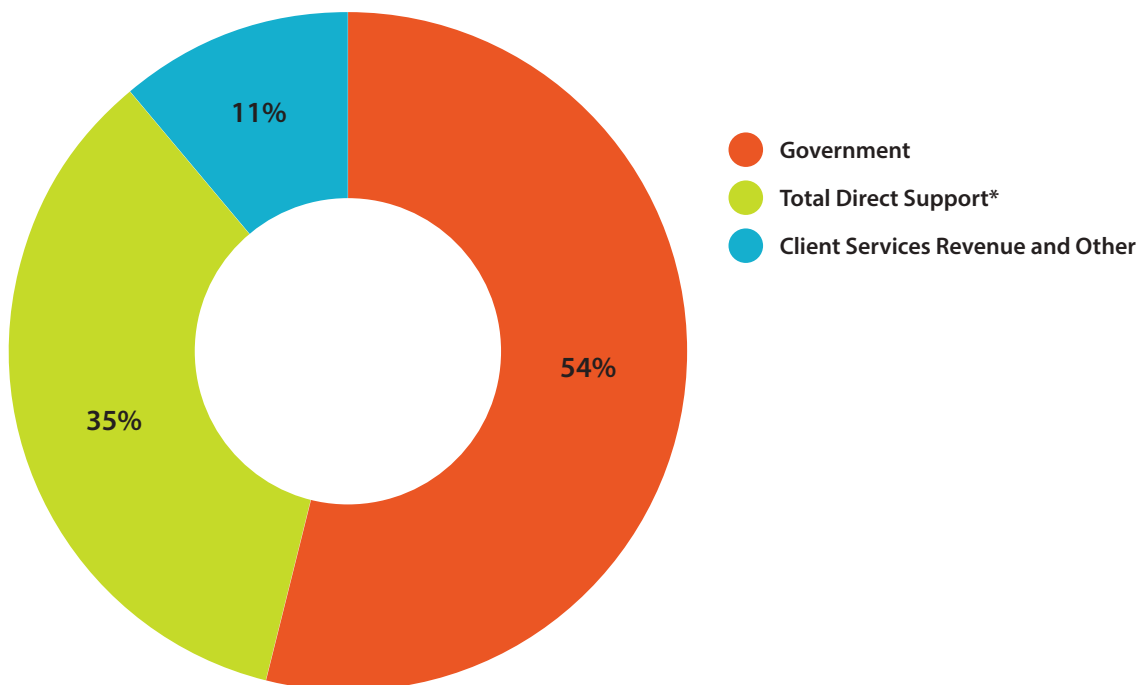
# Financials

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

## 2024 Expenses



## 2024 Revenue



*\*Direct support includes a combination of funding from Nationwide Children's and philanthropic resources. The information presented here reflects an aggregation of programs that TCFSH manages but are also housed in Nationwide Children's clinics and the Abigail Wexner Research Institute.*





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