



CHILD ADVOCACY & PARENTING SERVICES, INC.

Improving children's lives and strengthening families through education, advocacy and support.



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# An Unprecedented Year

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The Larry and Lois Holt Estate left CAPS \$470,000 to establish a cash operating account eliminating reliance on a line credit for liquid asset management management and to permanently endow \$220,000 providing income to honor their legacy forever.

I have struggled to articulate what needs to be said to wrap up 2020. It's been a wild year for all of us – literally all of humanity. There has been loss for everyone. Whether you lost access to a loved one, your job or hours at work, your children or grandchildren's normal education, or your favorite activities, the global pandemic brought the world to a halt. Planes were grounded, bus routes stopped, and cars remained parked in their stalls. The world as we knew it stopped.

> After the initial adrenaline-fueled frenzy which resulted in a state-wide stay-at-home order, a new routine was established – one that was happened behind closed doors without our usual social interactions and outlets which relieve our stress and calm our fears. Our safety net was gone.

At first, there was a rallying to identify community needs and fill gaps. There became a common experience to unite us as humanity. Our pace slowed down. Families ate meals around the table instead of rushing to the next game or concert. Our neighbors found time to talk at the end of the drive

and to create ways to fill the void caused without school programs, birthday parties, sports, graduations and weddings. At our house, we looked for ways to use our time wisely finishing projects that had been placed on the back burner, to read, to write, to sleep and even pick up a few side jobs.

There were blessings for some that came, but not for all. At CAPS, we began to prepare ourselves for the reality that we knew would eventually surface. In March, April and May, child abuse reports cut in half. The safety net of our teachers, coaches and doctors was gone for our children. Our board of directors used this time to develop policy enabling remote work and parenting education via webinars and video chat. We invested in technology to make that possible, thanks to the Salina Area United Way. In June, as activities began slowly, the number of abuse reports started to rise again and referrals began flowing in for Family Mentoring and for forensic interviews and victim advocacy through Chris's Place.

You see, stress is the number one reason child abuse occurs, and we have all been going through stress without the safety net of caring professionals with daily eyes on our most vulnerable families.

In this report, you will find yearly statistics of the most children and families ever served by CAPS. We have been fortunate to receive funds from the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program and the Saline County COVID Relief Fund. It got us through 2020.

But 2021 will be the year we feel the greatest impact from the Covid-19 pandemic. Schools must find balance between protecting the health of students and staff while meeting their academic needs in remote learning models. Parents have lost income and are behind with their bills. The government emergency funds will be gone and the needs are mounting. Many have experienced financial loss, but I pray that you will consider any level of gift to our annual campaign, knowing this year it means more than ever.

With hope to make our community a place where every child can be safe, healthy and strong,

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Lori C. Blake, Executive Director

# Chris's Place - Child Advocacy Center



Chris's Place served 525 child victims and nonoffending caregivers. These children received a forensic interview, a sexual assault examination when needed, victim advocacy, court accompaniment, and most importantly referral to trauma-focused therapy. The demographic

details for these special children include the following:

<b>525</b> served: 238 children, 287 adult caregivers	11.34% had a disability TYPES OF ABUSE	
ETHNICITY		
86.29% CAUCASIAN	79.20% SEXUAL	
5.71% MULTI-RACIAL	12.08% PHYSICAL	
4.95% HISPANIC	3.50% WITNESSED A VIOLENT CRIME	
2.10% BLACK	1.93% EXPOSED TO PORNOGRAPHY	
.57% ASIAN	1.75% DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	
.38% INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	1.58% DRUG ENDANGERED	

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)



This past fiscal year, 28 CASA volunteers spent 1,746 hours lifting the voices of 60 children in Saline and Ottawa County foster care.

## **Respite Child Care**



Parents and caregivers received care for 68 children between 8 weeks and 5 years of age. Three-hour stress breaks were provided each week totaling 1,050 sessions of high quality child care, reducing

risk for child abuse and increasing assessment for appropriate child development.

## Parenting Education



260 adults in 210 families attended one of the 9 classes offered by CAPS instructors within 70 sessions. In addition, 10 families enrolled in an individual study Personal Parenting Class.

# Family Mentoring and Support

staff, doubling the service provided to families in

their homes in Saline County and expanding into



Ottawa County.

Family Mentoring and Support experienced the greatest year of growth in its 24 year history. Staff doubled from 4.25 to 8.5 full-time

Mentoring Program now has 4 full-time staff bilingual in Spanish and English and we can now offer all of our parenting classes in both languages.

The Family

FAMILY MENTORING PROGRAM FUNDS SOURCE	CASES	ADULTS	CHILDREN
Family First (DCF)	103	70	93
KS Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services Reinvestment Act	66	35	66
Crisis	135	84	113
ECBG (families with children ages 0-5 years)	118	118	185
Spanish Speaking families	114	154	247
	536	461	704

# Saline County School Readiness Program



This past fiscal year, 318 children 0-5 years of age in 284 families received developmental screenings and support from their 26 child care settings. This service focused on making sure early identification of developmental delays occurs as soon as possible to allow for the maximum intervention before the child enters school. Staff also provided coaching and professional development for 75 child

care professionals in Saline County to give their children high quality learning environments and parents with the education about appropriate child development.

## Happy Bear



Happy Bear visited 1,333 children and 179 teachers in **74 classrooms** grades Kindergarten through 2nd.

## **Bullying Prevention**



Bullving Prevention services were provided to 2.671 children and 187 teachers and school staff members in **129 classrooms** grades 3rd through 6th.

> Marge Mintun, founder of the Family Mentoring Program passed away on August 18. She retired from CAPS at age 93 after working here for 26 years post retirement from a career in social work and adoption services. Friends can still honor her memory with a gift to CAPS. https://www.salina.com/ news/20200829/Isquomarvelousmargersquo-memoryendures-in-salina

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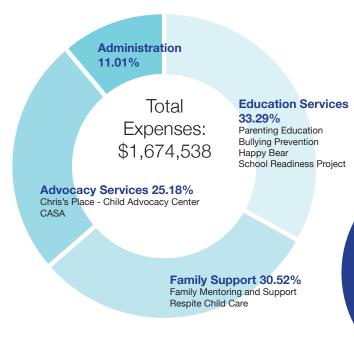
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After losing custody of four children and one to death, the mother and her new husband entered our Family Mentoring program and successfully demonstrated the use of positive parenting practices creating a safe home as nurturing parents with their new baby, giving that child a different future.