

# The Center for Youth & Family Solutions



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### Mission

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions engages and serves children and families in need with dignity, compassion and respect, building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges together.

### Vision

The same core values that guided us during the creation of The Center for Youth and Family Solutions serve as our benchmarks and beacons of hope as we partner with children, families and communities from all walks of life in solving the challenges in the family life cycle: collaboration; partnership; sharing a common goal; belief in the strength of the human spirit; treating all with dignity, compassion, and respect; and achieving excellence.

## Upcoming Events

### 5th Annual Blues for a Cause Benefit

April 2018

Limelight Eventplex, Peoria

## How to Help

Our volunteers make a difference every day in the lives of children, seniors and families. They have a true spirit of generosity and bring hope to those in need.

Volunteering is a way to share your gifts, gain experience, meet new friends and give back to your community. For more information, contact Sue Hirschman, Volunteer Coordinator, at (309) 323-6632.



The Center for Youth and Family Solutions has six program areas, all of which focus on serving children and families who have experienced life-changing trauma, abuse and neglect, or other significant life challenges. Our goal is to help each child and adult learn to cope with those experiences and help them achieve their fullest potential. Our programs are some of the most effective in the state of Illinois in achieving desired results.

### ADOPTION

Over the past five years, our adoption program has made a lasting impact in the lives of children who need a forever family, completing 840 adoptions and 119 guardianships.

### COUNSELING

One way we measure success in our counseling program is by asking clients if our services made a difference and if the change was lasting. Consistently over the past five years, 90 percent of individuals and families who came to us for help reported that our counseling services were effective in helping them resolve their issue.

### FOSTER CARE

Foster care is a time of uncertainty for kids; therefore, it is meant to be temporary. The goal is to reunify children safely with family whenever possible—and when that is not an option, to find a new forever family for a child through adoption. CYFS is known for being one of the most successful agencies in the state when it comes to achieving permanency for kids in foster care.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### INTACT FAMILY SERVICES

CYFS prevents subsequent abuse and neglect in at-risk families through our Intact Families program. Through this intensive intervention program, we work closely with families in learning how to make effective parenting choices. One way we are able to measure the effectiveness of our work is to see if children are consistently safe 12 months after families graduate from our program. So far, 96 percent of Intact Families we serve remain successfully closed 12 months after receiving our services.

### GUARDIAN ANGEL HOME

Our residential program continues to see great outcomes for the young boys we serve, keeping kids safe while meeting their needs and helping them with a successful return to family or relatives, a community foster family home, or independent living.

### IN-HOME COUNSELING SERVICES

Thanks to our compassionate in-home counselors and caring volunteers, 97 percent of the seniors we served in the past five years successfully continued to live independently and avoided nursing home care.

### YOUTH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES (YFCOS)

Serving over 500 youth a year for the past five years, our community-based youth services program helped over 96 percent of youth runaways get off the streets and return safely to either their family or a family-generated alternative solution.

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