



2011 Annual Report

For over 61 years, ECFA's mission has been to offer quality social services from a biblical perspective, to provide compassionate care for abused, neglected and dependent children, and to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. This year, we have been privileged to serve 634 individual and family cases (unduplicated count) through our social services programs in five office locations in Illinois and Wisconsin. Seventy-six of our clients received services from more than one ECFA program.

As a Christian, faith-based agency, ECFA served 97 women in our Pregnancy Support Services Programs. We placed a total of 56 children in adoption, including 24 children from 6 foreign countries and 23 foster children. A total of 330 children were served through our various foster care programs. Our family counselors served 126 clients, and 36 individuals were assisted through our post-legal adoption services in Illinois. In addition, 47 families and 191 individual family members were served through the Intact Family Services Program. Eighteen families and 36 children were cared for in our Safe Families Program this year.

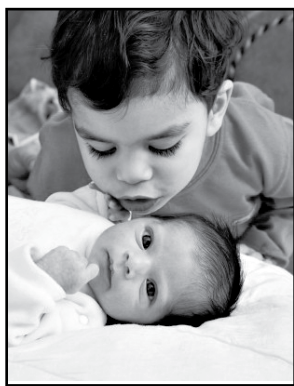


PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Pregnancy Support Services are provided free of charge to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. Services include pregnancy testing, professional counseling, medical referrals, housing alternatives, financial assistance, and preparation for adoption or parenting.

"Samantha" was in tears when she first came to PSS because her boyfriend had ended their relationship. Samantha explained that she was three months pregnant and had planned for the baby's father to be involved in their lives. She was no longer sure what to do, but shared a strong desire to parent her child.

After meeting with her PSS worker, Samantha was able to identify people in her life who could support her as a parent. Her worker connected Samantha with a nearby parenting support group. Samantha and her ex-boyfriend met with the PSS worker several times to discuss a co-parenting relationship, so that their daughter would know her father and be supported by him. With counseling, and needed items provided to her from the PSS Rattles n Things closet, Samantha was able to decrease her stress and focus on providing the best care for her daughter.



ADOPTION PROGRAM

All children need a loving home and family to call their own. ECFA's adoption program provides services to those interested in adopting children of all ages, domestically or internationally, healthy or with special needs.

Recently, ECFA placed a sibling group of two children from Ethiopia into a joyful, active family. The Smith's had four children and were eager to continue growing their family through adoption. They waited four years before receiving their referral of a boy and a girl from Ethiopia. Lola, 7 years-old, and Sam, 4 years-old, had been in an orphanage for three years before being matched with their "forever family". They were placed in the orphanage due to their biological parents being unable to financially care for their needs. Lola and Sam are healthy, active children who enjoy being helpful, are eager to learn, and love being a part of a big family. The Smith's enjoy watching all of their children grow, learn, and experience new things every day. They state that their family is now "complete".

ILLINOIS PSS STATISTICS

New Cases during FY10	35
Mothers Served	
<u>Age Ranges</u>	
under 18	12
18 and over	44
Total	56
<u>Race</u>	
Caucasian	30
African American	19
Hispanic	4
Unknown	2
Asian	1
Total	56
Infants in baby boarding care	1
Mothers choosing adoption	4*

* Actual adoptions included under Adoption totals.

ILLINOIS ADOPTION STATISTICS

	Age		
	Under 1	1-5	6+
Caucasian		2	
African American	5	2	3
Hispanic	4		
Asian	1	3	2
African American/Caucasian	1		
Ukraine		1	
China		2	2
Haiti			2
India		1	
Ethiopia	5	2	1
Russia		2	

International Adoptions	18
Domestic Adoptions	5
Post Legal Adoption:	New cases accepted: 8
	Total cases served: 36



FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

A sibling set of three children came into foster care due to parental neglect and abandonment. Their family had been struggling with mental health problems, inadequate employment and homelessness. ECFA provided a licensed foster couple who were prepared to care for all three children.

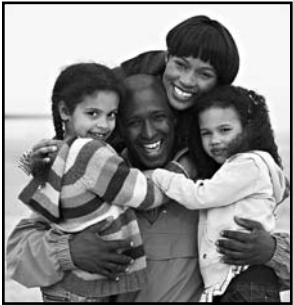
The foster parents took time to read the Bible to the children daily. All three kids loved going to church and Vacation Bible School. The oldest boy responded very well to the structure and discipline in the home. This has been a very positive experience for him and he wants to remain with his foster family.

His younger sister missed her mom but responded readily to the unconditional love of her foster parents. They also helped her catch up academically to her peers. The youngest girl adjusted well to being in the foster home. She was behind in school but over the past year has completely caught up with her classmates.

On average, foster children remained in care with ECFA for 19 months. Agency case managers worked intently on permanency goals to reunify children with their birth parents, transfer guardianship to appropriate relatives, or arrange for the adoption of the children by their foster parents.

ILLINOIS FOSTER CARE STATISTICS

Total children cared for in FY11	319
<u>Sex</u> Girls: 158 Boys: 161	
<u>Race</u>	
African American	138
African American/Caucasian	24
Asian	4
Hispanic	39
Hispanic/Caucasian	13
Hispanic/African American	4
Native American/African American	2
Native American/Caucasian	2
Caucasian	87
Hispanic/Asian/Caucasian	5
Middle Eastern	1
Family Reunions	34
Subsidized Guardianships	15
Adopted	23



INTACT FAMILY SERVICES

ECFA is now in the 8th year of providing intact family services to families within DuPage County. Our case managers provide intensive support to families who have experienced abuse and/or neglect. Our goal is to help families resolve the problems and difficulties that brought them to the attention of DCFS.

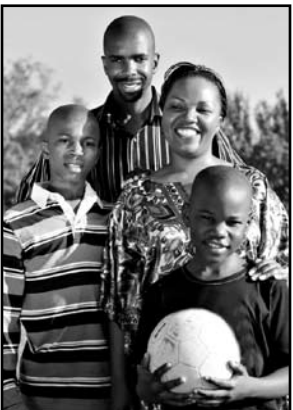
Families within this program are facing issues such as domestic violence, substance abuse, physical abuse, mental health and environmental concerns. Through referral to various community organizations, we assist parents in learning how to function in healthier ways, improve parenting skills, and meet the essential needs of their children.

"John and Lisa" came to ECFA after Lisa attempted suicide by overdosing on prescription medication. Her children were present when this attempt occurred. The parents were separated and on the brink of divorce. Lisa successfully engaged in substance abuse treatment and was able to maintain her sobriety.

Through counseling, John and Lisa were able to restore their relationship. ECFA closed this case knowing that the parents had improved their relationship, their family unit was strengthened, and the needs of their children were being met.

ILLINOIS INTACT FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

Families served	47
Adults	89
Children	102
Total Clients	191
Cases closed	27
Foster Care Placements	8



SAFE FAMILIES PROGRAM

Safe Families for Children began at ECFA on October 1, 2010 providing support to families in the midst of a crisis. Volunteer Host Families provide a loving and nurturing home to children while the parent(s) have an opportunity to address personal issues.

Designed to extend and strengthen the community safety net for at-risk families, Safe Families is a positive alternative to the state child welfare system, allowing parents time to work out their problems without state child welfare involvement. Our goal is to reunite children with their biological parent(s) in a home that is more stable and healthy, in part because of the contribution of the Safe Families intervention.

Many at-risk families lack the family support needed to assist them in times of need. A Host Family fills that need and provides a safe home for children. By demonstrating biblical hospitality, Safe Families returns the church to the forefront of caring for orphans and widows.

SAFE FAMILIES STATISTICS

Children served	36
Parents coached	11
Families served	18
Host Families certified	7
Case Coaches	3



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY COUNSELING

ECFA's professionally trained and licensed therapists provide individual, marital and family counseling for a wide range of personal and relational problems. Play therapy techniques are used with young children who have experienced emotional trauma from painful experiences.

Sarah is a 14-year-old girl who came to ECFA Counseling Centers because of grief over her father's death and estrangement from her mother. She was having trouble sleeping and concentrating in school. She was also not getting along with her grandmother, who is her caretaker/guardian.

Through meeting with an ECFA therapist, Sara was able to put her grief into words and go through the grieving process. After awhile, she found herself sleeping better at night and being able to pay attention during the day at school. Sara's therapy also included parent-coaching for her grandmother. This increased her grandmother's authority in their relationship, which helped to stop their power struggles. They found themselves getting along better than ever before.

ILLINOIS COUNSELING STATISTICS

New Clients accepted	72
Total persons served	126
<u>Clients served through</u>	
Individual Counseling	62
Family Counseling	36
Premarital/Marital	14
Couple Counseling	8
Therapeutic Visitation	1
Parent Coaching	5

Total Number of Counseling Sessions 736



Agency Financial Information

Illinois & Wisconsin

Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2011

Support & Revenue

	Illinois	Wisconsin	ECFA Foundation	Combined 2011	Combined 2010
Contributions	427,959	132,295	10,000	570,254	510,626
State Purchase of Services	2,925,772	0		2,925,772	2,971,912
Wills & Bequests	305,938	0		305,938	5,500
Program Service Fees	161,009	55,581		216,590	208,414
United Way	8,450	22,935		31,386	32,649
Special Events (net)	75,715	39,203		114,918	194,875
Resale Shops (net)	0	40,356		40,356	64,100
Investment Income	8,313	4,706	147,329	160,348	88,834

Total Support & Revenue

\$ 3,913,157 \$ 295,076 \$157,329 \$ 4,365,562 \$ 4,076,910

Expenditures

Adoption Services	171,165	81,885		253,050	239,496
Foster Family Care	2,739,531	7,885		2,747,416	2,678,140
Intact Family Services	260,654	0		260,654	231,899
Pregnancy Support Services	184,072	152,503		336,575	338,437
ECFA Counseling Centers	67,367	0		67,367	72,782
Safe Families	16,204	0		16,204	0
Other Program Expenses	0	0	9,000	9,000	9,000

Program Expenditures

Management & General	228,667	25,837	3,549	258,053	260,655
Fund Raising	96,559	57,382		153,941	147,262

Total Expenditures

\$ 3,764,219 \$ 325,492 \$ 12,549 \$ 4,102,260 \$ 3,930,153

Increase (Decr) in Net Assets

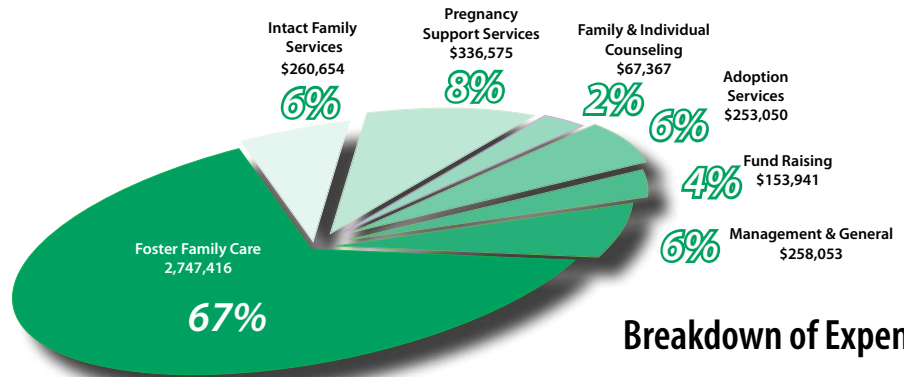
\$148,938 (\$30,416) \$144,781 \$263,302 \$146,757

Total Net Assets

\$476,770 \$192,752 \$993,503 \$1,663,025 \$1,314,435

(Financial information may be subject to change upon finalization of annual audit.)

A copy of the audited financial statement will be provided upon written request and may also be viewed at the Agency's corporate office.



Breakdown of Expenses



WISCONSIN DISTRICT

This is the 27th year ECFA staff has been providing high quality social services through our Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) and Adoption Programs. Over the years, the Wisconsin District offices have provided case management, personalized services, and compassionate care for 2,784 birth mothers and fathers, and placed 393 children in adoptive *forever homes*.

Life-valuing options, as well as tailored services, are offered to those expectant parents facing an unplanned pregnancy at no cost to them. Voluntary, respite foster care placement is also available for infants and young children in our three licensed family homes.

Birth parents interested in an adoption plan review profiles of waiting adoptive parents. They then select a couple to meet in person. Varying degrees of openness can be discussed between birth and adoptive parents. Opportunities are also available for those interested in pursuing adoptions of children from foreign countries.

Two agency resale shops, Almost Anything & Almost Anything 2, help provide income throughout the year in support of the PSS and Adoption Programs. They are staffed six days a week by two part-time employees and over 50 dedicated volunteers.

WISCONSIN SERVICE STATISTICS

Pregnancy Support Services

Race	Clients
African American	16
Caucasian	19
Hispanic	1
Hispanic/Caucasian	1
Caucasian/Native American	1
Jamaican/African American	1
African American/Caucasian	
Hispanic/Native American	
Total PSS Clients	41
Face-to-Face sessions	2,771

PSS clients under 18 years of age	5
Domestic Adoptions	4
International Adoptions	6
Foster Children cared for in FY10	10
Days of foster care provided	885

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