

# 2018 Annual Report



## BRITNEY'S STORY

Abuse and neglect can alter a child's brain to the point that emotions and daily activities are hard to navigate without significant behavioral issues. Thankfully, kids can overcome the effects of abuse and neglect with intentional support like the Behavioral Interventionist program.

"FosterAdopt Connect's Behavioral Interventionist (BI) program has completely changed our family's life! My husband and I have had foster placement of a little guy for almost 6 years. He had escalated so much we were considering placing him in a residential treatment center at 4 years old. He was angry, frustrated, and prone to physically assaulting us. We had exhausted all other community resources and our caseworker did not know what other services

After 18 months in the BI program our son is a different little guy. He is happy, able to handle his negative emotions, and rarely hurts himself or others. I was able to take

him shopping with me last week and I began to get teary-eyed in the store because I realized just how far he had come. Previously, I would have had to have found a sitter and then gone grocery shopping without him. This time he got to go, we had fun, and I got to just be a 'normal' mom in a store with her son. It was the best feeling.

I can't speak highly enough of this program. It worked so well that we have since enrolled two more of my children in the program and am looking forward to see what great things will come for them!"

- BRITNEY, foster parent

## UNITE

Stability is key to healthy child development, especially for those who have suffered abuse and neglect. FosterAdopt Connect works to ensure that children are united with loving biological, relative/kinship, foster, and adoptive parents to begin the healing process through programs such as our Family Connections Center, 30 Days to Family<sup>TM</sup>, and Extreme Recruitment<sup>TM</sup>.

The Family Connections Center provides emergency placement for children entering foster care, intensive services to reunify children with their birth families, and academic support so children can overcome educational delays.

Extreme Recruitment™ unites "hard to place" children with families through intensive search and concurrent planning executed by recruiter-private detective teams, while 30 Days to Family™ unites children with relatives on the front-end of a child's case, avoiding extended stays with unfamiliar foster families



## EQUIP

FosterAdopt Connect equips families to provide loving, committed homes for foster and adopted children through programs like Sammy's Window Clothing Closet and Food Pantry, Licensing, Training, Advocacy, and Behavioral Interventionist because children thrive best in the context of loving families.



213 children recieved in-home behavioral support thus preventing their placement in residential treatment facilities.



7,190 hours of training equipped parents to offer the best quality of care for children.



540 foster parents recieved advocacy support with navigation a complex child welfare system.

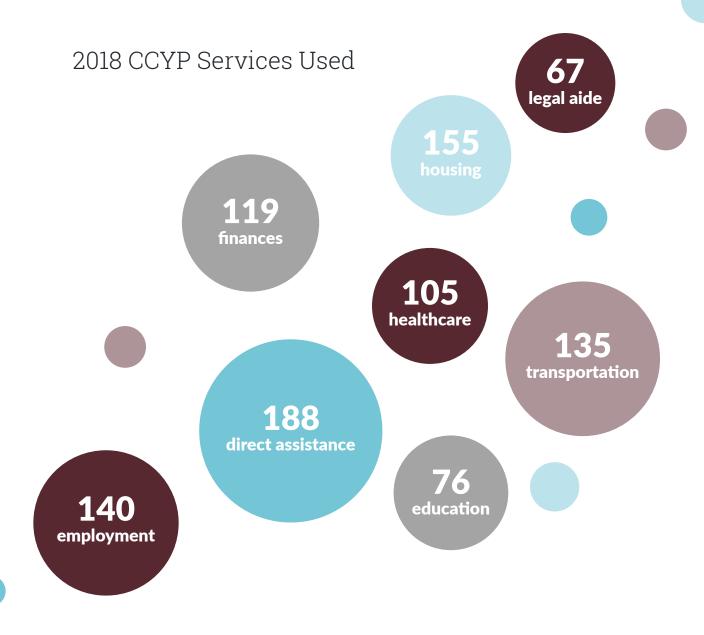


1,408 families recieved clothing and food assistance to lessen the significatn burden of foster care.

## LAUNCH

Children need a solid foundation to launch into adulthood with confidence and security. Community Connections Youth Project (CCYP) works directly with young adults impacted by foster care to obtain the resources necessary to successfully thrive in society, such as housing, jobs, health coverage, crisis intervention services, educational assistance, identification and driver's licenses, birth certificates, and more.

The Legal Advocacy team assists young adults by connecting them to lawyers and legal education services that help them address minor legal challenges and take responsibility for their lives.



## FINANCES

Thanks to the generosity of donors and community supporters in 2018, for every dollar spent:

92¢

went to programs

3¢

went to administration

5¢

went to raising the next dollar

Fundraising activites serve a dual purpose for FosterAdopt Connect's financial stability. Hosting more than 5 major events brings community awareness and funding to sustain the programs and services we provide. Additional financial resources are generously provided through community, family, and corporate grants.





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