

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fiscal Year October 2021 – September 2022

Our Vision is a Safe and Loving Home for All



Changing Lives, Building Families, Strengthening Communities

WHO WE SERVE



were directlu served by CAS programs

additional individuals and families received ,620 community outreach from CAS, statewide

- Families in crisis, at risk of removal for maltreatment
- Adoptive families—before and after adoption
- Youth emancipating from the foster care system without having been adopted
- Youth who are homeless and pregnant or parenting
- Survivors and those at risk of sex trafficking and exploitation
- Professionals serving Alabama's children, youth and families

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Because Families Can Be Preserved 377 Alabama families received intensive in-home crisis intervention to preserve and/or reunify children in their homes.

Because Families Can Be Strengthened

170 parents and other caregivers successfully completed the Effective Parenting Instruction Course.

1,721 counseling sessions were provided for adoptive families' support.

313 parents were supported through Adoptive Family Group sessions.

Because Families Can Be Created

449 families received orientation for adoption and post-adoption services in Alabama.

49 families were trained and prepared for adoption.

50 home studies were completed and submitted for families ready to adopt.

37 of Alabama's waiting children now have forever families.

Because Older Youth in Foster Care Need to Be Prepared for Independent Adulthood

403 direct services were provided to 298 youth in foster care and 86 adults that served them received critical training. Two camps were held in the summer on the campus of the University of Montevallo:

69 youth ages 14-16 attended Camp Life tailored specifically for their age group.

67 youth ages 17-21 attended their specially tailored Camp Life.

We celebrated 100 youth in foster care who graduated from high school or secondary education with a special ceremony and a Congratulations Grad! Bag filled with new household and school items for their next chapter.

Because Homeless Young Mothers Can Learn to Be Strong Parents and Independent Adults

15 youth and their 10 children resided in and learned through our Project Independence, Maternity Group Home transitional living program, which provides services up to 18 months.

Another 145 alumni received aftercare outreach.

Twelve months after leaving the program, 88% remained in safe, stable housing. Twenty-four months after completion, 75% of alums reported living in safe, stable housing.

Because Child Sex Trafficking is a Crisis in Our State

The Child Trafficking Solutions Project (CTSP) has trained 520 law enforcement officers, frontline community organizations, first responders, local governments and municipalities to recognize, rescue and restore child victims. By developing uniform response protocols and strategic partnerships, CTSP work continues with these and juvenile justice, child-welfare agencies, and schools to prevent abuse, raise awareness and increase safety.

Because the Need is Great, Professionals and Parents Can Be Trained to Enhance their **Roles as Careaivers**

13,657 participated in online webinars or in-person trainings to help them better serve children, youth, and families.

LEADERSHIP

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