

A continuum of critical human services programs, integrated within the Agency as a whole, are designed to meet the specific needs of our clients.

Family & Children Services provides additional support to its clients through a variety of fund raising initiatives. Gifts from friends of the Agency through the **HANDLE WITH CARE Annual Campaign** provide Agency clients with basic, critical support that cannot be met through any other funding source in our communities. Restricted funds support individual programs and initiatives within the Agency.



The Gilmore/Smith Children's Endowment, the Circle of Hope Endowment and other endowments help provide for the long-term financial stability of the Agency.

Visionary Club: Deferred and planned gifts

Holiday Giving Program: Individuals, schools, community groups and corporate donors matched individually with client families to provide holiday meals and gifts. Gifts can also be made to the Agency's Holiday Store.

"Pack a Child for Camp": Providing camp scholarship opportunities for children being served by the Agency.

Year-Round Pantry: Individual, community, and corporate in-kind gifts for clients served by the Agency including toys, camping supplies, back-to-school needs, blankets and bedding, baby and toddler essentials and personal care items.

For more information on ways you can make a meaningful difference in the life of our communities please contact:

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Family & Children Services is a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian, human service organization begun in 1903. Its mission has remained constant "...To support, strengthen and preserve the safety, well being and dignity of children, individuals and families".

The Agency receives funding through allocations from local United Ways, contracts with Community Mental Health programs and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, insurance reimbursements, fees for service and contributions. We are accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. The Agency is licensed by the State of Michigan as a Child Placing Agency, Child Caring Institution (Children's Therapeutic Group Home), and Substance Abuse Program.

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Programs and Services



For every generation.
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hope.



A Source of Hope

Programs and Services

Child Welfare Services

Foster Care Services focus on providing safe homes for children who have been abused or neglected. Foster and adoptive parents are trained to care for children and youth who are healing from the devastation of childhood trauma. Birth parents are coached to enhance life and parenting skills in order to make their homes safe places where children can grow physically, emotionally and socially.

Child Welfare Services include parenting and life education services, supervised parenting visits and school-based initiatives. All programs are trauma focused and designed to prevent the need for more intensive services for children and adults.

More intensive family focused services are provided when a youth is struggling with mental health issues or a developmental disability whose severity places them at risk of not being able to function at home, school, or in the community.

Gail's House Intensive Stabilization Services for Youth in Foster Care

Gail's House Intensive Stabilization Services for Youth in Foster Care stabilizes youth in crisis while providing diagnostic services and supports for the youth to return to a community-based setting as soon as possible. The program provides a therapeutic environment for youth who are in current crisis or have not been able to maintain stabilized behavior. The program serves up to five female youth, ages 10-15, in a lower staff-to-child ratio than other residential programs. This program offers intensive stabilization services in a trauma-informed 45-day program. Placements are coordinated through the Regional Placement Unit (RPU) into a licensed five bedroom, home-like residential setting. Services include treatment planning, daily living skills training, social activities, counseling, psychiatry, and linkage to services.

Placements are accepted 24-hours, 365 days a year in a licensed, homelike setting.

Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Services include office and home-based counseling provided by professional staff, experienced in a variety of therapies over a wide range of issues. The Counseling Center offers confidential family, individual, relationship, parent/child counseling. Most insurances and managed care are accepted.

Home-based services include 24-hour, on-call response and intensive therapeutic intervention focusing on parent/professional teamwork, family-centered planning, client advocacy and coordination of community resources.

Parent/Infant services offer parents home-based support through family-centered, strength-based counseling, prenatal and early infancy support, and early childhood/parenting education including specific skills training. Services emphasize each family's ability to develop positive parent/child relationships which last a lifetime.

Crisis Intervention Services are offered for youth ages 5-17. Crisis Residential services are offered for youth with a primary mental health diagnosis experiencing acute psychiatric crisis. Services are intended to provide a short-term (up to 14 nights) alternative to inpatient psychiatric services to avert an inpatient psychiatric admission or to shorten the length of an inpatient stay.

Youth Crisis Respite services provides a short-term placement for youth experiencing a mental health crisis. Services are typically 2-14 days to assist in stabilizing a current (not on-going) crisis situation.

Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) provides services to youth in crisis and their families in Kalamazoo County. The MCR Program provides immediate response, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Child Welfare Services

- Foster Care
- Adoption
- Licensing
- Foster Care Supportive Visitation
- Families First
- Family Advocate
- Families Together Building Solutions
- Supervised Parenting Time
- Parent Aide
- Parenting Support & Education
- Intensive Stabilization Services for Foster Care

Behavioral Health Services

The Counseling Center

- Individual, relationship, family, and parent/child counseling
- Trauma Treatment for children
- Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Services

Community-Based Mental Health

- Case Management/Supports Coordination
- Home-Based Family And Community Treatment (FACT)
- Home-Based Parent Infant Program (PIP)
- Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (FACT-ICT)

Crisis Intervention

- Mobile Crisis Response (MCR)
- Youth Crisis Residential
- Youth Crisis Respite

Programs are offered through a variety of contracts with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Community Mental Health programs, fees and private insurance reimbursement.