# ANNUAL REPORT 2018 TO THE COMMUNITY CHILD FOCUS CORPORATE OFFICES OUT OF HOME CARE

### **Mission**

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In a year of unprecedented challenges, Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) continues to provide quality services to children, families and adults in our communities. This annual report is our chance to show you how all this work comes together and to express our heartfelt gratitude to the people and organizations that continue to support our mission.

I am officially retiring this June. It is hard to believe, but I have spent more than half my life working at CFI. I cannot even begin to comprehend where the 40 years have gone. All I do know is that I was truly blessed to have worked with some of the most incredibly dedicated and wonderful people that truly care about kids. First off, I need to thank each of you, and those who have gone before for all your support, encouragement, and prayers. Without you, Child Focus would not be what it is today.

I am confident that Child Focus will emerge with a new CEO who will help us successfully navigate the increasingly complex landscapes of early learning, mental health and foster care. CFI is on very solid financial ground, growing 8% this past year, thanks to long-time, recently retired Chief Operating Officer, Sandy Lock. It is also on increasingly strong organizational footing, and I believe poised to grow in size and influence.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as CEO. I am more encouraged about the future of CFI than I have ever been, but its strength depends on you. I feel gratified about all our achievements in the past 40 years. CFI has grown and expanded its impact significantly while maintaining high standards and value to the community.

This great foundation will surely continue to lead CFI into a bright and impactful future,

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### Access



#### Children & adults served

Services include Early Childhood Mental Health, School Prevention & Treatment, Outpatient Mental Health, Crisis Hotline, Jail Assessments, Head Start, Juvenile Court, Mobile Crisis, Foster Care, Before & After School, Training and many more.

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#### Training

The CFI Training Center provided trainings on mental health, child development, education, child abuse prevention, suicide prevention and many more.

#### **School services**

Over 40,000 elementary, middle and high school students had access to mental health services in Brown, Clermont and Hamilton counties.



#### **Regional approach**

Child Focus served 12 counties: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Montgomery, Warren and Fayette.

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#### **Preschool services**

We directly provide Head Start in 11 Clermont County locations and support an additional 48 preschools through our Early Childhood Mental Health program: 30 Hamilton, Clermont, Adams, Brown, Warren and Clinton County childcare centers, 12 Hamilton and Highland County Head Start Centers, 5 Brown County school district preschools and 1 Clermont County Help Me Grow program.



#### Volunteers

746 Volunteers provided 44,241 volunteers hours valued at \$681,130 to help in our programs and events and to provide support and leadership on our Policy Council and Board of Directors.

### Success



#### **Ready for School**

When Adrian\* first came to school he was scared to stay, would often withdraw from others and had a tough time connecting to play with others. Part of our curriculum that month was for children to tell others about their family and we worked with parents to create a picture book of family and friends that this child could bring in and share with classmates. We also worked with Adrian to express himself and ask to play and connect with others. **From spring to fall, his social emotional skills have improved greatly** and he loves to tell the classroom all about his family and the fun things they do at home.



#### Safe, Loving Homes

Sara\* was 17 and pregnant when she entered foster care through Juvenile Court. Her birth mother was using drugs. Sara also experimented with drugs and alcohol. She delivered her daughter a couple months after entering care and raised her daughter with the help of her foster parents, extended foster family members and Child Focus staff. Through her foster care stay, Sara became sober and remained clean. She also completed probation and graduated high school. Sara emancipated from foster care and is raising her baby with support from her foster family. She is attending college and working a job in her chosen field.



#### Success in School & Life

Over 2,000 youth have been referred for school based mental health services in FY 2018. One parent says, "The excellent care my son has received from his school therapist has been a lifeline to him and me and I can't imagine where he would be without help. During his senior year he hit rock bottom. Since therapy, he has been given the tools to help him reach his true potential. I would like to thank the program that has helped my son and other children like him. You are geniuses, visionaries and compassionate souls. You have given a good person, my son, a chance."

### **Early Learning**

#### **Quality, School Readiness, Health & Families Matter**

Child Focus Early Learning programs provide the building blocks for the future success of some of the most vulnerable children in our community. Our programs focus on realizing positive outcomes for children and family to close the achievement gap and build a promising future.



### **Mental Health**

#### **Quality Mental Health Services Matter**

Mental health wellness is fundamental and serves as the foundation for healthy functioning in all areas of daily living. As an industry leader, Child Focus specializes in providing quality care to children, families and adults.



#### Accurate Diagnosis

A comprehensive psychological evaluation accurately assesses and diagnoses complex mental and behavioral health concerns. Results are used to develop an effective treatment plan. **100% of persons surveyed said the service provided them with new, useful information about their child's strengths and difficulties.** 



#### **Decrease in Drug Use & Arrests**

Juvenile Court utilizes research-based Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) to decrease substance use and delinquent behaviors. After treatment 96% of youth had no hard drug use and 88% had no new arrests.



#### **Symptom Improvement**

Persons served reported symptom and functioning improvement in the home, school and community. **97%** of Juvenile Court clients and **94%** of Therapy and Day Treatment and **90%** of school mental health persons served reported improvement across all three domains.

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#### **Crisis Intervention**

Crisis appointments are offered within 24 hours. **92% of** persons served said the service helped them to better manage a crisis situation. The average rate of improvement was 30%.

### **Foster Care**

#### **Quality Foster Homes and Services Matter**

Child Focus continues to receive high levels of satisfaction for the services provided to foster children, the foster homes licensed and the supportive services offered to both foster children and foster parents.



#### Attendance

**100%** of foster children met school attendance requirements.



#### **Passing Grades**

**100%** of foster children evidenced passing grades.



#### Satisfaction

**100%** of foster children reported satisfaction with their foster care placement and feel safe, well-cared for, feel positive about their foster family and foster home and feel supported by the foster system.



"Child Focus has gone above and beyond for us. They are an incredible agency and provide us with the support and resources we need."

**100%** of foster parents feel supported by Child Focus foster care staff

**100%** of Job & Family Services staff are satisfied with CFI foster homes and services.

### Community



#### **Grant Career Center**

In partnership with Grant Career Center, we promote the development and success of future early childhood professionals by offering learning opportunities and practicum experiences.



#### **PNC Grow Up Great**

We partner with PNC Grow Up Great to expose young children to hands on science, technology and math educational experiences brought to life through the One World Planetarium and Mobile Learning Adventures.



#### **Clermont County Sheriff**

Through the Sheriff's Office, we are supporting children and families impacted by addiction to enroll children in Head Start within 48 hours of referral. Our Mobile Crisis Team also responded to 158 mental health or addiction related calls in tandem with law enforcement. Child Focus also has staff at the jail who provided 755 assessments and referrals to community supports to prevent recidivism.

### **Financials**

#### Support:

Federal grants
State subsidies
Title XIX & other federal funds
School district contracts
Therapeutic Foster Care funds
Early Head Start
In-kind program revenue
United Way & other
Contributions

14,467,733

3,568,394 1,967,189 4,196,607 970,348 848,517 1,345,607 507,177 403,356 660,538

<b>Revenue:</b> Day care funds	532,674
Fees: Self pay Agency Miscellaneous income	153,900 211,503 187,297
Special events less exp.(\$15,032) Child/adult care food program Homebase intervention	43,144 279,589 376,905
Training Insurance fees Rental income	39,413 384,053 139,531
Investment income Realized/unrealized gain on investment	109,575 99,229
Gain on sale of property & equipment Release from restrictions	6,951
Total Support & Revenue	17,031,497

Expenses:	
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Program services	14,562,394
Management & general	1,964,669
Fundraising	8,530
Total expenses	16,535,593
Change in net assets	495,904
Net assets, beginning of year	6,662,674
Net assets, end of year	7,158,578

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	<b>%</b> MANAGEMENT: \$1,964,669	
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in strengthening the quality of life for children, families and adults.





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