

2017

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE CENTER

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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**STAND FOR**  
**HOPE**

THE CENTER  
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE  
*safe, healthy environments*  
THROUGH  
ADVOCACY, COUNSELING,  
EDUCATION & PREVENTION.



The Center for Children and Families meets high performance standards and is committed to delivering quality services to their stakeholders.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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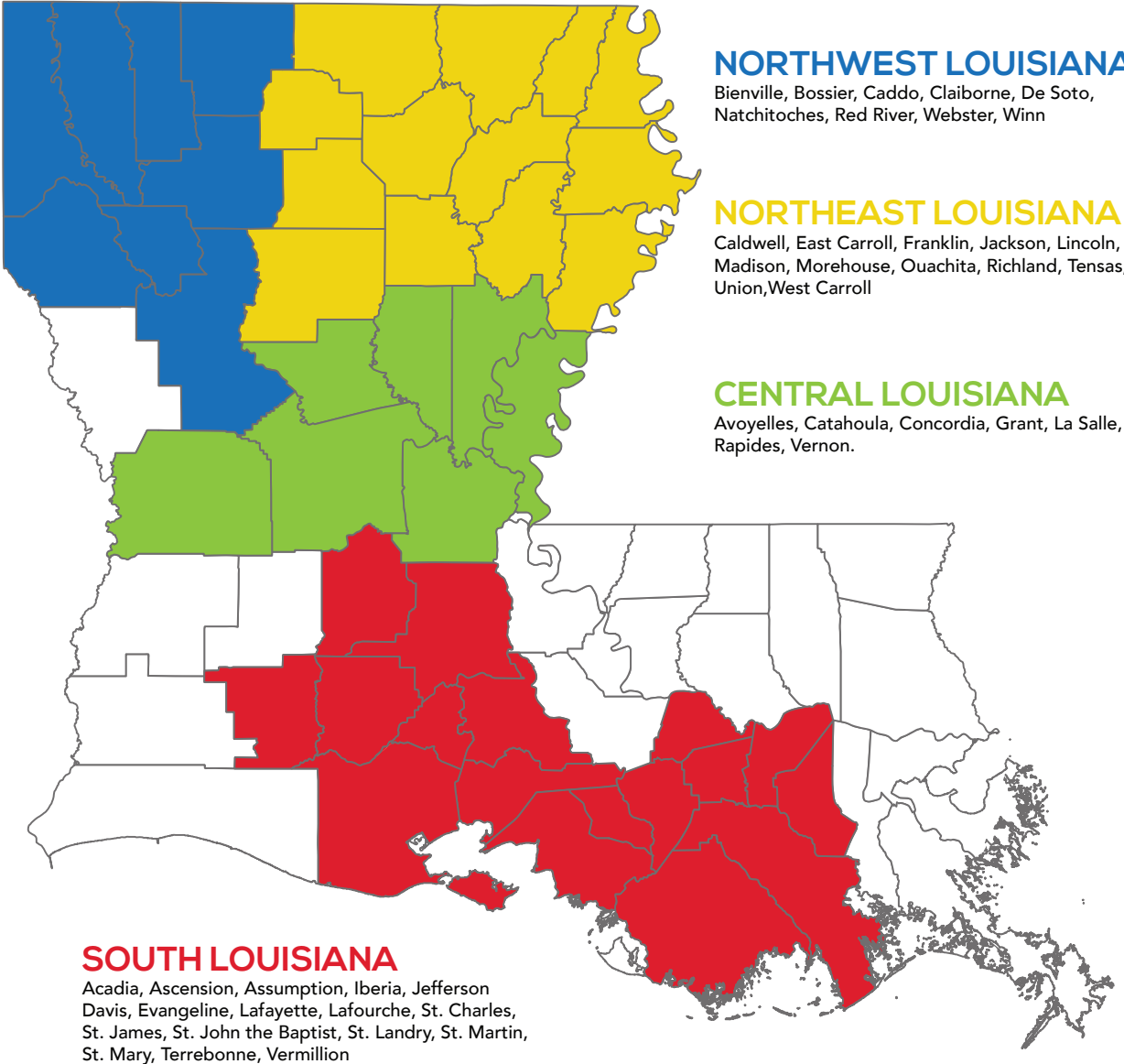
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# AREAS SERVED

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## **NORTHWEST LOUISIANA**

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Webster, Winn

## **NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

## **CENTRAL LOUISIANA**

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, La Salle, Rapides, Vernon.

## **SOUTH LOUISIANA**

Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Evangeline, Lafayette, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Vermillion

# ABOUT US

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The Center for Children & Families is an umbrella nonprofit made up of a variety of different programs serving the state of Louisiana, and soon expanding its reach to Mississippi. Since its inception, The Center has overcome many challenges to become the successful, multi-faceted organization that we are today.

What started as a three person staff functioning on a \$4,000 budget, is now a thriving organization with nearly 100 employees, supporting over 250 volunteers and 73 contract therapists, who in turn are serving thousands of children across the state. Our board members and administration are dedicated to searching out other needs that are not being sufficiently met, as well as the means to meet these needs with the “best practice” mentality that has defined every action taken since 1999.

With programs such as CASA, the Children’s Advocacy Center, Therapeutic Services, and The Delta Initiative, The Center for Children & Families is well on its way to further redefining the way children’s social services are delivered in our area.

## COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northeast Louisiana (CASAs) continue to train volunteers to advocate for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. With the number of assigned cases continually on the rise, our CASA program is consistently adapting to this increase by adding staff and training new advocates in order to meet this need. In 2018, 43 individuals joined in the efforts of speaking up for the children in our area, serving a total of 379 foster children.

## THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

The Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) remains a powerful avenue of support for child and mentally-challenged adult victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, or witnesses to violent crimes. . The CAC joins all parties who are necessary in examining cases involving sexual or severe physical abuse. This year the CAC interviewed over 295 children in Northeast Louisiana. At the CAC, the child must share their experience only once during a recorded interview. This helps to reduce trauma, limit testimony mistakes, and increase prosecution rates in Northeast Louisiana.



## THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

The Center for Children and Families works with Master's level clinicians practicing a number of different models of in-home therapy to serve at-risk children. This year, our Therapeutic Services program served nearly 3,500 children across Louisiana, and recently expanded its reach to Mississippi.

Our *Functional Family Therapy Program (FFT)* and *Multi-Systemic Therapy Program (MST)* are intensive family and community based treatments that address antisocial behavior in young offenders. *FFT-Child Welfare (CW)* is an expansion of the highly effective FFT evidence-based mental health program that can now serve children across the entire age range (0-18). *Crisis Intervention* deploys responders to families within hours to help stabilize situations in which a child may be immediately removed from the home. *Family Preservation* is a specialized treatment program utilizing systemic family therapy for at-risk children and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

*The Family Support and Youth Transition Program (FSYTP)* is our latest program designed to facilitate the successful transition of youth in state custody, back into the community. FSYTP covers multiple regions of the Louisiana, with three teams serving out of Monroe, Shreveport and Crowley.



## THE DELTA INITIATIVE

The Delta Initiative is a cutting edge community outreach project designed to catalyze lasting change in the Mississippi Delta Region. The pilot for this project has been generously funded by the COMO foundation of Franklin Parish. The work presently happening in Franklin Parish will become a model for intervention regionally and nationally. Program implementation is laid out in three phases, each lasting approximately one year: 1) Family Therapy & Community Restoration, 2) Restorative Justice, and 3) Vocational & Economic Development.



## COMMUNITY

As an organization, our footprint in this community has grown larger each year. This year we had great success with our annual fundraiser "The Black & White Ball" which also serves to inform the community of our services. We also continued in the notable work of the Heart Gallery of Northeast Louisiana, which is a portable gallery of portraits of children available for adoption in our region. The Christmas Project, our final event of the year, allowed us to provide nearly 1000 children with clothing and gifts during the holiday season.

# CORE VALUES

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The stated values of The Center for Children and Families are Community, Respect, Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Empowerment, and Excellence. These values have been identified over time as the key factors in the long term success of The Center. Our shared values build trust and bind The Center for Children and Families' "family" together.

These values are not high-minded theory saved for discussions at staff meetings and retreats. We believe that these values are present in every employee of The Center and are the foundation for our philosophy, culture, and practices. We believe that these seven values should permeate every aspect of our work with each other, our collaterals, and with the families we serve.



## COMMUNITY

We are committed to a positive environment in which everyone may experience a sense of belonging and worth. We honor relationships and take responsibility for fostering trust, respect, and good will. We share stories about our heritage, calling, and vulnerabilities. We desire to make a difference in the lives of others while making a living.



## RESPECT

We honor the intrinsic dignity, autonomy, and worth of each person. We treat others the way we would want to be treated. We are considerate of each other's feelings, values, and points of view.



## INTEGRITY

We are trustworthy. We are reliable, authentic, and loyal. We do what we say we will do. We have the courage to do the right thing. We welcome accountability and conduct our business with honesty and transparency.



# THAT DEFINE OUR CULTURE

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## SERVICE

We choose to serve first, embracing our roles as servant leaders in our organization and our community. Service is a force that motivates every member of our organization. We are committed to serving those we lead as well as those we follow. In the spirit of service, we freely give of our time, energy, and resources.



## TEAMWORK

We work as a team, achieving more collectively than individually. We are a cohesive unit setting aside our personal agendas and working toward our shared mission. We are committed to creating synergy by encouraging each other and working collaboratively.



## EXCELLENCE

We are committed to pursuing the highest possible standards at every level of the organization. We strive to become the benchmark through innovation and initiative. We are committed to putting forth our personal and professional best.



## EMPOWERMENT

We are a strength-based organization. We support, trust, and empower our employees to further the shared mission of The Center for Children and Families. We are committed to developing the confidence of every employee's individual talents and capabilities.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## THE **BLACK** & **WHITE** **BALL**

Every year we get dressed up in our finest for the annual Black & White Ball to raise money and awareness for The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). We have had tremendous success with the introduction of a "Casino Royale" theme, with live music, decadent cuisine, and fabulous prize opportunities, there is no shortage of entertainment! This year marked the 14th year for this fundraiser and brought in over \$84,000 through the generous support of businesses and sponsors throughout the community.

## THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Christmas Project is an annual effort by The Center for Children and Families to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children being served by our organization. Individuals from around the community request a wishlist with a specific child's clothing sizes and gift wishes to fulfill. In 2018, with the help of our caring community members, we were able to help provide gifts for over 900 children in Northeast Louisiana and 197 children in the Shreveport area.



Every year, The Radio People team up with The Center for Children and Families to help make the holiday season brighter for the children we serve by hosting the "Stuff a Bus" gift drive. For three solid days, donations pour in from all across the region in an effort to "stuff" a school bus located at the Pecanland Mall. In its 10th annual year, Stuff a Bus was able to collect a total 2,724 toys and gifts that were distributed to families in need in Northeast Louisiana.



## CASA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

At the heart and soul of each CASA program, there are trained volunteers intensely focused on protecting the best interest of a child. The Court Appointed Special Advocate program trains ordinary people— working people, retired people, college students or professionals, and teaches them to advocate for a child.

The volunteers are taught to learn all they can about a child’s situation through interviews and document research. They then report back to a judge what they feel is in the best interest of the child. It may be a child in foster care whose birth parents want him back in their home. It may be a foster child with disabilities who is not getting the services she needs. It may be a brother and a sister who have been driven apart by the legal system and need a CASA volunteer to get them back together in the same home.

For children whose pasts have been chaotic and whose futures are uncertain, a CASA volunteer may be the most consistent, interested presence in their lives. CASA of Northeast Louisiana believes that no child is destined to be without a family. Our volunteers are a powerful voice in court, making a difference one child at a time.

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# CASA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Program Director Carrie Perry

Program Coordinator Keri Foust



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER  
OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Louisiana (CAC) is designed to provide a unified approach to confronting the problem of child sexual abuse and the devastation it has on so many families within this area.

The CAC serves children and mentally-challenged adult victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, or witnesses to violent crimes. Before the CAC opened its doors, child victims in our region had to talk about their experiences to several different agencies and officials. Children could be moved all over the region in order to fulfill all of the required examinations, interviews, and assessments. Not only did this process prove traumatic for the children involved, but multiple interviews can sometimes dilute facts and ultimately hinder the prosecution efforts.

Today, the CAC works to collaborate the efforts of all agencies and officials who are involved in child victim cases. All the necessary steps— assessments, forensic interviews, and victim support services, are conducted by our qualified experts in one child-friendly and supportive location. Now everyone works together in the best interest of the child in a way that will minimize trauma, get to the truth, and provide testimony and evidence that will hold up in court.

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## CAC OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Director Jennifer Graves   Program Coordinator Tiffany O'Neal



The Center for Children and Families has developed innovative treatment programs that specifically target fractured family relationships. Services are delivered in a natural environment, such as home or school, to ensure that the therapist is able to fully participate in activating resources available to families. Our ultimate goal is to empower families to build an environment that promotes family stability through a process of empowerment and creativity that incorporates indigenous family and community strengths.

Our treatment programs serve families that are faced with some of the most challenging conditions and circumstances in our region. Our clients, who are referred from agencies including the Department of Children and Family Services, the Office of Juvenile Justice, school systems, local courts, and other treatment providers, are at risk of being removed from their homes because of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or even criminal behavior. The Northeast Louisiana region is considered one of the most impoverished areas of the United States, which creates an pressing need for treatment aimed at social justice, advocacy, and resourcefulness.

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## THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Clinical Director Emily Jones, Ph.D, LPCS  
Administrative Director Karissa Humphries, M.A., LPC, P-LMFT

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

## SUPPORT & REVENUE

GRANTS	\$ 1,641,023
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE	7,593,032
CONTRIBUTIONS	18,661
FUNDRAISING	103,902
INTEREST INCOME	508
OTHER INCOME	41,380
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>9,398,506</b>

## EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 6,290,160
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	3,530,650
FUNDRAISING	40,598
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,861,408</b>

## ASSETS

CASH	\$ 100,092
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	914,622
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,367,014
REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS	-
PREPAID INSURANCE	-
OTHER ASSETS	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,381,728</b>

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 668,066
CURRENT NET ASSETS	1,713,662
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,381,728</b>

# CONTACT

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## THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

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## COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

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### CASA | 4TH DISTRICT

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### CASA | 5TH DISTRICT

Parishes Served: Franklin/  
West Carroll/Richland  
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Rayville, LA 71269  
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Contact: Page Davis

### CASA | 6TH DISTRICT

Parishes Served: East Carroll/  
Madison/Tensas  
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