

Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County

2018 Annual Report



- Adoption & Foster Care Services
- Child Care & Early Learning Services
- Family Support Services
- Youth Mentoring

Our mission is to identify and provide services to improve the lives of children and their families.



2018 Clearfield County Fair Best of Show!

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Child Care Center
Adoption Agency
Foster Care Agency

Private Children and Youth Serving Agency



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About Us...

Children's Aid Society was organized in 1890 to find families for orphaned and abandoned children. In 1918 the agency began operating a "Children's Home" at our current location in Clearfield. When the home closed in the 1980s due to changes in state and federal regulations, we continued to serve families and children through our four major service areas. In 2018 we celebrated 128 years of serving children and families and the 100 year anniversary of operating at our current location.

In 2018 we completed the renovation of our newest building on Virginia Street and continued to expand our programming to meet the needs of our community.

We served children and adults through four major service areas:

- **Adoption & Foster Care Services** which include private and Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network (SWAN) adoption services, international home studies, and foster care.
 - **Child Care & Early Learning Services** which include our three-story Child Care Center, after school care at Clearfield Elementary, and a Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts classroom.
 - **Family Support Services** including the Real Relationships project, In-Home Services, Nurturing Parenting, Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), Supervised Visitation and the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.
 - **Youth Mentoring**, matching youth in need with positive role models.
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OUR SERVICES

Children's Aid Society's **Adoption** program operates as a full-service adoption agency, providing services to individuals and families in all stages of the adoption process throughout central Pennsylvania. We are an affiliate of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) and Hague Accredited. Hague Accreditation allows us to assist future adoptive families in adopting children from countries party to the Hague Convention.

"Our caseworker goes above and beyond for us"

— quote from pre-adoptive family

Our **Foster Care** program provides nurturing, supportive foster families for children who need temporary care until they are re-united with their biological families or become available for adoption. We identify and recruit potential foster families, assist families through the approval process, facilitate and supervise placements, provide ongoing training, and work with county children and youth agencies to ensure the children and families are receiving the services they need.

99% of people are satisfied or very satisfied with services.



Youth Mentoring provides children in need with strong and enduring, professionally supported mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better. In our Community-Based program, adult volunteers are matched with youth to provide friendship, support and fun activities. In School-Based Mentoring, high school volunteers are matched with elementary students in a weekly after-school program. No fees are charged for the program and most of our agency fundraising efforts directly benefit mentoring services. Youth Mentoring relies heavily on supporters who raise money, donate and

volunteer. Our agency holds itself accountable for each child in our program achieving: Higher aspirations; Greater confidence; Better relationships; Avoidance of risky behavior; and Educational success. Due to regulatory requirements, our program disaffiliated from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America late in 2018. Our mentoring program served 54 matches and touched the lives of 94 people this year.

In our PA licensed **Child Care Center**, highly qualified staff provide loving care for children beginning at 6 weeks of age. We hold a Star 3 rating in the Keystone Stars state quality initiative. Separate rooms and daily curriculum are provided for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children through 6th grade. Our after school program at **Clearfield Elementary** allows school-age children to balance learning and fun through a variety of experiences. From homework help to fun physical activities, our program is designed so that children remain safe until their parents' pick them up. **Summer School Age Care** gives children an active, social and fun summer by offering a variety of daily activities. Our child care clients average 80% private pay and 20% subsidized care.

We participate in the statewide initiative **Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts**. In our classroom, 18 children receive the benefits of full-day preschool free of charge 180 days each year. A certified Early Childhood Education teacher leads the classroom. Each year, we receive excellent scores on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale and state-monitored program reviews. We reached 406 individuals through child care and Pre-K at all sites in 2018.

Over 96% of child care children are meeting or exceeding literacy and math expectations – Fall 2018

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES:

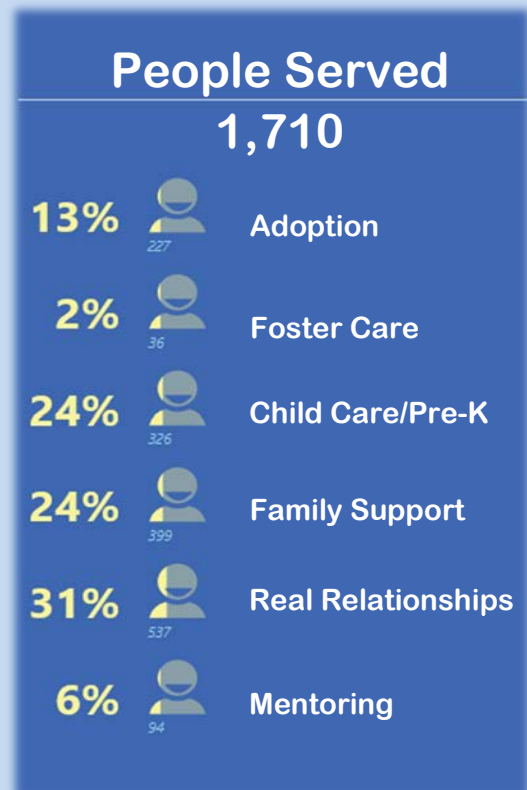
Real Relationships, funded by a federal grant from the Office of Family Assistance, is currently in the fourth year of the five year grant. The Real Relationships project provides classes and workshops to teens, individuals, non-married couples and married couples. The goal of the project is to provide people with the tools to have happy, healthy relationships through fun and interactive programs held in Clearfield County and the eight surrounding counties. By the end of September 2020 the Real Relationships project aims to have provided 2,105 individuals with relationship education in high schools, weekly classes in the Clearfield and Centre Counties, weekend retreats and one day workshops. This program helped 537 people improve their relationship skills in 2018.

The Nurturing Parenting program emphasizes the importance of positive family relationships. The entire family, not just the parents, learn the skills needed to build a happier, healthier family life. Weekly classes are held over 16 weeks and include classes for both parents and children. Also included are fun and interactive activities, quality family time, child care and refreshments. This program served 61 people in 2018. Nurturing may also be provided in the home as needed.

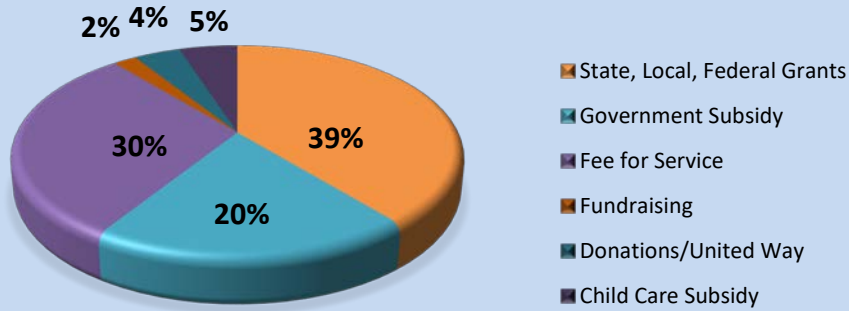
The **Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)** assists grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the role of primary caregiver for related children. The support group meets once each month in Clearfield and in Coalport. Foster and adoptive parents are also invited to participate. Together, caregivers can share their struggles and successes and gather information about community resources. The program served 19 people in 2018.

In-Home Services provides intensive, supportive services to families referred by Clearfield County Children, Youth & Family Services. These strengths-based interventions address challenges, link families to supportive community services, stabilize families and enhance family functioning in order to assist families to remain intact or reunify. In 2018 we expanded the supervised visit provision to also include private pay clients. These combined services served 73 people in 2018.

Funded through a two-year violence prevention grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency awarded in 2017 and a three-year grant from The Children's Trust Fund received in 2016, the evidence-based **Triple P—Positive Parenting Program** builds positive relationships, teaches discipline strategies, offers parenting support and fosters healthy childhood development. This program is carried out in the community through weekly home visits or an eight session group series. Triple P served 246 people in 2018.



INCOME SOURCES



Our agency has a wide variety of funding sources including federal, state and local grants, donations, private fees, etc. In 2018, we were members of the Clearfield Area United Way and DuBois Area United Way. Money from the United Ways directly helps sustain our programs and is often used as a required local match. We appreciate their support!

2018 Grants, Fees and Allocations

	Amount
Real Relationships Grant Dept. of HHS, Administration of Children & Families	\$559,545
Child Care Private Pay and Subsidized Fees	\$368,648
Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network and Private Adoption Fees	\$360,950
Foster Care Fees from Counties	\$319,165
PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning Grant – Pre-K Counts	\$157,250
PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency Grant, Triple P Positive Parenting Program	\$87,081
Clearfield County Children, Youth & Family Services, Parenting & In-Home Services	\$62,994
Pennsylvania Children’s Trust Fund Grant, Triple P Positive Parenting Program	\$50,000
PA Dept. of Education Child and Adult Care Food Program	\$33,368
Keystone STARS – Child Care Program Award	\$13,214
RAMAPO Trust, Relatives as Parents Program Grant	\$5,000
CBT Bank, Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program	\$5,000
AJ & Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust	\$5,000
Walmart Foundation	\$2,500
Diakon SWAN Mini Grant	\$1,458
CAF America	\$1,200
Walmart Foundation	\$2,500
Lightner Trust Fund	\$1,500
Clearfield County Charitable Foundation	\$500

2018 Fundraising

	Net
Shoot for the Magic	\$23,039
Bowl For Kids’ Sake	\$7,327
Child Care Fundraisers	\$3,558
Misc. Fundraisers	\$2,944
Winter Dance	\$648



Clearfield Area United Way	\$5,000
DuBois Area United Way	\$5,285
Other United Ways	\$524

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Domtar—Ashley Asti
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Bee Kind Wintery
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Bucks DuBois and Clearfield
Dominos DuBois and Clearfield
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Scottos Clearfield
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