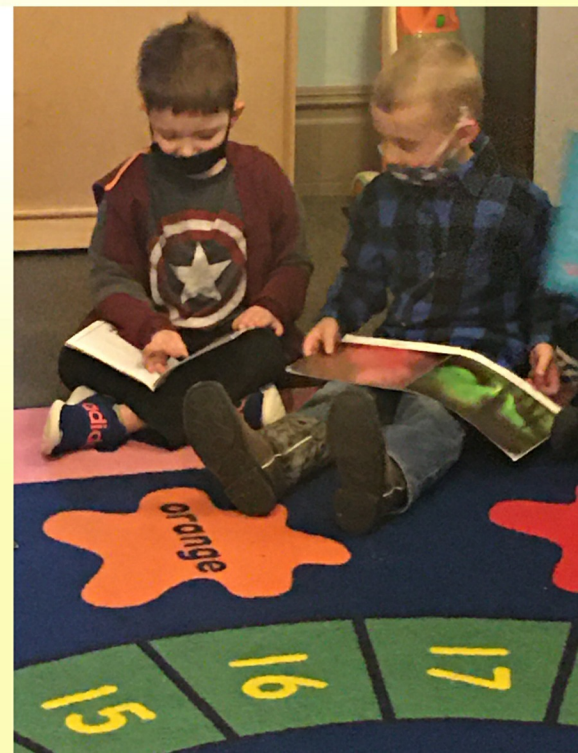




Children's Aid Society
Clearfield County

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

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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



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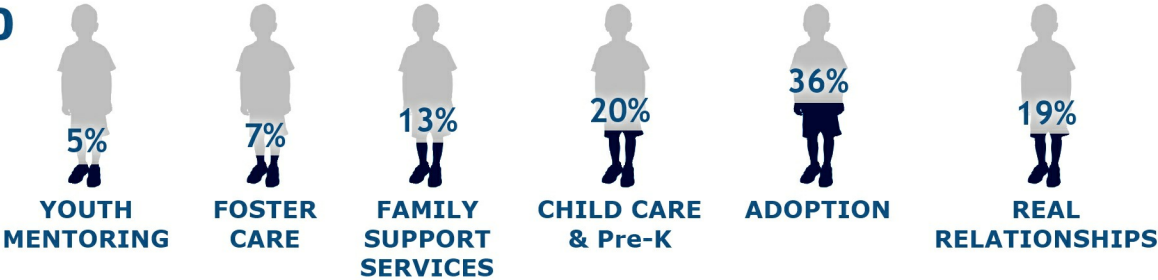
Children’s Aid Society was organized in 1890 to find families for orphaned and abandoned children. In 1918 the agency began operating a Children’s Home at our current location in Clearfield. When the home closed in the 1980s due to changes in state and federal regulations, we expanded our services to four major service areas. This year, despite the pandemic, we remained open and celebrated 130 years of serving children and families throughout Central Pennsylvania.



WE SERVED 1,622 CHILDREN AND ADULTS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING 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 two Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts classrooms.
- ❖ **Family Support Services** including the Together project, In-Home Services, Nurturing Parenting, Parents as Teachers (PAT), Supervised Visitation and the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.
- ❖ **Youth Mentoring**, matching youth in need with positive role models.

SERVED IN 2020



OUR SERVICES

ADOPTION

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. This year we completed 178 individual services with children and families.

“Children's Aid Society has worked alongside us for a little over four years now and has helped us successfully adopt our two, beautiful daughters. Their home study process and placement process was such a blessing to us, and we are so very grateful for all that they have done in taking us from a family of two to a family of four.”

— Nathan and Sheena Rock



FOSTER CARE

Our Foster Care program provides nurturing, supportive foster families for children and teens who need temporary care until they are reunited 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 receive the services they need. Our services touched the lives of 115 people this year.

“The worker was very kind and knowledgeable. She made the process smooth.”

— quote from a foster care family



OUR SERVICES

CHILD CARE

In our PA licensed Child Care Center, highly qualified staff provide loving care for children beginning at 6 weeks of age. Separate rooms and daily curriculum are provided for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and 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 83% private pay and 17% subsidized care.

Following a brief mandatory shut down early in the year we were able to reopen utilizing enhanced health and safety measures throughout the center.



PRE-K COUNTS

We participate in the statewide initiative Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts. In our classrooms, children receive the benefits of full-day preschool free-of-charge 180 days each year. Certified Early Childhood Education teachers lead each classroom. Each year, we receive excellent scores on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale and state-monitored program reviews. We have two classrooms serving 28 children.

This year we were able to continue class virtually when needed and even made “virtual enrollment” a regular option.

OUR SERVICES

IN HOME SERVICES **IN HOME SERVICES**

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 community services, stabilize families and enhance family functioning in order to help families remain intact or reunify. We also provide supervised visitation for court-ordered and private pay clients.

NURTURING PARENTING **NURTURING PARENTING**

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 sessions 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 20 people in 2020. Nurturing can also be provided in the home when needed.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS **PARENTS AS TEACHERS**

Parents as Teachers (PAT) was implemented in 2019 with the help of a three-year Pennsylvania Children's Trust Fund grant. This program helps parents with children ages 0-5 realize that they are their child's first educator. This service is provided to families in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties through continuing home visits and group connections for a period of at least two years.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM **POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**

Funded through Clearfield County and a series of violence and delinquency prevention grants through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the evidence-based Triple P-Positive Parenting Program builds positive relationships, teaches discipline strategies, offers parenting support and fosters healthy childhood development. Provided in Centre and Clearfield Counties, this program is carried out in the community through weekly home visits or an eight session group series. Virtual sessions became the norm this year. Triple P served 101 people in 2020.

"The Triple P program has been great. There's a huge change in my child!"

"Triple P helped me learn coping skills and new things to try."

OUR SERVICES

TOGETHER TOGETHER



2020 saw the end of the five-year federal grant-funded Real Relationships project which provided classes and workshops to teens, individuals, non-married couples and married couples. The goal of the project was to provide people with tools needed to have happy, healthy relationships through fun and interactive programs in Clearfield County and the eight surrounding counties. The program surpassed our goal of serving 2,105 individuals over the span of the grant. We were awarded another federal grant to continue our work in relationship education. The new five-year grant funds the Together project, which will provide relationship education classes, parenting help and financial management classes to adult couples in the same service area.

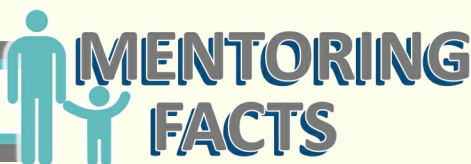
“Keep up the good work. You are making a positive change in the couples around you!”

“This was amazing. We are able to communicate in such a healthier way now.”



YOUTH MENTORING YOUTH MENTORING

Youth Mentoring provides children in need with 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. Due to school COVID-19 restrictions, School-Based mentoring was suspended for much of the year. We served 27 matches through mentoring this year.



- ✓ Community program matching a child with caring adult
- ✓ School-based program at Wasson Elementary in DuBois
- ✓ Mentors provide friendship, support, and encouragement
- ✓ Fun outings are offered every other month
- ✓ It's FREE
- ✓ Funded through business and individual donations / fundraising

FUNDING

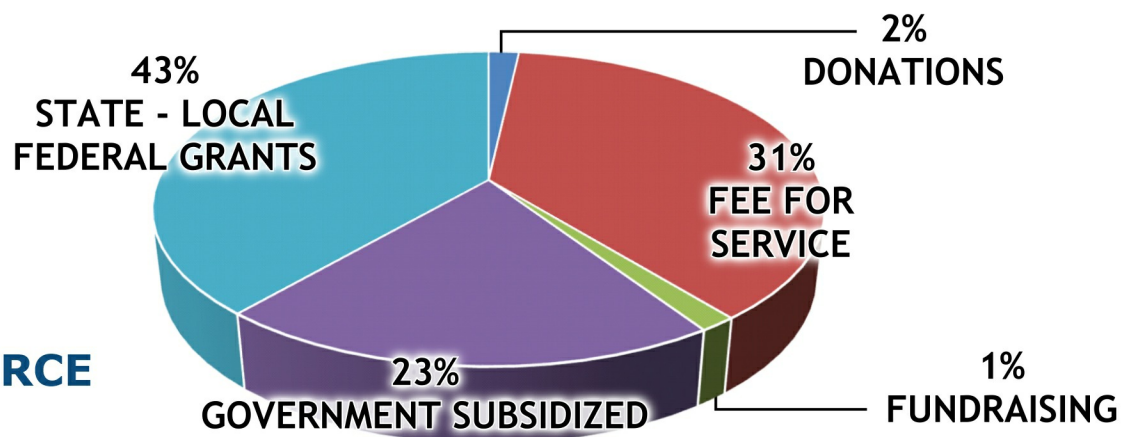
Our agency depends on a wide variety of funding sources including federal, state and local grants, donations, private fees, etc. In 2020, we were members of the Clearfield Area and DuBois Area United Ways. This funding directly helps sustain our programs and is often used as a required local match. We appreciate their support.

2020 GRANTS, FEES AND ALLOCATIONS

AMOUNT

US Dept. of HHS, Administration of Children & Families	\$494,638
Foster Care Fees from Counties	\$447,801
Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network and Private Adoption Fees	\$362,525
Private Pay - Subsidized Child Care Fees	\$269,780
PA Office of Child Development & Early Learning Grant - Pre-K Counts	\$254,200
PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency - Triple P Centre County	\$74,832
Clearfield County Funded Parenting Programs	\$63,176
PA Children's Trust Fund, Parents as Teachers Grant	\$50,000
Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	\$28,822
Rite Aid Foundation Kids Cents Charity	\$20,000
Pennsylvania Keystone STARS	\$15,905
Kurtz Community Fund, CCCF Annual Distribution	\$14,642
PA Children's Trust Fund, Triple P Expansion Grant	\$12,500
CBT Bank Educational Improvement Tax Credit Donation	\$10,000
Ann H. Soutt Memorial Fund - CCCF Annual Distribution	\$7,702
Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation	\$7,000
AJ & Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust	\$5,000
John Lightner Trust Fund	\$3,500
Walmart Foundation	\$2,000

2020 INCOME BY SOURCE



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2020 UNITED WAY FUNDING

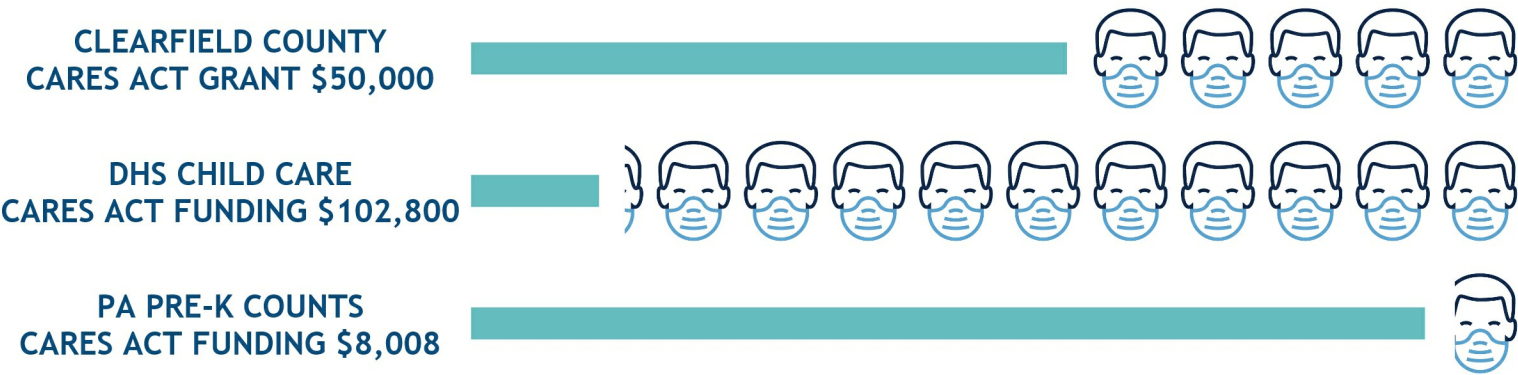
The pandemic greatly affected our fundraising season with the cancellation of Mentor Bowl and our Flower Sales.



2020 UNITED WAY FUNDING



2020 COVID-19 FUNDING



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