



Children's Aid Society  
in Clearfield County

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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



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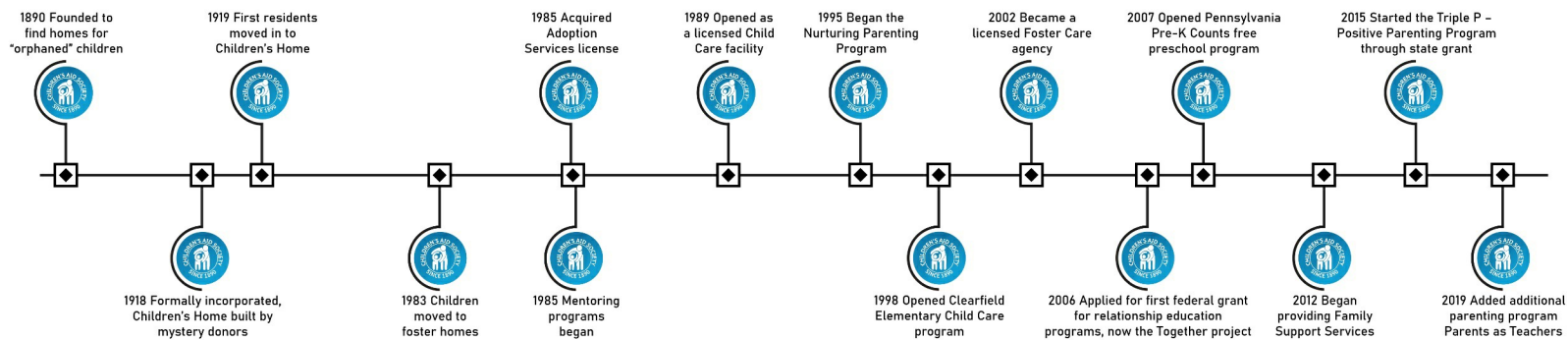
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- Child Care & Early Learning
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- Youth Mentoring

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## 2022 OVERVIEW

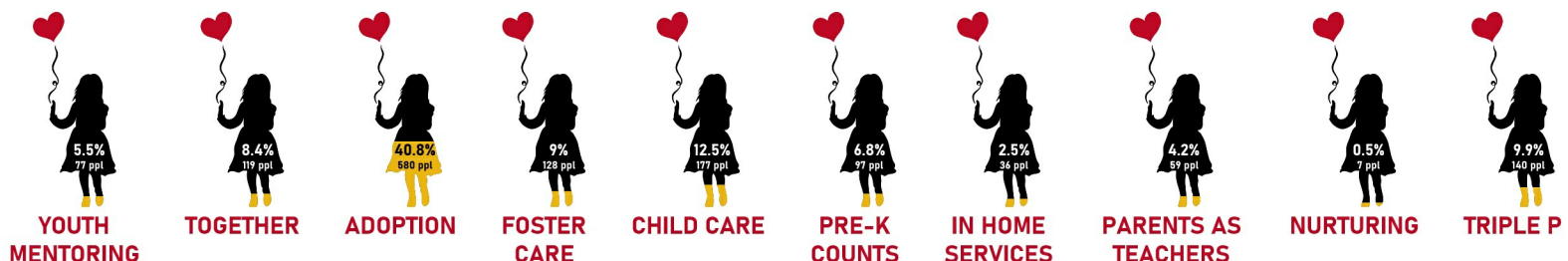
As the pandemic scoured through it's second year the agency felt the affects of testing, quarantining, illness and staff shortages which seemed to loom over us the entire year. But through it all we managed to keep our doors open, maintain programming, pass all inspections and most importantly – continued to provide services to improve the lives of children and their families. Our Child Care Center managed to remain open throughout the year. In January staff began returning in-person to our offices. A new keypad entry system for our Child Care Center was installed in February. In March we held a one-of-a kind drive through Easter Egg Hunt. April found us searching for temporary help in the Child Care Center kitchen and May brought many days of virtual preschool and the recognition of volunteers. In June we paid tribute to a longtime supporter by dedicating a memorial fundraiser in his name. July brought the start of our long-awaited playground renovation project and in August we began several activities to promote staff recognition and retention. Sadly, we closed our Clearfield Elementary child care program in September. We promoted vaccinations in October through an incentive program and took part in community fall events. A new sign was installed at our administration building in November. To end the year, agency managers met to review 2021 and plan for what 2022 would bring.



## SERVED IN 2021

*We served 1,420 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.





### ADOPTION

SHANNON KELLY  
Adoption Program Manager



Children's Aid Society's Adoption program provides services to individuals and families in all stages of the adoption process throughout central Pennsylvania with a goal of finding permanency for all the children and youth we serve. We are an affiliate of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) and also provide private adoption services. In 2021 staff completed 223 individual services with children and families – a record year!



*100% of families served expressed feeling supported by our agency through the finalization process.*

“The caseworker was very professional and kind. She was also a great advocate when helping us to be proactive during the process.”

### FOSTER CARE

JENNIFER TEATS  
Foster Care Program Manager



Our Foster Care program serves a multi-county area and provides nurturing, supportive foster families for children and teens who need temporary care while they await reunification with their families or become available for adoption. Children are referred and services are funded by the counties. In 2021 we saw significant growth in the number of children in need of foster homes. We also had an increase in the number of families approved to provide foster care. We served 38 children and youth this year.

*Six children became permanent members of the families they were placed with in 2021 and ten began the process of becoming permanent members of their foster family.*

CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE  
*Become a Foster Parent*



## CHILD CARE

**TARA LANSBERRY**  
Child Care Director  
PKC Program Manager



In our Pennsylvania licensed Child Care Center, highly qualified staff provide loving care for children beginning at six weeks of age. Separate rooms and daily curriculum are provided for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and children through 6th grade. This year we sadly closed our after-school program at Clearfield Elementary due to low enrollment and lack of staff. We are able to serve those children at our Center in Clearfield. Our summer school age care gives children an active, social and fun summer by offering a variety of daily activities. Our families averaged 89% private pay and 11% subsidized care.



*In 2021, our playground underwent a major renovation project consisting of resurfacing with a softer, paving material, rubber mulch and new fencing.*



## PRE-K COUNTS

We have been participating in the statewide initiative Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts since 2007. In two classrooms serving 28 three and four-year-olds, young students receive the benefits of full-day preschool free of charge, 180 days per year. Certified Early Childhood Education teachers lead each classroom. Annually, we receive excellent scores on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale and state-monitored program reviews. This year, we maintained nearly full enrollment despite the many challenges of the pandemic.



**PRESCHOOL  
CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**

Enroll in Children's Aid Society's  
**FREE PRE-K COUNTS** program!  
Free for qualified families.

Remote  
Learning Available

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PRE-K COUNTS



### IN-HOME SERVICES

**KARA MCGARY**  
Family Support  
Services Manager



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 them remain intact or reunify. At our Virginia Street location, we provide supervised visitation for court-ordered and private pay clients. We served 36 people in 2021.

### NURTURING PARENTING

The Nurturing Parenting Program is also funded through Clearfield County and emphasizes the importance of positive family relationships and communication. 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. Nurturing can be provided in the home as needed. This program served seven families in 2021.

### PARENTS AS TEACHERS

We began Parents as Teachers (PAT) 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 regular home visits and group connections for a period of at least two years.

### TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Initially funded through a series of violence and delinquency prevention grants through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the evidence-based Triple P program builds positive relationships, teaches discipline strategies, offers parenting support and fosters healthy childhood development. Clearfield, Jefferson, and Centre Counties all decided to fund the program in 2021. Triple P is carried out through weekly home visits or an eight-session group series and one of the services supported by the state through the Family First Prevention Services Act.

*Triple P was incredibly helpful and useful to me. It changed the way I interact with my child. I have more strategies and tools.*

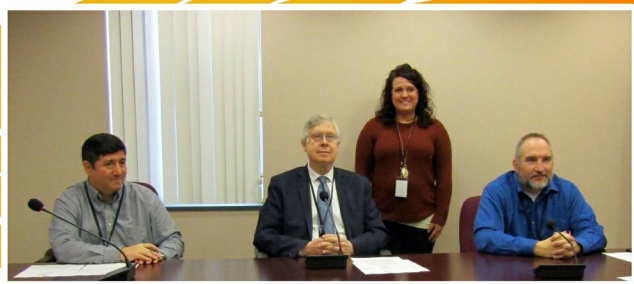


## TOGETHER

**LEIGHANNE HUTTON**  
Relationship Education  
Program Manager



Together is funded through a five-year grant through the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. It is our fourth relationship education grant of this type since 2006. The goal of the Together project is to provide adult couples, married or unmarried, with tools needed to have happy, healthy relationships through classes and workshops in Clearfield County and the eight surrounding counties. Couples can also take part in case management as needed, participate in parenting classes, and learn how to manage their finances through supplemental services. Together officially kicked off in 2021 and served 119 people during its inaugural year.



*I really enjoyed taking these classes!  
Everyone was very kind and it helped  
my relationship with my fiancé!*

## YOUTH MENTORING

**DAN KENNARD**  
Youth Mentoring Coordinator



Youth Mentoring provides children in need with professionally supported mentoring relationships that can change their lives for the better. In our Community-Based program, adult volunteers are matched with local 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. This year we began serving matches in DuBois Christian Schools as well as Wasson Elementary in DuBois. No fees are charged for the program and fundraising and community grants are the main source of support.





## FUNDING

Our agency depends on a wide variety of funding sources including federal, state and local grants, donations, private fees, etc. In 2021, 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. United Way funds have been decreasing steadily each year due to reduced donations.

### 2021 GRANTS, FEES AND ALLOCATIONS

### AMOUNT

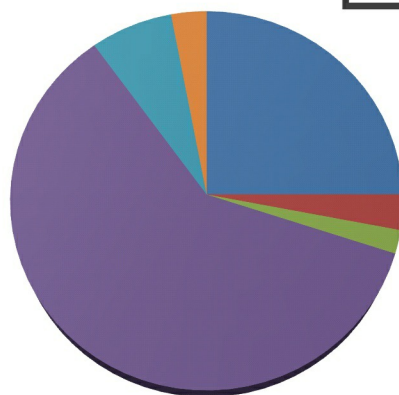
<b>US Dept. of HHS, Administration for Children and Families</b>	<b>\$567,333</b>
Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network (SWAN) Fees	\$471,100
<b>Clearfield County (Foster Care, Family Support Services)</b>	<b>\$338,192</b>
Child Care Private Fees	\$256,162
<b>Jefferson County (Foster Care, Triple P)</b>	<b>\$142,244</b>
Elk County (Foster Care)	\$80,412
<b>PA Early Learning Resource Center (Child Care Subsidy)</b>	<b>\$52,298</b>
Clarion County (Foster Care)	\$49,352
<b>Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>	<b>\$27,243</b>
Kurtz Community Fund - CCCF Annual Distribution	\$16,199
<b>Armstrong County (Foster Care)</b>	<b>\$12,792</b>
Centre County (Foster Care, Triple P)	\$12,455
<b>Indiana County (Foster Care)</b>	<b>\$12,322</b>
Lehigh County (Foster Care)	\$11,434
<b>Rite Aid Foundation Kids Cents Charity</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation	\$10,000
<b>Blair County (Foster Care)</b>	<b>\$9,018</b>
Keystone Stars (ELRC)	\$8,400
<b>Ann H. Soult Memorial Fund – CCCF Annual Distribution</b>	<b>\$5,825</b>
Rudd Equipment	\$6,000
<b>AJ &amp; Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

### COVID RELATED FUNDS

### AMOUNT

<b>PA ELRC Coronavirus Response and Relief Suppl Funds</b>	<b>\$79,300</b>
<b>PA ELRC American Rescue Plan Act</b>	<b>\$87,881</b>
<b>Commonwealth of PA, CACFP Emergency Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$2,297</b>

## 2021 INCOME BY SOURCE



- 60% - Fee for Service
- 25% - State - Local - Federal Grants
- 7% - Special COVID Funds
- 3% - Government Subsidized
- 3% - Fundraising
- 2% - Donations



# FUNDRAISING

YEAR	GROSS	EXPENSE	NET REVENUE
2021	\$68,816	\$18,379	\$50,537
2020	\$27,387	\$9,585	\$17,803
2019	\$39,437	\$12,260	\$27,177
2018	\$51,078	\$11,063	\$40,015
2017	\$51,277	\$15,007	\$36,300



*Agency wide staff traveled 110,404 miles in 2021  
providing services to children and families.*





# DONATIONS

## Clearfield County Charitable Foundation Annual Donor Funds

- Kurtz Community Fund
- Ann H. Soult Memorial Fund

## Outstanding Donors

- Rudd Equipment
- Nancy Connors
- Winery at Wilcox
- Eunice Finnigan
- Rite Aid
- Glenn & Ruth Mingle Foundation
- AJ & Sigismunda Charitable Trust

## Exceptional Donors

- SCI Houtzdale
- Mark & Carol Harley
- Lisa & Jeb Soult
- Leslie Bodle *in memory of Diane Bodle*

## Generous Donors

- DuBois Rotary Club
- Eduardo & Ursula Pinto
- Mosquito Creek Sportsman Association
- Gio's Woodland Food & Fuel
- Dwight & Nancy Koerber
- J. Kelley Nevling
- Hannah Dotts
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## Non-Monetary Contributions

- By the Numbers
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- WOKW-Raymark Broadcasting



## Other Kind Donors

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# MEMORIAL DONATIONS

## In Memory of

Dennis Merrey \_\_\_\_\_

Kylee Gaines \_\_\_\_\_

Ramona Hughes \_\_\_\_\_

Diane Bodle \_\_\_\_\_

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### CATERING SPONSOR \$7,500: CNB BANK

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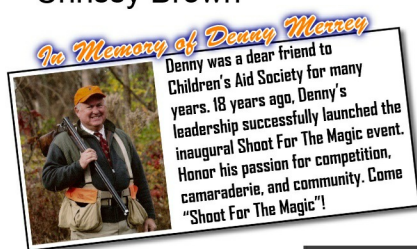
Grice Gun Shop  
Tom Grice

## 2021 NON-MONETARY DONATIONS

Mimzie's Mugs & More  
Bob's Army Navy  
Paul "Kerry" Sankey  
Craig Bell  
Chad Bell  
Nate and Krystina Sipes  
Chrissy Brown

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Auto Zone

Beth and Girls  
NWTF Clearfield Thunderbirds  
Lowe's  
Santinoceto's  
TD Fabricating & Welding  
Jim Burns (Hrenko Insurance)  
Chris Stott



*Net income from our 2021 event - \$48,596.63*

## SFTM TEAMS OVER THE YEARS







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