



Safe Families *for* Children



2017 Year in Review

Thank you for a great year!

On behalf of our staff and thousands of volunteers, I would personally like to welcome and thank you for your support and prayers. Your generosity has enabled a global movement of biblical hospitality. The impact thus far has been tremendous but the need before us is great.

As we continue to partner with churches, foundations, child protection agencies, and a host of other organizations, we're building a movement to change the way we care for children.

In 2018, we are celebrating 15 years of surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. With over 35,000 hostings, we are now present in hundreds of cities across the country. Below is just a small snapshot of our impact in 2017:

93% of kids return home*

108 Chapters

Hundreds of cities covered across the countries

5,000+ Hostings in 2017 / 35,000+ hostings since 2003

25,000+ Volunteers

4,500+ Churches

It's an exciting time for Safe Families for Children as we continue to grow and care for the most vulnerable among us, our children. The challenges we face are great, but we are grateful for the privilege to help improve children's lives and provide opportunities for families to be restored.

Thank you for all that you do.

Dr. Dave Anderson

Founder & Executive Director
Safe Families for Children

** Return home to a parent, guardian, or relative*

Radical **Hospitality** | **Compassion** fueled by **Mercy** | Disruptive **Generosity**



We help families in crisis get back on their feet and keep their families intact.

Our Vision

We envision a world where children are safe and families transformed through radically compassionate communities.

Our Mission

Safe Families for Children hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by compassion to keep children safe and families intact.

Founded in Chicago in 2003, Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a multi-site volunteer movement that gives hope and support to families in distress. SFFC reframes how families are supported during a crisis. Parents voluntarily place their children in safe, loving homes where they are cared for while other volunteers wrap around and support the parent to help them get back on their feet and restore stability in their lives. SFFC is dedicated to family support, stabilization and, most importantly, child abuse prevention.

Our Core Values

Radical **Hospitality**

Compassion fueled by **Mercy**

Disruptive **Generosity**

Our Objectives

The three objectives of Safe Families for Children are:

1. Keep children safe during a family crisis such as homelessness, hospitalization, or domestic violence in an effort to prevent child abuse and/or neglect.
2. Support and stabilize families in crisis by surrounding them with caring, compassionate community.
3. Reunite families and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system.

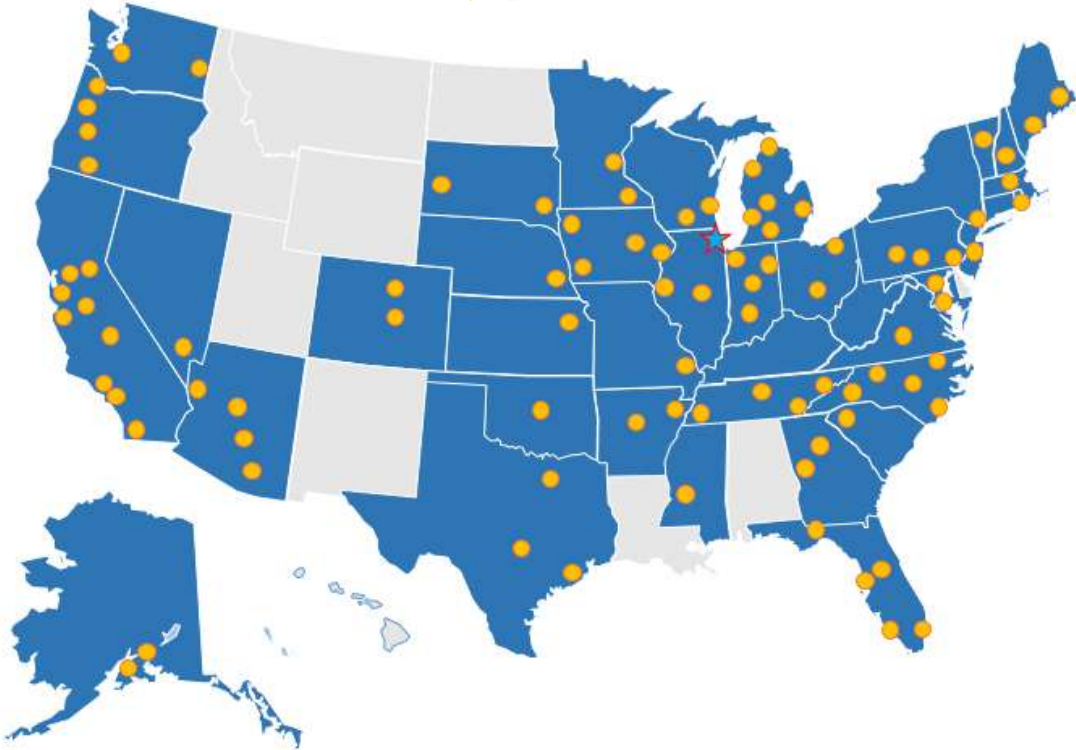


Planted and Growing

Since our first chapter started in Chicago 15 years ago, we are now present in hundreds of cities represented by 108 chapters. It has been through many fruitful partnerships with like-minded nonprofits that we've been able to surround families in crisis from Maine to California and Florida to Oregon.

108

Chapters across the country



The Safe Families for Children Model



Family in Crisis

Parents in need voluntarily approach SFFC through a self-referral or other referral sources. They can opt to reunify with their children at any time and never lose custody of their children.



Host families are recruited on an ongoing basis and undergo an application and screening process (background check, home study, references).



Host Family



Family Coach

Family Friends support parents in need by befriending, coaching, and offering moral support until their situation has begun to normalize, thus helping them to improve their parenting and home environment.

Throughout the hosting arrangement, Family Coaches offer emotional and tangible support to families in need and host families. The family coaches work with parents in crisis to develop goals and visit the host families' homes regularly to offer guidance and support.



Family Friend



Our Impact

We're proud of our accomplishments to keep kids safe and families intact. Our volunteers, churches, and partner organizations have made an impact all over the country.

% of kids who return home

93%

35,000+

Hostings since 2003

Volunteers

25,000+

80+

Cities across the country

average days of stay

45

4,500+

Churches represented

15

years

Financial Stewardship

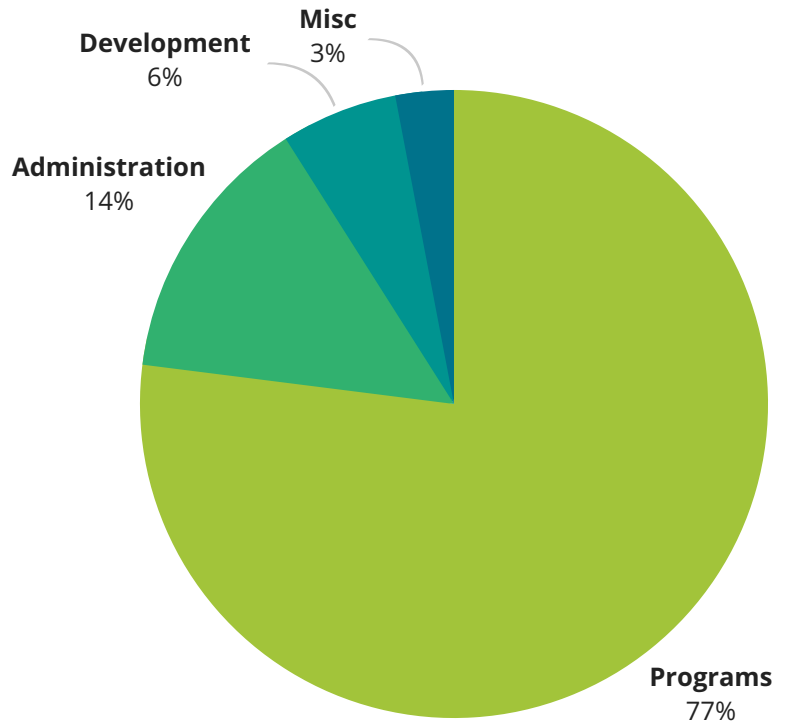
You have helped to make a difference in people's lives. Because of your generosity, we've been able to keep more kids safe and more families intact. You have joined us to be the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to our neighbors in need. We invite you to support Safe Families with your prayers as well as your continued gifts.

Thank you for being a part of this movement of biblical hospitality!

Safe Families for Children is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. We operate a number of chapters and also partner with other nonprofit organizations to provide hope and support to families in the local communities that are served. These percentages represent the financial results for the chapters directly operated by Safe Families for Children Alliance, as well as the membership fees paid by partner organizations.

Sources of Revenue

- Individual Donors
- Church Donations
- Gifts + Grants
- Partner Agency Fees
- Government Agencies



Programs - direct service and support to families in need and volunteers

Administration - management and back office support

Development - fundraising expenditures

Miscellaneous - office supplies, technology, etc.



Making Waves

Legislation

We have found it necessary to pass legislation in a number of states. In partnership with Foundation for Government Accountability, legislation has passed in the following states: **Texas, Arkansas, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Maine, and Georgia.**

Internationally

The Safe Families movement has exploded in the United Kingdom. Safe Families UK recently won the national award for Innovative Quality Outcomes Award from the 3rd Sector Care Awards. Safe Families UK is funded by over 28 local governments and has helped 4,800 children and 2,000 families since its founding in 2013. They work in over 40 cities throughout Scotland, Wales, and England. Their network includes 3,400 volunteers and 645 churches across the UK.



The Road Ahead

Replicating Our Model

Safe Families has begun to attract other organizations who are interested in preventing child abuse and keeping kids out of the foster care system. Many are referring to their programs as “Safe Families-like”.

Establishing Safe Families as an Evidenced-Based Practice

Most parents may appreciate knowing that they are being helped by a movement that has undergone rigorous evaluations to determine how effective it is. That is why we entered into an agreement with DCFS Illinois and Dr. Mark Testa from the University of North Carolina to assess our impact via the highest level of research, a randomized control evaluation. DCFS in Illinois is randomizing families during the investigation to Safe Families and “business as usual.” We look forward to the outcome of this evaluation.

Tackling Legislation Challenges

There are a number of legislative challenges that we are currently tackling. We are working with state lawmakers in New York, Colorado, Michigan, and Iowa to pass laws to enable Safe Families to prevent children from entering foster care and keeping families intact.

Engaging Social Investors through Pay For Success

This year, Safe Families won a national competition to establish Pay for Success funding in the US. Pay for Success is an innovative funding tool that leverages social investors (those wanting to use their wealth for social change) with an ability to earn a rate of return on their investment from local and federal governments. We have been meeting with six different states who've expressed an interest in this initiative.



Our Treasured Partner Organizations

From Alaska to Florida and California to Maine, we work with a variety of faith-based nonprofits to come alongside Families in Need to keep kids safe and families intact. We're grateful to our treasured partner organizations listed below in alphabetical order.

- **Baptist Children's Home**
- **Beacon Hill**
- **Bethany Christian Services**
- **Building Families for Children**
- **CAFA/90X30 (U of O)**
- **Catholic Community Services**
- **Christian Family Care**
- **Christian Heritage**
- **Coalition of Care**
- **DC 127**
- **Flourish Now**
- **Hearts with a Mission**
- **Help One Child**
- **Illini Christian Ministries**
- **It's My Community Initiative**
- **Lifeline**
- **Kindred Partners**
- **Olive Crest**
- **Patrick Henry Family Services**
- **Safe Families for Children NorCal**
- **Twin Cedars**





*Surrounding families in crisis with
caring, compassionate community*

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