



2006 Annual Report

Mission

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition is a non-profit agency that strives to create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting foster/adoptive homes in the St. Louis metropolitan community.

Vision

Our vision is for a community that embraces its most vulnerable members, ensuring that each child in foster care has an opportunity for a healthy, successful life by providing:

- Safe, nurturing homes, and
- A support system for foster and adoptive families as they fulfill the physical, mental, and emotional needs of the children in their care.

Helping children who need the help the most

Children of Metro St. Louis are in crisis:

- 1,000 children need a foster home
- 500 children are waiting to be adopted.
- 100 additional kids come into the foster care system each month

The solution is as simple as it is difficult— more people must open their hearts and homes to our kids.

The Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition helps by:

- Recruiting potential foster and adoptive families with our media partner, KSDK NewChannel5 through the award-winning adoption segment, *Place to Call Home*
- Helping hundreds of potential foster and adoptive families get started through our warmline, 1-800-FOSTER-3
- Writing the weekly *Children in Need* column, published in 11 local newspapers
- Raising community awareness through media sources, speaking engagements, and our website, www.foster-adopt.org
- Recruiting special families through the innovative Project Teen Plus program

Helping families and children grow

We offer a variety of support services to foster/adoptive families

Workshops: Effective foster and adoptive parenting takes more than talent! We help parents build knowledge & skills during our quarterly workshops.

Support Groups: Foster parenting is a difficult- but rewarding- job. Each month, we offer support groups to parents so that they may learn from each other.

Bi-Monthly Newsletter: Foster care issues change rapidly, because policies and resources constantly develop. We keep parents up-to-date with our monthly newsletter, *News You Can Use*.

Family Advocacy: Sometimes foster & adoptive families need help navigating the child welfare system. We offer one-on-one advocacy services to parents.

Family Activities: We work with generous individuals and organizations to provide fun, free-of-charge activities to foster and adoptive families. Each year, more than 3,000 kids participate in the Angel Tree Holiday party, the Junior League Family Theatre Series, and other great events.

Legislative Advocacy: We help provide foster families a voice in the Missouri Legislature. Currently, we're working to launch Adoption Resource Centers in Missouri.

2006 Program Outcomes

Recruitment			
Outcome	Output	Activity	2006 Result
Children in foster care have safe, qualified foster/adoptive families	Potential foster/adoptive families referred for licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • %A Place to Call Home+ • %Child in Need+ • Foster/adoptive parent referral • Conferences • Community Outreach 	309 families referred for foster/adoptive parent licensure.
	General inquiries are screened for appropriateness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-step screening process (20 to 30 minutes) 	831 inquiries received
	Refer potential foster/adoptive families to Coalition Member Agencies for training/licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match individuals with appropriate Coalition Member Agency 	<p>MISSOURI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing Families Together (15) • Calloway County CD (1) • Catholic Services (12) • Children's Home Society/STL County (32) • Family Resource Center (19) • Franklin County CD (10) • Jefferson County CD (7) • Lincoln County CD (5) • Lutheran Family Service (22) • St. Charles County CD (40) • St. Francois County CD (4) • St. Louis City CD (20) • Epworth (4) • Missouri Alliance (18) • Boys & Girls Town (4) • Outlying counties (26) includes: Iron, Pike, Warren, Washington, Ste. Gen, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Gasconade, Montgomery, Dent & Crawford <p>ILLINOIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Charities, Springfield (8) • Catholic Social Services, Belleville (16) • Children's Home and Aid Society of IL (13) • Hoyleton Youth and Family Services (6) • Illinois DCFS (16) • Lutheran Child and Family Services (5) • Volunteers of America (5) • Illinois Mentor (1)
	Child-specific recruitment results in children achieving permanency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Teen Plus • %A Place to Call Home+ 	42 children placed in adoptive homes

Training & Support

Outcome	Output	Activity	2006 Result
Maintain foster/adoptive families in the system			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 98% of those participating in our programs are maintained in the system
	Increase foster/adoptive parents skills	Quarterly Training Extravaganzas & Support Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,580 training hours provided to 1,103 individuals 99% of attendees reporting that they increased their skills.
	Support foster/adoptive families	Family Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 330 calls received from foster/adoptive families, relatives, and child welfare professionals 99% satisfied with the assistance received, with 18% calling back for additional services
	Support foster/adoptive families	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,000 newsletters mailed bi-monthly to foster/adoptive families and child welfare workers Regular e-updates keep the foster care/adoption community up-to-date regarding policy and resources (862 subscribers) Launched Recruitment Alert for the area; 60 recruiters and supervisors
	Support foster/adoptive families	Little Wishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfilled 7,800 wishes, including dance lessons, High School Senior activities, bikes and toys Total value exceeded \$215,000

Systemic Advocacy

Outcome	Output	Activity	2006 Result
Affect policies and best practices that support foster/adoptive families and the children in their care			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created Post-Adoption Resource Model for Missouri Promoted best practice in the areas of custody, licensure, placement decisions, etc.
	Educate foster/adoptive families and professionals on emerging policies and issues relevant to a child's specific case	Case-Based Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 344 calls received from foster/adoptive families, relatives, and child welfare professionals 99% satisfied with the assistance received, with 19% calling back for additional services
	Promote legislation, regulation, and policies that support foster/adoptive families	Public Policy Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gained support for Post-Adoption Resource Centers from the Children's Division and key legislators

2005 Audited Financial Statements

FOSTER CARE COALITION OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.			
D/B/A FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION			
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES			
Year Ended December 31, 2005			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grants	\$ 81,190	\$ 305,947	\$ 397,137
United Way allocation	65,024	84,500	149,524
Contributions	185,835	59,444	245,279
Unrealized losses on investments	(224)	-	(224)
In-kind services and donated materials	34,938	-	34,938
Membership fees	2,300	-	2,500
Other income	5,985	-	5,985
Merchandise sales	3,818	-	3,818
	<u>389,066</u>	<u>449,891</u>	<u>838,957</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>352,064</u>	<u>(352,064)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total public support and revenue	<u>741,130</u>	<u>97,827</u>	<u>838,957</u>
EXPENSES			
Program services			
Recruitment	289,666	-	289,666
Retention	279,464	-	279,464
Advocacy	9,576	-	9,576
Total program services	<u>578,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,706</u>
Supporting services			
Management and general	14,340	-	14,340
Fund-raising	112,482	-	112,482
Total supporting services	<u>126,822</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,822</u>
Total expenses	<u>705,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>705,528</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS			
	35,602	97,827	133,429
NET ASSETS, Beginning	<u>83,012</u>	<u>44,847</u>	<u>127,859</u>
NET ASSETS, Ending	<u>\$ 118,614</u>	<u>\$ 142,674</u>	<u>\$ 261,288</u>

FOSTER CARE COALITION OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.
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 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
 Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Program Services			Supporting Services		Total
	Recruitment	Retention	Advocacy	Management and General	Fund- Raising	
SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 116,213	\$ 103,466	\$ 7,355	\$ 8,547	\$ 51,919	\$ 288,440
PAYROLL TAXES	9,254	8,234	586	760	4,134	22,968
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,410	7,483	532	681	3,757	20,873
Total compensation expense	133,877	119,123	8,473	10,988	59,810	332,281
CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS	3,510	10,301	-	56	613	14,480
INSURANCE	2,128	1,893	-	174	950	5,145
MEMBERSHIP DUES	95	85	-	-	-	180
OCCUPANCY, including depreciation	5,057	6,849	121	415	2,259	14,701
POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	8,705	7,715	547	710	3,950	21,627
PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	13,118	11,397	-	-	5,357	29,872
PROFESSIONAL FEES	34,235	39,488	223	1,629	35,484	111,039
SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS						
Little Wishes	9,169	8,131	-	-	-	17,300
Holiday Wishes	54,369	48,213	-	-	-	102,582
100 Neediest Cases - United Way	14,450	12,814	-	-	-	27,264
SUPPLIES	6,534	9,059	53	120	2,736	18,602
TELEPHONE	2,880	2,838	159	207	1,123	7,207
TRAVEL	1,439	1,578	-	31	200	3,248
Total expenses	<u>\$ 289,666</u>	<u>\$ 279,464</u>	<u>\$ 9,576</u>	<u>\$ 14,340</u>	<u>\$ 112,482</u>	<u>\$ 705,528</u>
Percentage	41.1 %	39.6 %	1.4 %	2.0 %	15.9 %	100.0 %

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