## FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

# ANNUAL REPORT

# **OUR MISSION**

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition strives to create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting foster and adoptive families in the St. Louis metropolitan community. Our Vision is:

For Every Child... A Place to Call Home

## **OUR WORK** After 5 Foster Homes and a Hospitalization, Latasha has a forever family

At seven years old, Latasha came into foster care due to abuse. By age 12, she had lived in five foster homes. After one family started to adopt her but changed their minds, Latasha had to be hospitalized due to trauma. Our Extreme Recruitment® program was called to find her a true forever family. When our recruiter Heather got the case, the only known relatives were Latasha's parents and maternal grandmother. Heather interviewed them, researched court records, and scoured the internet to find more family. After finding and speaking with more than 20 relatives, Heather had identified more than 230 members of Latasha's family. Many of them did not know that Latasha was in care and wanted to help. Then one day, the Coalition's phone rang and Heather answered. The caller, Rochelle, was inquiring about another child. When Heather asked for the caller's name, she felt a twinge of recognition. That name was on the genogram Heather created for Latasha. Could this be Latasha's great aunt? Heather asked Rochelle if she was related to Latasha's mother, and Rochelle confirmed that she was. Heather seized the opportunity to tell Rochelle about Latasha. Rochelle was saddened that Latasha had been through so much in so few years. She said she would do whatever it took to have Latasha live with her. Latasha moved in with Rochelle in December 2015, and the adoption will be finalized this summer.

# **OUR HISTORY**



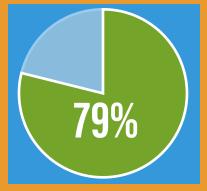
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# **PROGRAM SUCCESS**

Your support directly impacts the lives of children in foster care. Here is a snapshot of the Coalition's programs that find forever families for children in foster care and provide a network of critical support services for foster and adoptive families. Visit www.foster-adopt.org for a more in-depth look at our programs.





88 of 111 (79%) children were placed with relatives/kin by case closure

**Professional Training** 



716 child welfare professionals were trained for a total of 2,906 hours

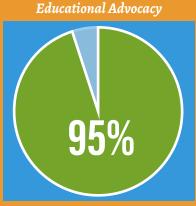
**Volunteers** 

759

759 individuals volunteered their time for the Coalition



40 of 48 (83%) youth were reconnected with a relative/kin



103 of 108 (95%) students met their educational goal by case closure

#### **Birthday Buddies**



100% of referred youth were matched with a Birthday Buddy Donor





40 children were matched with a permanent family

**Family Works** 



61 of 69 (88%) remained with their foster/adoptive families with the help of Family Works

#### **Parent Training**

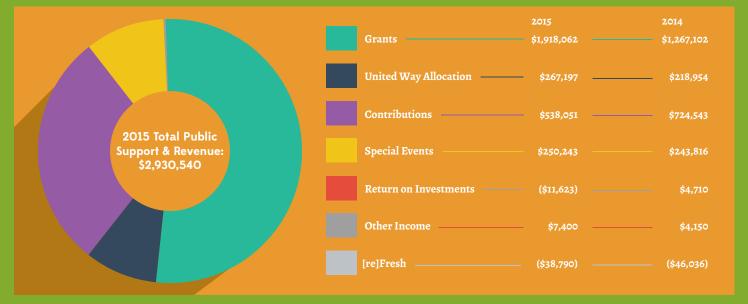


75% increase in the number of training hours provided to foster/adoptive parents.

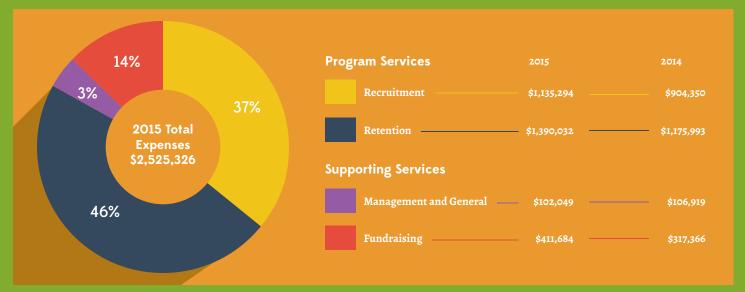
# **FINANCES**

We strive to be excellent stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We are a Better Business Bureau Accredited Sealholder and Torch Award Winner, and we are recognized by Charity Navigator as a Four Star Charity. In addition to this report, our complete financial audit can be found at www.foster-adopt.org.

## **PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE**



### **EXPENSES**



## **ENDING NET ASSETS**



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