



A Year of  
*Bringing Hope  
& Changing Lives.*



**LYDIA**  
Strengthening Children & Families

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

LYDIA serves at-risk children and families from diverse communities in Chicago and beyond — more than 5,400 individuals last year alone. We provide all of our services at reduced or no cost. Below is a summary of highlights from FY2009 (year ended 6/30/09).

**Safe Families** volunteers help families in crisis by opening their homes to children while their parents address problems such as homelessness, poverty and drug addiction. The program has expanded from Chicago to Rockford, Northwest Indiana, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Davenport, Iowa, and seven other U.S. locations.

- Safe Families is growing rapidly. In FY2009, the number of volunteer families almost doubled — from 258 in FY2008 to 515. In that same timeframe, placements in Chicago rose from 303 to 531 (a 75% increase).
- Family reunification is always our goal. In FY2009, 95.2% of children were returned to their family. 88% of biological parents reported that their relationship with their child improved, and 90% said their family situation improved.

**LYDIA Urban Academies** are alternative high schools designed for students who have dropped out or been expelled from school. LUA has two locations.

- *LUA—Chicago* During the 2008-09 school year, the school served 41 students (an all-time high). The student body exceeded the school's benchmarks for improved GPA, attendance, reading and math scores. Six students graduated in June, five of whom plan to attend college.
- *LUA—Rockford* During the 2008-09 school year, the school served 24 students, and attendance was at its highest level yet (92%). 86% of enrolled seniors successfully completed schooling. All of our students improved their annual cumulative GPA this year vs. last year.

**The Residential Treatment Center** serves children who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. FY2009 highlights included two camp experiences and the expansion of our vegetable garden, where kids help plant, weed and harvest crops. The center always operates at capacity (42 beds).

**Family First** serves families in Chicago's impoverished Austin community. This child abuse prevention/home visitation program helped over 75 families last year.

**WHAT'S GOOD** provides character education to students and parents in Chicago's high-risk communities. During the 2008-09 school year, 4,500 students and parents received abstinence education through WHAT'S GOOD.

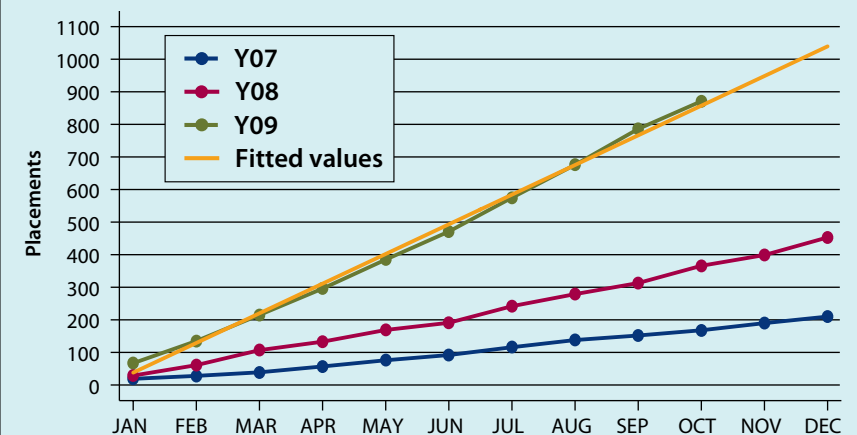
**LYDIA Counseling Centers** provide counseling services on a sliding scale for low-income clients. During FY2009, our staff served 229 clients.

**LYDIA Learn & Care Preschool** provided day care to over 50 low-income children in FY2009.

### 14 Safe Families Program Locations

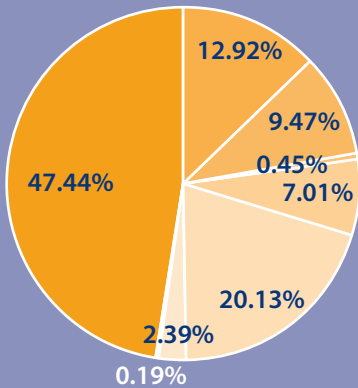


### Placement Accumulation Curve — 2007 to 2009



Source: LYDIA Home Association, 11/13/09

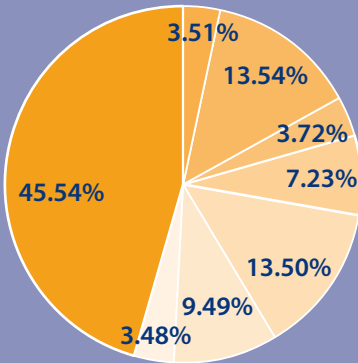
## Financial Summary



### FUNDING SOURCES

Year Ended 6/30/2009

DCFS - Residential	\$4,001,012
DCFS - Foster Care	\$1,089,392
Government Grants	\$798,633
Milk & Lunch Program	\$38,278
<b>Total govt. revenue</b>	<b>\$5,927,315</b>
Program Service Fees	\$591,263
Contributions	\$1,698,082
Special events	\$201,255
Other	\$16,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,433,944</b>
<i>Investments</i>	<i>(\$192,770)</i>
<b>Total Less Invest.</b>	<b>\$8,241,174</b>



### PROGRAM EXPENSES

Year Ended 6/30/2009

Residential	\$3,642,645
Preschool	\$280,384
Foster Care	\$1,083,302
Urban Academies	\$297,244
Safe Families	\$578,165
Other	\$1,079,658
Management	\$759,409
Fundraising	\$278,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,998,949</b>



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