



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



LYDIA, a faith-based child welfare organization, began as an orphanage in 1916. Since then, the not-for-profit has grown to serve a multicultural population, providing residential treatment for abused and neglected children, temporary care for at-risk families, two alternative high schools, counseling and much more. LYDIA served 2,300 people nationwide in 2011. Following are program highlights.

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families volunteers provide safe, temporary homes for children while their parents address an immediate crisis, such as job loss, homelessness, drug addiction and illness. The program has been launched in 45 U.S. cities and in Toronto, and has become a national model of caring for families in crisis. Safe Families collaborates with 19 child welfare organizations nationwide, and its national office provides sites with oversight, training and assistance.

The three most established Safe Families programs are located in Chicago, Rockford, Ill., and Indianapolis.

SAFE FAMILIES-CHICAGO

- Was awarded a two-year grant to encourage replication of the program throughout Illinois in collaboration with several child welfare providers.
- Provided 794 placements, primarily for children of single, low-income mothers.
- Strengthened at-risk families. 60% met at least one of their service plan goals, 89% of parents reported improved parent/child relationships and 88% reported that their situation improved as a result of utilizing the program.

SAFE FAMILIES-INDIANAPOLIS

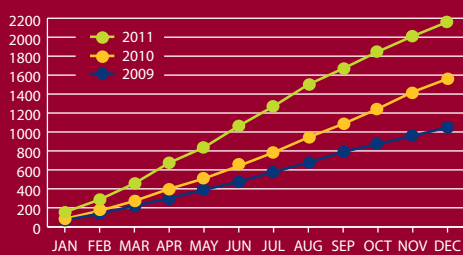
- The number of placements increased by 44% from 250 to 361 and the number of approved Safe Families increased by 69% from 101 to 171.
- 44% of clients were unemployed and/or homeless.
- Of those served last year, 81% of families met at least one of their service plan goals and 96% of children were returned home or to a relative.

SAFE FAMILIES-ROCKFORD

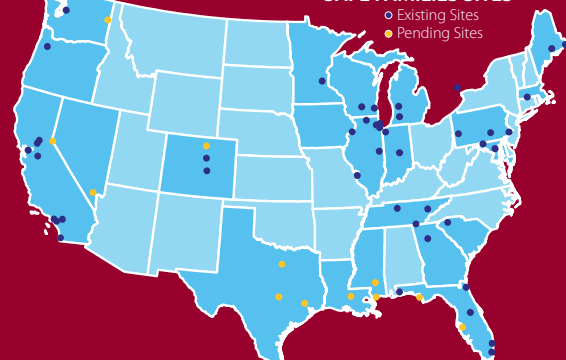
- The number of trained volunteers increased by 77%.
- 94% of all children were returned to their biological families after a Safe Families placement. Of those, 83% indicated improved parent-child relationships.
- 95% of referred families were connected to community resources.

In addition, Safe Families for Children greatly increased its integration of **youshare.org**, an online secure database that connects the specific needs of local families with the resources and skills of their neighbors.

SAFE FAMILIES PLACEMENTS



SAFE FAMILIES SITES



Providing troubled students with opportunities for success...

LYDIA URBAN ACADEMY

This private, non-traditional high school transforms lives through education and mentoring. Most students have a history of academic or behavioral problems and have failed or dropped out of a failing school. 46 students attended LUA in 2011. All paid tuition at a reduced rate, and most participated in a work-study program, which helps cover tuition costs and provides valuable work experience.

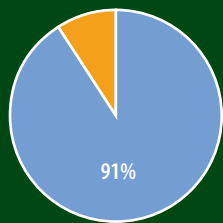
LUA-CHICAGO OUTCOMES:

- 91% of LUA students improved their cumulative GPA. The average cumulative GPA increased from 0.7 to 1.6.
- The average improvement was 4.29 points in math and 8.07 points in reading. This is a significant improvement compared to 2.29 points in math and 2.11 points in reading during the prior year.
- 100% of students were employed by local companies in a work-study position.

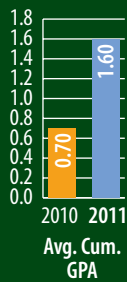
LUA-ROCKFORD OUTCOMES:

- 80% graduation rate.
- Average cumulative GPA scores improved from .94 to 1.9.
- 88% of students improved their cumulative GPA, 75% of students earned credits towards graduation, and those in educational therapy increased their reading ability by 0.6 years and math ability by 0.5 years.
- 88% of students were placed in work-study jobs. 100% of students in work-study jobs received "satisfactory" evaluations from their site supervisor.

LUA – CHICAGO

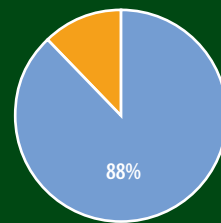


Students with Improved GPA

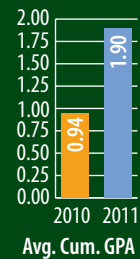


Avg. Cum. GPA

LUA – ROCKFORD



Students with Improved GPA



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Giving at-risk kids something to smile about...

LYDIA RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER

In 2011, the treatment center provided a safe and therapeutic setting for 61 children who had been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

FOSTER CARE

LYDIA served 80 foster children and their families, with placement and supportive services that include monthly foster parent meetings and referrals for community resources.

FAMILY FIRST

This home visitation program served 98 children and parents in Chicago's Austin community. It reduces the risk of child abuse by providing training and support groups for parents experiencing social isolation and depression.

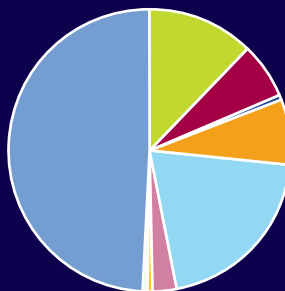
LYDIA COUNSELING CENTER

291 people received counseling services, including premarital and marital counseling, individual and family counseling, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, workshops and more.

LYDIA LEARN AND CARE

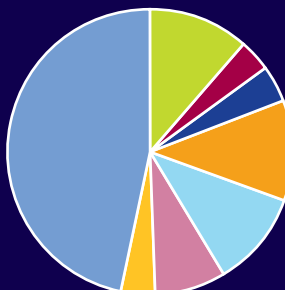
This fully licensed and accredited preschool taught 77 children during the 2010-11 school year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Funding Sources
Year Ended 6/30/2011

DCFS - Residential	\$4,049,649	49.37%
DCFS - Foster Care	\$990,061	12.07%
Government Grants	\$523,693	6.38%
Milk & Lunch Program	\$42,210	0.51%
TOTAL GOVT. REVENUE	\$5,605,613	
Program Service Fees	\$617,651	7.53%
Contributions	\$1,672,896	20.39%
Special Events	\$255,259	3.11%
Other Revenue	\$24,949	0.30%
Investment Income	\$26,195	0.32%
TOTAL	\$8,202,563	



Program Expenses
Year Ended 6/30/2011

Residential	\$3,910,255	46.68%
Foster Care	\$958,704	11.45%
Preschool	\$303,863	3.63%
Urban Academies	\$362,175	4.32%
Safe Families	\$942,834	11.26%
Other	\$910,203	10.87%
Management	\$671,193	8.01%
Fundraising	\$317,333	3.79%
TOTAL	\$8,376,560	

**LYDIA: Strengthening families to care for children
and caring for children when families cannot.**

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