

YSB

Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley

FISCAL YEAR

2017

Annual Report



Our Mission

"Helping young people and families succeed by serving them in their home, school and community."



That's what we strive for!



It's nice to be at a meeting with state officials, and they ask if "YSB would consider expanding operations into Joliet." They asserted that a need exists for quality services and would appreciate our agency considering their expansion request. In the last 2 years, YSB has absorbed two other programs and geographic areas. It has involved tremendous work in implementing changes according to our standards. So, as nice as it is to hear that compliment and confidence in YSB services, one has to guard against over saturation and spreading our resources beyond our capabilities. So, we will not be expanding in the near future.

YSB, over the last four years, has put a tremendous amount of energy into ensuring that all our programs meet best practice standards. However, we actively attempt to go beyond minimum acceptable standards, and demonstrate leadership that exceeds those expectations. Our agency is blessed to have staff and supervisors that share that vision, always going beyond, to ensure clients are served to the best of our abilities. We strive to be a true center of excellence.

Such examples of staff's commitment are abundant. A counselor recently dealt with a mother whose children were removed by the Department of Children and Family Services. She was distraught and had a history of harming herself. The counselor explained the process that would occur, while all the time ensuring that she was not having thoughts of harming herself or doing anything irrational. The counselor asked her to inform him when she got to her ex-boyfriend's residence. However, she didn't, and earlier she had refused to give the address. Due to her not expressing any intentions of harming herself, the counselor continued to reach out and schedule an appointment to deal with her issues. Another situation involved a homeless client who broke the rules at our shelter. He was evicted; however the worker and supervisor have told him multiple times that our door is always open if he decides he needs our help. The worker kept his case open for an additional 30 days, and upon closing will do regular 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, and 1 year follow ups. Lastly, our mission is to protect children and believe them when they say things that cause harm or risk. One worker was told by a teen that while being transported by an adult she was forced to smoke pot with him. This was reported, and an investigation occurred.

As I have mentioned previously, it is extremely positive to hear good news from outside auditors who review your agency and its programs. We received

an excellent report on the agency and its programs in 2016 when the agency received reaccreditation from the Council of Accreditation. It's also a plus to hear from state funders requesting our agency to expand services, as occurred this past August, 2017. Numerous local funders echo these positive reviews on the agency and its commitment to what we do for children and families.

One thing we have tried to get out is our message and what we do day in and day out. Our web page and our Facebook page are filled with agency events and activities. I believe that YSB is a leader in child welfare/social service programs, and it should be recognized for the jewel it is in our local communities. The work is difficult, but the needs are great. Our staff responds daily to the challenges, and your understanding and recognition is appreciation for their efforts.

These efforts by YSB and its staff to ensure quality programs is also a commitment we make to our supporters, our funders, our donors, and our friends. We strive to make sure our commitment to excellence is something everyone who invests in YSB through time, effort, or treasure can be proud of. Your support is vital to our work and is never taken for granted. Without it we would not have been able to function and carry on without disruption of services. Your help and generosity has helped tremendously these past two years. Thank you on behalf of the agency and our staff, but most importantly to the children and families we serve.



Frank P. Vonch

Executive Director, YSB

Save the Date

YSB's 2018 Fundraising Event

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Festivities Unlimited

1504 Poplar St., Ottawa, IL 61350



The Programs That We Offer

Foster Care

A program for children in state custody who are unable to remain safely in their home. Children in foster care stay with a family who provides safety, nurturing support and role models for change.

Foster care is meant to be a temporary, short term solution to an emergency situation. Foster placement may be for a single day or several weeks and some continue for years.

(Available in 20 counties)

Children First

For divorcing parents who have been mandated by a Family Court Judge in the 13th Judicial Circuit of Illinois to participate in an educational program regarding problems and issues of divorce when children are involved.

(Available at YSB offices in Ottawa, LaSalle and Princeton)

Runaway and Homeless Youth Counseling Program

Serves youth 11-17 providing crisis intervention, short term counseling and linkage to appropriate services for runaway and homeless youth that are at risk of running away or becoming homeless.

(Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties)

Intensive Placement Stabilization

Provides various services to assist in stabilizing a child in foster care placement. *(Available in LaSalle, Bureau, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties)*

Intact Family Services

A program established by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) meant to provide reasonable efforts to preserve families to enable children to remain safely at home and avoid separation and/or placement of the children. *(Referrals by DCFS only in Bureau, Du Page, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Stark and Winnebago counties)*

Street Outreach

For young adults ages 16-24 years of age who are living in unstable and non-traditional living arrangements. Youth are linked to area services, taught independent living skills, and aided in finding jobs. It is the goal of YSB to keep youth off the streets and safe.

(Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties).

Transitional Living Program

Homeless youth (ages 16-24) are helped in finding safe and stable living accommodations and services that provide basic life skills, job searching, mental health services and educational opportunities to make a successful transition to self-sufficient living.

(Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties).

Redeploy Illinois

Redeploy Illinois was created in 2004 by the General Assembly to provide services to youth at risk of commitment to the Illinois Department of Corrections. The program is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services. The 13th Judicial Circuit is one of 11 Redeploy sites in

the state. Youth Service Bureau provides intensive service to these youth and their families, thus reducing the incidence of criminal recidivism in the community and incarceration of adolescents in the Illinois prison system. **Referrals are made by the 13th Circuit Court Juvenile Probation Officers and the State's Attorney's from Bureau, Grundy and LaSalle Counties, working in conjunction with the Juvenile Judges and the Public Defender.**

2nd Chance

Second Chance provides services to youth who would otherwise be removed from their homes and communities due to high-risk, unmanageable behavior. These adolescents have demonstrated significant emotional concerns which may include mental health and trauma issues. Intensive services are provided to the youth and their families through Youth Service Bureau. The program is funded through the LaSalle County 708 Board. **Referrals are made by the LaSalle County Juvenile State's Attorney's office and the LaSalle County Juvenile Probation Department.**

Solutions Counseling

Offers intensive out-patient and mental health therapy treatment by Master degreed and licensed therapists trained in child and family centered intervention; Includes individual, marital and family counseling. **Counseling is available for Children and Adults and most insurance companies are accepted.** *(Available in the following offices: Ottawa, LaSalle, Princeton and Streator).*

Youth Giving Back

Community Services/Restitution works closely with local courts, Peer Courts, Police Departments and Juvenile Probation to involve young people in meaningful work projects to "pay back" their community for petty delinquent offenses. *(Available in LaSalle County.)*

Hispanic Services

Provides families with information in Spanish and links them to services in Spanish. Includes collaboration with Illinois Valley Community College literacy programs. *(Available in Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee and Putnam counties)*

Hope House

Provides supervised visitation and exchange for children in homes with a history of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking or child abuse. The focus is to keep all parties safe. *(Available in LaSalle county)*

YSB Child Development Center

A child day care facility licensed by DCFS, the National Council of Accreditation for Children and Family Services, and QRS. Accepts children ages 15 months to 6 years of age. *(Located in the city of LaSalle)*

Traditional Parenting Program

Provides parents the opportunity to enhance their parenting skills, set appropriate expectations and limits. Clients must be 18 years of age or older. **Referrals are made by the following: DCFS, Probation, self, Churches and Community.** *(Available in Rockford, Freeport and Belvidere)*



Thank You

Thank you to every individual, family, business, or organization who has either donated or volunteered this past year. You help us to fulfill our mission. Your gift of money, service, goods and time has helped us to maintain our current level of services to the young people and families in the counties we serve.

Money raised through donations and fundraising events allows us to assist our clients with essential needs which are not always covered by grants. We are able to help families with needs that many of us take for granted, such as: prescriptions, toiletries and food for homeless youth, assistance with rent and utility bills and much needed car repairs so families can continue to work. Your contribution also provides opportunities for young people to participate in school, sports, and attend summer camps.

Please take a minute to visit our website at www.ysbiv.org, or our Facebook page where you can learn more about the programs and services you are supporting. Read the inspiring stories of the children, families and our foster parents. Take time to enjoy and embrace your family and friends and find comfort in knowing your generosity is helping those who need it most—the children!

YSB Fundraising and Friends



*Dana Vich donates proceeds along with food and hygiene products to the Runaway and Homeless Program at YSB from the **6th Annual Pine Hills Ice Bowl** event at **Pine Hills Golf Club** in February.*



*Jami Valenzuela and Brian Towne volunteer at the Red Dog Grille **'Paws for Charity'** Fundraising event in May at **Red Dog Grille at Heritage Harbor***



Kiersten Duffield presents a check for \$50 to Executive Director Frank Vonch. She sold Slim Jims and gum as part of a World History class project for world hunger.



Blue Tie Affair



Blue Tie Affair Honoree Ottawa Mayor Bob Eschbach



Winner of the necklace: Tamaraa Turner



Blue Tie Affair Attendees



Blue Tie Affair Attendee's having fun in the photo booth.



Live Auction

Blue Ribbon Campaign



Nancy Bukantis volunteering during our Annual Blue Ribbon Campaign.



Scott Struchen and Richard Crum present proceeds from the April 5th 'Pack the Place' Fundraising event at Lone Buffalo and Tangled Roots Brewing Company to Executive Director, Frank Vonch.



Amboy Junior High Beta Club volunteer, Brian Murphy working on pins for the Blue Ribbon Campaign



YSB Program Spotlight

The Heart of the **Child Development Center** Beats Strong!



The future of our world resides in the hearts of the young. It is our responsibility to nurture them and teach them respect, responsibility, and caring for others.

Youth Service Bureau's Child Development Center, formerly known as 'The Kid's Place', has been a safe place for children in the LaSalle/Peru community since 1988. It provides a space for young children ranging in ages from 15 months to 6 years to learn and grow, and to have fun. The instructors encourage and guide the children to be successful through play and creative

learning techniques, preparing them for kindergarten and beyond.

Leading the Child Development program is Director Debra Wackerline, a woman who has spent many years of her life dedicated to helping children





find joy through knowledge. Debra began her career as a secretary, and soon moved on to teaching children in a YMCA daycare/preschool program, which she did happily for 22 years. After that, she found her way to Youth Service Bureau and has not regretted a moment since.

Debra says that she has the highest quality staff that any director could ask for. “My girls work hard. I prefer to talk to them, not at them, and to foster joy for their work each and every day. They work happily as a team and the Center runs smoothly because of it.” She has an open door policy for all staff, students and parents, and you can often find her at the Center after everyone else has gone home to make sure that everybody’s questions and concerns have been taken care of.

The Child Development Center is licensed by DCFS and the National Council of Accreditation for Children and Family Services. It regularly earns top marks in reviews and has earned the Gold Circle of Quality from Excelerate Illinois, the highest rating possi-

ble. (you can visit their website at www.excelerateillinois.com).

Children come from their learning experiences in the Center knowing how to treat others with respect and to approach others with open minds, knowing that each person is different and has something special to offer the world. Local resident Tracee Cole sent her granddaughter, Jadyn, through the Center and has only high praise for them. “She was encouraged to view every person equally, to not judge, and to treat everyone as a friend. Jadyn still talks about her teachers and friends at the Child Development Center.” Her granddaughter has now moved on to grade school where she is a flourishing and happy straight A student.

The Center is open from Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and welcomes anyone interested in getting a head start for their child to come in and look around.

Feel free to contact our Child Development Center at www.ysbiv.org, or at the Center’s personal webpage: www.ysbdaycare.org. Also, you can find the Child Development Center on Facebook for updates, news and pho-



*Debra Wackerline,
CDC Director*

tos. You can also contact Debra at **815-224-4244**, or stop in for a visit at 901 Grant Ave. in LaSalle, IL.



Foster Care Success Stories

Regaining Custody

Eight year old Georgia and four year old Louis were removed from the care of their mother due to the her driving while intoxicated with Louis in the car. Mother admitted to being involved in a relationship that was abusive to her.

A client service plan was developed for mother and father that specifically addressed their needs and outlined the steps necessary for the parents to regain custody of the children.

Mother was very cooperative with parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, and individual therapy. She made the decision to parent the children on her

own and obtained housing and employment. Mother had maintained her employment and is supporting her family.

After successful participation in therapy and substance abuse treatment mother obtained custody of both children. She recognizes how her past behavior affected her children and what she needs to do to be a better parent.

Throughout this process mother worked with her caseworker to identify what was needed and how to accomplish her client service plan. She is pleased with her progress and has been appreciative of the assistance from Youth Service Bureau.

Foster Parent Adoption

Jerry was born addicted to cocaine after his mother used illegal substances while pregnant with him. It was necessary for Jerry to remain in the NICU due to his withdrawal symptoms. Jerry's parents were offered substance abuse treatment and individual therapy. They made the difficult decision to allow Jerry to be adopted by the foster parents because they felt that he belonged in their home and that his needs would be met.

Foster parents are the cornerstone of the child welfare system. They care for chil-

dren for short periods of time and sometimes make that lifelong commitment to a child. Foster parents make the difference to thousands of children every year in Illinois.

Jerry may not be able to grow up with his biological parents but he will have a loving and supportive home that will care for him forever. Youth Service Bureau offered assistance to the biological parents and ensured that Jerry remained with his forever family.

Foster Parent Recruitment

Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley is always looking to recruit new foster parents to care for children who have been abused or neglected by their biological families. Foster parents are role models, teachers, friends and support to the children.

YSB offers the following free informational open house's each month for interested families:

Aurora, IL

2nd Tuesday of Every Month 5:30 to 6:30 PM

1700 N. Farnsworth Ave., Suite 18

Aurora, IL 60505

Contact 630-820-6303 ext. 114

Rockford, IL

3rd Tuesday of Every Month 5:30 to 6:30 PM

308 W. State St., Suite 475

Rockford, IL 61101

Contact 815-316-1969



Christmas at YSB



Christmas at YSB is not just about toys and gifts. During the holiday season YSB has hundreds of generous supporters who provide Christmas gifts, blankets and coats, toiletries, books, socks and underwear, Christmas trees and decorations, stockings and stocking stuffers, gas, fast food and clothing gift cards, as well as food and monetary donations to help our young people have a great holiday. We have very generous sponsors who make our Foster Children's Christmas parties possible.

Ottawa Star Tree

Each year we serve approximately 250 clients and their siblings. Gifts are provided by individuals, corporate programs and the Pappas Family McDonald's Giving Tree. The Ottawa area serves young people in Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties.

Aurora/Glen Ellyn

Each year a Christmas party is held for each of our area's foster children and families. These parties include skating, food, games, family raffle prizes and a visit from Santa where each child gets a treat bag.

Caterpillar, St. Catherine's Church, and Spring Hill Mall play a large role in making sure our foster children have a Merry

Christmas by holding a drive to help meet the wants and needs of each of our kids.

This year will be the Aurora/Glen Ellyn area's 2nd Annual *Stuff Our Stockings* drive. Eola Branch Aurora Library places a stocking with tags that list the wants and needs of our children on them. Those that visit the library have the opportunity to take a tag and purchase items that are listed. After a purchase is made they return the items and tags to the library or to our Aurora Office. We are working to expand our *Stuff Our Stockings* drive to additional businesses this year.

Rockford

A project the Foster Care Alliance in the Rockford area takes on is called *Adopt An Angel*. This program provides Christmas gifts to local foster children and youth involved in child welfare services. The children range in age from infants through age eighteen.

Over 51 businesses in the surrounding area sign up for a number of tags. Each tag is a suggested gift value of \$20-\$25 per child. Each tag has three gift ideas requested by the child. They are brought back to the designated agencies and distributed to each child by the case workers. This is our 25th year for the drive.



Foster Parent Spotlights

The Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley has roughly 440 children in foster care. In order to care for these children we need a lot of caring foster parents. Currently we have 250 foster parents throughout the 20 counties in North Central Illinois that we serve. Each quarter we choose foster parent/parents to recognize for all that they do for the children who have been entrusted to their care.



1st Quarter FY17 - October 2016

Dr. Terrence & Christine Bugno

Dr. Terrence and Christine (Rogers) Bugno came to YSB as a home of relative for their granddaughter. They not only took in their 2-year old granddaughter but also her pug, Abby.

Dr. Bugno is an oncologist and director of his department. Christine has experiences in mediation work. Both have experiences with caring for special needs children and youth. They jumped into fostering with both feet and were quickly licensed as relative caregivers. Shortly after that they converted their license to foster other children by taking PRIDE and completing the application form for DCFS's traditional care homes. They have maintained contact with other PRIDE trainees from their class, joined the local McHenry County support group started by another YSB family and their friends, helped out their license worker at recruitment events, sent other families to the YSB recruiter to be foster families and are now asking about how to get others to support the agency financially and/or with physical needs. The Bugnos have embraced the work and spirit of foster care in a manner that is above and beyond all expectations!



2nd Quarter FY17 - January 2017

Darrell & Phyllis Salmon

Darrell and Phyllis Salmon came out of retirement and decided to take on three teenagers in foster care. They adjusted their lives to the needs of the children. They are willing to transport to school, sports and other clubs the children choose to be in. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon are also very active in the court process which takes up their personal time.

The children describe the Salmon's as supportive, patient, good listeners, unbiased and non-judgmental. They are very committed to their well-being. Each child expresses that they allow each to be themselves, and to express themselves. They often state that they feel safe, loved and cared for.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Salmon for your hard work and dedication to fostering. Congratulations on making Foster parent of the Quarter.



3rd Quarter FY17 - April 2017

Levi & Courtney Fritts

Levi and Courtney live in Elgin, IL and have been nominated because of the devotion that they have provided to their foster children and those children's biological parents. They have been foster parents for three years and have fostered five children, three of whom have returned home to their biological mother.

This couple has been highly successful in building a relationship with the biological mother and continue to be a part of the children's lives as a support to the family.

The couple welcome children into their home and provide them with more than just love and support...they make great efforts to meet and exceed each of the children's needs. They help to give the foster children life experiences that they might not otherwise have. They feel great satisfaction in watching their foster children experience many "first times" like swimming in the ocean or going to watch a movie in the movie theatre. They are a couple who strive to keep children active and ensure that they are cared for in all aspects of their lives.



4th Quarter FY17 - July 2017

Calvin & Pat Duffield

Pat and Calvin Duffield, from Ransom, IL., were nominated due to their great dedication, hard work, love and commitment, and unconditional love for the children that they have either fostered, adopted, or taken guardianship of over the years... AND for their unconditional support of biological families. They were licensed on

January 1, 1998 and have continued to build a solid foundation within the foster care program for almost 20 years.

The Duffield's take every child into their home without reservation about the child's needs. They believe in doing the necessary work for the good of the children, and yet, they don't look at fostering as work. They have always been a very gracious host to YSB staff, other foster families, children, and anyone who is blessed to be in their lives. They have never asked for thanks or a pat on the back for their work, but it has never gone unnoticed.

Being a Foster Parent is a rewarding experience that can positively change the life of a child forever. YSB is looking for more people who are willing to open up their homes and their hearts to children in need. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent and would like more information about becoming a Foster Parent, please contact Kelley Lumpkin at 630-820-6303 ex.114, or follow us to our website at www.ysbiv.org.



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Program Statistics

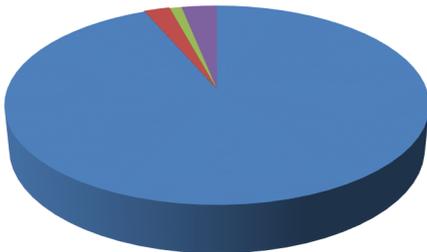
	FY16	FY17
Hope House	51	42
Transitional Living Program	11	9
Outreach Counseling	48	161
Solutions Counseling- Children First/Youth Outreach	313/216	1136
Foster Care	859	901
Restitution	36	60
Hispanic Services	826	590
YSB Child Development Center	68	49
Homeless Youth	78	83
Parenting Plus	231	285
Redeploy & 2nd Chance	40	33
Intact Families/Intensive Placement Stabilization	135	229
Grand Totals	2,912	3,578



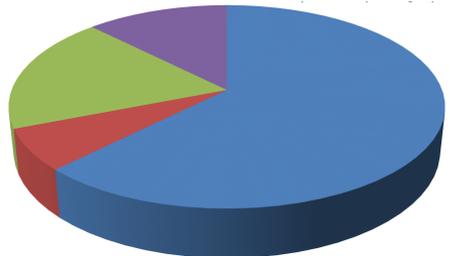
2017 Financial Profile

Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley FY2017 Operating Revenue and Expenses

FY17 Revenue



FY17 Operating Expenses



- Fed, State & Local 93.51%
- Family Fees 2.29%
- United Way & Other 1.05%
- Donations 3.15%

- Program Costs 62.41%
- Client Transportation 6.57%
- Aid to Clients 18.64%
- Other Expenses 12.38%

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