

Youth Service Bureau



of Illinois Valley

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FISCAL YEAR

2018

Annual Report



Our Mission

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

Change is constant!



As the Director of Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley some things occur over and over. One of those is dealing with circumstances that arise without notice. It can involve a spur of a moment event, a new opportunity, or a response to a crisis. Whatever the case, our changes at the agency directly impact the lives of the children and families we serve. Nothing we are involved in is inconsequential.

Every storm lends the possibility of a rainbow appearing. Every situation that requires analysis and decisions also allows change to occur to improve what we do and to make better outcomes for our clients, staff, as well as, a redistribution of our limited resources. Over this past year our agency has had to deal directly with a number of challenges. One challenge involved the closure of our “Child Development Center” in LaSalle. Our agency has struggled to maintain the center for over 25 years. The revenues have never matched the expense occurred by the day-care center. For the last 25 years we have continued its operation though it continued with a deficit each and every year. Numerous options were explored over this time period to increase revenues, but nothing has had a lasting impact. So, when some unexpected circumstances occurred, it was determined that, at this time, the least interference to the families and children served would be closing the center officially on September 30, 2018. This is a sad ending to a program that served a purpose, but it allows us to reevaluate other programs serving the LaSalle area and use those limited funds to enhance and strengthen our work with adolescents in crisis situations, such as, runaways, lock-outs, and the homeless.

Another challenge that the agency took on was expanding our “Solution Counseling” program in the Glen Ellyn and Aurora areas. Counseling is an area where affordability is always an issue for families. This program expansion allows choice for families where little was previously available. We entered this expansion with realistic goals because funding options were limited, but the need outweighed not doing anything. We will evaluate our progress in 6 months.

Our agency has evolved tremendously over the years. We have expanded from five counties to over twenty counties in Illinois. Our specialized medical foster care program now includes a nurse, and both our intact and foster care programs have expanded or there have been requests by the State of Illinois to do so. This past year has made us change our focus in soliciting various possible grants to enhance or achieve goals in our programs of which we were limited

due to insufficient funds. A grant from the Bersted Foundation has allowed us to develop new approaches to recruiting foster homes for neglected and abused children and our specialized medical program. In particular, a PSA (Public Service Announcement) for foster home recruitment will run for 13 weeks on all 17 movie screens and inside Cantera's movie theater in Warrenville, IL. Over 45,000 people visit that theater each month. The Painter's District Council No. 30 grant sets aside money for sending foster children to overnight summer camps, and they are also co-hosting a workshop series on the union trade of painting and drywall for area foster youth. A grant from Walmart allowed our Ladd after school program to continue with needed resources and activities for the children. A grant from Trinity Lutheran church helped with much needed funds for housing for the homeless. Lastly, the grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley gave us the ability to renovate our visiting rooms with much needed replacement furniture/equipment for children and family visits.

These changes serve a purpose in helping YSB adapt, maintain, or stay relevant in the services we provide. Yet, another valuable and important change we have expended time and energy to is how we let our donors know of our work. The agency has increased its communication to our donors through our Facebook page, our quarterly newsletter, our webpage (www.ysbiv.org), our community events, radio appearances, and PSA'S. These efforts are in appreciation to the support our donors, friends, and funders give to our agency and programs. It goes without saying that without your continued support YSB would not be able to carry on its work with and for children and families. Thank you, for your time, your talent, and financial support!!

Respectfully yours,



Frank Vonch, Executive Director

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



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: Aurora, Glen Ellyn, 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)*

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)*



Because of You...

A look at some donations made to Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley and how they positively affect young people in your community.



Jason Kennedy and Shannon Cantu present the proceeds from this year's "Stache Bash" to YSB Board President, Marty Ricconi.



Richard Crum of Lone Buffalo and Tangled Roots presents the proceeds from the "Pack the Place" fundraising event to YSB Executive Director, Frank Voch.



The UAW held their Region 4 Golf Outing with the proceeds coming to YSB. The total donated was \$9,750!



Israel Juarez from Red Dog Grill at Heritage Harbor donates the proceeds from the "Paws for Charity" fundraising event to Marketing Associate, Sue Trost.



The Illinois Valley Building and Construction Trades Council sponsored the Charity Challenge Golf Outing on August 25, 2017 to benefit the Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley.



Thank you to **Pine Hills Golf Club** for donating their proceeds of canned goods, hygiene products, monetary donations and non-perishable products from the 6th Annual Pine Hills Ice Bowl on February 3rd to the **Runaway and Homeless Youth Program** at YSB. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Story of a Mattress

Sherman's and Tempur-Pedic donated twin size mattresses as part of their "Buy One, Give One" campaign. These were given to youth clients in desperate need. One such client, Diane, is quoted as saying "I currently have a mattress that has a large hole in the middle of it that I have to stuff blankets in to sleep". Another client is a parent residing in a homeless shelter and was approved for subsidized housing. She had no furniture, beds or household items.

FY18 Grants Awarded

- **Community Foundation of Fox River Valley** - Funds used for furniture in the Aurora office visitation room.
- **Wal-Mart** - Funding used for the Ladd After School program.
- **PATCH Grant** - Providing summer camp fees for foster children.

FY18 Fundraisers

- Bids for Kids
- Colonial Cares FUNdraising Night
- Ladd After School Program Rips Chicken Dinner
- Portillo's for Good Fundraiser
- Red Dog Grill Paws for Charity
- Lone Buffalo Pack the Place
- Pine Hills Frisbee Golf Tournament
- Illinois Valley Building Trades Golf Outing at Deer Park
- Stache Bash



2018 Bids for Kids



Thank you to all of the Sponsors and people who participated in the FY18 Bids for Kids event which was held on June 24, 2018 at Festivities Unlimited in Ottawa, IL. Money raised will directly help the youth of our communities.

Additional Donations

- Sealy Posturpedic
- Chanooka Girl Scouts - 250 handmade blankets
- Exelon - Coats
- Illinois State Lottery - Reading Oasis
- IVCC - Sweet Cases for foster children



Collecting Blue Ribbon Campaign donations outside of Financial Plus Credit Union in Ottawa are YSB staff members Natalie Kinney, Alicia Runyon, and Kassidi Guerrero



YSB hosted an Ottawa Chamber Business After Hours event on March 22, 2018, which was open to all of its members.



Happy Adoption Day!



#YouthOnTheRise - Jayla's artwork wins 1st place in "Design the DCFS App Logo". We're proud of you!

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 Program Spotlight

Transitional Living Program

Helping lost youth find independence and security



Part I – What We Do

The **Transitional Living Program** at YSB is designed to help youth ages 16-24 who have completed the **Homeless Youth Program** and are ready to continue working towards independence. When young people are living on the street for various reasons, grocery shopping and paying the bills are not on their mind as much as basic survival. This is where our program comes in to help.

Kamm Reilly, one of our TLP caseworkers, sees the utmost potential in each client she works with while teaching life skills to them. While

learning skills such as how to make a doctor's appointment, how to do laundry, grocery shopping, and how to upkeep an apartment may seem slight to most people who do these tasks daily, they are huge accomplishments for those who never imagined that normalcy could be more than an unachievable wish. Kamm, as much of a proud parent as if they were her own children, says that "it is so rewarding and so positive when my clients 'fly the nest' and no longer need help doing these things. I love to see how proud of themselves they become and how they feel like they can accomplish anything!"

Another benefit from teaching basic life skills happens during "field trips", such as the one taken to Chicago this past summer to visit the Shedd Aquarium, the zoo, the beach, and a waterpark. "This is a great opportunity to teach them how to budget for special trips, while giving them the experience of seeing new places and doing a fun activity with other clients and their caseworker." states Kamm. These activities build confidence through camaraderie and trust, while seeing in each other that they are not alone. Building lifelong friendships is a

paramount benefit from this important program.

Part II – Derek’s Story

Kamm has worked with many youth over the years, but one such story really sums up the euphoria that she feels when making a direct life changing impact on someone in need...

Derek, a disabled young man, was dumped at a park and lived in a port-a-potty because his family no longer had room for him. He eventually found his way to a homeless shelter and then began working with YSB. Kamm began by helping Derek with simple skills such as making doctor’s appointments, getting groceries, opening a bank account, and applying for jobs. He eventually got his own apartment which he lived in for about 9 months. While living in the apartment he was still struggling to find work that he could do, due to his disability. He was also greatly missing being a part of a family.

Kamm helped Derek apply for disability, which was a long process, but paid off when he finally got it. They then made a visit to **Friendship House** for a tour. Friendship House is a place in Ottawa that provides housing and work opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Derek loved it! He saw that he could live independently but still have room-mates, and most importantly, he could work there and finally accomplish his goals. About a month after

their visit he moved into his home at Friendship House and began working there.

It has been over a year and a half now and Derek is happier and doing better than could ever be expected! He was recently promoted at work and is now working within the community a few days a week. Derek still keeps in touch with Kamm and he tells her how lucky he feels to be in a place where he has a sense of family, and how happy he is to have made his great friends through YSB.

Kamm’s advice to all new clients is to “envision your goals, and we will be there to support you and guide you, but not do it for you. Remember, if you put your mind to something, you can do it!”. To those who have completed our program she says “remember all of the resources and strategies that we taught you to help you be successfully independent. We are proud of you and how far you have come, and you should be very proud of yourself!”.

If you would like more information on this vital program, please contact Kelly Shymanski by phone at 815-431-3042, or by e-mail at Kelly@ysbiv.org. For more information on YSB and our other programs, please call Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 815-433-3953, or visit us on the web at www.ysbiv.org.



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.

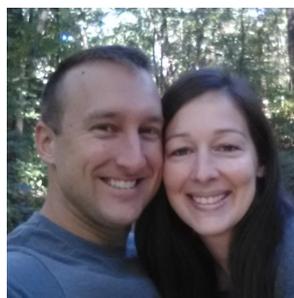


1st Quarter FY18 - October 2017

Kathleen & Tony DiLuciano

Kathleen and Tony DiLuciano have been licensed with the Youth Service Bureau since June of 2012. They have fostered two children, mentored others, and adopted two children. The DiLuciano's have been actively involved in fundraising for the agency, and Kathleen has been a member of our Foundation Board. They have donated countless hours supporting the agency and foster children and their birth families.

Throughout their fostering of the two boys they have adopted, they have maintained the relationship with the grandparents and uncle of the boys. After adoption occurred, the family continues to encourage the relationship and frequent visits so that their children always know their entire family.



2nd Quarter FY18 - January 2018

Brian & Jessica Stoffer

Brian and Jessica Stoffer wanted to help their two daughters learn about caring for others outside of the family, so they became foster parents through YSB in 2013. At the interview for the home study, their youngest daughter told the license worker that she already has a sister so she really wanted a brother.

The Stoffers took the 2 youngest children of a sibling group of all boys of Mexican descent. Their daughter was delighted to finally have two younger brothers. Over time, their goal changed from fostering to adopting the boys, and eventually, the boys' younger sister, who was born later. Once it was official, they found a place to get paper *picados* (die-cut banner flags) with each of their adopted names and adoption dates on them. These *picados* now hang in a frame on the wall.

The Stoffers are a family who seek the care and support they need to continue to care for the children, who promote YSB in the various activities of their lives, and who enjoy letting the professional staff know just how much they are appreciated by caring for them.



3rd Quarter FY18 - April 2018

Duane and Amy Sherman

The Sherman's have been licensed foster parents since November 2010. They have assisted several children in their return home to their parents and are currently fostering a sibling pair. They chose to become foster parents because they felt a desire to help children in need.

The Sherman's have also recruited foster parents and inspired them to spread the word about foster care needs, including the always present need for more foster parents.

One of the recruited families has brought foster care community outreach to light at theirs and the Sherman's church home. They organized a "Lunch and Learn" one Sunday morning at church for any member to hear the Sherman's be interviewed as experienced foster parents. The license worker and agency presenter were invited guests. This group is connecting with another church in the area that is also starting a support network for foster families. As well as looking for other community connections that can be made. This same church is offering the Empowered to Connect simulcast for free to all who attend at this site in April 2018.



4th Quarter FY18 - July 2018

Richard and Rhonda Fouke

Rhonda and Rich Fouke have been licensed with YSB since July of 2016. They have taken a number of children in the two years of being licensed. They have provided crisis foster care for many young adolescents and teens. What makes Rhonda and Rich special is their ability to accept any child into their home that needs them, regardless of their age, past experiences, or current behaviors or situations.

Rhonda and Rich welcome children into their home providing them with structure and family time. They treat every child as if they were always a member of their family. They have extended family support not only because they are family, but two family members have been or are foster parents currently. They have a strong support network through their church and community. Both work full time jobs, volunteer for their church soup kitchen, and are dedicated foster parents. We know that if we call on them, they will be there for these children. Many people are afraid to take on adolescents and teens because of the unknown associated with it, but not Rhonda and Rich. We just cannot say enough about their loyalty and dedication to children and our agency.

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

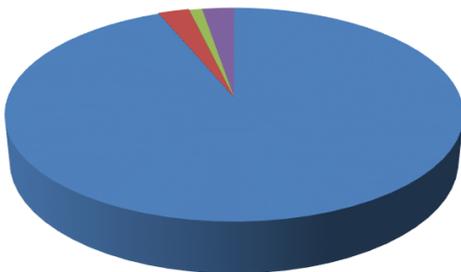
	FY17	FY18
Hope House	42	82
Transitional Living Program	9	13
Outreach Counseling	161	173
Solutions Counseling	1136	1145
Foster Care	901	1236
Restitution	60	66
Hispanic Services	590	657
YSB Child Development Center	49	57
Homeless Youth	83	70
Parenting Plus	285	354
Redeploy & 2nd Chance	33	47
Intact Families/Intensive Placement Stabilization	229	241
Grand Totals	3,578	4,141



2018 Financial Profile

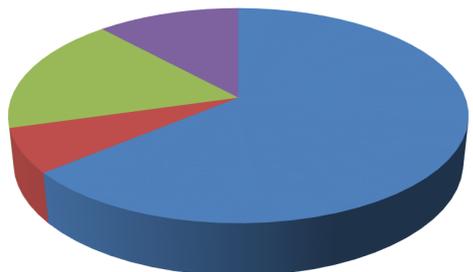
Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley FY2018 Operating Revenue and Expenses

FY18 Revenue



- Fed, State & Local 93.77%
- Family Fees 2.55%
- United Way & Other 1.06%
- Donations 2.62%

FY18 Operating Expenses



- Program Costs 63.89%
- Client Transportation 6.65%
- Aid to Clients 17.67%
- Other Expenses 11.79%

Audited financial report available upon request.

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