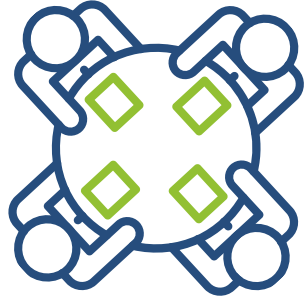




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CORE VALUES



Education

Counseling for careers and higher education. Ensuring academic and professional success with positive reinforcement.



Safety

Providing emergency on-call support 24/7, monitoring each individual's progress and security.



Stability

Maintaining family ties through family visits. Attentiveness to permanency.



Fun

Preserving childhood traditions.

Adoption

Infants & Youth



Counseling
Family & Individual



CHILD LINK

SERVICES



The different child and family services provided by Child Link are designed to offer the proper support to children in need. We understand situations concerning adolescents are always individually unique. We take pride in providing the best quality care plan for each adolescent whether that means traditional foster care, youth counseling, or adoption services.

Foster Care

Traditional & Relative



Transitional Living
Older Adolescent

ADOPTION



Finding a “forever home” for the children in our care is our primary objective. Child Link coordinates no-fee adoption services for prospective parents, through our foster-to-adopt program, following thorough background checks and home studies.

We consistently out-perform similar agencies throughout Cook County in providing permanency care through adoption or guardianship. We ensure that our children are placed in the best possible family situations providing each child the opportunity to thrive.

Before we begin adoption proceedings, Child Link investigates each child’s placement options to mitigate unplanned future disruptions.

FOSTER CARE

Child Link provides foster care to children in Cook, Will and DuPage counties of Illinois. Our foster care program finds homes for children who lack stable support systems.

Over the past three years, our foster care program has grown from **18** to **35** case managers, who partnered with approximately **350** family homes. In 2022 we served **440** children, providing them with the quality of care they need and deserve.



FOSTER CARE CONTINUED

ADOLESCENT FOSTER CARE

We work with teenagers and young adults, between the ages of 12-21, who often suffer from traumatic experiences and lack positive adult influences or role models.

Young adults in our program receive services that promote stable relationships, protection from victimization and help in developing healthier life habits and goals. Our program provides the support necessary for them to graduate high school, attend college, and build longer term positive relationships.



Interested In Becoming A Foster Parent?

Fostering is one of the most selfless things a person can do. It is an amazing way to give back to the community and to give children who have not had a great start in life, a chance for something better.

As soon as we ensure you meet all of the eligibility requirements, our staff will work with you to complete the required free training and help you obtain a foster-care license. After training and licensing are complete, children can be placed in your home.



TRANSITIONAL LIVING

We assist young women, 17-21 years old, who are transitioning from foster care to independence. We equip them with the the social, professional, and self-sufficiency skills needed to succeed on their own. We help them understand the importance of continuing education to help them achieve their goals.



COUNSELING

A young woman with dark hair tied up is sitting on a light-colored sofa, laughing joyfully with her eyes closed. She is wearing a light pink hoodie and blue jeans. In the foreground, the hands of a person, presumably a counselor, are visible. One hand is holding a light blue tablet, and the other is holding a white folder or book. The background features a large green plant and a window with a view of a building.

Child Link's counseling program supports families and youths in our community by giving them the tools to adopt useful behaviors and habits that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Our skilled clinicians work with a variety of issues including anxiety disorders, attention deficit disorders and attachment concerns.

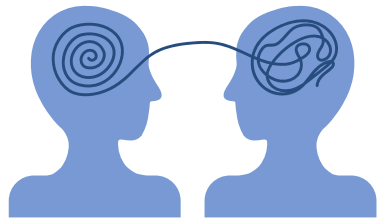
The children we serve are often directly and indirectly impacted by violence in their environment, including domestic violence, separation from parent(s), gang violence, and abuse. Our licensed therapists are well equipped to assist children impacted by divorce, bullying and other social hardships.

Child Link treats individuals experiencing interpersonal conflicts at home, school, work or in the community. Child Link's work within the community provides services that extend beyond clinical work, enabling us to offer referrals for crisis intervention.

We provide tailored integrative clinical services that are as individualized as the people we treat. These treatments include: Trauma Informed Treatment, Psychodynamic Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

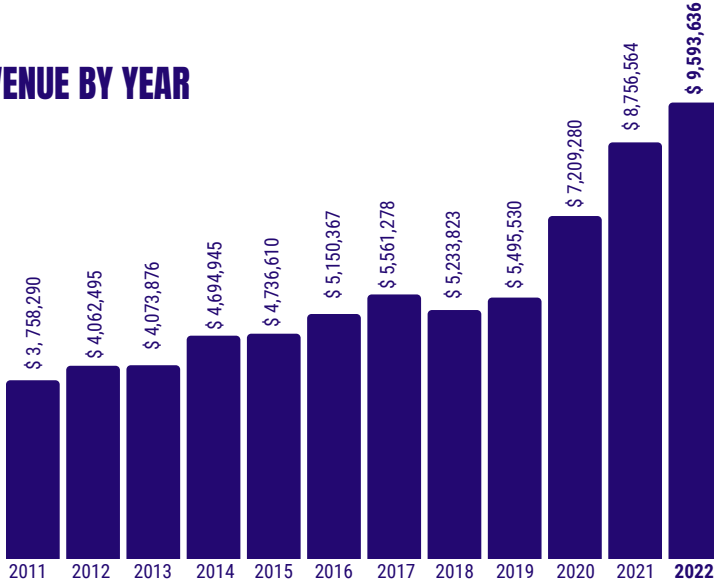
We are a counseling service for children and families within the community. We are currently accepting new Blue Cross Blue Shield clients. Contact us to set up a consultation at [***counseling@childlink.org***](mailto:counseling@childlink.org).

Each course of treatment is based on collaborative treatment plans that are tailored to individual needs.

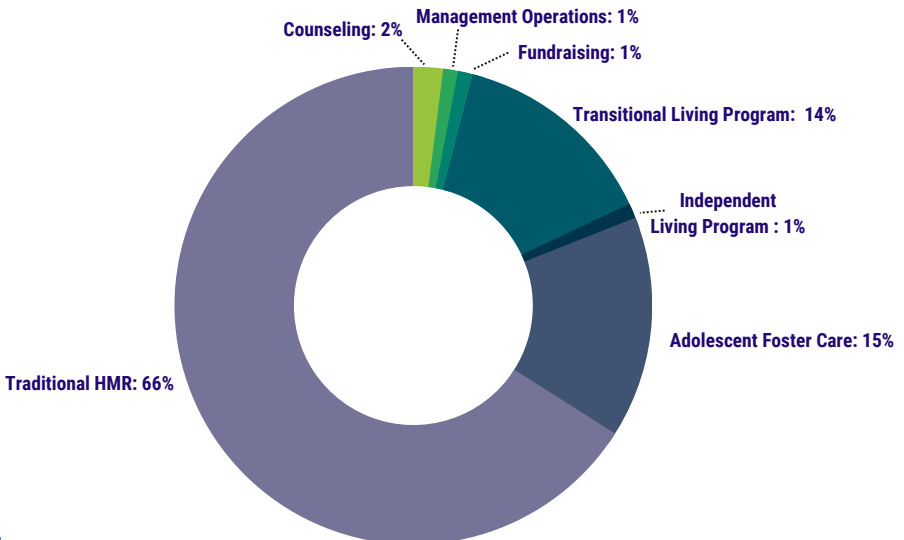


CHILD LINK BY THE NUMBERS

REVENUE BY YEAR



OPERATING EXPENSES



CHILD LINK

BY THE NUMBERS

OUR PROGRESS

In 2022, Child Link's revenue was \$9.6 million and of that, \$8.6 million went to our programs and services that helped improve the lives of 440 children and young adults in our care. Thanks to generous donations and in-kind contributions, we continue to help children and young adults who are in need of support.

Statement of Activities	2022	2021
Revenues		
Fees & Grants from Government Agencies	\$9,446,307	\$8,606,057
Contributions	\$69,160	\$147,536
Other Incomes	\$78,169	\$2,971
Total Revenues	\$9,593,636	\$8,756,564
Expenses		
Program Services	\$8,600,670	\$7,984,217
Management & General	\$137,299	\$131,037
Fundraising	\$62,410	\$104,385
Total Expenses	\$8,800,379	\$8,219,638
Net Income	\$793,257	\$536,925
Statement of Financial Position Assets:		
Cash	\$1,504,526	\$838,622
Accounts Receivable	\$693,001	\$584,292
Fixed Assets:		
Building Improvements TLP	\$1,732,541	\$1,732,541
Other Fixed Assets	\$350,636	\$253,888
Less Depreciation	(\$947,783)	(\$826,369)
Other Assets	\$76,792	\$76,792
Total Assets	\$3,409,713	\$2,659,766
Liabilities & Net Income		
Accounts Payable:		
Accrued Expenses	\$951,405	\$877,959
Other Liabilities	\$792,846	\$909,602
Total Liabilities	\$1,744,251	\$1,787,561
Total Net Assets	\$1,665,462	\$872,205
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,409,713	\$2,659,766

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

350

family homes worked with.

\$8,600,000

went to programs and services that helped improve the lives of children in Chicagoland

total foster care cases closed out this year

59

75%

of teens in our care graduated from high school and went on to college.

number of children in Child Link's care adopted

13

youth in Child Link's care that were emancipated

11

children returned to their homes

22

13

children in Child Link's care that completed guardianship

440

children were impacted by Child Link's efforts

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

BILINGUAL SERVICES

Child Link offers bilingual foster care services, for the many Spanish-speaking children and families that we serve. Our staff works hard to place Spanish speaking or bilingual children into foster homes that reflect their communication needs.

Child Link is a member of the Latino Consortium, where we partner with other child welfare agencies to organize resources and support for Latino families in Chicago and throughout Illinois. Allowing families to participate in bilingual programs is an essential component to ensuring those in our care are prepared for success.

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

Promoting an atmosphere of inclusion and diversity is an utmost priority for Child Link's continued success. Our workforce reflects perspectives, backgrounds and experiences that enhance our vision and goals, and strengths the quality of our services.

INCLUSION POLICY

Child Link does not discriminate against classes of prospective foster or adoptive parents. It is not Child Link's intention or desire to make an ethical judgement on LGBTQIA relationships. We recognize that a person's sexual preference and/or identity is not legitimate grounds on which to deny his or her civil liberties or fitness to parent a child in need of a caring home. Such classes and categories include gender, color, creed, race, religion, age, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs, socio-economic status, disability, gender identity, marital status and/or sexual orientation.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Success Story

After being in care for 5 years, (J)'s case was closed out! (J) loves basketball, wrestling, and is living a happy and healthy life with his grandfather who is now his official guardian. We are so grateful for all who contributed to this success.



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Stay updated with Child Link on social media. In 2022, Child Link increased the usage of our social media channels. Here we share success stories, events, foster parent information, and more. Our social media program allows us to connect with our community and raise awareness about the foster care system and our services.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Baby Supply Drive

Our Baby Supply Drive kicks off every January and continues throughout the year. We are in constant need of new or gently used baby supplies, such as cribs, diapers, bottles, car seats, etc.

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Whiskey Tasting

Our annual Whiskey Tasting allows guests to taste a unique selection of bourbon, scotch, & rye while enjoying a delicious assortment of food. Proceeds go towards ensuring our children have the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Women's Initiative Luncheon

Our Women's Initiative Luncheon honors the young women of Child Link who graduated high school and are ready to move forward in life. Proceeds go towards college expenses such as tuition, room and board and school supplies..

MAY

AUGUST

School Supply Drive

Our School Supply Drive is in full swing each July and August. This event provides new supplies for the upcoming school year for children whose parents or guardians are financially unable to provide them.

Beaujolais Nouveau

Child Link's Beaujolais Nouveau annual wine tasting is held in downtown La Grange on the third Thursday of November. Guests are encouraged to visit all participating restaurant sponsors. .

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Holiday Toy Drive

Our toy drive helps us spread the joy of the holiday season to the children and young adults in our care. Gifts are collected from the community and distributed to ensure that everyone has a gift to open during the holiday season.

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