

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to protect children, strengthen and shelter families and individuals, foster self-sufficiency, and facilitate a caring community.



Vision Statement

If your life has you feeling abandoned, angry, depressed, hopeless, hungry, scared, or stressed, the Family Connection Center team can help put you back on the road to fulfillment, one step at a time.

Annual Report

FY05/06

For the Fiscal Year of
July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006



"If you have come to help me, you can go home again. But if you see my struggle as part of yours, perhaps we can achieve something."

Anonymous

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuge of your teeming shore.” The poem by Emma Lazarus engraved on the Statue of Liberty reminds us of the way many people came to the United States. Here at the Family Connection Center we meet, talk to, support, and care for many people in Davis County who remind us of this poem. There are over 13,000 people who are poor; over 8,000 people received a 3 to 5 day supply of food one or more times this year; and parents who are struggling to provide a shelter for their children, a job that will pay the rent, pay for some type of transportation, and put food on the table find a refuge for their children at the crisis/respice nursery for 72 hours.



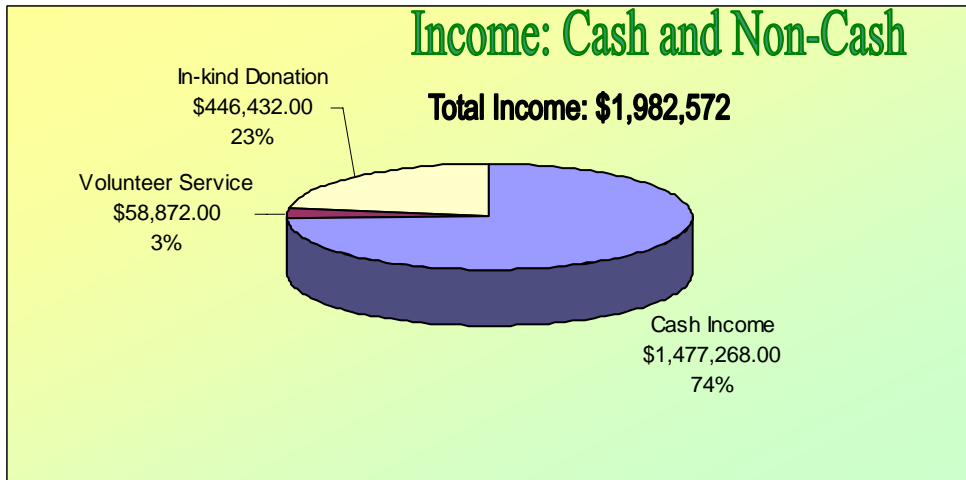
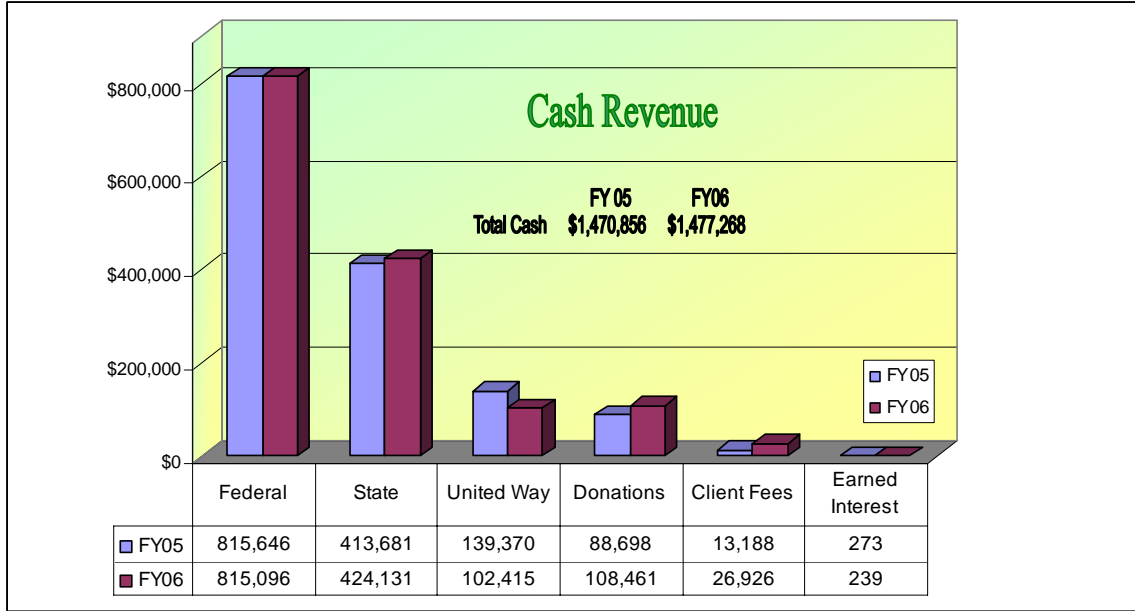
The Transitional Housing program helps single parents to increase their education and find living wage jobs. The Outreach Department works with parents in their homes and teaches parenting skills, communication skills, and discipline among other life skills. In the Therapy Department, children and women who have been victims of family violence find a safe place to learn how to cope with the pain they carry. Our Uniting Neighbors and Member Organized Resource Exchange programs coordinate with Davis Connects (Volunteer Center) to bring volunteers together to help each other at the neighborhood and community level.

To all the people who have reached out to their neighbors and offered a safe place to live, food to eat, education, job training, therapy, nursery services and friendship the staff of the Family Connection Center wish to join together to say, “Thank You.”

We would like to ask everyone to join our circle of caring, because in a circle we are all equal, and with our combined strength we can lift everyone to a higher level of living, friendship, and community.

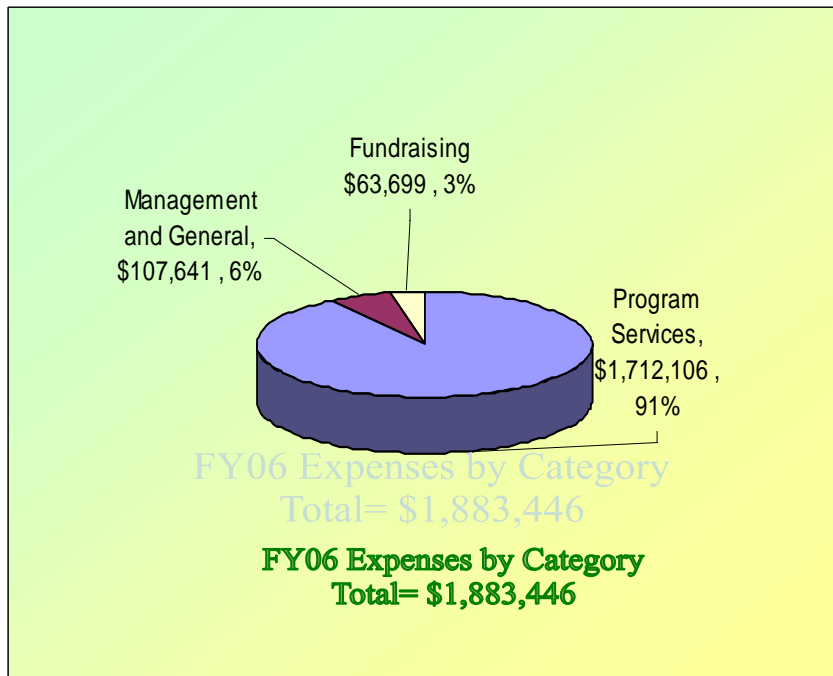
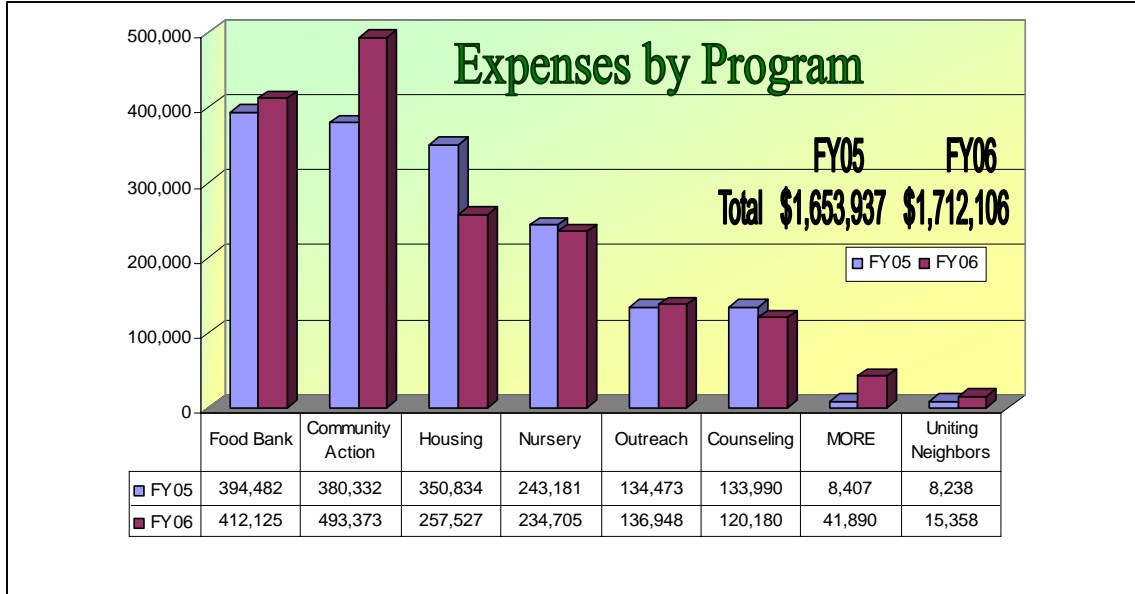
ANNUAL BUDGET

REVENUE



While donated items and volunteer hours are not direct cash, they have value and are included in our audit as part of our total revenue.

EXPENSES

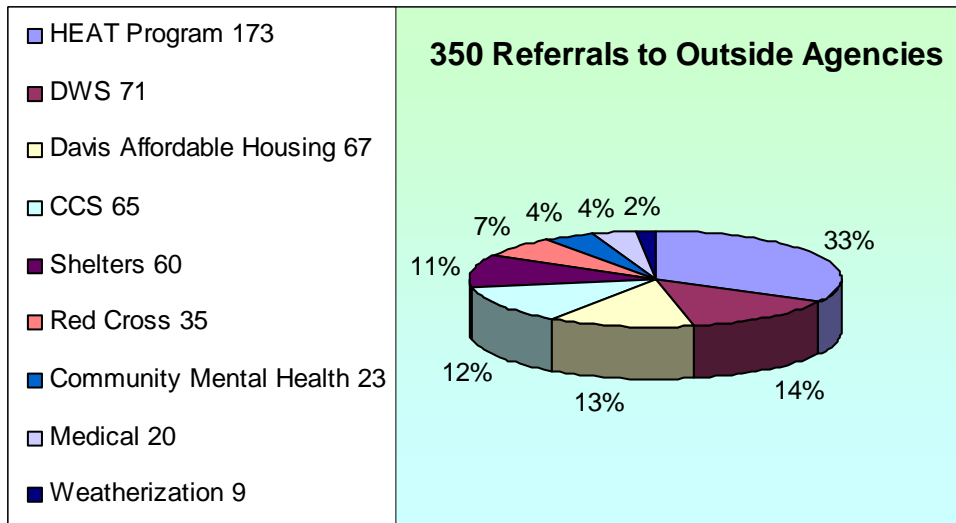
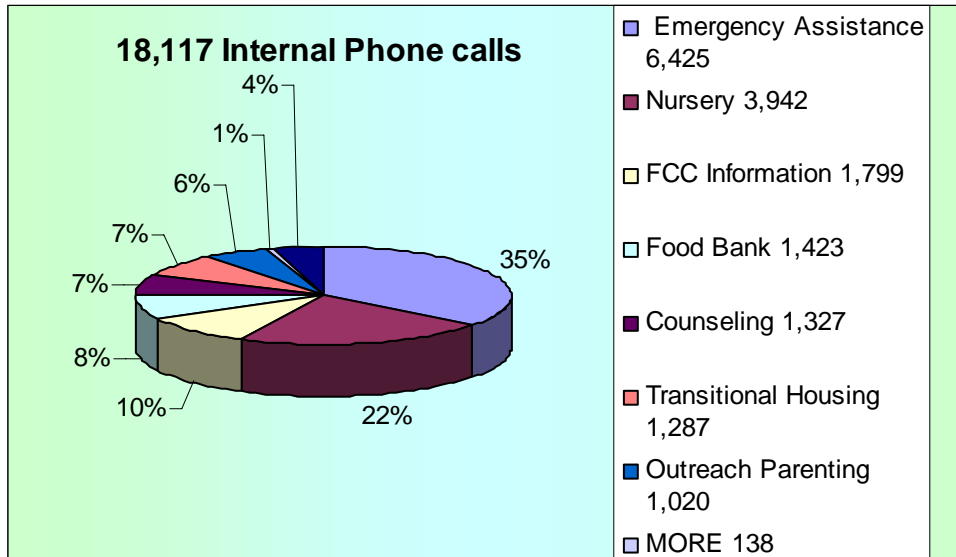


Note: The difference between the total revenue of \$1,982,572 and the total expenses of \$1,883,446 is termed as a "Change in Net Assets."

The auditor accounts for this in his itemization of impact from depreciation, changes in current assets and liabilities, and previous years Food Bank inventory remaining on hand.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL CALLS

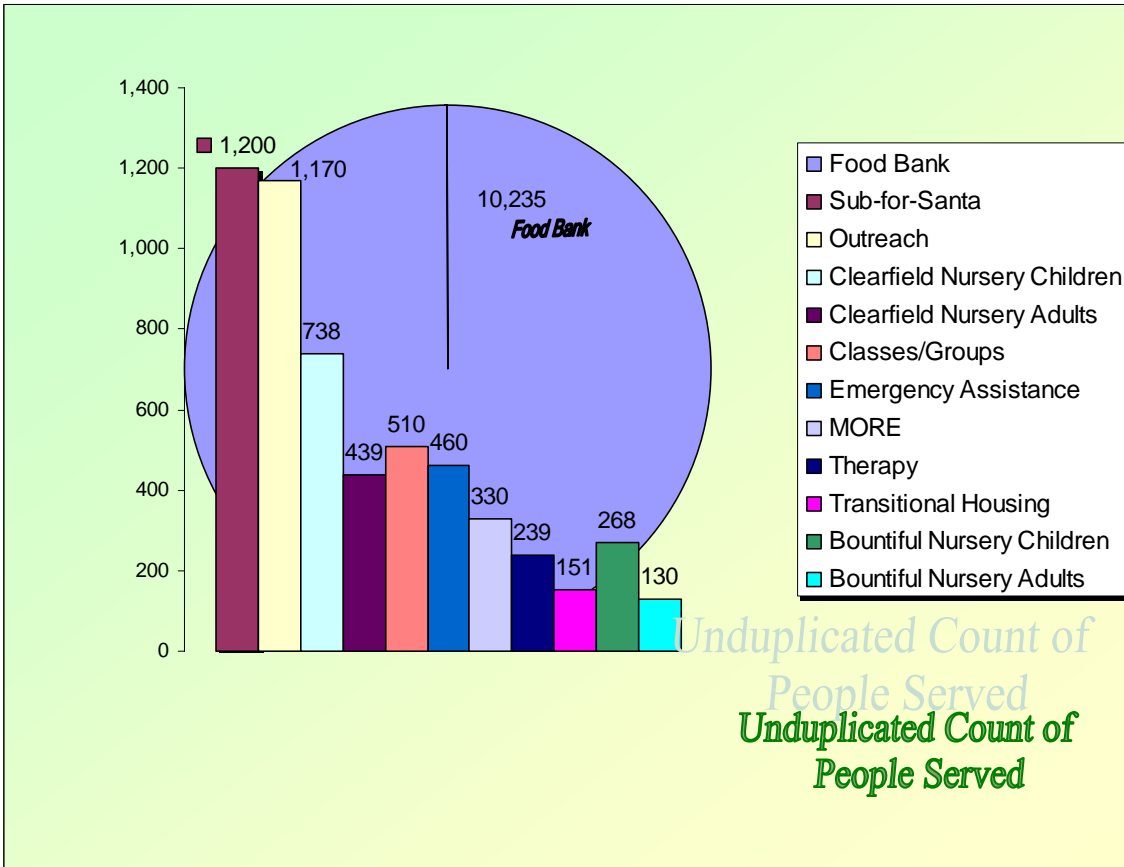
18,467 calls for assistance with information and referral were made into Family Connection Center this year. Of those phone calls, 18,117 were directed to departments within the agency and 350 were referred to agencies outside of the Family Connection Center.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Total Individuals Served: 15,840 (unduplicated)

The unduplicated count reflects each individual accessing a service. They are counted only once for the entire year. Each client typically uses services on at least a monthly basis, which is not reflected on this chart.



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| Food Bank | Sub-for-Santa | Clearfield Nursery Children | Clearfield Nursery Adults |
| 10,235 | 1,200 | 738 | 439 |
| Classes/Groups | Emergency Assistance | MORE | Therapy |
| 510 | 460 | 330 | 239 |
| Transitional Housing | Outreach | Bountiful Nursery Children | Bountiful Nursery Adults |
| 151 | 1,170 | 268 | 130 |

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Classes at the Family Connection Center and in the community teach valuable skills and serve as a support for parents.

At our center four series of eight week parenting classes were taught by Outreach Parent Educators. This year eighty-five parents participated and learned about different parenting styles, nurturing, developing responsible children, building self-esteem, family communication, and positive discipline.

Twenty parents participated in Anger Management classes taught by counselors in our Therapy Department. Here they learned techniques to handle anger and stress.

Fifteen single parents in our Transitional Housing program participated in Life skills classes where they learned about budgeting, time management, parenting, domestic violence awareness, family themes, and stress management.

Survival English classes for non or partial English speakers provided skills needed to better communicate with people and businesses.

A grant from the Health Department gave us the opportunity to educate parents in the need for children to be restrained in Booster Seats. Classes were held in both Spanish and English. Afterwards, forty-two new booster seats were given to parents attending.

Other valuable classes taught were on budgeting, ADD/ADHD, self esteem for children, reading to children, decorating on a budget and family Christmas activities.

Parent support groups for both Spanish and English speakers met where parents could discuss topics of parenting and the challenges they face in their role. The support of other parents helped them to problem solve and connect with other parents.

The Family Connection Center directly influenced the community through classes taught outside the center. Survival English was offered at a convenient location in North Salt Lake; a one time parenting class was taught at Hill Air Force Base; students at Syracuse Jr. High became more aware of the issue of bullying; and Infant Massage was taught at this year's Child Care Provider Professional Development Conference. The MORE project provided tutoring to children struggling with English and understanding and held classes in child abuse prevention, first aid, assistance with the Utah Labor Commission, cancer and mammogram awareness, buying a car, and keeping kids safe.

THERAPY DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to assist individuals and families to resolve the pain and suffering of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and trauma and to increase their resiliency, quality of life and relational functioning.

The therapy department provides counseling services to the community at a greatly reduced cost from most other not-for-profit organizations and private providers of therapy in the county. Therapists assist children and their families in overcoming emotional difficulties and gaining the tools necessary to maintain a stable environment. In order to accomplish this, a number of approaches are available, including play and sand tray therapy, along with traditional individual, marriage, and family counseling.

Prevention of Family Violence

The therapy department teaches the Anger Management course and the Marriage PREP class. The materials in these classes are designed to help people learn techniques to resolve difficulties in their lives before they become crises.

Crisis

People generally seek therapy when they consider their situations critical. In these crisis situations, the therapy department helps families by providing an objective framework within which to consider the crisis, discuss possible alternatives, and promote healthy functioning. The therapy department collaborates with various community organizations to provide needed referral services to all clients in crisis.

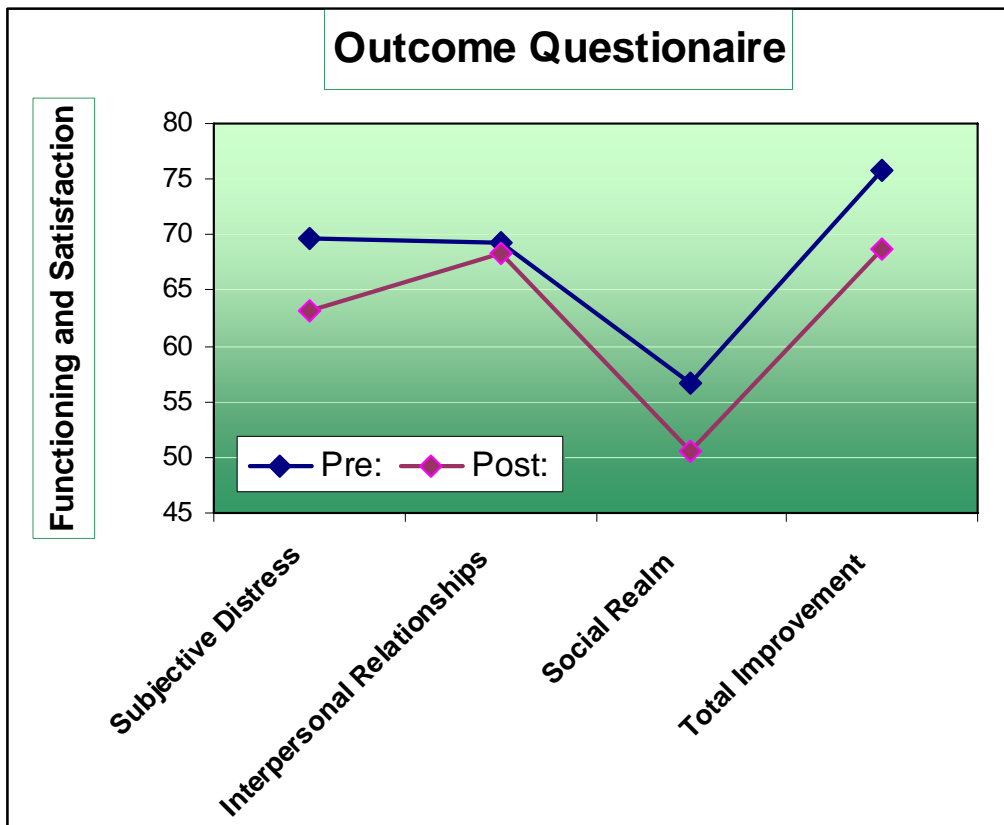
Self-sufficiency

Once the crisis situation has been contained, clients generally continue with therapy when they recognize that therapy can be helpful in other aspects of their lives, primarily in improving their relationships. We provide marriage and family therapy, individual counseling for adults and children, group therapy and neurofeedback training to help clients achieve self-sufficiency.

Therapy Outcomes

To help us assess client functioning and monitor progress, we use a measurement called the OQ45.2 (Outcome Questionnaire). The OQ measures functioning and satisfaction in three domains:

1. Subjective Distress – this domain measures distress and is especially focused on depression and anxiety
2. Interpersonal Functioning – this domain measures satisfaction in relationships
3. Social Role – this domain measures satisfaction in work, school and larger social functioning



A lower score indicates lower distress and improved satisfaction and functioning.

From July 2005 to July 2006, clients who completed pre and post tests improved from an average intake score of 75.75 to 68.75. This represents a significant average decrease in distress and an improvement in satisfaction and functioning. On average, clients improved in all three domains that the test measures.

Accomplishments This Year

- We created a prioritization list to serve children first!
- We purchased a second set of Neurofeedback equipment and increased the availability of this treatment to the community!
- We created a new position, a Therapy Services Coordinator, who helped clients by decreasing the wait between turning in paperwork and meeting with therapists for the first session!
- We have had no waiting list for clients for 9 months and counting!
- The therapy department saw 190 clients this year for therapy and 49 clients for neurofeedback training.
- For these 239 clients, the therapy department provided 878 sessions of therapy (individual, marriage, and family) and 706 sessions of neurofeedback training.

A CLIENT STORY

One client who had legal problems and was unemployed came to the Family Connection Center for individual therapy to help with his severe anxiety. After four months of treatment, his anxiety problems were eliminated; he had fulfilled his legal obligations, and successfully gained employment. With these increases in his self-sufficiency, he was confident about ending therapy, and three months later came back because of a crisis; the courts had not correctly documented his treatment and he was threatened with jail time. After two sessions of individual therapy, he assertively contacted the courts and corrected the clerical error to resume his life.

What is Neurofeedback?

Neurofeedback is a learning strategy that enables people monitor their brainwave activity and learn to balance their emotional state. When information about clients' brain wave characteristics is made available to them, they can learn to change them. Think of it as exercise for the brain.



NURSERY

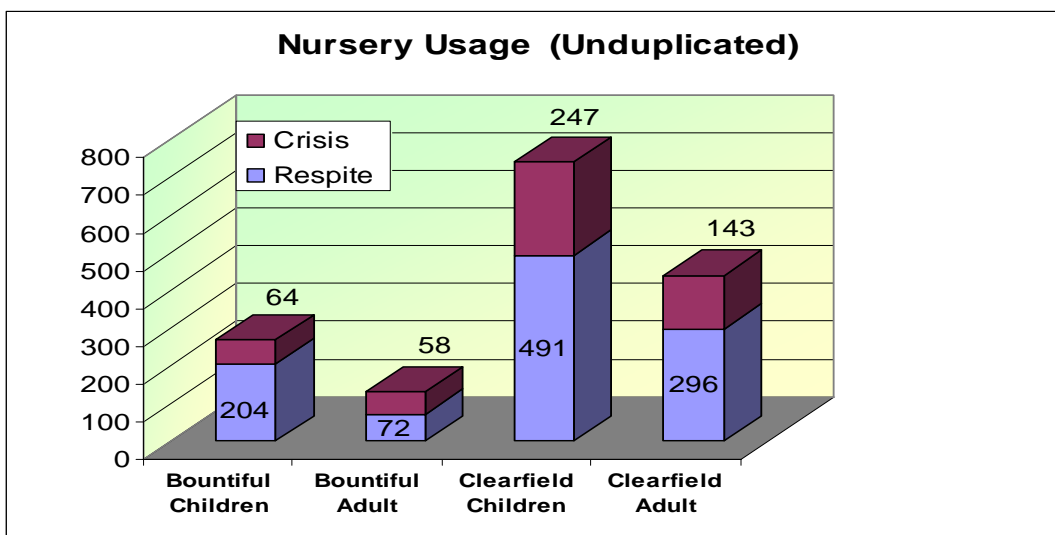
MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to prevent child abuse by providing a safe house for children ages 0 to 11 years, and by ensuring a positive, nurturing experience for every child who visits the crisis nursery.

VISION STATEMENT:

Our vision is to play a significant role in child abuse prevention and make a positive difference in the lives of families by providing support during times of high stress, trauma and crisis.

Our Crisis/Respite Nursery operates at two locations, one in Clearfield, and one in Bountiful.



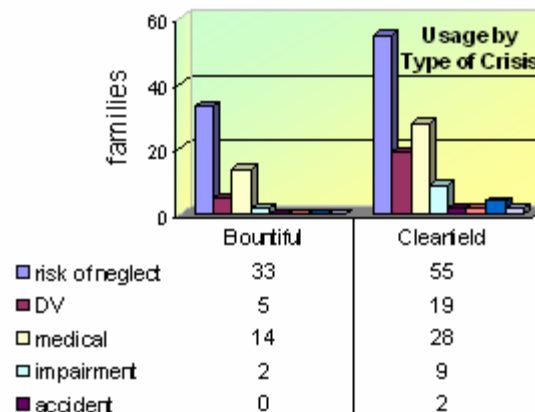
Prevention of Family Violence

The goal of the Crisis/Respite nursery is child abuse prevention of family violence. In general, parents experiencing high levels of stress are more likely to abuse their children. Although it is impossible to determine exactly how many children would have been abused had it not been for our services, we do know that during their visits children were in a safe, clean environment, while their parents were able to take a break. Along with receiving nutritious meals and snacks, children had the opportunity to participate in creative play, learning activities, literacy enhancement, and development of social skills.

Crisis

Crisis Nursery: Childcare intervention for families in crisis is available for up to 72 hours. If a parent is stressed or feels like they are getting to the end of their rope, our staff is on call 24 hours a day to provide emergency childcare while parents resolve the issue.

In FY 2006, 247 children in Clearfield and 64 children in Bountiful received crisis nursery intervention.



Self-sufficiency

Through our respite care program, we help families to become self sufficient by providing child care while parents job search, attend interviews, seek housing or attend life skills classes.

LINDA'S STORY

Linda is a grandmother who is raising her grandchildren, four year old Emily, and two year old Sara. The children came into Linda's care when it was discovered that they were being sexually abused their mother and her boyfriend. Although Linda has health problems, does not own a car, and has limited financial resources, she is determined to take on the responsibility of these two children.

The first time Linda came to our center she was upset, crying, and feeling very overwhelmed. Her caseworker at Social Services had referred her to the Family Connection Center. Sally Willard, our office manager, talked with her. Linda immediately calmed down. Sally explained our services, and scheduled some regular respite breaks for Linda.

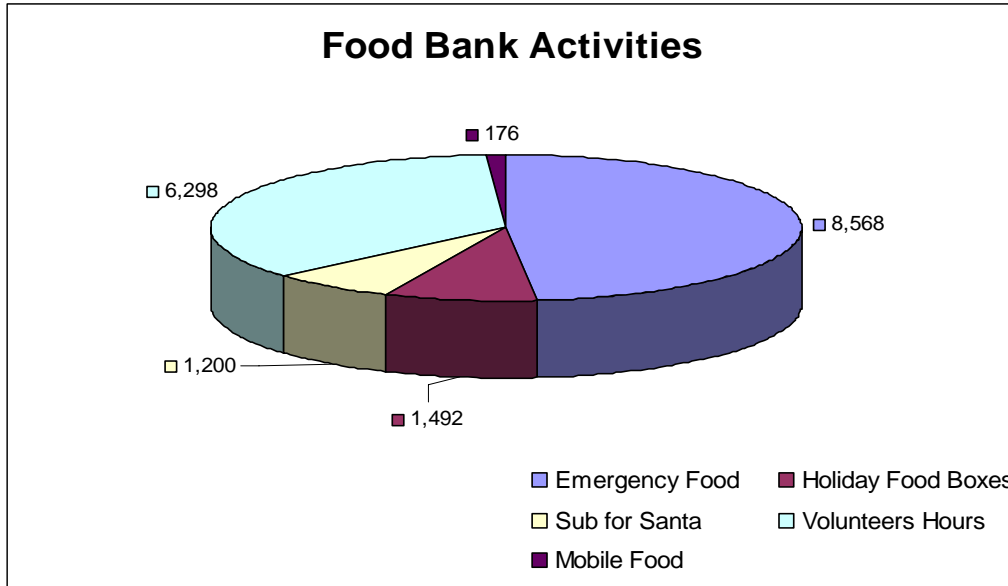
Recently, Sara, the younger of the two grandchildren, had Roto Virus and required hospitalization due to dehydration. It was important for Linda to be with Sara while she was in the hospital. We were able to care for Emily, the older child, so that Linda could be there for Sara.

Emily stayed with us for three days and two nights. Even though Emily has some difficult behaviors because of the abuse she has been through, she is a delightful child.

Linda is a wonderful person to work with. She tells us that since she has taken on her grandchildren, all of her support systems have disappeared. Her friends are all older with grown children and do not want to be bothered with little ones. She is very appreciative and says that she doesn't know what she would do without us. We are happy to be of help to her.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS (CSBG)

The Family Connection Center Food Bank feeds the hungry of Davis and Morgan Counties, provides families with contacts to other resources and agencies and helps individuals to identify barriers to self-sufficiency.



Prevention of Family Violence

Relief from hunger is a gratification that often calms tempers and may prevent violence or delay the stress until other support can arrive.

Volunteer Services

The Family Connection Center Food Bank had a total of 6,298 hours of Volunteers service, which, at \$8.00 per hour, equals \$50,384.00.

Information and Referral

13,988 referrals were given to low-income individuals (food stamp program, Catholic Community services, American Red Cross, Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter, Health Department, WIC, Heat Program and inter-agency are a few examples).

Crisis

Food Bank

In Fiscal year 2006, the Family Connection Center Food Bank served 8,568 individuals. Households receive a 3-5 day emergency food supply. In addition to the emergency food, the Family Connection Center also provides bread, milk, and eggs to residents on a weekly basis. The Food Bank also assisted individuals with personal hygiene products, household supplies (pots, pans, blankets, pillows, towels, etc.), diapers and formula for children.

Holiday food boxes

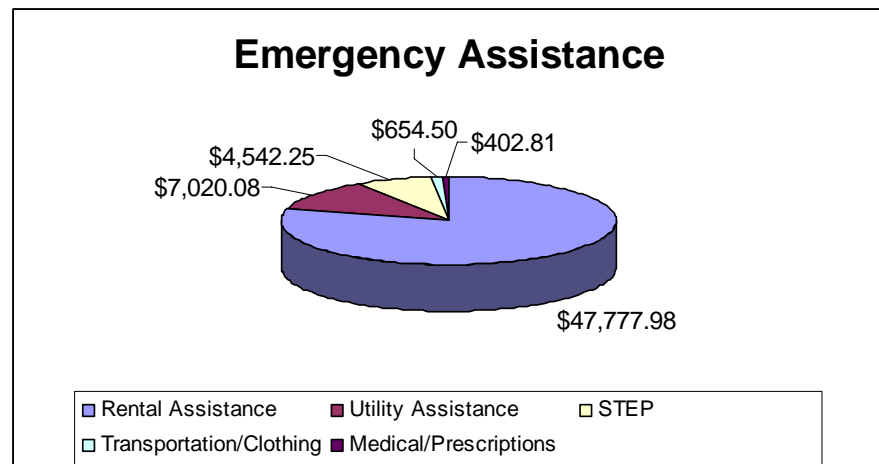
During Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Food Bank distributed 1492 holiday food boxes.

Motel Voucher

189 people within 48 households who met the criteria for homelessness received emergency shelter intervention. All were members of the Davis County community.

Emergency Assistance

The purpose of the emergency assistance (E.A.) program is to help low income individuals and families by stabilizing them and providing support during times of crisis.



- In FY 2006, the Family Connection Center Emergency Assistance program aided 158 households with \$47,777.98 in rental assistance.
- 79 individuals/families were assisted with \$7,020.08 in shut off or turned off utilities.
- \$402.81 aided seven individuals with medical costs.
- Transportation/Clothes, 10 individuals received \$654.50 respectively in assistance
- Numbers do not reflect the unmet need turned away when funds were expended.

Mobile Food

The Mobile Food Program provided home delivery to 176 elderly and disabled low-income individuals. This was accomplished through a volunteer who donates her time and resources to provide these services.

Self-sufficiency

Case Management

119 clients received employment, education, parenting skills and nutritional information as families and staff work together to identify and overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

The Sub- for- Santa program

The Sub- for- Santa program is designed to assist low-income parents during the Christmas Holiday with gifts for their children.

Each eligible family received two gifts per child in addition to stocking stuffers. This certainly made a difference for children and parents alike, as well as community members who gave so generously to the program.

Last year the Family Connection Center assisted 394 families with Christmas toys that were over 1,200 children that received gifts on Christmas Day.



Short-Term Education Program (S.T.E.P) Program

This program assists low-income individuals to become self-sufficient through education within 18 months. Individuals meet with a case manager monthly to set up goals, and report their progress. The program assists with, books, registration, testing fees, utility/rent assistance and transportation cost (bus pass).

The STEP program assisted 17 individuals to overcome self-sufficiency barriers with \$4,542.25.

M.O.R.E. PROGRAM



The Member Organized Resource Exchange (MORE) program empowers a sub-community in Davis County to provide for their own needs by supporting one another in resource sharing and becoming self-determined. The program consists of 38 Davis County families who have been meeting for 3 years, participating in a variety of projects such as survival English, tutoring, women's support group, and thrift store operations.

Prevention of Family Violence

Women's Support Group

The women's support group was developed with three objectives in mind:

1. To give emotional support for women experiencing isolation and frustration due to lack of family support.
2. To offer a time and space to talk with other women with similar backgrounds.
3. To give the group a purpose and sense of belonging.

As a result of this meeting, the women decided to develop and implement a thrift store.

Survival English

Weekly Survival English classes assisted 23 clients in FY 06. The objectives of the group are:

1. Teach basic communication skills for completing activities of daily living (going to the bank, school, supermarket, doctors visits, etc)
2. Help participants understand the importance of learning English as a vital step toward self-sufficiency and becoming part of the community.
3. To provide a step in the process of learning formal English.

Tutoring Jr. High

Through this program, students were tutored by volunteers 4 days a week. As a result of this program, students improved their study skills and learned to value education.

Crisis

Interpreter Services/ Referrals: This program provided interpretation services for medical, financial and legal interactions which a client may have been otherwise unable to communicate effectively to have their needs met.

Self-sufficiency

Thrift Store

In November 2004 the “Attic Connection” Thrift Store was opened to the public. The store, which is located in the East Layton Center, offers a variety of articles such as furniture, appliances, clothing and other household goods at low cost and in good condition. 100% of the money generated is reinvested into the MORE program. The store is staffed with one full time employee and several volunteers.



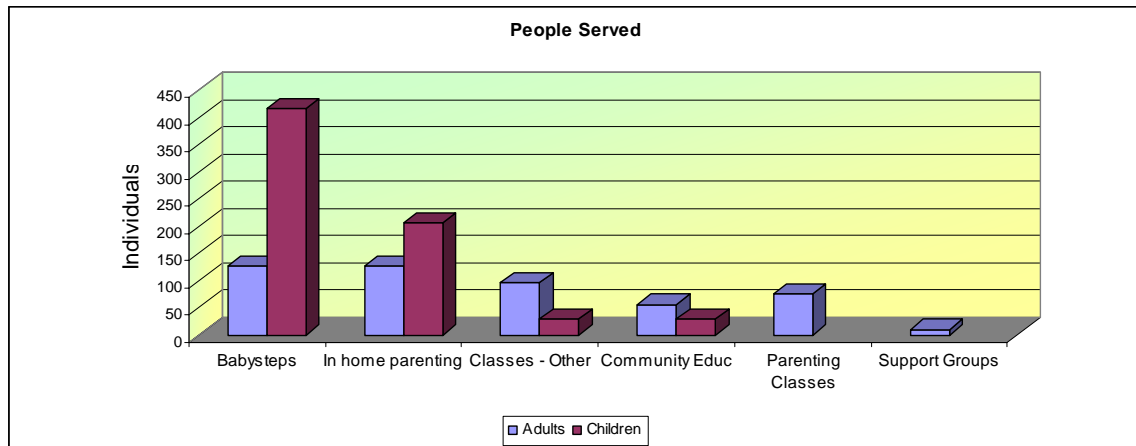
Sub-for Santa

During the 2005 Holiday season, the MORE program distributed gifts to 170 children. Additionally, a Christmas party was held, allowing an opportunity for children to get their picture taken with Santa.

OUTREACH

MISSION STATEMENT

The Outreach and Education Program strengthens and stabilizes families by providing support, education and access to community resources.



Prevention of Family Violence

Improved parenting skills, and support from individuals and agencies helps to prevent child abuse in all of its forms. Education through classes at our center or in the community allows us to reach a wide population. Throughout the year 240 parents attended classes a variety of classes covering topics such as self esteem, parenting, reading to children, booster seat safety, and bullying.

Community involvement enables us to team with other individuals and agencies in Davis County who are working to prevent child abuse. Our Outreach Director is currently serving as chair of Davis County Child Abuse Prevention (DCCAP). Outreach workers also belong to DCCAP, the Domestic Violence Coalition, and Community of Promise.

PAT (Parents as Teachers)

Outreach Workers who are certified Parents as Teachers (PAT) educators make in-home visits to parents and their pre-school children. PAT is a nationally recognized program with goals to: (1) Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices (2) Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues (3) Prevent child abuse and neglect (4) Increase children's school readiness and school success. In this our second year of implementing PAT, we made home visits to 21 families with 33 children.



JENNIFER'S STORY

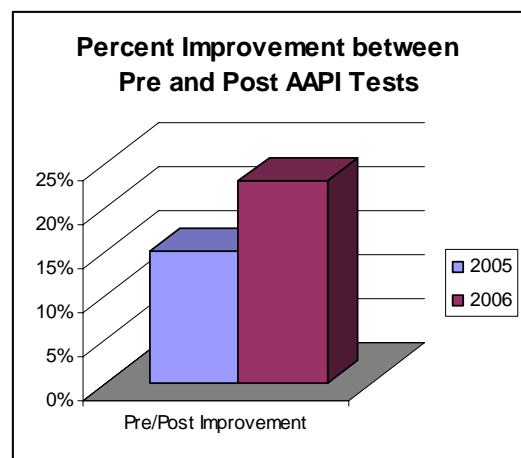
Jennifer is a young mom who just prior to a referral to our program became the stepmother of three boys, two of which were pre-school age. Jennifer recognized the challenge of this new role and asked for our help. One of Jennifer's concerns was language development. The boys were having trouble speaking and being understood. There was also a lot of fighting going on between the two boys because of their inability to communicate. A referral to Early Intervention was made and assessment showed there was no significant delay. However, Jennifer still had concerns. During our home visits we played games with the boys and discussed positive ways Jennifer could interact with them to promote healthy speech development. We also talked about helping the boys express their feelings to each other and their parents to decrease the fighting. During my most recent visit to Jennifer's home, she reported both boys have improved in their ability to express themselves and be understood. With better communication, fighting between the boys has also decreased.

Infant/Toddler Specialist:

Childcare providers and parents improve their skills with the help of our Infant Toddler Specialist. In January of 2006 the Family Connection Center entered in a contract with the State to employ an Infant Toddler Specialist who would assess, provide feedback and give support to infant and toddler childcare centers participating in the Baby Steps Program. Our Infant and Toddler Specialist, works under the direction of and reports to the State Office of Childcare. She educates providers and parents in appropriate childcare practices. This year we served 23 centers with a total of 51 infant/toddler rooms and 415 children.

Crisis

Through our Parent Advocate program, parents who are court ordered, or who are voluntarily looking for help with parenting issues receive weekly in-home visits from qualified parent educators. Parents set goals to improve their parenting skills and family situations. Educators provide information, assignments, and encouragement to assist parents in meeting the goals they set. Parents participating in the program showed an overall average of 23% improvement of parenting skills, as measured by the nationally recognized Adult Adolescent Parent Inventory (AAPI) which measures (1) improvement in appropriate expectations of



children, (2) empathy toward children (3) appropriate discipline, (4) role reversal, and (5) the value of power and independence in children. The Family Connection Center provided parenting services to 67 families in crisis. This impacted the lives of 182 children living in these families.

Self-sufficiency

Sixty-one percent of the families served by the Outreach Department had an income between \$0-9999 with only 16% earning over \$25,000. All of the families in the PAT and Parent Advocate programs are assessed for family needs and referred to other departments at the Family Connection Center or other agencies within the community.

Parenting Skills: Outreach Parent Advocate Program

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- (1) Improvement in appropriate expectations of children
- (2) Empathy toward children
- (3) Appropriate discipline
- (4) Role reversal, and the value of power and independence in children.

Family Connection Center served sixty-seven families through the Parent Advocate Program.

Accomplishments This Year

- Provided in-home parent advocate services to 67 families and 182 children.
- Fully trained and certified two new outreach workers as Parents as Teachers Educators.
- Served 21 families and 33 children in our second year of providing PAT in-home parenting.
- In January we contracted with the State to hire an Infant Toddler Specialist for the Baby Steps Program. We served 23 centers consisting of 51 infant/toddler rooms and 415 children.
- Taught two classes on Infant Massage at the Childcare Providers Professional Development Conference
- Taught about the affect of bullying on others to a local Jr. High School class
- With a grant from the Health Department, we held two classes, one in English and one in Spanish, on booster seat safety where we were able to give 42 booster seats to parents.
- Taught parents about the importance of reading to their children through a series of parent child story time classes with book sharing and activities.
- Taught four eight-week parenting groups with a total attendance of 62 parents.

UNITING NEIGHBORS

OUR MISSION:

To empower communities and neighborhoods to build a welcoming, safe, and prepared county through volunteer coordination, training, and recognition.

OUR VISION:

To make Davis County a place where everyone belongs.

Uniting Neighbors is a coalition of nonprofit agencies with volunteers and coordinators from cities, churches, and schools whose mission is to build bridges of cooperation and respect between the residents of Davis County.

Instead of focusing on a community's needs, deficiencies and problems, Uniting Neighbors helps communities to organize within to help individuals become stronger and more self-reliant. Communities become empowered while discovering, mapping and mobilizing their local assets such as

- Skills of its citizens, from youth to disabled people, from thriving professionals to starving artists.
- Dedication of its citizens associations -- churches, culture groups, clubs, neighborhood associations
- Resources of its formal institutions -- businesses, schools, libraries, community colleges, hospitals, parks, social service agencies.

In FY06 Uniting Neighbors expanded its presence in every city of Davis County. Events at the neighborhood, city, and county level carried on throughout the year culminating in a county-wide talent contest at the Kenley Amphitheater in Layton in August.

Accomplishments This Year

- Community-minded neighbor volunteers trained as CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) team members throughout the county.
- Empowered Neighborhoods Recognition:
 - Kayscreek, Layton - A new neighborhood: Asset Inventory
 - Play group, Pre-School
 - Adult classes, scrap booking – gardening.
 - Dean Collinwood, United all neighbors: LDS & Non, with Coordinators.
 - Bountiful neighborhood: Kids riding motor cycles through fields.
 - Neighbors built a park as a safe alternative to the hazard.
- Davis Arts Council/Uniting Neighbors countywide talent show.
 - Talents from every city save one entertained a packed audience of city leaders and neighbors throughout the county. Entertainers brought the community together with the Uniting Neighbors theme of sharing the good things happening throughout our county.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

MISSION STATEMENT

Through prevention, intervention and awareness, we will empower homeless families and individuals to take steps toward independent living.

VISION STATEMENT

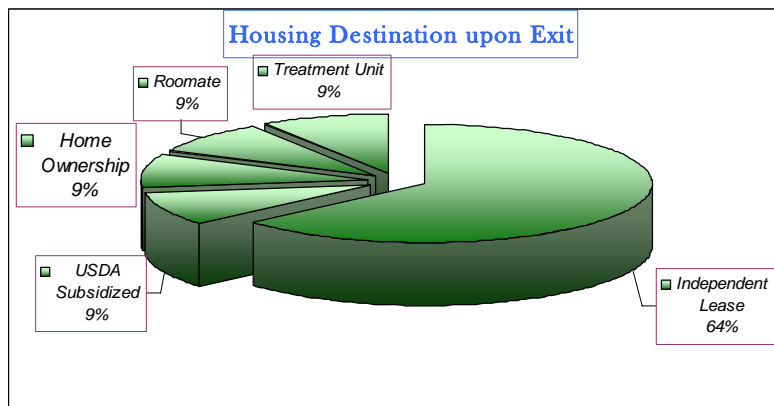
Our vision is to play a leadership and advocacy role in developing, coordinating, and providing resources to the homeless in our community.

Prevention of Family Violence

Identifying the cycle of violence is the first step to prevention: Clients and staff work closely together to identify ways to alleviate stressors that may result in family violence. Our case management and life skills classes provide clients with tools necessary to reduce stress. Clients learn to manage their resources and their stressors. We often discover that families are in need of community support. Our life skills class is a venue where single parents can come together to exchange knowledge, resources and friendship. As a way to further meet this need, the housing department has opened the life skills classes to the entire community. We are also offering two groups a month in an attempt to accommodate various schedules.

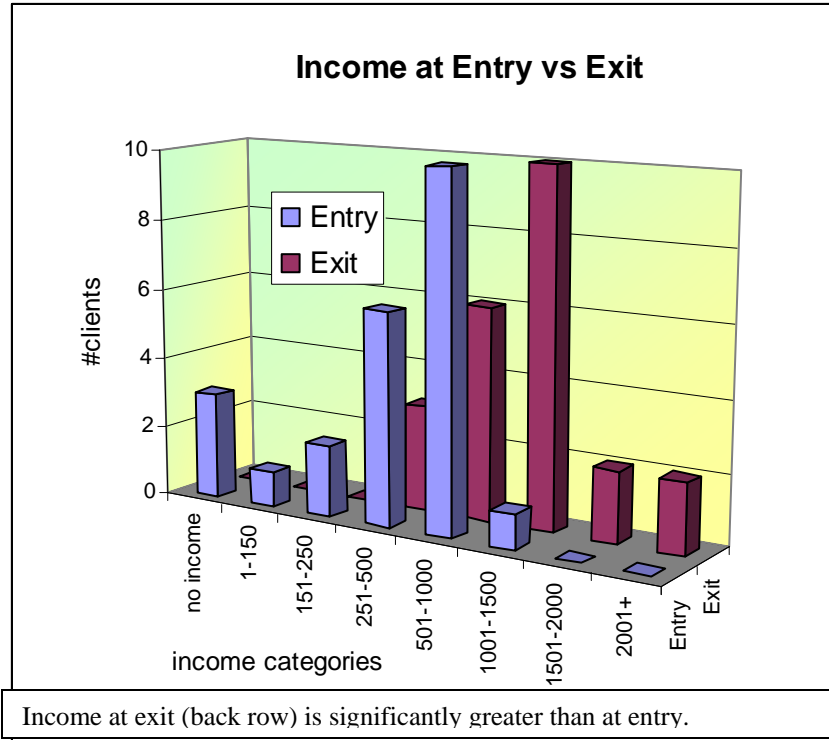
Crisis

Transitional housing staff is available to meet with any individuals who are in need of crisis intervention. Our staff is trained to advocate for clients as well as provide referrals within the community. The Housing department works directly with the motel voucher program to secure temporary shelter for the homeless. This provides the opportunity to meet with individuals, assess their needs, and provide referrals and advocacy as needed.



Self- sufficiency

Upon entering the Transitional Housing program, clients are supported in locating safe, decent, affordable housing in the community. 100% of rent is paid for the first month, creating a stable environment as homeless families begin the journey toward self sufficiency. Through case management, clients receive guidance mainstream services such as food stamps, child care and medicaid. At this point, clients are



ready to enter a vocational training program. When they are not in school, parents are busy maintaining employment, learning life skills such as budgeting, time management, and prevention of family violence and caring for their family. As they meet case plan goals clients earn ongoing rent assistance and progress toward independent living. As parents meet the goals of the program, their earning potential also increases. At entry of the program the average family monthly income is \$343.91. The average income at program completion is \$903.17

Accomplishments This Year

- Held our 1st annual Thanksgiving dinner with the homeless.
- Organized center-wide case staffing meetings to limit duplication of services.
- Extended homeless support to the Bountiful center by collaboration dedicated fixed time to Bountiful clients.
- Served 151 individuals in FY 2005-06
- Implemented performance-based rent assistance
- Transitioned 19 of 23 (82%) Families from Homelessness to Permanent Housing



JEANNIE'S STORY

Several years ago three children watched as their father was murdered as a result of gang involvement. The children were aware that their mother, Jeannie's life was being threatened as well. As a result of living in fear and poverty, Jeannie entered into another marriage. As time went on her new husband became violent and eventually Jeannie and the children were again forced to flee for their lives.

Jeannie entered the transitional housing program determined to become self-sufficient. She wanted her children to know that a lifestyle of violence and poverty was unacceptable. She was adamant that education was the only way to break this cycle.

During her time in our program, Jeannie attended school, got a job, and began to make new friends. She went out of her way to build a support network by offering rides to other clients who had no way to get to school, and studying with other single moms in the program. She proudly brought in her school progress report each month showing perfect attendance and productivity.

In January Jeannie received her accounting certification from DATC. She is now working with United Way and VITA to gain experience in her field. She has been accepted into the accounting program at Fresno State University and is moving to California to be near her family as she earns her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

Jeannie says her three oldest children are all making plans to go to college.

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The transitional housing program has helped me build my self-esteem. I now feel confident that I can continue my education & receive a Bachelor's Degree. It has helped me to set goals & follow through with them. It has opened a door in my life that I once feared. I feel that the program is a great program.

Jeannine Ramirez

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