# Lakeside Community Committee



2016 Annual Report

# **Lakeside Community Committee**

A Social Services Agency

## Introducing

# Lakeside Community Committee

Barbara Jones Green founded *Lakeside Community Committee (LCC)* as a grassroots organization in 1964. Today, *Lakeside Community Committee* is an important social services and economic anchor in the Chicago land area that has provided its surrounding communities with a broad spectrum of child and family oriented programs and services since its inception.



Our Founder (late) Barbara Jones Green

*LCC* is contracted by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) to provide foster care, kinship care, transitional living and independent living services to abused and neglected children and youth who can no longer be safely maintained in their birth parent's home. The age of the clients served by Lakeside can range from newborn until the courts determine that wardship should be terminated, never exceeding twenty years of age.



Lakeside Community Committee's main office is located at 7418 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. The normal hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

#### From The Desk Of...

#### Jackie Sharp, Chief Executive Officer



A little more than fifty years have passed since *Lakeside Community Committee (LCC)* was founded in 1964. In that time, we have helped to change child welfare by providing quality service and placing chil-dren in permanent placement homes, adoption, guardianship and/or return home. I am honored to be a part of an organization that is rec-ognized for making a difference. It is a privilege to work alongside such committed board members and staff. Lakeside has operated as many as 12 programs, serving up to 2, 000 youth and their families per year.

Lakeside's goals are to provide individuals who are, have been, or may be subject to out-of-home care with safe environments, strong supports, and the opportunity to develop, contribute and be valued as assets to their communities.

On December 13, 2015, Lakeside hosted a fundraiser whereas the proceeds were used to support Lakeside's Foster Care and Transitional Living Programs. Both of these programs are under the governance of the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. For the past 19 years, Lakeside has provided Foster Care Services, which includes both traditional and home-of relative placement services including service planning, court advocacy, permanency planning, and transition planning complimented by clinical, comprehensive case management, and foster parent services for children who have been abused and neglected.

Lakeside's Transitional Living Program (TLP) serves teen moms between the ages of 17 1/2 to 21 and their babies. The program assists youth in a supervised and structured setting to enhance their skills in developing healthy, supportive relationships and reaching self sufficiency prior to emancipation.

Although current budgetary restraints have hindered similar agencies, Lakeside has continued to responsibly and strategically implement programs and service our clients.

As you read this Annual Report, I hope you are able to experience, not just the work that we do, but the pulse of this agency. We are motivated and guided by a sense of caring for others.

Accredited by the Council of Accreditation



Approved to pursue Medicaid Certification







# Lakeside Community Committee

## Mission Statement

Lakeside Community Committee is on a mission to enhance the quality of life for children and families by inspiring hope, empowerment and growth within all whom we serve.

# **Our Vision**

Lakeside Community
Committee will be an
agency that is recognized as a leader in the
delivery of high quality human services in
the area of child welfare, welfare reform
and youth programming.



# **PROGRAM**S

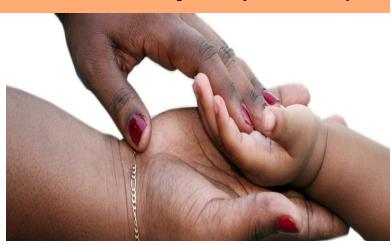
Foster Care Program implemented a Quality Improvement Plan for the Foster Care Dashboard in FY '14, and successfully increased compliance. Benchmark performance has continued to improve. We recently revised our benchmark quality improvement plan in order to increase our compliance in all areas. In fact, several other decisions were made to increase compliance on all benchmarks. As of November 1, 2016, Child Welfare Specialists are maintaining the CWS-Client ratio of 15.66:1, which exceeds the requirement of 15:1. This ratio will remain consistent until additional cases are closed or additional child welfare specialist staff is hired. It is being monitored on a weekly bases. Benchmark performance has increased significantly. Presently, we are meeting/exceeding the benchmark or our score is higher than the state average on almost every benchmark.



#### Transitional Living Programs

The TLP Step Down phase relocated to a new and larger site. This move was necessary to reduce expenses in the program, and to consolidate the youth in one location with the same program design as the TLP Pregnant and Parenting (PPT) phase. Adjustments have been made to better accommodate the requirements for all facets of the TLP program; for example, the accounting department assumed the responsibility of completing and submitting bed hold requests except in cases where the youth has been out of placement for more than 30 days. There are 28 TLP, 1 Launch and 2 vacancies. One youth is scheduled to move into the program, and 2 youth will emancipate soon. Lakeside continues to receive accolades regarding the quality and caliber of transitional living services provided to our youth.

Independent Living Program The census for the Independent Living Program (ILO) remains below expectations. We currently have 3 youth in the program and 3 youth are slated to transition to the ILO Program in the immediate future. The TLP Case Managers will continue to manage the ILO cases until the census reaches 8, and then an ILO Case Manager will be hired.



Transportation (TRO) Lakeside maintained this transportation contract fo rht epast five years in spite of the lack of referrals and sustainability, showing our commitment to service the community by all means necessary. However, DCFS was notified of Lakeside's decision to close the transportation program, which officially closed December 1, 2016 This program;s closing affected one part-time staff person. She has worked at the agency since February 2016. She is currently working part-time providing transportation for the Foster Care Program, and in the TLP program as a Youth Worker as well.





the program. Since program inception, the program has been plagued by numerous challenges that have resulted in the absence of revenue for FY 2016, and no revenue thus far for FY 2017. IMPACT (billing system) presented unforeseen issues; those issues have been rectified for the agency and our consultant psychiatrist. Despite the seemingly insurmountable difficulties experienced this first year, everything is now in place for this program to generate revenue that will demonstrate

this program's profitability.

**Medicaid** Lakeside Medicaid program offi-

cially opened on September 1, 2015. A total of

77 unduplicated clients have been serviced by

#### DHHS-Office of Refugee Resettlement

Lakeside has submitted 2 proposals to provide services for Unaccompanied Alien Children. The first proposal submitted on August 1, 2016 was to provide 2 emergency shelters providing services with a maximum census of 14. The second proposal submitted on October 31, 2016 was to provide a combination of emergency shelter (20), group home (20) and transitional foster care services (10) with a maximum census of 50. The proposal did not indicate when awardee notification would take place; however, it is anticipated within the next 30-45 days.

Opportunities for Increased Revenue

## **Transitional Living Program (TLP) Expansion** There have

been discussions with the DCFS
Department of Licensing and Monitoring regarding the expansion of
Lakeside's TLP programming. downstate, in the Champaign area
where there is currently no services for teen moms. The proposal
will be submitted to by November, 2017.

More Opportunities for Increased Revenue







#### LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

ASSETS	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Grants Receivable Prepaid Expenses Total Current Assets	\$ 3,281 150.673 	\$ 54,069 169,194 6,931 230,194
Fixed Assets: Building Furniture and Equipment	482,115 49,069 531,184	482,115 41,630 523,745
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization  Fixed Assets, Net	<u>(173,624)</u> 357,560	<u>(158,560)</u> 365,185
Deposits	12,550	14,924
TOTAL ASSETS  LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 524,065</u>	\$ 610,302
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable Accrued payroll and related liabilities Loans payables	\$ 165,593 151,299 35,268	\$ 138,567 272,754 45,366
TOTAL LIABILITIES	352,159	456,687
Unrestricted Net Assets Total Net Assets	<u>171,90</u> 6 171,906	153,616 153,616
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Support and Revenue:  DCFS Income DHS Income UAC SPARC Contributions Other	\$ 3,514,129 16,000 159,044 - 6,331 13,590	\$	3,693,399 - 962,074 3,000 6,600 2,773
Total Support and Revenues	3,709,094		4,667,846
Expenses: Program Services Supporting Services	3,206,203 484,602	_	4,102,349 540,778
Total Expenses	3,690,805		4,643,127
Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets	18,290	_	24,718
Net Assets, beginning of year	153,616		128,897
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 171,906</u>	\$	153,616

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#### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

## **Officers**

Ms. Josephine E Glover President

Vacant

**Vice President** 

Ms. Zelda Jackson Secretary

Attorney Charles Krugel Treasurer

#### **Board Members**

Mr. Gavin Ingier Mrs. Debbie Rountree Ms. Judy Walter

#### Lakeside Community Committee

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How You Can Help!

<u>Volunteer Your Time</u>: As little as 1 Hour A Week is very impactful!

Make A Donation: All donations are tax-deductible!

Provide Materials and Equipment from our Website Wish List: Offset operating cost by donating items!

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