



Stronger, Happier Families

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Kansas Children's Service League
Stronger families start here.



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In Their Own Words: what parents have to say...

"Everyone has been so nice, helpful and caring. I love KCSL and the people who make it special every day for our children!" -LaToya

"I am grateful for KCSL. I feel like I wouldn't be in a better position or a better mother without KCSL helping me make better decisions." -Mariah

"The experience and connections made for both me and my child were more than I could hope for." -Amber

"I would not have been able to apply for guardianship of my grandkids without KCSL's help." -Faye



"I am happy with the education that my daughter received with KCSL. They have given her the tools to grow and thrive." -Ann

"KCSL helped me with my son and his care when I needed it most." -Eddie

"KCSL has been a blessing to me and my child. We have loved and enjoyed everything that was offered, as well as the staff and kids!" -Samantha

CREATING *Stronger, Happier Families* IN 2023 AND BEYOND!

Letter from the CEO & BOARD CHAIR



Gail Cozadd
CEO



David Fernkopf
Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year at Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL), we are filled with gratitude for the achievements we have made in developing healthier communities. Our mission is simple yet profound, *to protect and promote the well-being of children.*

But what does that mean to us? It means:

- the safety and health of children starts with strong families.
- families play a critical role in shaping the future of our society.
- fostering stronger, happier families helps create environments where children and families thrive.

We understand that healthy relationships are the foundation of a child's development. Research shows that children who grow up in nurturing, supportive environments are more likely to succeed academically, emotionally and socially. That's why we're passionate about encouraging positive childhood experiences and strengthening families. By nurturing these connections and encouraging families to spend time together, we're not just preventing child abuse; we're building a foundation of trust and security that empowers children to reach their full potential.

“Family is not an important thing. It’s everything.” – Unknown

Through our dedicated team’s efforts, we provide essential resources, support and educational guidance to families statewide. From parenting classes to home visitation programs, we offer a wide range of services designed to meet the unique needs of each family. We empower parents and caregivers to navigate challenges and celebrate successes to improve a sense of resilience and self-efficacy that extends beyond their immediate family unit.

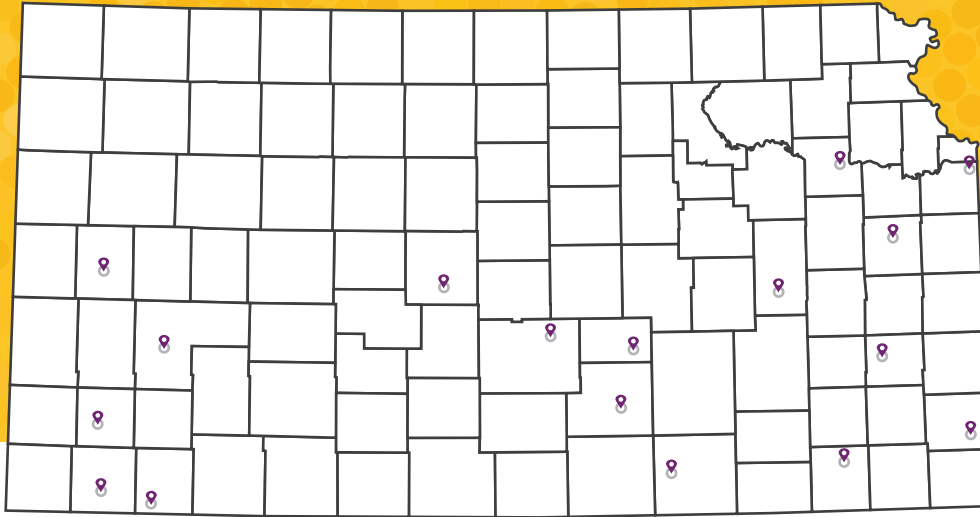
But our work doesn’t stop there. At KCSL, we recognize that building stronger, happier families requires a community-wide effort. That’s why we partner with local organizations, schools, and businesses to create environments that support family well-being. From community events to collaborative initiatives, we’re committed to creating spaces where families can connect, learn and grow.

Together, we can continue to create a world where every child feels safe, loved and cherished. Stronger, happier families start at KCSL, and with your continued support, we can make a lasting effect on the lives of Kansas children and families for generations to come. Thank you for your dedication to KCSL.

Sincerely,

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Overview of KCSL

OUR MISSION: To protect and promote the well-being of children.



131 YEARS
of service to Kansas
children & families



STATEWIDE
nonprofit 501(c)(3)



250 EMPLOYEES
(approximate)



\$20.9 MILLION
annual budget



KANSAS CHAPTER
Prevent Child Abuse America
& Circle of Parents®



ACCREDITATION
Prevent Child Abuse America
& Healthy Families America®

WHAT WE DO: We work to create and restore healthy parent-child relationships.

child abuse prevention

breaking cycles of trauma to help communities thrive

school readiness

increasing future graduation rates

family support

helping families succeed to be better parents

education services

building a stronger, more resilient & educated workforce

Exploring the Journey to Adoption: A Story of Perseverance, Hope

The path to adoption can be challenging and filled with moments of uncertainty and resilience. For Amanda and Brett Rolfs, their adoption journey spanned close to a decade, marked by hurdles and heartfelt moments that led to welcoming their daughter, Hazel, into their lives.

The Rolfs finalized Hazel's adoption on October 30, 2023. This beautiful addition to their family is a testament to their determination and the support they received from KCSL. Amanda and Brett exemplify the unwavering spirit of those navigating the intricate path toward parenthood, where challenges serve as a stepping stone to profound understanding and love.

"I think one benefit to waiting so long to adopt is that we won't take any minute for granted," Amanda said. "Changing dirty diapers even feels like a huge blessing! We have learned patience, as well as trust in God to have control of the grand plan and to guide our steps."

The Rolfs emphasize the consistent support and guidance provided by KCSL. Amidst a time of minimal progress, KCSL's communication and dedication to protecting both adoptive and birth parents stood out. Drawing from the birth mother's compassion, Amanda and Brett aim to instill empathy and understanding in their daughter.



To read the Rolfs' full story, scan the QR code above.

Our year in NUMBERS

4,946,652

KCSL's Facebook and Instagram pages reached a total of 4,946,652 people.

\$1,865,345

KCSL received Family First Prevention grants to keep families together and reduce the number of children in foster care.

323,977

Our website generated more than 300,000 page views.

8,591

Over 8,500 materials were distributed in April to raise awareness of positive childhood experiences.

4,333

Our email list increased by 4,333 people bringing total contacts to 17,065.

3,023

Children ages 0–5 were served through KCSL's early childhood programs.

2,896

Education on the impact of family-friendly workplaces and employee retention was provided to 2,896 professionals.

491

After 3 years as a virtual option, our Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect returned in-person with 491 attendees.

392

We provided regular support to 392 school-aged children.

130

KCSL celebrated 130 years of serving Kansas children and families!

100%

100 percent of youth who received our educational support remained on-track for graduation.

How we WORK

| child abuse prevention

97%

of children remained safely at home with their parents



1,513

families received weekly home visits to support healthy child development



74%

of parents increased nurturing and attachment with their child

| school readiness



73%

of school-aged children/youth improved behavior ensuring ability to learn in school



99%

of children were assessed for developmental milestones



| family support

98%

of children connected to a pediatrician

108,498

individuals sought information from our 1-800-CHILDREN helpline, site and app



73%

of parents reported improvement in their family functioning

420

parents participated in virtual support groups impacting 612 children

| education services

13,748

professionals learned how to prevent child abuse and improve well-being



98%

of participants reported an increase in their knowledge or skills learned



131,002

educational materials distributed to partners, professionals and parents across KS



From Surviving to Thriving: Elizabeth's Journey to Stronger Families

We are always thrilled to share the remarkable progress of families like Elizabeth's, who continue to exemplify our commitment to building stronger, happier families across Kansas. A few years ago, Elizabeth and her sons Teagan and Greyson were featured as one of our success stories, and her journey since then has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Scan the QR code above to watch Elizabeth's story.

Elizabeth's resilience and determination have been evident every step of the way. Despite facing immense challenges as a single mother emerging from an abusive relationship, she found solace and support through KCSL's early childhood home visitation services. With KCSL's guidance and encouragement, Elizabeth has not only graduated from the program but has also achieved remarkable milestones. From pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse to securing a full-time position and finding a home of her own, Elizabeth's journey epitomizes the transformative power of support and dedication in creating stronger families.

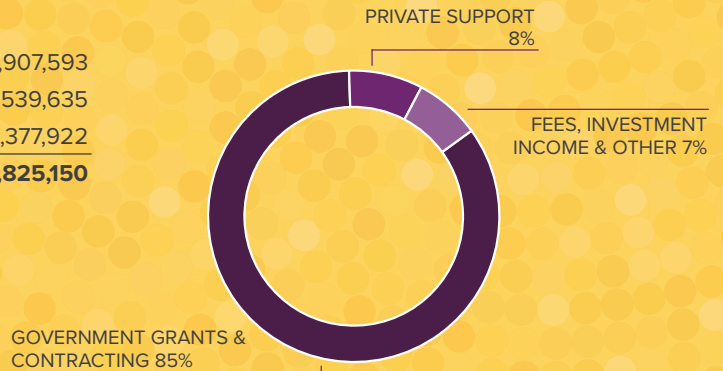
Beyond her personal achievements, Elizabeth has become a vocal advocate for children and families. In the spring, she testified before Kansas legislators about her story and the critical work being done by KCSL to prevent child abuse and neglect. Her journey is a testament to the importance of cultivating environments where families feel embraced, supported and valued.

Financial Summary 2023

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

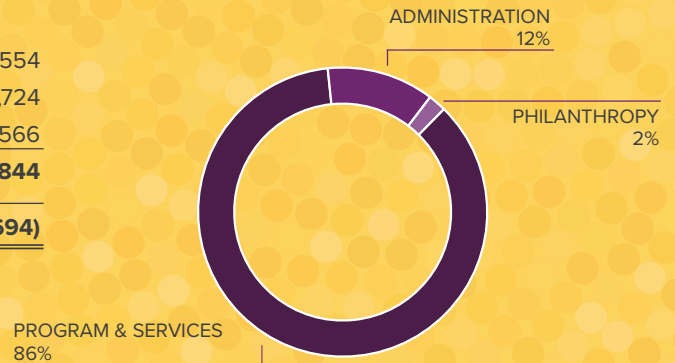
REVENUE

Government Grants & Contracting	\$	15,907,593
Private Support		1,539,635
Fees, Investment Income & Other		1,377,922
Total Revenue	\$	18,825,150



EXPENSES

Programs & Services	\$	16,353,554
Administration		2,294,724
Philanthropy		317,566
Total Expenses	\$	18,965,844
Change in Net Assets	\$	(140,694)



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Total Assets \$ 11,000,371

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Total Liabilities \$ 2,452,889

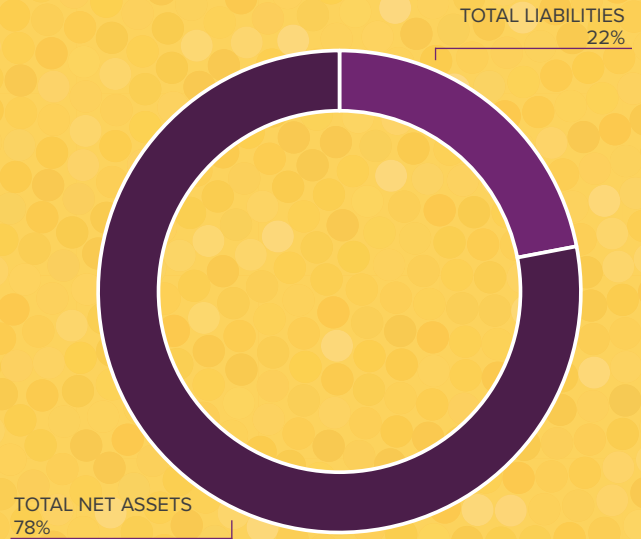
Net Assets

Unrestricted \$ 6,129,051

Permanently Restricted 2,418,431

Total Net Assets \$ 8,547,482

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 11,000,371



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Thank you!

We extend heartfelt gratitude to the KCSL Board of Directors and KCSL Foundation Trustees for their unwavering support and dedication to improving the lives of Kansas children and families. Your commitment is truly inspiring and has a profound effect on those we serve.



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