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Annual Report
2016 - 2017

A Message From Our CEO-President, Kevin Priest



I am proud to present you with the 2016-2017 Annual Report for CCYS as well as our new logo and brand. More than a year ago, our Board of Directors, staff, and other stakeholders committed to rebranding the organization. Through thoughtful and reflective discussions with clients, staff, Board Members, donors, and other partners, we decided to shorten our official name to “CCYS” and a new inviting logo and brand was developed. Along with rebranding, we experienced further growth throughout our agency by serving more than 1,450 youth and their families across all programs. We continue to experience increases in our private giving and we were fortunate that an anonymous donor made a substantial contribution to establish an Endowment Fund for CCYS. This fund provides long-term sustainability to further our mission.

CCYS Endowment

CCYS is very excited to announce the establishment of a \$100,000 endowment fund thanks to an anonymous donor. This monumental gift and investment in our mission creates a lasting legacy and provides longevity and sustainability. This fund will ensure that our counseling, emergency shelter, transitional living, street outreach services, and SNAP programming will continue to enhance the lives of youth and families in the Big Bend for years to come. We have also received our first major gift towards the endowment fund from Beth Alexander, who donated in honor of her late husband and former CCYS Board Member, Chris Alexander. We thank our anonymous donor and Beth for their enormous generosity to support our mission.

Our Street Outreach Program continues to thrive, the Transitional Living Program is going into its fifth year of operation, and the Stop Now and Plan Program has expanded to include girl’s workshops and group workshops in schools. Our Emergency Youth Shelter continues to update the look and feel in the shelter to provide a comfortable environment for youth in our care and our Family Place Counseling Program maintains a steady presence in Leon County as well as the outlying Counties of the Big Bend. Our staff are continuing to utilize our new trauma-informed care model, influenced by the “Why Try” training curriculum. This model replaced our behavior modification model to better meet the needs of the youth we serve by forming youth-staff partnerships during the process of their care to form plans for success when a youth discharges from CCYS care. The dedication to this model has had a positive effect on the culture at CCYS.

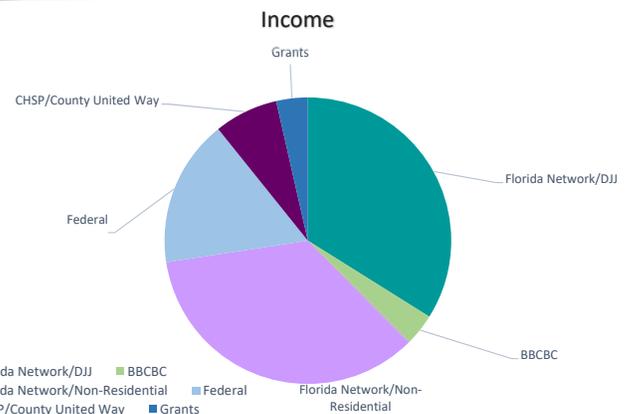
Looking forward, we are committed to providing quality prevention and intervention services to best serve and meet the needs of youth and families in crisis in the Big Bend. Thank you to our staff, partners, donors, sponsors, and community advocates for helping us further our mission.

Sincerely,

Kevin Priest

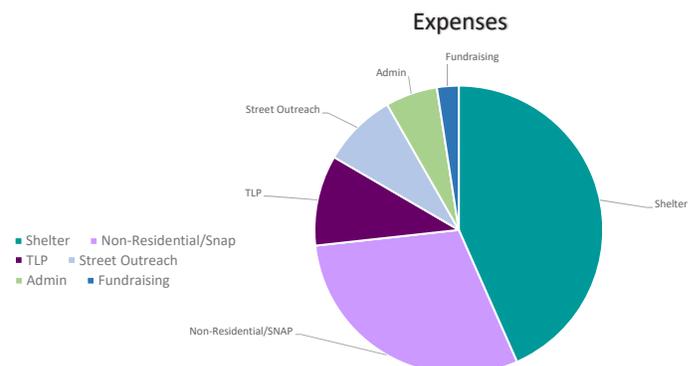
Income

Florida Network/DJJ	1,004,886.58
BBCBC	107,100.00
Florida Network/Non-Residential	1,038,565.96
Federal	493,113.08
CHSP/County United Way	213,734.01
Grants	105,401.48
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Expenses

Shelter	1,272,381.14
Non-Residential/Snap	875,689.92
TLP	297,656.11
Street Outreach	244,500.21
Admin	201,003.82
Fundraising	71,569.91
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A Quick Look at 2016 – 2017

With your help we have had the following impact on local youth and families this year.

7

youth served through
Transitional Living



602

youth served through
crisis counseling



448

youth served through Emergency Shelter



367

youth served
through Street
Outreach services



29

youth and families
served through Stop
Now and Plan Program

Transitional Living Program

This year has been full of excitement in the TLP! We have had two residents that graduated from high school this spring and we are so incredibly proud of their hard work. We also have a resident who has finished the program and has transferred to Florida College. Some of the residents are involved with their jobs, others are volunteering at different organizations, including the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and Big Bend Hospice, and some are taking a few college courses. We have also had a lot of helpful educational programs from the FSU Health and Wellness Center and the FSU Career Center. In addition to all of their hard work, we took a few fun summer trips hiking and to the beach. We are continuously amazed to see the progress of our residents while they transition into independent adulthood!



Stop Now and Plan



Stop Now And Plan, or SNAP, is doing amazing work providing behavioral therapy to children and teaching parent management skills! We were able to graduate 29 youth and their families from the program over the past year. Now that SNAP is off the ground and we are seeing great success with families, we decided to expand! We began our first SNAP Girls group this year in February and it went very well! We completed

and graduated our first SNAP Girls group May 30, 2017 at Hartsfield Elementary. We also began SNAP in Schools where we offered the SNAP curriculum in both Woodville and Hartsfield Elementary Schools. We have completed over 78 groups in both Woodville and Hartsfield Elementary already, so SNAP in Schools is prospering! We are so excited for the program to be growing and to see and hear all the successes of our kids and parents!

Family Place Counseling

During the 2016-2017 year, the Family Place counseling program served 602 youth and families throughout all eight Counties of the Big Bend. We ran group sessions in many schools across the Big Bend including Sabal Palm, Riversprings, Chattahoochee and Taylor County elementary schools. We hope to continue our momentum and continue expanding our counseling groups and services to youth and families in the Big Bend.

Going Places Street Outreach Program



Over the past year our Street Outreach team has met some truly amazing and resilient young people while conducting street outreach and we are so thankful for their voice and willingness to work alongside us! This past year we went from having two street outreach advocates to now having four. With this growth we have been able to increase our presence in the community which has resulted in Going Places doubling the number of youth we served from 163 youth last year to 367 youth this year! The growth of our program with the help of continued Promise Zone and Challenge Grant funding has also helped us open the Drop-In center for longer hours and extend to Saturdays, which has given youth a positive place to spend part of their weekends. Our advocates are also able to spend even more one-on-one time with youth, so that together, they can develop a plan that is tailored to that young person's goals. Our advocates hit the streets approximately five times a week to locate, identify, and provide assistance to any youth they come in contact with. Our funding sources have also allowed us to provide rapid re-housing to youth for the first time in CCYS' long history. This opportunity means we can help youth get out of survival mode and off the street and into safe, stable housing even quicker. We are so thankful for this amazing community and the opportunity to do the work we do. Our Drop-In Center recently moved to 654 Dunn Street in the heart of Frenchtown. Stop by and check us out!

Emergency Shelter

We had so much fun updating the shelter last year! We invested in new furniture and decor, including beds and artwork for the youth bedrooms and chairs for the living space. Our staff are in year two of the implementation of our new trauma informed care model, called "Why Try", and are doing a lot of fun groups with youth to help build resiliency and emotional control skills. We have had many volunteers so far this year, including music therapists and FSU Outreach. Our kids are in the community doing more volunteering, as well as fun and educational activities like painting Tallahassee rocks and partnering with our Street Outreach Program for fun and interactive workshops to build skills and life experiences! Our Emergency Shelter admitted 448 homeless, runaway, and at-risk children last year. We also initiated a partnership with the Juvenile Assessment Center to provide probation and domestic violence respite to divert youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

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Board Chair Message



In this past year CCYS has experienced remarkable success supporting the development of youth and their families. Our capacity is dependent on high integrity leadership, practiced throughout the organization from CEO to our direct care staff. An active and committed board of directors strives to reflect this organizational excellence and provide a foundational support system. This year

the board has had an instrumental role in fundraising, rebranding, and raising the CCYS profile within our region. I couldn't be prouder to be on this team of committed professionals with such an impressive agency to serve. If you want to get involved and help homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth, please reach out to me or any board member to take a tour, get more information, or simply let us know what's on your mind.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Mills

CCYS Rebrand



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Last year we decided CCYS was due for a new look, so the organization embarked on the journey to re-brand! The project began May 2016 and it has been an exciting endeavor. We wanted to create a fresh new take on CCYS, who we are, and what we do. So, we partnered with Bowstern to help us construct our vision. Bowstern has been amazing to work with; they really took the time to fully understand our organization and what we do. They took this project very seriously and after a long and detailed process we are excited to present to you all the new CCYS! We believe this new look truly represents who we are and what we have grown to become. We look forward to promoting our new brand and expanding our services to more families and youth in the Big Bend area.

Sleep Out

During the 2016-2017 school year, Leon County schools reported 866 students who had experienced homelessness. Each year, community and business leaders give up the comforts of home to spend one night under the stars at CCYS as a simple way of showing support of homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth in our community. Together, we can raise awareness and funding to support these youth along their journey to transition to adulthood successfully. Visit www.ccys.org/sleep-out to learn how you can get involved in 2018!

CCYS Tally Awards

The Tally Awards recognizes the area's favorite businesses with a people's choice awards and celebration event. Through a nomination and voting process, businesses compete in numerous categories. This annual event unites businesses and the community while raising awareness and funding for CCYS. We're excited to announce a partnership with App Innovators who is working to rebrand the Tally Awards website and streamline the voting and nomination process! Look for nominations and voting to open soon! Visit www.tallyawards.com for more information. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates!



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Youth Story

Dennis* was kicked out of his home when he was 16 years old for coming out as gay. To survive on the streets he began dancing in night clubs and soon found himself being trafficked. He fled to Tallahassee to escape those that were exploiting him and he met the Going Places Street Outreach team at an event they were hosting at the Skate Park. From there he started frequenting the Drop-In Center to access resources and to get a hot meal. The first day working with Going Places, they drove him around looking for jobs and he landed an awesome job at a local restaurant. Dennis was staying at the Kearney Center but he soon got a second job and had enough money to pay rent. Going Places utilized their rapid re-housing funding to pay his first and last month's rent and utility deposit. Dennis is starting college in the Fall with two jobs and place to call his own.

*Name has been changed to protect the identity of the youth.

