**The History of LFCS**

LFCS began in 1868, in the wake of the Civil War, as a promise to a wounded Union soldier to take care of his surviving son.

Ninety-eight years later, what blossomed into an orphanage was eventually sold as a society, and LFCS began to focus on child placement in foster care and adoption environments. The proceeds from the sale of the orphanage were used to create an endowment that has strengthened and sustained LFCS to this day.

Today, LFCS is a statewide organization providing services such as counseling, adoption, crisis pregnancy assistance, foster care, child care, youth mentoring services and disaster relief - reaching out to more than 36,500 people in 2017 alone. LFCS is also a strong advocate for Missouri's vulnerable families and works to improve the state and federal policies that affect them.

**Foster Care & Family Services**

Services include: Voluntary/Respite Foster Care, Foster Care Case Management, Foster Care Parent Recruitment, Assisted Custody Exchange, Adoption Services, Pregnancy and Parenting Services, Home Visitation, and Disaster Services

**Children Found with Safe, Stable, and Permanent Homes Through LFCS Foster Care and Adoption Services**

446

**Birth Parents and Their Children Entered LFCS Programs While Living in or at Risk of Living in Poverty**

2,653

**Birth Parents Received Evidence-Based, Family-Centered Education to Encourage Healthy Pregnancy and Life Choices After Delivery**

291

**WHAT LFCS CLIENTS ARE SAYING...**

“At a time when I felt like every problem was insurmountable, your patience and understanding were such comforts.”

“I feel so grateful to have had LFCS helping us. My caseworker gave me tools and the strength to realize that my son and I could improve our situation.”

“Without LFCS, I hate to say it, but I would probably be a statistic.”

“I had given up hope about my overwhelming anxiety, but my counselor has shown me new techniques to handle it that are like miracles. I am doing so much better. I have an inner calm, peace, and faith in the midst of personal current difficulties much of the time.”

“The improvement and changes I see in my grandson speaks volumes! I have also heard his parents remarks of approval with the services provided. I am very pleased!”

“LFCS Counseling is an awesome addition to our school and a true blessing to our students and faculty. It has provided skilled professionals who advocates for students from a strengths-based perspective. Thanks for partnering with us.”

“I know that when I feel down or I’m really upset at school I can come here and I’ll feel so much better and so much more relieved. I love how I can just vent to her when I need it and feel better about myself and the situation I am in.”
In 2017, LFCS touched the lives of over 36,500 PEOPLE in Missouri.

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