



# **Annual Report**

*July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015*

In our 2015 fiscal year, Kaleidoscope served more than 600 children and families through our programs. We continue providing the highest quality of care and services for children and families impacted by abuse and neglect, all while establishing new staff practices to exceed statewide standards.

## **Who We Are**

Kaleidoscope is a non-profit child welfare agency that has been serving children and families impacted by abuse and neglect since 1973. Our goal is to keep children safe within a home environment through innovative service delivery.

## **Our Mission**

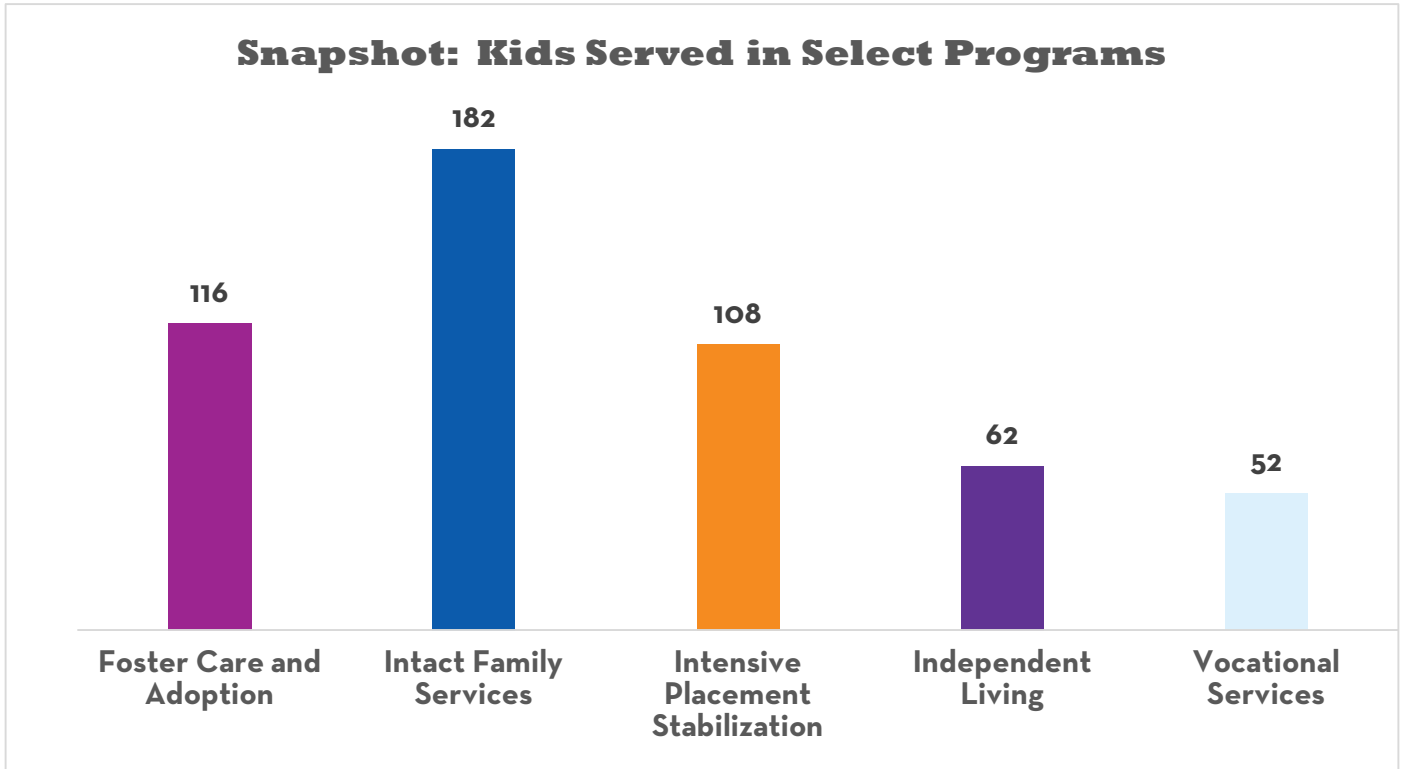
Kaleidoscope's mission is to empower children, youth and families impacted by abuse and neglect to build resourcefulness, resiliency and supportive relationships.

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is that all children and youth have the opportunity to enjoy safe and healthy lives nurtured by responsive adults.

## Who We Serve

Children and youth are referred to Kaleidoscope through DCFS when there are allegations of abuse or neglect. The kids we serve range in age from birth to 21 and have severe emotional, behavioral and medical issues that require comprehensive support. Through our services, we provide the specialized care, foster families and other services that children need to be safe, create a stable support system, and overcome trauma to lead healthy, happy lives.



# Our Work

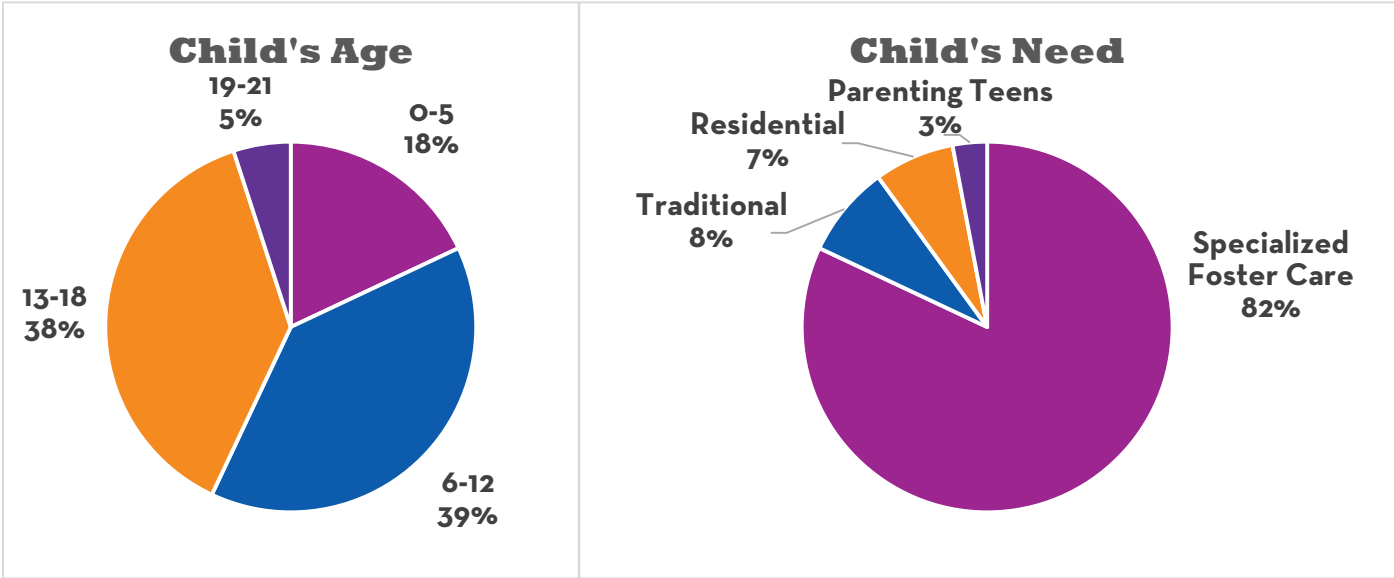
Through our innovative service delivery, we help children and families in foster care achieve their best. We are committed to keeping low staff-to-family ratios, ensuring that every family gets the specialized care and services they need to keep children safe.

## Foster Care & Adoption Services

Our Foster Care and Adoption Program is designed to provide care placement and permanency services to children with specialized mental health, behavior, medical, or pregnancy/parenting needs and their foster and biological families. Our goal is to keep children safe. We work with biological families to resolve issues at home so that they may be reunited whenever possible, and we also match children with permanent, stable adoptive homes.

**Children Served**

**116**

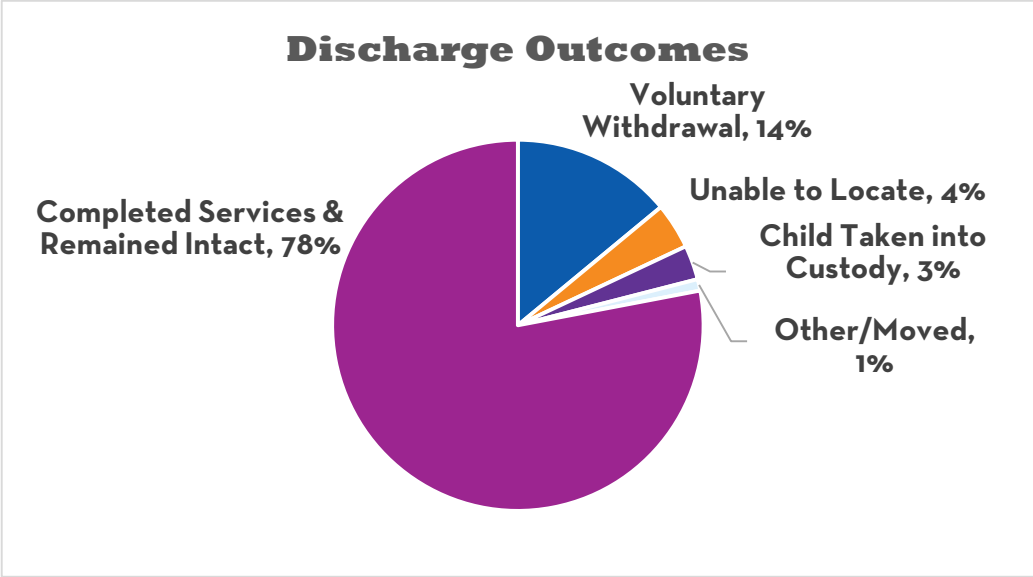


## Intact Family Services

Our Intact Family Services Program is designed for families who have come to the attention of DCFS through an indicated finding of abuse and/or neglect. Our goal is to resolve the issue(s) that led to the indicated report so that the family remains intact and the child's safety and wellbeing are ensured.

**Families Served**

**182**

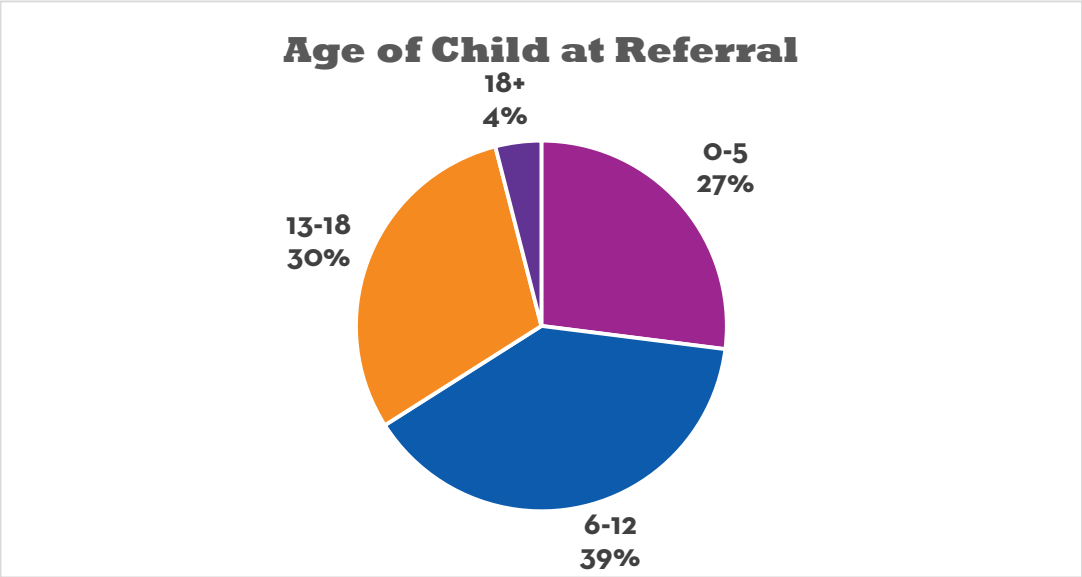


### *Intensive Placement Stabilization Program*

Our Intensive Placement Stabilization Program is designed to promote family reunification, stabilize foster care placements, facilitate youth development and ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. Our goal is to successfully stabilize the child in the foster or biological family home so that the child’s safety and wellbeing are ensured.

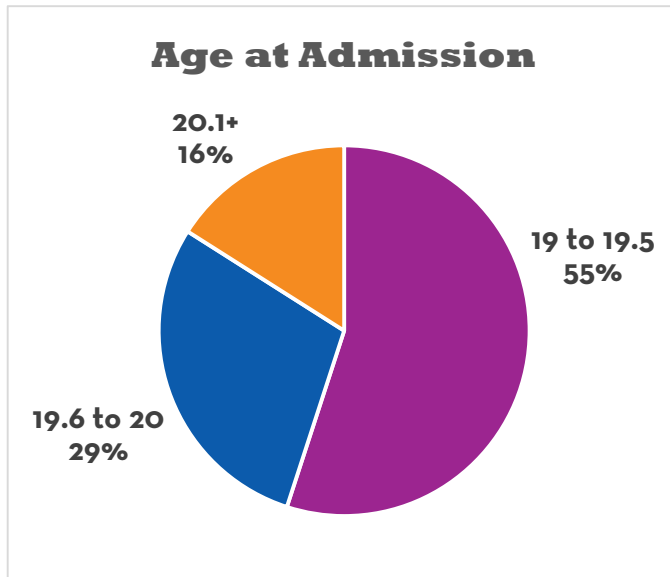
**Youth & Families Served**

**108**



## Independent Living

Kaleidoscope's Independent Living Program is designed to provide casework and other supportive services to assist youth to live independently in the community while preparing for the transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. Our goal is to successfully equip each youth to live independently after emancipation from DCFS at age 21.



### Pregnant/Parenting Youth Served

19

### Total Youth Served

62

## Vocational Services

Kaleidoscope offers two vocational programs: Find Your Future and NEXT.

The **Find Your Future Program** is designed to provide current and former foster youth who are attending college with a 10-week paid internship and vocational training. The goal of this program is to equip each youth to successfully complete their internship with positive employer feedback.

### Youth with Summer Internships

26

The **NEXT Program** is designed to provide current and former DCFS youth with an intensive 2-week job skills workshop and an 8-week paid externship opportunity. Our goal is to improve job readiness skills of each youth to successfully complete the 8-week externship.

### Youth with Training or Externships

26

## ***Kaleidoscope Alternative Respite Program (KARE)***

The KARE Program is designed to provide temporary placement and stabilization services to youth involved with the juvenile justice system. Our goal is to stabilize youth so that the family can be reunited at the conclusion of the juvenile justice court involvement.

**Youth Served**

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## ***Clinical Services***

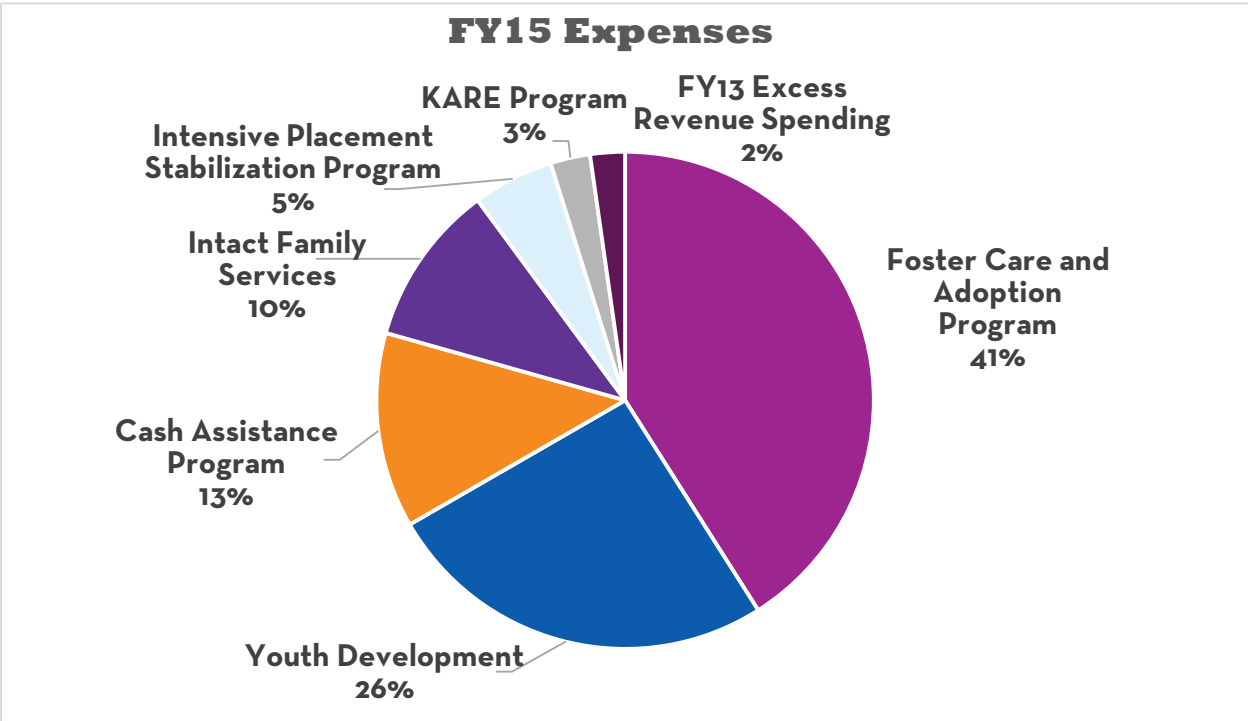
Kaleidoscope's Clinical Services Department provides individual, group and family therapy to children, youth and families in the Intact Family Services, Foster Care and Independent Living programs as needed. Our goal is to help our clients overcome trauma and build the lifelong family and community relationships to support them and help them succeed.

**Therapy Sessions Completed**

**881**

**87%** *of clients demonstrated an improved/stable functional score at discharge within FY15.*

# Our Financials



## FY15 Expenses

Foster Care and Adoption Pgm.	\$3,308,526
Youth Development	\$2,070,205
Cash Assistance Pgm.	\$1,024,699
Intact Family Services	\$848,629
Intensive Placement Stabilization Pgm.	\$424,944
KARE Pgm.	\$208,240
FY13 Excess Revenue Spending	\$182,307
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,067,550</b>

## FY15 Revenue

State Funding (DCFS)	\$7,998,054
Cook County Juvenile Probation Grant	\$208,413
Misc.*	\$70,388
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,276,855</b>

\*Misc. includes investment income of \$283.