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2006 Programs & Services

COUNSELING / SUBSTANCE ABUSE
FSCA Family Counseling services have helped Jackson area citizens with relationship problems, emotional or behavioral difficulties, parenting concerns, abuse and neglect, anxiety, grief and loss, depression and work/life issues for the past 60 years. • In 2006, counseling services positively impacted 946 members of the Jackson and Lenawee communities and over 450 of their family members.

Born Free helps women move from the cycle of addiction into the culture of recovery to improve the quality of life for themselves, their children and the community. Born Free's services include women-specific treatment, onsite childcare, parent education, transportation assistance, case management and funding for treatment for women without health insurance. • **Born Free assisted 226 women in their recovery efforts this year and 72% achieved their goal of sobriety. Born Free also provided childcare services for 124 children**

The Employee Resource Network (ERN) provides wellness information and affordable short-term mental health and substance abuse counseling for employees and families. ERN helps reduce problems that interfere with job performance, providing direct assistance to

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Annual Report to the Community



McNaughtons, Photo by Ruth Parbel for The Michigan Heart Gallery; Wilsons, Photo by Michael Shore for the Michigan Heart Gallery; LaRonda, Photo by Evangeline Cesar for the Michigan Heart Gallery.

Dear Friends;

It is our sincere privilege to present to you the *Family Service & Children's Aid Annual Report to the Community for 2006*, our 62nd year of service to Jackson and its surrounding communities. 2006 was an exciting as well as challenging year for us. We continue to provide programs to meet the agency's mission to **strengthen the emotional health and functioning of children, adults and families through counseling, education, adoption, advocacy and program development.** During this past year, we provided services to over **21,828** children, adults and families.

Based on community need, we **expanded substance abuse prevention, adoption, foster care and educational services.** We also continued to work hard to sustain financial health while maintaining high quality services for all of our clients. We sought to secure and renew funding for many of our programs. Our 17-year track record of quality services resulted in awarding of another contract for the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange and we received continued and renewed funding support for many other programs. We were unsuccessful in securing continued funding for our GROW UP SAFE (GUS) program and Department of Corrections Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment contract.

We proudly and **successfully achieved re-accreditation** with the Council on Accreditation (COA) who found FSCA to be in full compliance in all aspects of our work in mental health, substance abuse, adoption, foster care, in-home services, employee assistance, community education (prevention), and for governance, administration and financial management.

And in 2006, we truly **benefited from collaboration** with others. We embarked on two new shared projects: the Michigan Heart Gallery and the *First Time Offenders Program*. We benefited from collaboration with volunteers, particularly the *Jackson Junior Welfare League (JJWL)* who chose our *Born Free* program as the recipient of their annual fundraiser and volunteer efforts, the FSCA Board of Directors, staff and community volunteers who worked with local Wendy's owners and LPGA golf pros at the *Wendy's Charity Classic*, and several foundations and the many businesses who also supported our important program efforts.

Once again, we came to appreciate how important a great variety of people are to making an organization successful – friends, colleagues, coworkers, donors, foster parents, adoptive parents, businessmen and women, state workers, volunteers, judges, supporters, etc. With gratitude to all who supported us in 2006, and with continued hope for the future, please accept this ANNUAL REPORT and know that together, we continue to make a positive difference in people's lives.

Leo Hollenbeck
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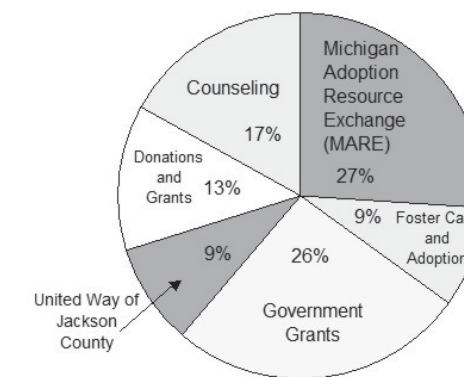
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Population Served in 2006		
Counseling	1,586	
Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	2,908	
Prevention 7,787	Breakout Drug Education	2,632
	Grow Up Safe (GUS)	1,437
	Family Resource Centers	2,129
	Families and Schools Together (FAST)	1,539
MARE 9,057	Adoption Promotion	5,380
	Adoption Recruitment	3,677
	Child Welfare (Foster Care and Adoption)	540
Lives Touched by FSCA:		21,828

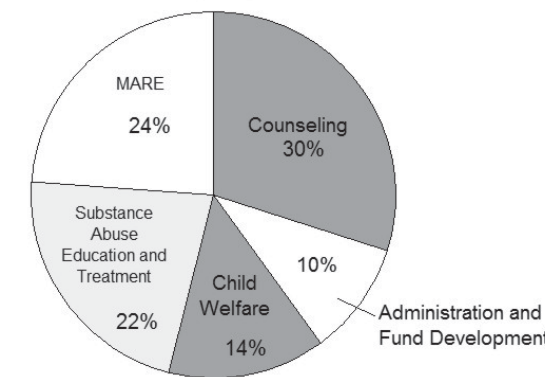
2006 Program Highlights

- In 2006 the Council on Accreditation (COA) renewed FSCA's accreditation, finding that we have met rigorous, internationally-recognized standards of excellence.
- MARE's Michigan Heart Gallery featured 48 professional photographers donating their time and talent to photograph 67 Michigan children waiting for adoption. Since its debut at the State Capitol in November 2005, the Michigan Heart Gallery has been showcased in 28 different venues across the state. To date, over half of the children featured have been matched with families.
- When an agency providing programming to first time minor offenders closed, FSCA stepped in to fill the gap with the **First Time Offenders Program**, featuring educators from our **Breakout Drug Education** program, prevention specialists from Florence Crittenton Services and parent educators trained by the Child and Parent Center to provide this needed service.
- FSCA Board of Directors, staff and community volunteers worked with Wendy's franchisees and LPGA Tour professionals at the Wendy's Charity Classic, a Pro Am held annually to raise funds for the cause of adoption in Michigan.
- The MACI Fund of the Jackson County Community Foundation provided a grant to **Breakout** to expand the number of students receiving information and skills to avoid substance abuse.

FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S AID
 Revenues for Fiscal Year 2006
 Total Funding \$2,627,150



FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S AID
 Expenses by Program Services for 2006



schools. **FASTWORKS** is a monthly program for **FAST** graduate families. • *In 2006, 1,539 community members including children, parents, grandparents, school personnel and law enforcement officials participated in the FAST/FASTWORKS program.*

GROW UP SAFE (GUS) focuses on sexual and physical abuse prevention and other personal safety issues like Internet safety for children age 3 to 11. • *In 2006, 1,437 children were given the tools to prevent sexual and physical abuse. Unfortunately, this free program was suspended in Spring 2006 due to lack of funding.*

Both the **Dupuis and Barham Family Neighborhood Resource Centers** provide information, referral and direct services to address the primary needs of families in their respective neighborhoods. The **Family Neighborhood Resource Centers** also offer supportive services in the areas of parent education, family support (counseling), and positive child /youth development services • *Over 2,300 individuals received help in achieving their goal of family self-sufficiency.*

The **First Time Offenders Program (FTOP)** provides prevention education and intervention to first-time "minors in possession" and their families to keep the youth from re-offending. **FTOP** assists with early identification assessments, substance abuse prevention, education and treatment. • *In five months of operation, 43 youths and their families completed FTOP.*



Clockwise from top: Danielle, Photo by Elayne Gross for The Michigan Heart Gallery; Morris, Photo by Lisa Kae Ruff for The Michigan Heart Gallery; Juamark, Photo by George Waldman for The Michigan Heart Gallery.



Charmaine and Myesha - Photo by Carolyn McCarthy for The Michigan Heart Gallery.

The **Adoption Resource Center (ARC)** facilitates adoptions by providing assistance with all aspects of the adoption process. The **Adoption Resource Center** is also the home of FSCA's **Wendy's Wonderful Kids** program, a child-specific adoption program for older, waiting children. • *ARC provided a variety of services to over 398 individuals whose lives were touched by adoption in 2006.*

The **International Adoption Program** provides direct or local services for adoptive applicants who choose to adopt internationally using an out-of-state child placement agency. • *In 2006, over 110 adults received help in providing homes for 39 children from other countries.*

Foster Care Services provide temporary, safe homes for abused and neglected children while their parents work to remove the barriers to their safety and nurturing. • *42 children received temporary care in foster family homes. Services were also provided to 74 caregivers, birth parents and relatives and 28 foster parents. 19 children returned home, were placed with relatives or were adopted.*

COMMUNITY / SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Breakout Drug Education provides alcohol and drug education to adolescents in grades 6 through 12 as well as outreach to parents, local businesses, and the community at large. • *During the 2005-2006 school year, Breakout Drug Education gave 2,632 adolescents in middle school and high school the tools needed to combat substance abuse.*

Families and Schools Together (FAST) is a school-based, family-focused program designed to increase the self-esteem and improve the school performance of at-risk elementary school children. **FAST** works to prevent substance abuse and address problems of safety and violence in the

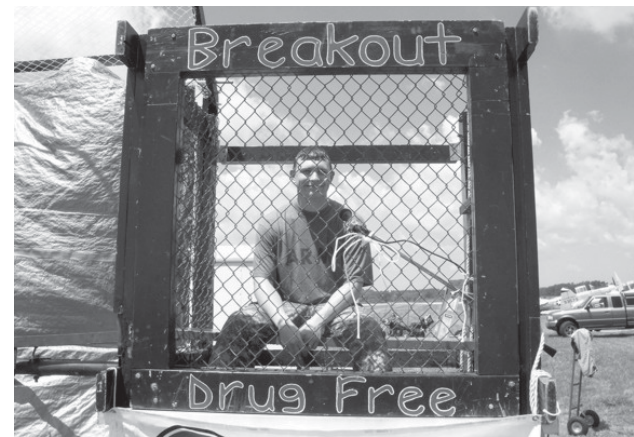
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2006 Programs & Services

company management and staff. • *16 Jackson and Lenawee County businesses representing over 6400 employees and their families had access to this support. ERN served 263 individuals including employees and family members during the 2006 fiscal year.*

Family Service & Children's Aid - Lenawee County provides Access, Assessment and Referral Service (AAR) for any individual in need of substance abuse assessment and referral. We also provide assistance in securing funding for substance abuse treatment. • *In 2006, Family Service & Children's Aid - Lenawee County performed substance abuse assessments for 874 adults. Family Service & Children's Aid - Lenawee County also offers treatment for individuals with both mental health and substance abuse diagnoses, and provided over 300 clients with mental health counseling.*

Adult Substance Abuse Treatment is offered to adults who are seeking help in overcoming barriers to achieving a sober lifestyle. • *Over 1400 adults received help in combating substance abuse problems.*



ADOPTION RESOURCES / FOSTER CARE

Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) is a statewide, family recruitment program that for the past 18 years has promoted adoption for all of Michigan's waiting children. • *MARE provided recruitment efforts for 548 waiting children and responded to over 3100 requests for further information on waiting children. Additionally, staff responded to nearly 2,400 phone and email inquiries regarding adoption, and provided pre-adopt training to 133 individuals who were interested in opening their hearts and homes to older children. The Michigan Heart Gallery promoted adoption of Michigan's waiting children to over 3,000 adults.*