

Our Work

Marion County Children Services

In 2020



1 out of every 10 children
received supportive services from
Marion County Children Services



Child Safety

We rely on our community to stand up and be a voice for children by reporting concerns. We complete investigations on all reports that meet the legal definition of child maltreatment. These services are provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Safety Investigations

Neglect.....	470
Physical Abuse.....	217
Sexual Abuse.....	70
Emotional Maltreatment.....	3
Dependency / Family In Need.....	34

Total.....794

During safety investigations, information is gathered to determine what problems the family may be encountering and if there is currently risk to the children's safety, health, and welfare. This process emphasizes the creation of a working partnership between families, child protection, and community agencies to promote child safety, well-being, and permanency.

Protective Home-Based Services

When our continued assistance is needed, supportive services are provided to promote the safety of children within the home whenever possible. The caseworker and the family work jointly to create and set goals to strengthen the family and reduce risk to the children.

Home-Based Services
provided to:

**310
children**

Foster Care and Placement Services

When children are at serious risk of harm, removal from their home environment is necessary. We make every effort to place children in the least restrictive, most family-like setting while working with families to improve situations and promote successful reunification. Children placed with extended family or friends are less likely to suffer from stress that results from being removed from their family.

**133
children**

were in agency custody
and placed in various foster care settings.

**163
children**

were placed with family or friends.

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As parents struggle with substance abuse, the children - ***THE SILENT VICTIMS*** - suffer.



Parental drug abuse and neglect are the leading causes for the removal of children from their homes.

8 children
found their
“forever families”
through adoption

Adoption

Children who are unable to return to family deserve a safe and permanent home. Post-adoption services are available for qualifying families to help ensure their ability to meet the special needs of their children after adoption.

99 children
54 families
received post-
adoption services

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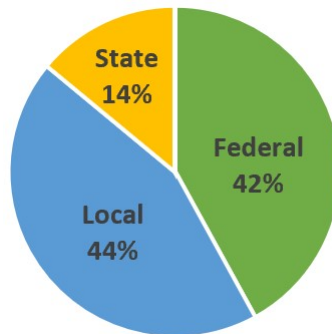
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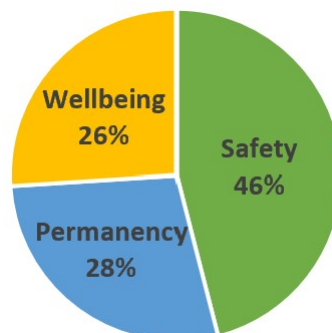
Revenue: \$7,667,335



Our primary funding source is a 10-year property tax levy. The levy generated \$3,183,477 in 2020.

**Thank you for your
continued
commitment to
children and families.**

Expenditures: \$6,671,685



Services are aligned with our mission and a national set of measures in three areas: child safety, well-being, and permanency.

**We are committed to
providing effective services
that promote safe children
and strong families.**

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