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Children's Home Society of America

2017 – 2018 Annual Report
Creating lasting change for our nation’s families

Children's Home Society of America (CHSA) is one of the most recognized leaders in innovation and advocacy across the country for children and their families. From our Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to providing direct services to millions of children and their families annually, we are drivers of lasting, positive change that will impact future generations.

This is an exciting time for CHSA and our partners who advocate for children and families, as we applaud Congress for supporting the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) that aims to keep more families together. Due to this landmark national legislation, we are seeing a long-awaited transformation for systems at the state and national level who impact the lives of children and families.

The act was signed into law this past year to provide prevention services to families who are at risk of entering the public child welfare system. It also puts limits on placing children in institutional settings such as group homes while seeking to improve the well-being of children currently in foster care. We celebrate this momentous time in our history as we build stronger families and communities we can all benefit from.

Partnering with the families we serve and helping them become more successful would not be possible without your unwavering support. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to transform our country’s child welfare system.

Sincerely,

David A. Bundy
President/CEO

CHSA continues to significantly expand our work to build strong families and strengthen bridges between our member agencies and critical partners. Thanks to our valuable partnerships, we’re leading the way in finding new solutions that improve the lives of America’s children.

Providing a voice for America’s children

Expanding partnerships to find innovative solutions

Tackling the wicked problems of child welfare

We stand at the forefront of efforts to transform the child welfare system. In addition to supporting the passage of FFPSA, we held a congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., in February 2018 to promote increased funding within the child welfare system that addresses the opioid epidemic.

CHSA ensured that any legislative package responding to the opioid epidemic or involving the federal budget included funding to help recruit, train and support new foster families along with funding to support caregivers and mental health for adolescents.

We continue to cultivate our partnership with Frontiers of Innovation at Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child for our research to practice network with the goal of promoting science-based strategies in policy and practice focused on children and their families.

CHSA and Frontiers of Innovation will launch two new learning communities – one will answer the question of how to measure changes in families on the three core science principles of responsive relationships, core life skills and stress reduction; and the other will focus on building life core skills in adults whose children are enrolled in early learning programs.

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