



## Advancing Hope FY21 ANNUAL REPORT



Family Advocates works to strengthen families and keep kids safe by empowering everyday people to protect and enrich the lives of youth.



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for helping us advance hope in the lives of children and families in 2021. The year was a busy one as we served more children than ever in our CASA program, trained more volunteers and expanded our Family Strengthening Program through community partnerships. All of this was made possible through your dedication to Family Advocates. As you read through the stories that touched the lives of our families, please remember that without you, we could not help these families advance, move forward and thrive.



I want to thank the Family Advocates staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, community partners and donors for your support in 2021. We look forward to a bright future in 2022 with you by our side, creating endless possibilities for the children and families whom we serve.

With gratitude,

Kathryn Seepold

Executive Director

"When things don't go our way, we need to pause, not let what's going on around us get the best of us and make the best of our situation. Life is only as good as we perceive it to be."



Family Strengthening Education Program Graduate



## FAMILY STRENGTHENING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Family Strengthening Education Program impacted families in the Treasure Valley through its hybrid education program with both virtual and in-person options. Resources such as diapers, wipes, and personal hygiene products and/or referrals to partners helping with housing, employment, and medical assistance remained high-demand requests that were provided with the help of the generous community in which we serve. Parents choosing to enroll in our courses during a pandemic, when time and resources would expectantly be geared towards other needs, is a testament that parents desire to learn skills and strategies to help become a better parent and keep their children safe.

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"At first, I was scared to volunteer - I thought I'd be too sad, and I wasn't a litigator by practice. However, I felt very supported by the CASA team and was called to work, so I jumped in despite my hesitancies. I've been doing it for almost four years now, and it is SO REWARDING. There is a system to interrupt abuse and neglect and get these families the services they need to change the story for these kids. Attorneys are a critical part of this system, and I am grateful I have the skills and means to volunteer."



Ada County Pro Bono Attorney



## CASA PROGRAM

For the first time in four years, the 4th CASA served 100% of abused, neglected, or abandoned children appointed to the program in FY21! We are also expanding our training in FY22 to include youth advocacy. Once the training is fully implemented, we will enlarge our best interest advocacy to serve youth (ages 12-18).

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## How to Give

- Visit www.familyadvocates.org and select "GIVE"
- Mail checks payable to Family Advocates to: 3010 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83703
- Request a list of items needed by our children and families: info@ familyadvocates.org
- Want to know more about legacy gifts? Call 208-345-3344
- Learn about volunteer opportunities: volunteer@familyadvocates.org



### **FINANCIALS**

INCOME	EXPENSES	
In-Kind Donations: \$1,272,272.07	Administrative:	\$160,342.56
Individuals/Corporations: \$311,859.21	Fundraising:	\$246,149.97
Private Foundations: \$99,576.02	CASA Program:	\$1,627,782.23
Government Grants: \$739,385.95	Family Strengthening Education Program:	\$288,921.95

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** \$1,296,301

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"To be able to turn these kids' lives in a small or significant way brings hope..."..."I knew the things that I had done... had made a difference."





THANK YOU

Every year, Family Advocates is blessed to be part of a bigger group of dedicated individuals who have joined forces to end child abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Every year we find ourselves advancing the work and increasing our reach. This would not happen without our valued partners.

VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of Family Advocates and provide the hands, hearts, and help necessary to reach all those children and families in need of our services. These heroes build trust, listen to those they serve, champion their best interests, and provide hope.

community groups, businesses, and organizations that share a passion in keeping kids safe. Community capacity building is how we improve the resource distribution and ensure those that need our help receive it.

Our **DONORS** keep the mission advancing forward by funding the things that mean the most–training for volunteers, staff to support those volunteers, educational materials, resources for everything from shampoo to backpacks to blankets, and more. Every penny makes an impact either directly or indirectly to a child and their family.

Without our **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, we would be a ship without a star. Our board provides the guidance and oversight necessary to keep our nonprofit transparent and mission-focused. Staff and volunteers are able to concentrate on the tasks at hand with a solid, loyal, and motivated board at the helm.

FY2021 was truly a year of advancing hope. So, to all of our stakeholders who provide time, talent and/or treasure, we thank you!

With everyone working together, the possibilities are endless!

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