



ANNUAL REPORT



2020

MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen families and communities by providing shelter, counseling and safety for young people in crisis.



AFFILIATIONS

- National Safe Place Network
- Alabama Association of Nonprofits
- United Way of Central Alabama

RECOGNITION

Standards for Excellence Institute
Tier Two

SHELTER

**Family Connection
Youth Shelter**

**Runaway and Homeless
Youth Center**

MEAGAN'S STORY

Meagan's dad abandoned the family when she was 6 years old, leaving her mother to raise two small children on her own. With no father in the home and her mother working two jobs to make ends meet, Meagan felt lonely and blamed herself for her family's situation. Her resentment grew over time and soon developed into continual arguments with her mother.

One morning before school, their argument was so intense Meagan decided to run away from home. Meagan attended school that day and told the School Resource Officer that she had left home. He was concerned about her safety and reminded her about Family Connection's Safe Place Program. He encouraged her to call and have a staff member talk to her about her options.

After talking with the Safe Place Coordinator, Megan decided to enter Family Connection's Youth Shelter instead of wandering around and trying to find a place to stay. When she arrived at the shelter, she was angry, guarded, and depressed. Each day staff members encouraged her and told her that they were ready to help when she was ready. Meagan's demeanor soon changed and she was able to express her feelings appropriately. She participated in individual and family counseling sessions that helped her develop coping strategies. Meagan's relationship with her mother began to improve and for the first time, she was able to openly express her feelings of abandonment without yelling.

After several family counseling sessions, Meagan was ready to return home. To ensure stability, the counselor encouraged the family to continue in counseling. Meagan's school counselor reported that she appeared happier and her grades had improved. She recently completed the 10th grade and has not ran away from home again.

**TOPS
Therapeutic
Outreach
Program for
Schools**

**Family
Connection
Project HOPE**

**SFI
Supporting
Families
Initiative**

Safe Place

SAFETY

COUNSELING

Our Impact

Family Connection is a 501 C 3 non-profit child and family services agency providing services for Shelby County, Alabama and the Greater Birmingham Metropolitan Area. Through a variety of crisis prevention and intervention programs, Family Connection is dedicated to building positive futures for the community's most vulnerable population. Each year, Family Connection serves numerous children, teens and families through our youth shelter, school counseling, family support groups, day shelter and homeless outreach, and education.

In 2020, Family Connection services achieved:

95% of youth were successfully reunited with their family.

92% of parents participating in services reported that counseling helped their family.

1,739 meals were served in the shelters.

667 nights of safe shelter were provided to youth.

12 homeless/street youth secured stable housing.

11 homeless/street youth secured employment.

6 homeless/street youth obtained their GED or continued their education.

23,742 individuals received information on service provided by Family Connection.

99% of all youth reported that services received through the Safe Place program were positive and that they would use the service again, if necessary.

98% of students receiving truancy prevention services attended school on a regular basis.

81% of TOPS students reported that they had learned one or more ways to help cope with or solve problems.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

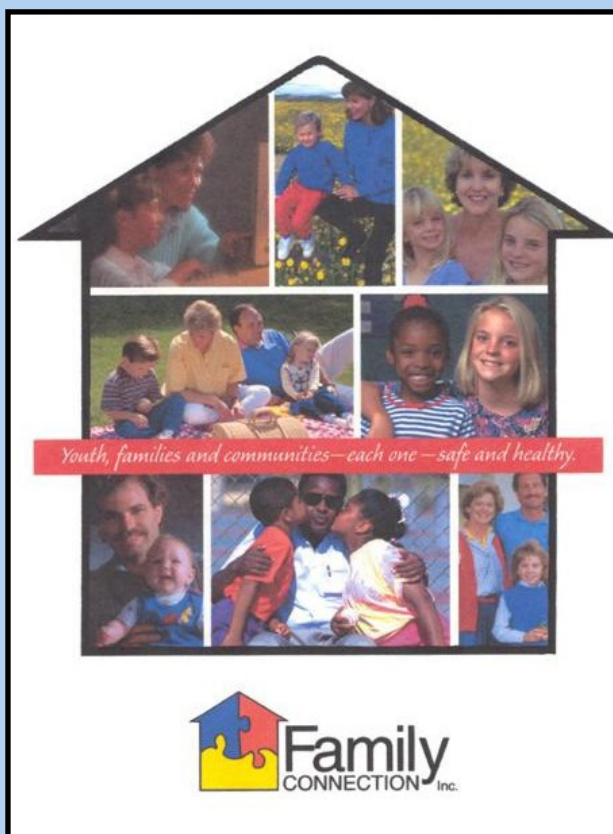
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2020 Statement of Financial Position

2020 Financial Resources Budget:

United Way	\$ 209,950
Federal Grants	\$ 521,959
All Other Funding	\$ 431,968
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES	\$ 1,037,446

2020 Actual Expenditures:

Program Expenses	\$ 967,923
Management & General.....	\$ 41,948
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 14,902
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURES:.....	\$ 1,024,773

A complete annual financial statement is available upon request.



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