Transitions of Western Illinois



Inspiring Growth

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



Our Mission ...

to provide human services that inspire growth and empower people of all abilities to live full and meaningful lives.

Transitions begins its 68th year of service to the Quincy and Adams County area. We are a CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited agency and a United Way Partner agency. Our service array includes:

- developmental services for infants and toddlers
- counseling services for youth and adults
- co-occurring mental health and substance use services
- psychiatric services
- crisis intervention services
- on-site access to primary healthcare services
- recovery services for persons who have a serious mental illness
- special education services for children who have severe developmental disabilities
- vocational services and life skills training services
- residential services (group homes and apartments)

From the Executive Director ...



Our aim at Transitions is to be a force for change and improvement in our community. We strive to adjust our service offerings based on current community needs. Fiscal year 2022 has been a busy year at Transitions. While continuing to cope with the COVID pandemic, we still were able to pursue new opportunities to advance our mission.

• We embarked on a planning process for our school, which resulted in a plan to focus our school's mission on helping children with autism and related communication disorders in the upcoming school year.

• We received additional funding to meet a long-identified need of expanding the availability of mobile crisis services. The new funding will enable us to provide these services to people in a mental health

crisis, regardless of their insurance status. We anticipate that services will be fully operational in Adams, Hancock, and Pike County in FY2023.

• We received a grant to allow us to expand services to children, ages birth to five and their families. This will meet an important need in the community – intervening early with children who are at risk and supporting parents who are struggling.

Thanks to our exceptional staff, board, and community partners for your dedication and support. In the following pages you can read about our major accomplishments during the past year. I believe our accomplishments will reflect our mission of empowering people of all abilities to live full and meaningful lives.

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The Year at Transitions...

The Transitions School changed its educational focus. In the 2022-23 academic year the school will serve youth who have severe autism spectrum disorders.





Our Individual Placement and Support Program (IPS) placed 48 adults, who have a disability, into jobs in the community.

Our substance abuse services expanded with our staff now working with the Adams County Drug Court and with the addition of peer recovery services.



The agency handled more than 2,000 crisis calls to its suicide prevention hotline, mobile crisis services and intake department during FY2022.





During FY2022 the Living Room provided 3,000 visits to the program.

The agency hosted a luncheon for area law enforcement personnel who participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.



Consumers who attend our New Horizons Day Program represented the agency in the annual Dogwood Parade.





Transitions participated in the United Way Day of Caring and welcomed the Blessing Hospital team, who washed and detailed agency vehicles.

Jessica Peters was named the Williams Award winner for 2021. Employed by Transitions for 24 years, Jessica is the Director of Health and Children's Services. Those who nominated her for the award stated she is extremely organized, efficient in everything she does, and very helpful to other staff. She is very knowledgeable about all aspects of the organization, having played a variety of roles in the agency.



Impact of Services



Brittney^{*} was 20 months old when she and her father entered the Parents as Teachers Program (PAT). Brittney's father had recently obtained custody of his daughter and decided to seek parenting support. The first developmental assessment completed on Brittney indicated some concerns about her development. Her father did not believe it was necessary to seek further services – he believed his daughter would "outgrow" the concerns.

The family's Parent Educator decided to closely monitor Brittney's development and reassess her situation in three months. She also provided Brittney's father with specific activities to support her speech/language skills.

At the three-month mark, the Parent Educator reassessed Brittney and found that Brittney was still showing developmental delays, including significant speech issues. She shared these concerns with Brittney's father and encouraged further assessment. Initially, Brittney's father was reluctant, but he decided to seek further assessment. Further assessment determined that Brittney did have significant delays in speech and social-emotional domains.

Over the next six months, there was a shift in the father's involvement in services. He became more engaged in visits, he began asking more questions about child development. He reduced the amount of time Brittney spent in front of a screen and implemented more hands-on activities with her. The Parent Educator noticed a shift in Brittney's relationship with her father. She observed that there was a stronger connection between dad and daughter, because Brittney's father was more responsive and engaged with Brittney. Brittney appeared more social and seemed happier.

Brittney graduated from the PAT program and began preschool. She still had some developmental delays, but she made significant progress while in the program. Her father also increased his knowledge of child development.

Shortly after Brittney left the PAT program, her father reached out to the Parent Educator to let her know he was still concerned about his daughter's development. Thus, he sought a global assessment of her functioning and this assessment indicated Brittney has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Her father thanked the Parent Educator for her support and for helping him learn how to observe his daughter's development and become her advocate.

* This is a story of a family served at Transitions – names have been changed to protect the family's privacy.

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FY22 Service Statistics July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Total Consumers Served

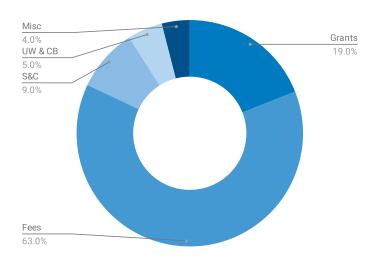
Number of Registered Consumers Served	1,997
Emergency/Screening Contacts	2,160
Living Room Drop-In Services	
Number of Collaterals Seen	
Community Education Contacts	
Total	

Staff

Full Time Employees	. 133
Part Time Employees	49
Contractual Employees	6

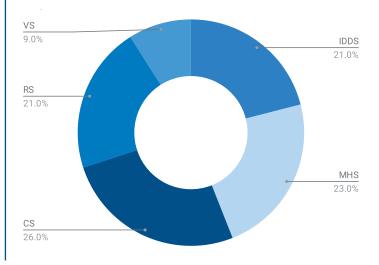
Financial Information July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

REVENUE	
Grants	19%
Fees for Service	63%
Sales and Contracts	9%
United Way & County Board (UW & CB)	5%
Miscellaneous	4%



EXPENSES

Intellectual/Developmental	
Disabilities Services (IDDS)	21%
Mental Health Services (MHS)	23%
Children's Services (CS)	26%
Residential Services (RS)	21%
Vocational Services (VS)	9%



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