

Raintree Children and Family Services 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Raintree Children and Family Services' fiscal year period was July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. State and private funds afforded the agency an opportunity to carry out its' mission of providing needed services to at-risk children and youth, encouraging hope and creating opportunities for growth and independent lives. Inline with the mission, there are key values that Raintree incorporates into its practices: Commitment, Integrity, Security and Hope.

During this fiscal year, a total of 396 children and families were provided services throughout the Greater New Orleans area as compared to last year which was 356, an 11% increase. Of those program participants, 48% were female and 52% were male; 60% were African American, 30% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic and 6% other races. 37% were of Jefferson Parish, 46% of Orleans, 4% of St. Bernard and Plaquemines, and 13% from other surrounding parishes.

Summary of Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Raintree Family Support Coordination Program assisted 290 families with children who experience developmental delays.

This program provides case management and oversight of therapeutic interventions that help infants and toddlers aim to reach their developmental milestones on target. School transition services are also provided as they age out of the program and enter school.

Raintree Family Care & Raintree House provided care to 106 foster children- a 22% increase from last year.

Established in 1988, **Raintree Family Care** recruits and provides supportive services to foster families willing to provide a home, loving care, and guidance for children who have been abused or neglected by their families of origin. A total of 52 boys and girls between the ages of birth and 21 years were provided services as therapeutic foster care and private foster care placements. This year a total of 24 of the 28 children discharged were assisted to permanency as compared to 12 last year. Seven of those discharges were because of adoption. The remaining discharges were reunited with family and/or aged out of foster care and successfully transitioned into independent living with a few needing a different placement.

Fifty-four adolescent girls benefited from services at **Raintree House**, our 14 bed capacity community-based home. The average age was 15 and the average length of stay being 2.5 months. There were 41 discharges, a 14% increase from last year. Of the 41 discharges, we assisted 14 children in achieving their permanency plan. Raintree House has been providing loving care to girls in need since 1974.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND PROVIDERS WERE SURVEYED. THIS YEAR WE HAD A LOW RETURN IN SEVERAL PROGRAMS BUT OF THOSE RETURNED, 84% WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR SERVICES. THIS BECOMES AN IMMEDIATE PERFORMANCE QUALITY ISSUE TO WORK ON TROUBLESHOOTING AND INCREASING NEXT YEAR.

Events & Milestones in 2014-2015...



Winner of Annual Art Award 2015
Topic "How has Raintree changed your life?"

- Raintree’s Board of Directors Annual Meeting was held on October 29, 2015. The annual election and installation of officers took place. The new officers for 2015-2016 are: **Scott Howard**, President, **Robert Horton**, Vice President, **Carolyn Baker**, Secretary, and **Patricia Starnes**, Treasurer.
- In September, **Lanyap Networks** hosted an awesome event with Raintree House as their selected charity.
- The annual “**Paint the Town Green**” gala was another success this fiscal year.
- This was our largest fund raising year ever thanks to so many hard working Board Members and Staff at Raintree! Also, thanks to Civil District Court, Judge Piper Griffin for recommending Raintree to receive a large grant!
- Programs grew a little more this year- Raintree House increased its census from 12 to 14 and the Family Support Coordination program has begun increasing its service roll due to the growing need in the community.
- Overall, the agency grew from 356 children to 396 this year!

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RAINTREE SERVICES FISCAL SUMMARY 2014-2015 (unaudited summary)

Supports and Revenues

Total Revenue **1,946,228**

Expense Breakout

Raintree House	\$ 607,956
Raintree Family Care	807,809
Raintree Support	
Coordination/EarlySteps	284,867
Fundraising	90,316

Total **\$1,790,948**