



2025 Impact Report



Marie Colleen Bowser
Adopted Sept 2, 2025
Photo: Jess Amburgey
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Thanks to You, SJ@Play Will Change Lives

In 2025, we embarked on a huge undertaking with the birth of SJ@Play, which is the new health and wellness complex we're building for the kids who live on our campus. When we began conceptualizing the playground in mid-2025, we knew it would be no small feat. But we also had faith in our community – and you didn't let us down.

SJ@Play marks the beginning of a brighter future for our kids. They can reclaim normalcy, and they will have a constructive outlet for healing from their trauma.

This is what success looks like. Thank you to our loyal supporters for making the needs of our kids their priority. We can't wait to see the finished playground and the smiles on the faces of our SJ kids.

Amanda Schring



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Our Purpose

We provide inclusive and compassionate care to ensure a safe home and bright future for every child in our diverse community.

Kentucky ranks #4 in the nation for child abuse and neglect. Our staff is dedicated to reversing this disturbing trend with the addition of our Behavioral Health Services Outpatient Program which provides therapy to kids and families in the community.

In 2025, it was our privilege to serve over 500 children, foster parents, and family members. St. Joe's helped children heal from their traumas, connected them to their forever families through foster care and adoption, as well as provided high-quality childcare.



The VanZant family adopted their daughter, Skylar (right) on August 7, 2025.

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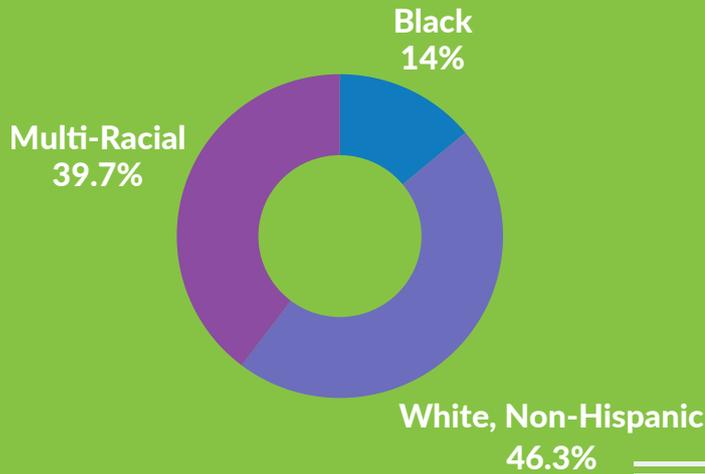
I couldn't be happier that we stumbled into St. Joe's. it's brought Maddex into our lives and changed our lives, but I also see how impactful it is as a broad organization.

– Billy Fulton, a SJ parent



Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption 2025 Demographics

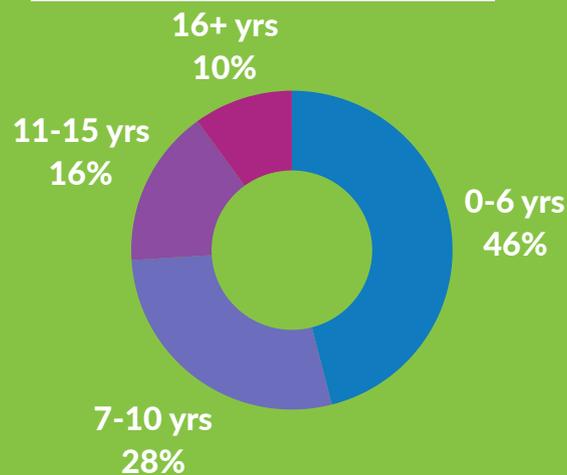
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Age



67

Total # of Children Served

16%

Percentage of medically complex children

24%

Percentage of children in sibling group

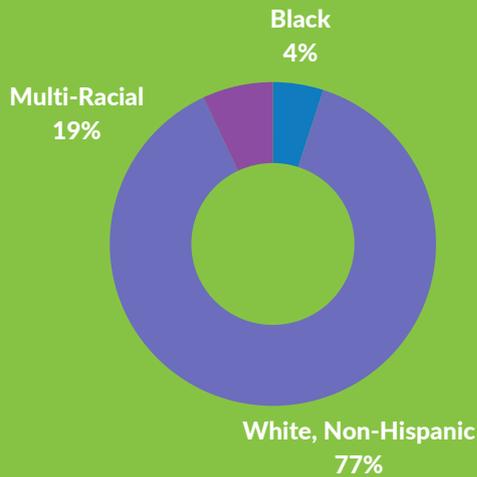
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Percentage of children discharged out of foster care to a family

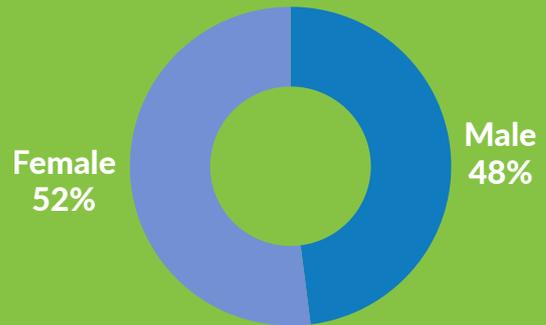
Our Foster Care and Adoption Program serves children from infancy to 21 years old who are currently placed in Kentucky's foster care system. The St. Joe's foster care and adoption team recruits and trains individuals from the community to become foster parents while also providing 24/7 support to meet the various needs of our families. We continue to have one of the highest rates of adoptions of any private child-caring agency in Kentucky.

Child Development Center 2025 Demographics

Race/Ethnicity



Gender



“We keep class sizes low so that teachers can focus more individually on children and their interests.”

— April Manning, Director of the St. Joe’s Child Development Center

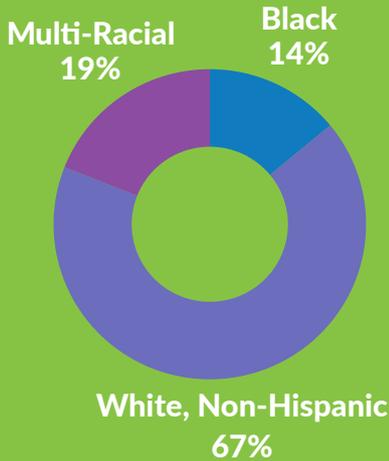
269

Total # of Children Served

St. Joe’s boasts one of the best preschool programs in the city by providing children with a warm environment, filled with love, good physical care, and an atmosphere for learning. A standards-based curriculum and an excellent teacher to student ratio are all benefits of this state-accredited program. The Child Development Center also features an in-house enrichment program for 2-5-year-olds (music, movement, science, and art).

Qualified Residential Treatment Program 2025 Demographics

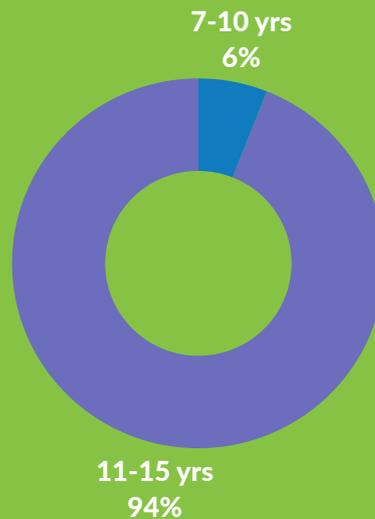
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Age



90

Total # of Children Served

42

out of 120 Counties in KY Referred Children To This Program

6

Average Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACE Score of Children

50%

of Children Transitioned Out of Care To a Family

St. Joe's Residential Treatment program cares for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect and is licensed to house up to 48 children (ages 6-15) at a time. St. Joe's becomes an extended family for many residents and it is not uncommon for a child to say, "For the first time, I feel safe."



BHSO Program

980

The number of individual therapy sessions completed

126

The number of clients served

40

The number of family therapy sessions completed

Healing Starts Here

At St. Joseph Children's Home, keeping families together plays an important role in the work we do. In addition to our Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption Program, we have a Behavioral Health Services Outpatient Program. BHSO provides our St. Joe's families and the community with the emotional support they need to flourish. Our services include mental health therapy, targeted case management, and comprehensive community support services.



Nurturing Wellness

St. Joe's believes good health and happiness starts with nutrition. Chef Finbar and his team plan a menu of wholesome, nourishing meals for our St. Joe's children and staff.

73,141

Total # of Meals*

38,020

Total # of Snacks*

**The annual meal and snack counts are totaled across all of St. Joe's programs.*

St. Joe's Picnic For the Kids

Photo: Falls City Photography



***\$906,837.54**

*Unaudited total for the St. Joe's Picnic for the Kids.

1,400 Volunteers

Over 14,000 volunteer hours.

34 Sponsors

Sponsor support allows us to provide quality services for our St. Joe's kids.

“Every dollar we raise from Picnic moves our St. Joe's kids one step closer to achieving their dreams.”

— Amanda Gehring, CEO



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Thank You Picnic Sponsors

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Our Staff

Our children and families are thriving thanks to the exceptional care they receive from our well-trained employees. Whether they are just starting their career at St. Joe's or have been employed for over 20 years, **our employees are essential** to St. Joe's mission.

151

Total number of staff

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Our final audit of 2025 financials will be available in Summer 2026.



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but it makes my life better too.”

—Thurman Senn, a SJ Supporter

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