Growing Together Baltimore

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When: Baltimore Growth Timeline

It’s been a long growing season ...

- **04/2018** Launch 3-Year, $5M Growing Together Campaign for C.A.S.E. 20th Anniversary
- **11/2018** Open C.A.S.E. office in Towson | 8415 Bellona Lane, Suite 215
- **06/2019** Secure Community Investment Tax Credits | Raise $95K to support Towson
- **11/2019** Hold first Baltimore Advisory Committee meeting to guide strategy
- **01/2020** Hire second therapist in Towson | Reach tentative agreement to co-locate with Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS)
- **03/2020** Convert to telehealth due to pandemic | Pause plans with BCDSS
- **06/2020** Baltimore Advisory Committee renews focus on individual donors | Baltimore City Public School staff participate in C.A.S.E. training pilot
- **01/2021** Kelly, Donohue, McCarthy, and Reese Families host virtual friend raiser
- **07/2021** Launch Baltimore City Initiative with BCDSS
- **11/2021** C.A.S.E. staff work part time from E. Biddle Street
What: Baltimore City Initiative

As the COVID-19 pandemic and systemic injustice took a
disproportional toll, C.A.S.E. and the Baltimore Advisory
Committee focused on where the need was greatest – Baltimore
City – with more than 1,800 children in foster care.

Revised Program and Timeline

- $704,000 for 2-Years (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023).
- Partnership with BCDSS, Child Welfare Division, Finalization Unit.
- Initial focus on children under 18 years of age in protective
custody who are moving towards finalization of adoption or
guardianship.

2-Year Goals

- Improved mental health and family functioning of 100 children
  and 200 family members through therapy and case management
  services.
- 85% of caregivers report satisfaction with C.A.S.E. services,
  would recommend C.A.S.E. to others, and report improved child
  mood and behavior.
- Strengthened ability of 75 BCDSS professionals to meet families'
  needs through completion of 20-hour C.A.S.E. online training.
How: Your Generous Support

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Who: You Made it Happen

C.A.S.E. is so grateful to the leadership and families who contributed to this initiative.

Baltimore Advisory Committee
- Fred and Jonna Lazarus, Co-Chairs
- Phil Gibbs
- Fredye Gross
- Laurie Latuda Kinkel
- Julia Nickles Bryan
- Geoff Suval

Additional Individual Donors
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Michael Rolfes
Jamie Seymour
Tiffany Stancil
Michael Steinhardt
Mark Sucoloski
Christie Tinio
Philip and Eileen Toohey
Who: Meet C.A.S.E. Baltimore

C.A.S.E. staff work two days per week from the BCDSS Dunbar-Orangeville Center and continue to deliver services to Baltimore families via telehealth.

Tamara Burke, LPC, LCPC, MA - Director of Clinical Program Administration

Chiara Jones, MSW Case Manager

Monica Odi, MBA Administrative Assistant

Heather Sowers, LCSW-C Adoption Competent Therapist
Where: 2923 East Biddle Street

The C.A.S.E. Offices are co-located with the BCDSS Kinship Resource Center and feature:

- Shared entrance through 2919 with security and COVID screening protocols.
- Large parking lot and easy access to public transportation.
- Shared family-friendly waiting area.
- Convenient operating Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

We work closely with the BCDSS Finalization Unit to:

- Review the family referral process monthly.
- Set monthly goals to manage staffing levels to client needs and ensure limited waiting times for families.
In the first 6 months of the initiative, C.A.S.E. has:

• Received 45 referrals since June 1st for either case management or counseling services from BCDSS.

• 100% outreach and engagement rate for families referred.

• Provided therapy and case management to 15 children (9 girls and 6 boys) and 29 family members reaching a total of 44 individuals.

• Delivered 105 services (case management, intake assessment, individual or family therapy) including 67 (64%) family therapy sessions.

• Served primarily African American children aged 10 and younger who have experienced trauma, neglect, and caregivers with substance abuse issues.

• Reached an additional 6 children in foster care through our Wendy’s Wonderful Kids Recruiter using a child-focused model to find adoptive families.
Why: Family Engagement is Critical

Historically, many Baltimore families have experienced racial inequity, disenfranchisement, poverty, and limited access to adequate healthcare. They may mistrust the public welfare system and be wary of new services and providers, given past negative experiences or frequent staff turnover.

This is where C.A.S.E. makes a difference ... building trust takes time, commitment, and consistency. We reach out to the referred families multiple times to create a connection, meet their immediate needs, and create a safe space to offer our services. We will create a Community Participatory Engagement Committee of clients to encourage their input and respond to their feedback.

Our goal is to help children thrive more quickly in new forever families.

Pictured Top Right: C.A.S.E. therapist, Heather Sowers, participated in BCDSS Holiday Stroll, offering $15 Target gift cards and treat bags to children going through the adoption process.
Thank You for Your Support

Next Steps

• C.A.S.E. will continue to pursue funding to close the $110,000 gap with applications pending for Community Investment Tax Credits, and with the Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation, and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

• We will renew and expand our Baltimore Advisory Committee to be reflective of the community.

• We will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for patiently growing together with C.A.S.E. to better serve Baltimore families.

“The important counseling and educational services C.A.S.E. provides will ensure the foster parents, relatives, children, and teens in care receive the treatment they need to heal, grow, and thrive.”

— Brandi Stockdale, LCSW-C, Director, BCDSS