

Adopt America Network™

Special Children Deserve Special Families



2017 Annual Report

Adopt America Network Success Story

When Francene married Harold Liggins, she became the stepmother to his two sons. She loved her new family and really wanted a daughter. They decided that adopting a child from foster care was how they wanted to grow their family. Because they did not want to be a foster family, their agency referred them to Adopt America Network. With the help of their AAN social worker, the Liggins completed the required trainings and their home study assessment. They were very eager to be matched with a child which made the waiting very frustrating for them. The AAN team worked diligently reviewing the many children waiting in foster care who needed a family like the Liggins to adopt them.

Ray'quel came into foster care at 2 ½ years old and became available for adoption at the age of four. She had already experienced a lot of trauma and had some significant special needs. Prior to being matched with the Liggins family, she had several foster placements and a disrupted adoption. All of this led to Ray'quel having a lot of behavioral issues, but the Liggins were not bothered by this at all.

Francene and Harold fell in love with Ray'quel immediately. With the guidance of Ray'quel's worker and their AAN social worker, the Liggins were officially matched with this special little girl. Francene screamed with excitement when she heard the news.

Ray'quel came to live with the Liggins in May 2017. She was then six years old. Francene and Harold were thrilled to have her join their family. In the first few months, the family had some challenges with their new daughter. She had difficulty following directions and would often be disruptive. Ray'quel would act out towards both Francene and Harold to the point that they felt that at times she was totally out of control. The Liggins' workers supported them during this time and offered guidance and support as they adjusted to their new lives together as a family. The Liggins feel that the



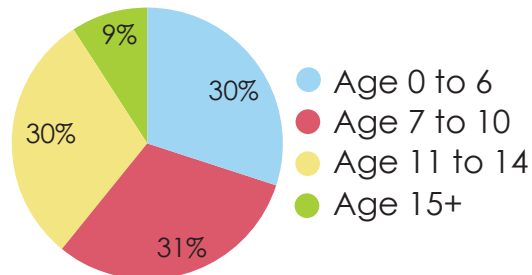
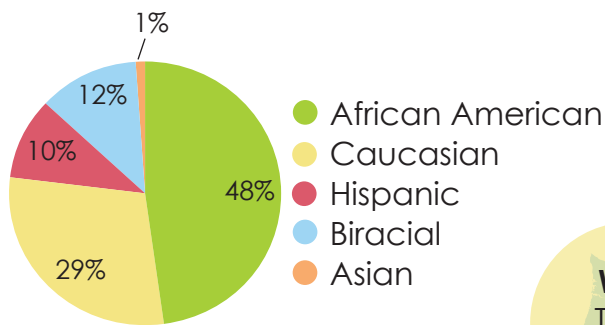
turning point for them was when they talked with their pastor about their struggles and his response was just to love her and not try to control her. Following his advice, the family began to see changes for the better.

Once Ray'quel started to settle in and get comfortable, she began referring to them as mommy and daddy. She is now a very happy and cheerful little girl that likes to play outside. She also likes to play with her Barbies and with her stuffed animals. She enjoys her parents' attention and having her own bedroom. Ray'quel is very connected to the Liggins and was excited to be adopted. The Liggins had a lot of support from their Adopt America Network social worker and they shared that they appreciated everything that she did for them. Francene and Harold now feel their family is complete, and they are happy they are Ray'quel's parents.

26 Families New Children 394



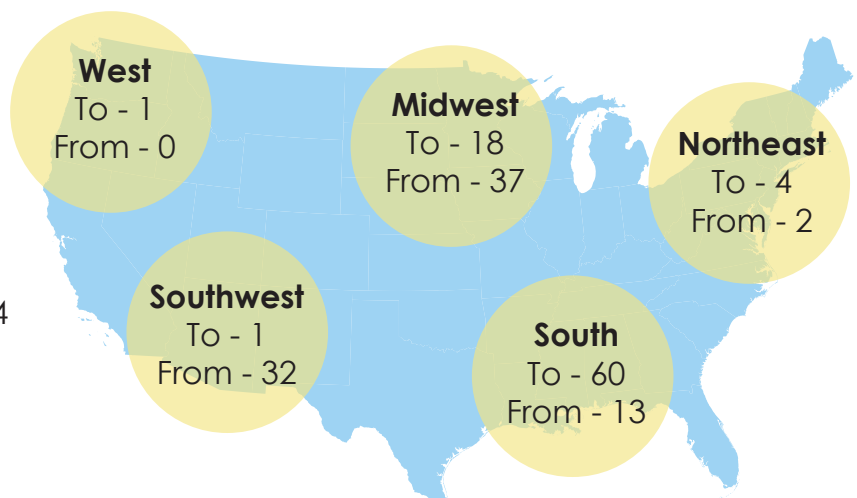
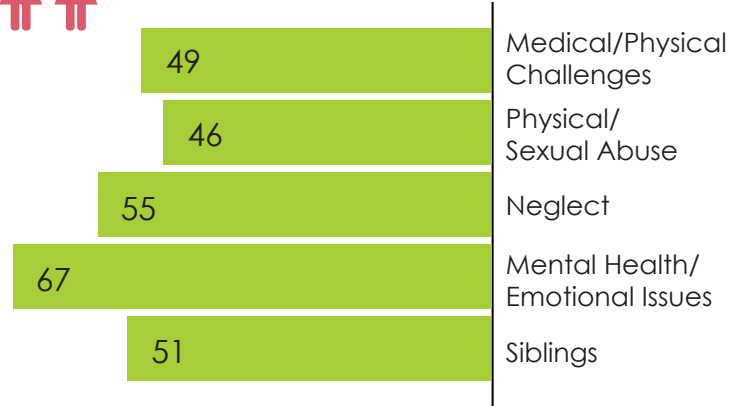
Boys - 34 | Girls - 50



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Staff Referrals
for Children

67
Home Studies
and Updates

84
Children Placed
with Permanent
Loving Families



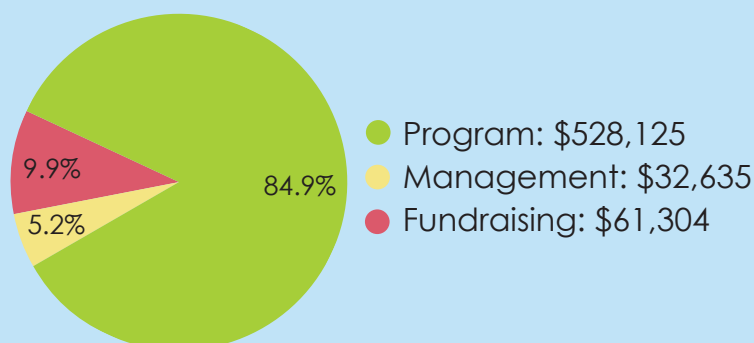
Adopt America Network's Mission

Adopt America Network is a private 501(c)(3) adoption exchange. Our mission is to improve the lives of children in United States foster care by placing them with permanent, loving families. Adopt America Network uses a national network of public agencies, private agencies, and volunteers. We focus on helping place children with special needs—those who have been abused or neglected, have medical, physical, and/or emotional challenges, are of minority heritage, have siblings, or are school age or older.

Adopt America Network provides the following services: recruitment of adoptive families, pre-service training, home study assessment, matching services, child and family mentoring, counseling, and post-placement supervision and support.

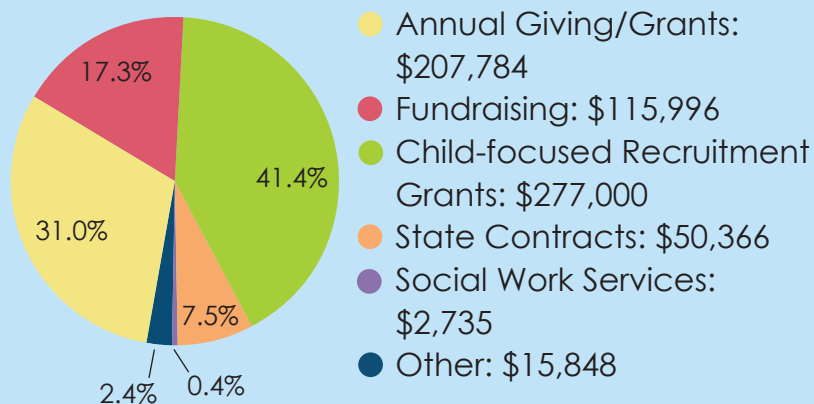
2017 Expenses

Total Expenses: \$622,064



2017 Revenue

Total Revenue: \$669,729



Net Ending Assets for 2017: \$71,546

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