



**CWS** | *Children Services in 2022*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Home Study and Post Release Services (HSPRS)

In our HSPRS program, our goal is to promote the safety and well-being of Unaccompanied Children. We do this by identifying if the placement appears to be safe for reunification with the sponsor, and by connecting the child and sponsor to community resources in Post Release Services (PRS). In 2022, we provided 95 HS and 3,287 PRS to Unaccompanied Children across 36 states.

### Immigrant Youth Disaster Response Project

In December of 2021, a devastating tornado hit Mayfield, Kentucky, alarming many of our clients who didn't know what a tornado was or what the sirens meant. Many of the clients we were serving were Guatemalans and speak primarily Spanish and/or indigenous languages. This made the disaster even more frightening since these communities were not adequately warned or prepared. In conjunction with intensive case management, CWS provided emergency financial assistance to children and their families in this group who were ineligible for disaster relief. We are proud to have distributed \$50,000 to 33 Unaccompanied Children, which was used to fix damaged homes and other recovery needs.

### Youth Wellbeing Project

Our one-year pilot program supported by private faith-based partners provided community-based support to Unaccompanied Children released from federal custody who have no other means of receiving support. The 3 main objectives included: youth accessing community resources and receiving 6 months of intensive case management; youth being able to cope with stressors; and youth being informed of their legal rights. The project served a total of 79 children in South Florida and New Jersey.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### EDUCATION

- We shared information on our program across two national platforms
- We elevated the voices of clients through five impact stories
- We created a dedicated Unaccompanied Children Action Alert in partnership with the CWS Policy & Advocacy team
- Our affiliate partners engaged local school districts, organizations, and congregations to ensure our client's needs are being met

### DONATIONS

- We launched our Welcome Backpack Project
- We partnered with DoorDash and Hearts You Hold to provide free delivery and gifts to clients
- Our affiliate partners did incredible outreach in their communities to secure legal services, cellphones, gift cards, ESL classes and more!

*"[Without CWS] things would have been different. We wouldn't have support. I am thankful for CWS' help."*

*Immigrant Youth Disaster Response Project Participant*

### IMPACT IN NUMBERS

