



Crisis Nursery

CRISIS

IT'S MORE THAN
JUST A WORD
AROUND HERE.

OUR FAMILIES
HAVE NO OTHER
PLACE TO TURN.

NURSERY

MEETING THE NEED

The needs of our community are great. Crisis Nursery seeks to address three key areas of need for families:

REDUCING CHILD ABUSE RATES

In 2014, Champaign County had a 53% higher rate of child abuse and neglect than the statewide average. By serving families in crisis, the Nursery is helping to reduce incidents of child abuse.

ADDRESSING POVERTY

The majority of Nursery families are living in poverty and often have nowhere but the Nursery to turn for support. Champaign County holds the third highest poverty rate in the state and our child poverty rate is 23%. Through targeted referrals to collaborative agency partners, the Nursery helps families become more self-sufficient.

IMPROVING PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION

Studies show that parents who mistreat their children tend to have more negative interactions with their children and often use harsher strategies, which can be to the detriment of their child's development and well-being. Crisis Nursery helps teach caregivers positive parenting strategies that reduce the risk of child maltreatment.

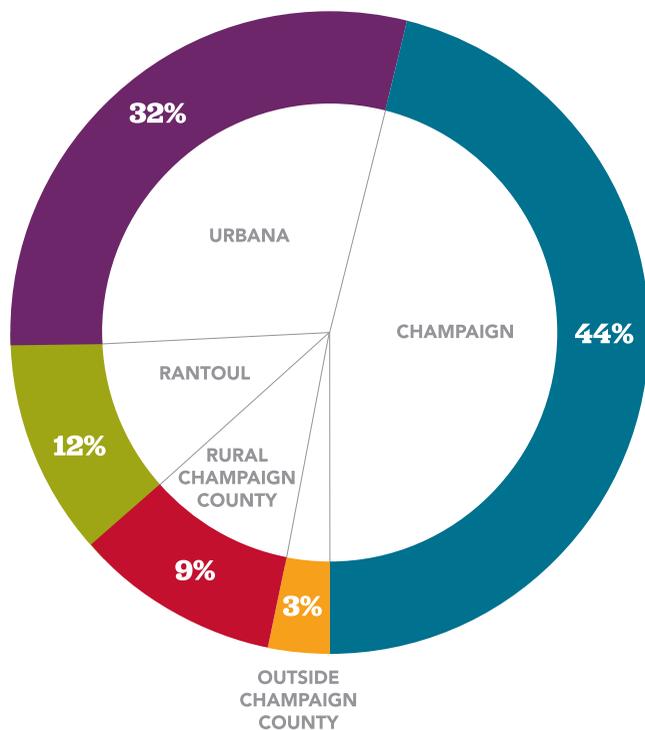
A VIBRANT MISSION

In Fiscal Year 2015 the Nursery served 886 individual children from **549 families an average 10 times annually**. During that period, the Nursery met the needs of the community by:

- » Providing **28,982 Hours of Crisis Care**
- » Facilitating **65 Parent-Child Interaction Groups**
- » Hosting **79 Support Groups**
- » Hosting **22 Nurturing Parent Education Classes**
- » Conducting **985 Home Visits** with 136 families

Because of a lack of staff and facility capacity, the Nursery was forced to **turn away families for services on 564 instances** in Fiscal Year 2015. When care is denied, children are at risk and families often have no alternatives.





SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Crisis Nursery is the only emergency-based child care facility serving the community 24 hours, 365 days a year for children birth through six years old.

Families can utilize the Nursery voluntarily and confidentially, with no fees or income eligibility. This is critical since nearly 80% of Nursery families earn less than half of Champaign County's Median Family Income (\$45,808).

All services are available to Champaign County residents or families staying in Champaign County while utilizing Nursery services.

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Each child turned away from the Nursery is a child left in a vulnerable and sometimes dangerous situation. Of the families surveyed about their use of the Nursery in 2015, they shared the following impacts on their families:

- » 70% reported a decreased level of stress
- » 95% reported a reduced risk of maltreatment
- » 97% reported an improvement in parenting skills

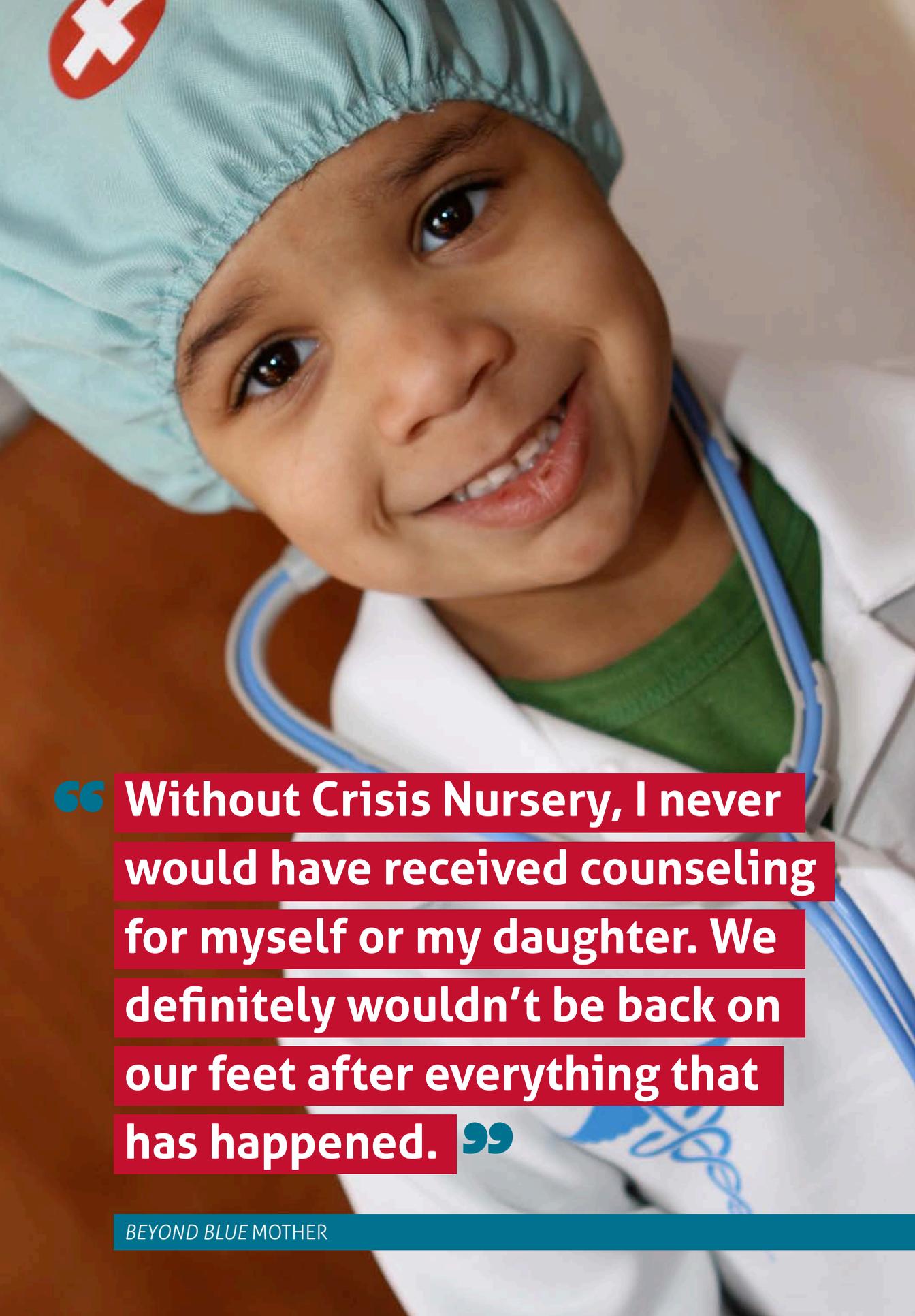
These families call on Crisis Nursery for a variety of reasons, including:

- » Parental Stress
- » Job/School Related Crisis
- » Medical Related Emergency
- » Home Crisis
- » Court Related Emergency
- » Domestic Violence
- » Mental Health
- » Substance Abuse



“No one cares about me and my family like the Crisis Nursery staff. Crisis Nursery literally saved my life.”

AUNT WHO IS CARING FOR HER SISTER'S CHILDREN



“ Without Crisis Nursery, I never would have received counseling for myself or my daughter. We definitely wouldn’t be back on our feet after everything that has happened. ”

TOMORROW'S VISION

The Nursery is currently able to serve 12 children and is forced daily to turn away families because of our limited capacity. The Nursery Board seeks to meet the current demands from the community, which can only be done through a comprehensive and sustainable plan, including:

NURSERY FACILITY EXPANSION

A 5,800 square foot expansion will provide the additional space required for the Nursery to **increase our capacity by 50%, resulting in six more children being served** at any one time.

PROGRAM EXPANSION & ENHANCEMENT

While an increase in the capacity of programs is critical to meeting the needs of the community, the Nursery also seeks to **enhance our programs and outcomes** by expanding the current staff.

Implementing this vision will allow the Nursery to reduce the incidence of turning families away by 90%.

NURSERY FACILITY EXPANSION

Crisis Nursery plans to construct a 5,800 square foot ground-level expansion. **This additional space will allow the Nursery to increase our capacity by 50% from serving 12 to 18 children.** The expansion will:

- » Add two additional indoor play areas: an area for older children and an indoor play space with slides, a climbing structure, and indoor track for riding bikes year-round
- » Add one bedroom and three full bathrooms
- » Expand the kitchen, including additional storage and seating to alleviate overcrowding during meal times
- » Add two new private offices, a shared office space, and a meeting space for conducting family meetings, Parent-Child Interaction Groups, and other Support Groups
- » Add two rooms for conducting private client intake interviews, referrals, and crisis counseling
- » Increase storage for clothing and toys, a linen closet, additional space for in-kind donations and additional secure client file storage
- » Improve outside playground/play areas with enhanced safety features
- » Add additional parking and improve access/safety for child drop-off and pick-up
- » Increase client, staff, and visitor safety by adding a secure lobby/waiting area for clients and families

PROGRAM EXPANSION & ENHANCEMENT

Adequately staffing the expanded Nursery facility and expanded programs is critical to maintaining our families' successful outcomes. The following 10 additional staff positions will be required to operate the expanded Nursery:

- » Family Specialists (2 FTE)
- » Crisis Advocates (2 FTE)
- » Lead Children's Specialists (4 FTE)
- » Children's Specialists (2 FTE)

Program expansion and enhancement will require additional investment in other operational areas as well, including:

- » Insurance (Liability, Workmen's Comp., Unemployment, etc.)
- » Transportation
- » Staff Training
- » Facility Repairs & Maintenance
- » Program Equipment
- » Program Supplies
- » Program Expansion Contingency

MAKING YOUR IMPACT

The Nursery has not expanded our facility or undertaken any major renovations since relocating to the current facility in 2001. Now, 14 years later, this expansion is necessary to allow Crisis Nursery to fulfill our mission of providing an "Island of Safety."

Based on current trends of the community's need for Crisis Nursery services and our capacity limitations, the Nursery will be forced to turn away families over 600 times in the next 12 months.

Trending out over the next 10 years, families will be denied services on more than 7,000 occasions. Each turn away represents a family in crisis and a situation that needlessly endangers a child's well-being.

Through this expansion, Crisis Nursery can stop saying "No" to families and start saying "Yes!"

Make an impact on the future of Crisis Nursery. Consider a gift that provides safety to children and hope to families in crisis.

THE
TIME IS
NOW.

The solution is simple »

Expand and serve 50% more children whose families are in crisis. This is one crisis we cannot avoid to address. Support from the community is necessary for this solution to become a reality and allow us to continue meeting the needs of the community.



“ Crisis Nursery helped me to focus and relieve my stress. Crisis Nursery gave me hope for my future. ”

MOTHER OF A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

NEARLY **17,000**
LIVES CHANGED
OVER 31 YEARS

HELP US
IMPACT EVEN
MORE LIVES

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Celebrating **31 Years** of Changing Lives

HISTORY

Crisis Nursery was founded in 1983 through a collaboration of dedicated individuals and organizations in the community, including pediatric nurses and social workers from Burnham Hospital, McKinley Health Center and the University of Illinois—School of Social Work.

The Nursery was originally located in Burnham Hospital and relocated to a house donated by Presence (formerly Provena) Covenant Medical Center in 1992.

In 2001, the Nursery moved into its current facility on Hill Street, doubling its capacity.

MISSION

Crisis Nursery creates an “Island of Safety” dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children and support to strengthen families in crisis.

Crisis Nursery is the only emergency-based child care facility open 24 hours, 365 days a year for the entire community to access with no fees or income eligibility. Besides safe shelter for children ages birth through six, we also provide family support and parenting education to strengthen parent skills and confidence.
WE BELIEVE THAT ASKING FOR HELP IS A SIGN OF STRENGTH.

PROGRAMS

The Nursery offers two primary programs:

SAFE CHILDREN

Our Safe Children program provides emergency child care to families who are experiencing a crisis with no other resources available to help.

STRONG FAMILIES

Our Strong Families program offers individual and group services to the entire community, including families who have used the Safe Children’s program. Through various means—offered onsite and offsite—the Strong Families program provides:

- » Crisis Counseling
- » Home Visits and Resource Referrals
- » Parent-Child Interaction, Education and Support Groups