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Two Great Traditions....
One Great Agency

Our Services



HOUSING

Housing services offer a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) to help older and maturing adults remain in their homes safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability level.

TECHNOLOGY

An innovative approach ensuring people have access to support without the intrusion of a staff person.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CEO is continuing education for individuals with disabilities provided totally in community environments designed to teach daily living skills and community access.



EMPLOYMENT

LIFE Designs provides a systematic approach to support people with disabilities to reach their career goals. A win-win: Individuals get jobs and employers get a job well done.

RESPIRE

Respite at LIFE Designs provides planned short-term breaks for care givers. The goal of respite is to support and maintain the primary care-giving relationship.

RESIDENTIAL

Residential services at LIFE Designs include group homes staffed 24 hours a day to provide any support or guidance that residents may require.

COMMUNITY LIVING

Community Living services promote independence by teaching skills, facilitating relationships, and advocating inclusion.



A Look Back at 2011

A majority of the work of the past year for both organizations has been focused on evaluating the feasibility of and then implementing the merger between Options and Cristole. And what a wonderful result! We created a new grassroots organization renamed LIFE Designs, Inc. Our new name reflects our dedication to individualized supports so that people design a life of living, working, learning, and participating in their community. We are committed to maintaining the traditions of BOTH organizations and providing even better supports to the almost 400 LIFE Designs' customers in southern Indiana.

OPTIONS 2011

- Options served 289 individuals in a variety of services.
- The number of customers rose by 5% overall just short of the 8% goal. The biggest gains came from that entering behavior support, which grew by 217% and employment services.
- Indiana changed the way Waivers were financed and in 2011 an Objective-Based Allocation (OBA), was implemented. So while we served more people in Waiver this past year, the reimbursement went down 16%.
- Fundraising made up some of the difference with a 28% increase.
- An expansion to the current housing program, Housing Options II was funded with \$945,000.00 in grants. Construction began in February of 2012 with 10 units including a new group home.
- There were 20 job placements during 2011 and currently 34% of customers of working age are employed in community jobs, higher than the statewide average at an average pay of \$7.85.
- A full one fourth of Options customers own their own homes.
- 98% of customers reported they were satisfied with services and 93% of customers reported they would refer others to Options.

CHRISTOLE 2011

- Christole served 30 children and 14 adults in Monroe, Brown and Bartholomew Counties in 7 group home settings.
- Christole provided over 83,000 hours of direct care at our residential sites.
- During the year, the Christole board exceeded its goal for Matchstick Program funding an endowment from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County.
- The relationship with the Bartholomew County School System greatly improved in 2011.
- The capacity of the response team was expanded, making them more efficient at responding to state surveys and guidelines.
- Managers received increased training, resulting in a growth of their knowledge and participation.
- Volunteerism increased by 60% from 2010 as Christole formed new partnerships with Cub Scouts, the IU Woman's Golf Team and others.

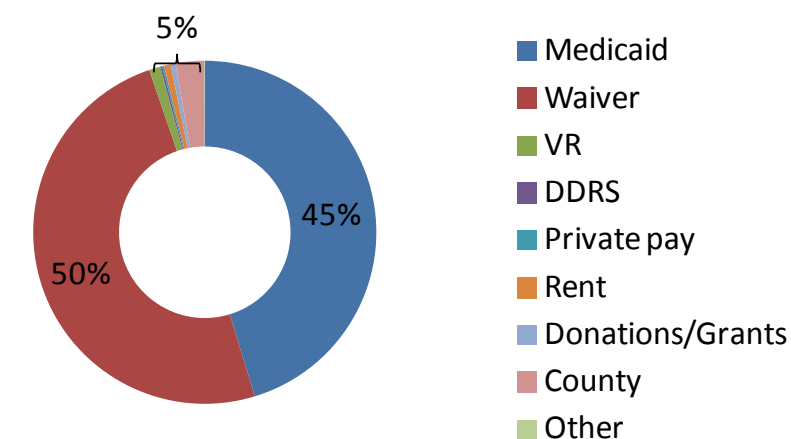
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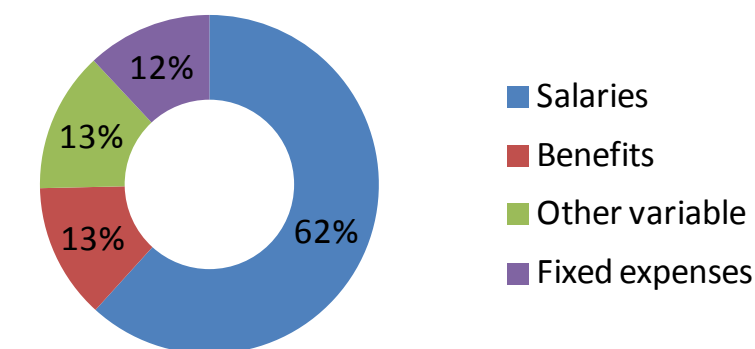
Financial Revenues, Expenses and Net Income

2011	Options	Christole
Revenues	\$ 7,055,401.00	\$ 4,252,983.00
Expenses	\$ 6,986,311.00	\$ 4,107,645.00
Net Income	\$ 69,090.00	\$ 145,338.00

LIFE Designs Budgeted Revenue 2012



LIFE Designs Budgeted Expenses 2012



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