



**Wesley House
Family Services**



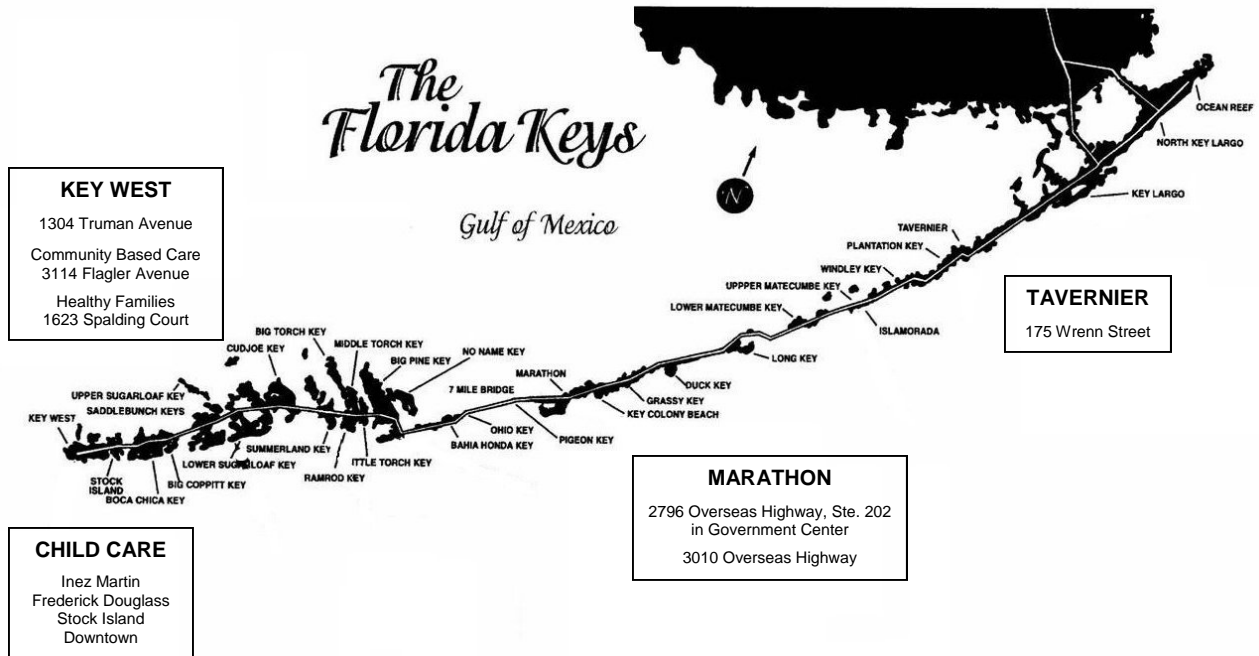
ANNUAL REPORT 2006 - 2007

Mission

Wesley House Family Services promotes and enhances the safety, well-being and development of children by educating, supporting, and meeting the needs of families.

WESLEY HOUSE FAMILY SERVICES

SERVING THE ENTIRE FLORIDA KEYS



Wesley House Family Services is a private not-for profit agency designated 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service and is funded and/or supported in part by:

- Early Learning Coalition of Miami - Dade/ Monroe Inc.
- General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church
- Ounce of Prevention/Healthy Families Florida
- Community Foundation of the Florida Keys
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- United Methodist Florida Annual Conference
- Our Kids of Miami - Dade/Monroe Inc.
- Miami Dade Community College
- Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA)
- Agency for Workforce Innovation
- United Way of Monroe County
- Monroe County School District
- Florida Department of Health
- Monroe County Sheriff's Department
- Monroe County Human Services Advisory Board

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Letter from Sandy Green, Board Chair

As I reflect upon my last year as a member of the Board of Directors at Wesley House, I am overwhelmed with the challenges and accomplishments we have experienced.

We have maintained the highest standards of quality family services for Monroe County through the renewal of our accreditation from the Council on Accreditation.

This summer, after six years of planning, the Board of Directors approved the renovation of the Inez Martin facility on Varela Street. The completion is scheduled for the spring of 2008. This will provide a safe, healthy environment for our children for many years to come.

During the past year, Wesley House initiated an Affordable Child Care Task Force to address the issue of providing affordable family services to all families within Monroe County. The Task Force is composed of leaders of the state, regional, and local communities who recognize that the economy is dependent upon affordable living and solving the other challenges facing Monroe County. This Task Force is working to find solutions to the issues affecting our families.

I want to thank the Board of Directors, our Staff, our supporters and our families for their part in making Wesley House the strong leader for providing quality services for families and children that it is. We can continue to make a difference in the lives of children of Monroe County.

Sincerely,



Letter from Douglas Blomberg, Chief Executive Officer

It is indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the community by meeting the needs of the children and families throughout the Florida Keys.

I want to thank and acknowledge all the wonderful things that our foster parents and child care providers do to help the children of our community. Foster parents open their homes and hearts to other people's children and offer a safe and nurturing environment in which they can grow. Without them, Wesley House could not complete its Mission, which is to promote and enhance the safety, well-being and development of children by educating, supporting and meeting the needs of families.

I also want to thank the community for the support it has given Wesley House over the past year. The contributions and donations have truly helped meet some of the needs of our children, which would otherwise go unmet.

There have been many challenges and opportunities during the last 12 months and I want to recognize the dedication of the Wesley House staff. Their support during these times was significant in helping the community and the children and families we serve.

This has been a year of many challenges and I look forward to the up coming year and the new opportunities we will all face together. With the commitment of our staff, our community partners, child care providers and foster parents, and their desires to build a more child caring community; we can make a child's life better and create a stronger community for the future.

Sincerely,



Wesley House Family Services

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chief Executive Officer
Douglas Blomberg



“When I think about where I was when I first started the program and where I am now, I’m amazed and don’t know how I did it. I don’t know where I’d be now without my family support worker.”

Healthy Families Program Participant



Community Based Care

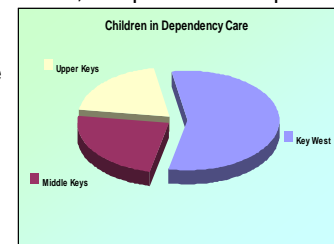
Community Based Care services help at risk children in the dependency care system in our community. Wesley House (CBC) accepted responsibility as the Community Based Care Provider for Monroe County in May 2005 and began providing full case management services to children and their families who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by their biological parents or legal custodians. When a child is in an unsafe living arrangement due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect and no services or precautions are available to ensure his or her safety, the child must be removed from the home. If there are no available relatives or caregivers to care for the child, the child must be placed in a licensed foster care.

In addition to full case management, Wesley House provides crisis intervention, prevention and intervention for families through Neighborhood Centers, parenting trainings, foster parent recruitment and retention, public adoption services, supervised visitations for families working towards reunification, independent living programs for older youth, and the Healthy Families Monroe program.

Dependency Care

Community Based Care dependency services for the children and families in Monroe County includes supervision of families involved in the court system, case management of the child’s case through the dependency system, and managing the out-of-home placement of children when children are removed from their biological parents. Children that can not be reunified are moved toward adoption into a loving family. These services are designed to interface with community partner resources as well as other services provided by Wesley House. During the year, Wesley House served and helped 448 children in this system. At any given time, there are approximately 280 to 310 at risk children in Monroe County.

All programs under the Community Based Care service areas meet or exceed all standards set by the State of Florida and the Department of Children and Families. Wesley House has maintained its high level of education, licensure, certifications and expertise in its staff, and is committed to achieving permanency for all children involved in the dependency process. For children who have no parent or legal guardian able to care for them, it is preferable to pursue adoption as a permanency option. Wesley House also provides post-adoptive services through the Intervention Prevention program. In February of this year Wesley House opened a new Key West service center which incorporates all aspects of Community Based Care, including prevention services, crisis intervention, full case management and supervised visitation.



Foster-Adoptive Services

Wesley House Foster-Adoptive Services recruits, trains, licenses, re-license, retain foster homes and adoptive home and provide public adoption services throughout the Florida Keys. The 30-Hour MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) course is provided for potential foster and adoptive parents in the Florida Keys. MAPP Leader training was offered for the first time in Monroe County to train more staff to teach MAPP to potential foster and adoptive parents.

With the increased number of MAPP Course Trainers we are able to offer more classes. There are 30 licensed foster homes representing 56 Foster Care Beds throughout the keys. During the year our Foster-Adoptive Services licensed 11 new foster/adoptive homes with 5 additional licenses in process. Conversely 8 licensed foster homes closed their homes, 6 closed due to finalization of adoptions and 2 closed due to additional family commitments

Prevention and Intervention Services

Family preservation and support services are provided through Wesley House Neighborhood Centers. Services also include on-call Crisis Intervention services with a two hour response time. This year we helped 184 families with 287 children. Other services include parenting classes for families and divorce classes with the goal of helping parents minimize the impact of divorce on their children. Staff work flexible hours on weekends, nights and holidays to be able to provide in-home services.

Wesley House also provides Independent Living services that enable older children in foster care, ages 13 to 17, and young adults formerly in foster care, ages 18 to 22, who exited the foster care system at age 18, transition towards self sufficiency. During this year, Wesley House developed a curriculum and implemented a series of life skills classes for children 13 to 18 years of age.

Community Based Care Con't.

Healthy Families Monroe

Healthy Families is a voluntary home visiting program designed to promote positive parent/child interaction and healthy childhood growth and development through safe, nurturing experiences. In the almost seven years since Healthy Families Monroe has been in existence, 98 to 100% of all of the families who have received services have had no incidence of child abuse or neglect during or after one year of completion of services. Information and educational activities are provided to families to promote physical and emotional development of babies.

Healthy Families Monroe served 88 families last year from Big Pine Key to Key West. Many of our families are single parent mothers, some are teens, some have limited family support, some endure economic hardship, and all are in need of a little extra support to get them off to the best possible start with their new baby. Services begin during pregnancy or immediately after the birth of a baby and continue up to 5 years. Family Support Workers visit families in their homes at times that are convenient to the family working around employment and school schedules.

Child Care Services

Wesley House Child Care Services (CCS) is the doorway to child care for families. They provide education, Resource & Referral services and self-sufficiency support for families. CCS staff works with early care and education programs throughout the Florida Keys to provided training and consumable materials to enrich their quality. Any family seeking child care information can receive free unbiased referrals to early care and education programs, as well as consumer information and community resources to promote family self-sufficiency. Partnering with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELCMDM), the Monroe County School Board and funded by additional community grants, we were able to serve 1,667 children in three programs last year. Of the 1667 children assisted 60% were from the lower keys, 10% from the middle keys and 30% were in the upper keys.

Our School Readiness Financial Assistance Program helped to pay the cost of child care for eligible families, including welfare dependant families or families transitioning from welfare to work. We served low income families and children identified of being at risk of abuse, neglect, and foster children. 1256 children received School Readiness financial assistance to help pay the cost of child care in FY 2006-2007. These families also received community resources and referrals to support family self sufficiency.

Our Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) programs completed the second school year of free instruction for 4-year old residents of Monroe County. CCS staff provided eligibility and enrollment activities, enrolling 401 four year children throughout Monroe County in public schools, child care centers and faith based programs with the goal of school readiness and success in life. Twenty-two public and private programs participated.

The Wesley House Teen Parent program funded through the Monroe County School Board provided child care payments to ten children allowing their parents to continue attending high school in order to graduate.

Throughout the year, our CCS Provider Services Team, partnered with early childhood education programs providing training, consumables and resources to help them increase the quality of their programs. Wesley House, in partnership with the ELCMDM, disbursed \$258,284.20 to School Readiness Child Care Centers throughout Monroe County to improve programs and increase the quality of learning environments for our children. School Readiness child care centers were able to increase capacity for infant / toddler rooms, make capital improvements, enhance health and safety, improve outdoor learning environments, such as playgrounds and purchase administrative equipment to upgrade their business practices.

The CCS Team promoted an early literacy initiative for families called "Parents as Children's First Teachers" distributing over 7,000 free books to children, from our offices and at community events throughout the Florida Keys. This initiative stressed the important benefits of parents reading with their children.

Wesley House Family Services

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chief Executive Officer

Douglas Blomberg

CQI/Contract Compliance Director

Kevin Collins

Community Based Care Program Director

Megan Waldron

Child Care Services Director

Kathy Snyder

Child Care Site Program Director

Christine Patterson

Finance Director

Nicholas Hogen

Development Director

Denise Dunbar



Continued Quality Improvement

One of the agency's major goals last year was to become COA re-accredited. The Council on Accreditation (COA) has approved the re-accreditation of Wesley House Family Services through June 30, 2011. Wesley House is one of only 1,500 organizations nationwide who have achieved this status. Re-accreditation attests that the agency continues to meet the highest national standards. It also verifies that the agency is performing services which the community needs, conducting its operations successfully, and managing its funds effectively. Wesley House Family Services was recognized as a provider of services of the highest quality in the following areas:

- Adoption Services
- Kinship Care Services
- Foster Care Services
- Child Protective Services
- Early Child Care and Development Services
- Family Preservation and Stabilization Services

Achieving re-accreditation represents the fulfillment of countless hours of hard work and the education of many people – most notable our staff and the members of the board of directors. Please extend congratulations to them.

Directly Operated Early Childhood Education Centers

Wesley House Inez Martin Child Care Center and Frederick Douglass Child Care Center are directly operated by Wesley House. The Centers are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment (APPLE) and have received "Gold Seal" recognition by the State of Florida Department of Children and Families for their commitment to standards above those that meet basic licensing requirements. Teachers in our programs receive on going training in curriculum activities for the children. Statistics have shown that children who attend curriculum programs enter kindergarten better prepared.



In October 2006 a kick off party for our Building for Children Campaign for the renovation of the Inez Martin facility was held. In order for Wesley House to begin the renovation of the Inez Martin Child Care Center we had to find sufficient temporary space for the children during the process. In January the infants and toddlers were moved to a new facility, the Wesley House Developmental Child Care Center on Stock Island. In August the 3 to 5 year olds were moved to our licensed space in the Key West United Methodist Church Sunday School building. Before the children could be moved, the centers had to be fully licensed by the Department of Children and Families meaning that security, playground, classrooms, cribs, books, toys, all the way down to paper towels had to be in place. Upon completion of the renovation of the Inez Martin facility and the children are able to move back to their Inez Martin home, it is anticipated that these two temporary sites will continue to be operational to assist in meeting the demands for child care in our community.

The Building For Children Campaign

The Board of Directors of Wesley House Family Services authorized a capital campaign with a financial goal of \$1,300,000 for the renovation of the Inez Martin Child Care Site. This was the original home of Wesley House dating back 1927. The Building for Children Co-Chairs were recruited and have, in turn, recruited a solid group of community leaders who have volunteered to work on behalf of the children.



The campaign was publicly announced in October of 2006. The strategy for this project is to meet both present and future needs. The renovation was designed to meet the standards set by both our national accrediting organizations as well as all professional organizations supporting the child care industry. The building configuration was designed for maximum cost effectiveness as well as maximum utilization by the current staff and children served. The financial goal of \$1,300,000 was established based on approved architectural plans by a local firm and receipt of an approved bid from a contractor. On July 26, 2007 the Wesley House Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendation to contract with D. L. Porter Construction for the renovation project. Renovation began on August 20, 2007.

To date, \$684,000 has been donated or pledged to the campaign. Of the \$684,000 already raised, \$593,000 is in cash and \$ 91,000 is in pledges. If the campaign's financial goal of \$1,300,000 is not met, a contingency plan for completing the renovation is in place.

Wesley House Family Services, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2007 (Un-Audited)

ASSETS

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Assets | \$4,166,858 |
| Fixed Assets | 3,025,012 |
| Non-current Assets | <u>1,073,175</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$8,265,045</u> |

LIABILITIES

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| Current Liabilities | \$ 670,743 |
| Non-current Liabilities | <u>624,728</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$1,295,471</u> |

NET ASSETS

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|---|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted | \$4,295,853 |
| Board Designated | 1,375,815 |
| Temporarily Restricted | <u>1,297,906</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$6,969,574</u> |
| Total Net Liabilities & Net Assets | <u>\$8,265,045</u> |

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

(Un-Audited)

REVENUE & SUPPORT

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|---|----------------------------|
| Grants | \$ 9,399,744 |
| United Way | 10,000 |
| Special Events, Net | 90,766 |
| Program Fees | 513,647 |
| Interest/Investment Income | 241,993 |
| In-Kind Contributions | 47,014 |
| Contributions | 99,076 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 65,197 |
| Net Assets Released From Restriction | 118,235 |
| Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | <u>17,930</u> |
| Total Revenue & Support | <u>\$10,603,602</u> |

EXPENSES

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Program Services | |
| Community Based Care / Foster Care | \$ 4,832,023 |
| Child Care Services | 4,507,335 |
| Child Care Sites | <u>870,408</u> |
| Total Program Services | \$10,209,766 |
| Support Services | <u>139,268</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$10,349,034</u> |
| Increase in Net Assets | <u>\$ 254,568</u> |

Administrative and Fund Raising

Fund raising and development are important parts of the agency's ability to meet its mission in serving the community needs. Fund raising events, donations and supportive grants help to provide the additional financial resources needed to continue the support for service programs. Last year \$236,000 was raised in support of our services. These dollars go directly to assist the families through out all of Monroe County. Overall Administrative and Fund Raising costs represent 8% of the agency's total expenses.

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OFFICES

Key West

1304 Truman Avenue
(305) 809-5000

Habana Plaza

3114 Flagler Avenue
(305) 293-0850

Healthy Families - Monroe

1623 C-3 Spalding Court
(305) 293-7494

Marathon

2796 Overseas Highway, Ste. 202
(305) 289-2390

Tavernier

175 Wrenn Street
(305) 853-3244

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Inez Martin Child Care Center

(currently under renovation)
1100 Varela Street

Frederick Douglass

Child Care Center
103 Olivia Street
(305) 294-3934

**Wesley House Child Development
Center - Stock Island**

5220 College Road (rear building)
(305) 292-8182

**Wesley House Child Development
Center - Downtown**

600 Eaton Street
(305) 296-2311

Community Services:

Early Childhood / School Readiness

- Free, unbiased referrals to Early Childhood/School Readiness providers
- Financial Assistance
- Provider Services: Support, Training and Literacy Resources
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Directly Operated Child Care Centers:

Inez Martin, Frederick Douglass, Downtown and Stock Island

- Full nutrition food program
- Accredited School Readiness program and VPK

Community Based Care

Case management of children in dependency care

Prevention/Intervention

- In-home services for family support and preservation
- Parenting classes for adult and teen parents
- Divorce Workshops
- Counseling for victims of domestic violence and/or physical or sexual abuse

Foster- Adoptive Services

- Recruitment, training & retention

Healthy Families - Monroe

