

State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services

Annual Report for Illinois Licensed Adoption Agencies

Date: March 3, 2017

Name of Agency: Christian Social Services of Illinois, D.B.A. Caritas Family Solutions

Corporate Address*: 8601 West Main Street, Suite 201

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Illinois DCFS

License/Provider ID number: 003976

Telephone: 618-985-2000

License Effective date: July 01, 2014 to July 01, 2018

The reporting period and answers to all questions for this report relate to the agency's most recent fiscal year. Specify the dates of your agency's fiscal year and reporting period for this report: 07/01/15-06/30/16

***If the agency operates satellite or branch offices, please attach a separate sheet listing complete addresses of all other offices.**

This report is to be completed by agencies providing adoption services and shall be filed with the Department of Children and Family Services and with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. In addition, each licensed agency that maintains a website shall provide this report on its website. The report shall be filed annually, no later than the 45th day following an adoption agency's license anniversary date. Failure to provide the annual report or disclose certain information required in the report may result in the suspension of an agency's license for a period of 90 days. Subsequent violations may result in a revocation of the license. [Rule 401.530]

This report applies only to the provision of adoption services and includes agencies providing foster care conversion services.

Question number 1 (A – M) pertains only to domestic and international agency-assisted adoption services, and home study services-only programs. Question number 1 (A-M) does not pertain to foster care conversion adoptions. Agencies that provide adoption services only through foster care conversions must answer questions 2 – 12, but need not answer question number 1.

Please respond to the following questions with a yes or no answer on the left and provide additional detail as requested:

Yes 1. **Non-identifying** information for the past year concerning adoption is attached:

Domestic Agency-Assisted Adoptions

- A. The number of adoptive families who have submitted an agency application but who are not yet licensed: 4
- B. The number of adoptive families who are licensed and awaiting domestic placement as of the agency's fiscal year end: 22
- C. The number of biological parents who the agency provided services to during the reporting period for domestic adoption: 13
- D. The number of children placed in adoptive homes during the year:
Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 2
Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0

- E. The number of adoptions initiated during the year:
 Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 2
 Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0
- F. The number of adoptions finalized during the year:
 Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 9
 Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0
- G. The number of adoptive placement disruptions: 0
- H. The number of domestic adoption dissolutions this year: 0

International Adoptions (either by direct placements/referrals, or through home-study-services-only)

Check the boxes that apply to the intercountry adoption services the agency provides:

- Child referral/matching placement services;
 Adoption home study/post placement services (utilized by families who are working with another agency for their referral/match);
 None.

The number of adoptive families who have submitted an agency application but who are not yet approved or licensed: 1

The number of adoptive families who are licensed or approved and awaiting international placement: 2

The number of international adoptive placements made during the year: 4

List the countries with which you have accredited international adoption programs:

N/A Caritas Family Solutions does not provide child matching/referral services

The number of international adoptions finalized this year in the U.S., specifying the countries of origin: 0

The number of finalizations in other countries, specifying the countries of origin:

1-China

2-Latvia

1-Taiwan

The number of international adoptive placement disruptions: 0

No 2. Has the agency:

- lost the right to provide adoption services in any state or country,
- had it's license suspended for cause, or
- was the agency the subject of other sanctions by any court, governmental agency, or governmental regulatory body relating to the provision of adoption services?

If the answer to any portion of this question is yes, attach a full and complete statement of explanation.

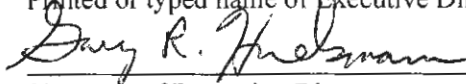
- No 3. During the past year, were any actions related to licensure initiated against the agency by a licensing or accrediting body?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- Yes 4. During the past year, has the agency been a named party in any civil court actions in relation to the provision of foster care or adoption services?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 5. Is the agency currently the subject of a pending investigation by federal or state authorities?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 6. Were there any criminal charges, child abuse charges, malpractice complaints, or lawsuits related to the provision of adoption services against the agency or any of its employees, officers, or directors during the past year?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation and the basis or disposition of the actions.
- No 7. Was the agency found liable for any civil or administrative violation or found guilty of or pled guilty to any criminal or administrative violation that relates to the provision of adoption services under federal, state or foreign law?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 8. Was any employee, officer or director of the agency found guilty of any crime or determined to have violated a civil law or administrative rule relating to the provision of adoption services under federal, state or foreign law?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 9. Was any civil or administrative proceeding relating to adoption services instituted by the agency during the year (excluding uncontested adoption proceedings and proceedings filed pursuant to Section 12a of the Adoption Act)?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- Yes 10. The agency's website address is: caritasfamilysolutions.org
- Yes 11. An audited financial statement for the prior fiscal year, including a general description of fees, wages, salaries and other compensation described in Rule 401.565(a), certified by an independent public accountant, is attached.
- Yes 12. This Annual Report with attachments and audited financial statement, certified by an independent public accountant, has been posted on the website listed in item 9.
- Yes 13. Effective August 15, 2005, Annual Reports are available upon request.

Information contained in this report is subject to the applicable confidentiality requirements of the Child Care Act and the Adoption Act.

I certify that the above statements are true and accurate, based on information available to me at this time.

Gary R. Huelsmann, MSW

Printed or typed name of Executive Director



Signature of Executive Director

3/8/17

Date

Mailing Instructions on the back

This report is to be mailed to the child welfare agency's A&I licensing Unit and the Illinois Attorney General's Office:

Office of the Attorney General
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Explanation for #4, page 3

In Re a Matter in the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit, Williamson County, Illinois. On May 1, 2014, a Petition for Rule to Show Cause was filed by a Mother against Caritas Family Solutions (“Caritas”) seeking civil contempt of court in connection with alleged lack of notifications by the Caritas caseworker to the Mother. On July 16, 2014, Caritas filed its Opposition to Petition for Rule to Show Cause, and on May 28, 2015 a hearing was held in the matter and the attorney for Mother verbally dismissed the May 1, 2014 Petition for Rule to Show Cause. On August 18, 2015, a written Stipulation for Dismissal was entered by the Court.

Petitioner v. Caritas Family Solutions, Circuit Court for the Third Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois. On July 7, 2015, a Petition for Visitation was filed by Petitioner against Caritas alleging that Caritas “removed and secreted away” a minor child and denied the Petitioner reasonable and regular visitation. On August 10, 2015, Caritas filed its Answer and Motion to Transfer Venue to the Juvenile Court. On September 9, 2015, Judge Philip B. Alfeld, *sua sponte* dismissed the Petitioner’s Petition for Visitation due to the minor child being the subject of juvenile proceedings.



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