

# Financial Impact of AFFEC's Finding Loving, Permanent Families for Waiting Foster Children



## NATIONAL AND STATE BASELINE COSTS AND SAVINGS DATA:

2010 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS PER FOSTER CHILD:	\$19,107 <sup>1</sup>
2010 ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PER FOSTER CHILD:	\$6,675 <sup>1</sup>
TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS PER CHILD IN FOSTER CARE:	\$25,782 <sup>1</sup>
2010 ANNUAL SUBSIDY COSTS PER ADOPTED CHILD:	\$8,435 <sup>1</sup>
2010 ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PER ADOPTED CHILD:	\$1,867 <sup>1</sup>
TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS PER ADOPTED CHILD:	\$10,302 <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL NET SAVINGS OF A FOSTER CHILD BEING ADOPTED:</b>	<b>\$15,480<sup>1,4</sup></b>

## AFFEC BUDGET/PROFORMA EXPENSES AND SERVICE DATA:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
PERSONNEL EXPENSES:	\$224,340 <sup>2</sup>	\$271,300 <sup>2</sup>	\$381,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$460,270 <sup>2</sup>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$25,300 <sup>2</sup>	\$27,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$29,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$30,250 <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$249,640<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$298,300<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$410,000<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$490,520<sup>2</sup></b>
TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED:	1,390 <sup>2</sup>	2,715 <sup>2</sup>	3,505 <sup>2</sup>	4,270 <sup>2</sup>
ADOPTIONS OUT OF THE HEART GALLERY:	200 <sup>7</sup>	390 <sup>8</sup>	504 <sup>8</sup>	614 <sup>8</sup>
ADOPTION AGENCY ADOPTIONS:	25 <sup>7</sup>	49 <sup>8</sup>	63 <sup>8</sup>	77 <sup>8</sup>
WEB-POSTING ADOPTIONS OTHER THAN THROUGH THE AFFEC ADOPTION AGENCY:	150 <sup>7</sup>	293 <sup>8</sup>	378 <sup>8</sup>	461 <sup>8</sup>
FOSTER-TO-ADOPT ADOPTIONS:	25 <sup>7</sup>	49 <sup>8</sup>	63 <sup>8</sup>	77 <sup>8</sup>
FAMILY-FINDING REUNIFICATIONS:	25 <sup>7</sup>	49 <sup>8</sup>	63 <sup>8</sup>	77 <sup>8</sup>
MENTOR-FOSTER-TO-ADOPT ADOPTIONS:	25 <sup>7</sup>	39 <sup>8</sup>	51 <sup>8</sup>	61 <sup>8</sup>
<b>TOTAL AFFEC FOSTER CHILDREN LEAVING CARE:</b>	<b>450<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>869<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>1,122<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>1,366<sup>6</sup></b>

## AFFEC SAVINGS DATA:

2010 SAVINGS CREATED:	\$6,966,000 <sup>3</sup>
2011 SAVINGS ANTICIPATED:	\$13,449,024 <sup>3</sup>
2012 SAVINGS ANTICIPATED:	\$17,362,368 <sup>3</sup>
2013 SAVINGS ANTICIPATED:	\$21,151,872 <sup>3</sup>

## DOLLARS SAVED FOR EACH DOLLAR AFFEC SPENDS:

FOR EVERY 2010 AFFEC DOLLAR SPENT, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS WERE:	\$27.90 <sup>5</sup>
FOR EVERY 2011 AFFEC DOLLAR TO BE SPENT, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS SHOULD BE:	\$45.09 <sup>5</sup>
FOR EVERY 2012 AFFEC DOLLAR TO BE SPENT, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS SHOULD BE:	\$42.35 <sup>5</sup>
FOR EVERY 2013 AFFEC DOLLAR TO BE SPENT, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS SHOULD BE:	\$43.12 <sup>5</sup>



## SOURCE AND METHODOLOGY NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> National Council for Adoption; Nicholas Zill, Ph.D., May, 2011, *Adoption Advocate* article **Better Prospects, Lower Costs : The Case for Increasing Foster Care Adoption**
- <sup>2</sup> AFFEC annual budget/proforma published 2011
- <sup>3</sup> These numbers are derived by multiplying the number of foster children who exited foster care into permanent placement by the annual net savings of a foster child being adopted .
- <sup>4</sup> This is the net difference between gross adoption savings and gross adoption support costs.
- <sup>5</sup> These numbers are derived by dividing annual savings by the corresponding annual AFFEC total expenses.
- <sup>6</sup> These numbers are derived by projecting in proper proportion the 2010 known results forward into the future periods.
- <sup>7</sup> These numbers are the Executive Director's best estimate of 2010 results.
- <sup>8</sup> These numbers are derived by projecting in proper proportion the Executive Director's best estimate of 2010 results forward into the future periods.

## CONTEXT NOTES:

- A. It is important to recognize that the numbers above do not reflect net savings beyond the year at focus. Average time in foster care extends statistically to 33 months, and the children AFFEC serves typically experience longer periods in foster care, given developmental and sibling challenges more often presenting in AFFEC's children. True net savings would accrue during periods beyond the year at focus and should be added to successive years' net savings, significantly increasing cumulative net savings.
- B. The number of foster children leaving care is deemed the most meaningful measure of AFFEC's mission. "Leaving care" includes adoption, reuniting with family and other circumstances resulting in permanent, non-foster-care placement.
- C. The net effect of these numbers understates the positive financial impact of AFFEC's work.