

2022 Annual Report

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OUR MISSION

WE BELIEVE that every child has a right to a permanent home and family, and that the family and community are invaluable resources in the positive growth and development of each child.

WE SERVE troubled and needy children and their families by promoting community-based alternatives to institutional care, and the least restrictive environment appropriate to the needs of each individual.

WE DO develop and provide a wide range of direct therapeutic services to meet the needs of children and their families by collaborating with the community and other agencies to provide individualized and family services that engender long-term stability and strive to enable the children and families we serve to meet their fullest potential.

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The South Carolina Youth Advocate Program (commonly known as SCYAP) is a private, not for profit, 501(c)3, organization that supports and facilitates the development and operation of foster care and community-based services for children and their families.



Message from SCYAP's CEO

Dear SCYAP Stakeholders:

It is a privilege to continue to be the leader of SCYAP, a mission-driven and diverse organization. For thirty-two (32) years, SCYAP has proudly provided services to children, youth and their families in South Carolina. As I reflect on the last year, I can't help but be impressed by how our company resides in the fabric of so many people's lives. The part we play in helping build better futures for our children and youth and their families is a source of pride and purpose for our staff, foster parents and Board of Directors.

Across the state, nation and globe, 2022 was another year of significant challenges with COVID-19's lingering impacts, however, I remain proud of our company's resiliency and of what our staff and foster parents have achieved, collectively and individually. Throughout the challenge of the past few years, we have never stopped doing all the things we should be doing to serve children, youth and their families. As we enter the next year, I am excited to build upon this strong foundation to expand our impact and increase our reach in the services we are privileged to provide.

Thank you to the many individuals and families that have been a part of our programs and services in the past year. SCYAP has exceptionally dedicated staff and foster parents. They are, of course, the heart and soul of our organization. We will continue to support the work they do as we continue with our mission serving the children, youth and families of South Carolina.

Lex Cole, CEO

SCYAP is incorporated as the South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, Inc. within the State of South Carolina. The general management of the company is vested in the authority of the organization's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors assigns responsibility for the day-to-day operations of SCYAP to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).



SCYAP was established in 1990 to provide out of home foster care for youth with special needs. Services began in Charleston, SC and quickly spread up the state's coastline. As the number of foster homes and youth and families being served by SCYAP increased, the State Office was relocated to Columbia; the original Charleston site became a regional office with an outpost in Beaufort, and additional regional offices were opened in Myrtle Beach, Columbia, and Greenville. other

SCYAP offers a comprehensive array of programs and services to youth and families dealing with difficult issues and crises situations. Our programs promote individualized treatment, flexible programming, case and cause advocacy, community-based and in-home interventions, and a positive approach to treating children and working with families.

Since our inception, SCYAP has grown in both our scope of work and service spectrum. While our largest program continues to be foster care, a significant part of our array of services now includes community-based services, in-home clinical and family preservation services, and out-patient mental health clinics. In 2022 we added school-based mental health services to our array of services and continued to grow our psychiatric services of assessment, therapy and medication management.

Because of the nature and flexibility of our individualized programs, SCYAP maintains a broad and relatively inclusive admissions policy. Our programs serve both male and female clients and do not discriminate by race, color, religious creed, ancestry, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or the seriousness or complexity of disability or need.

The target population of SCYAP is at-risk or children with special needs. We serve children with a broad spectrum of emotional, behavioral, mental, developmental, and medical needs who require out-of-home services, community-based programming, and/or in-home intervention.

**SCYAP is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3, child-placing and child and family-serving organization.
SCYAP has proudly served children, youth and their families in South Carolina since 1990.**

Our Services

Foster Care

- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Traditional Foster Care
- Medically Fragile Foster Care
- Special Needs Foster Care

Community-Based Services

- Behavior Modification
- Family Support
- Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services

SCYAP is proud to offer a comprehensive array of services to meet the needs of youth, families, referring agencies, and the communities we serve. Our programs and services include prevention, intervention and rehabilitation strategies aimed at strengthening families and ensuring that children and youth are cared for in a safe and nurturing manner.

Transportation

- Emergency Transportation
- Regular Transportation

Mental Health Services

- Diagnostic Assessment
- Out-Patient Individual Therapy
- Out-Patient Family Therapy
- Crisis Management
- In-Home Family Preservation
- Psychiatric Assessment
- Medication Monitoring
- School-Based Services



Foster Care Services



SCYAP foster care focuses on the power of family. In a foster home setting, children who have suffered abuse and neglect can share in healthy family relationships, experience positive parenting, learn and practice pro-social skills, and actively participate in community life.

SCYAP has two different types of foster care programs: Therapeutic Foster Care and Traditional Foster Care. Both of these programs provide a nurturing, safe and caring home to children who require placement away from their families; however, the intensity of services and the presenting issues of the child(ren) being served differ between the programs.

Therapeutic Foster Care is a family-based placement option for children in need of out of home placement, who have serious emotional, psychiatric, developmental, medical, and/or behavioral issues. Foster parents are specially trained to understand and respond to the special needs of these children and are supported by SCYAP staff throughout the child's placement in their home.

Traditional Foster Care is a family-based placement option for children in need of out of home placement, but who do not require the specialized interventions provided in Therapeutic Foster Care. The children served in Traditional Foster Care are often just entering the foster care system or are close to exiting the system to family reunification, adoption, or emancipation.

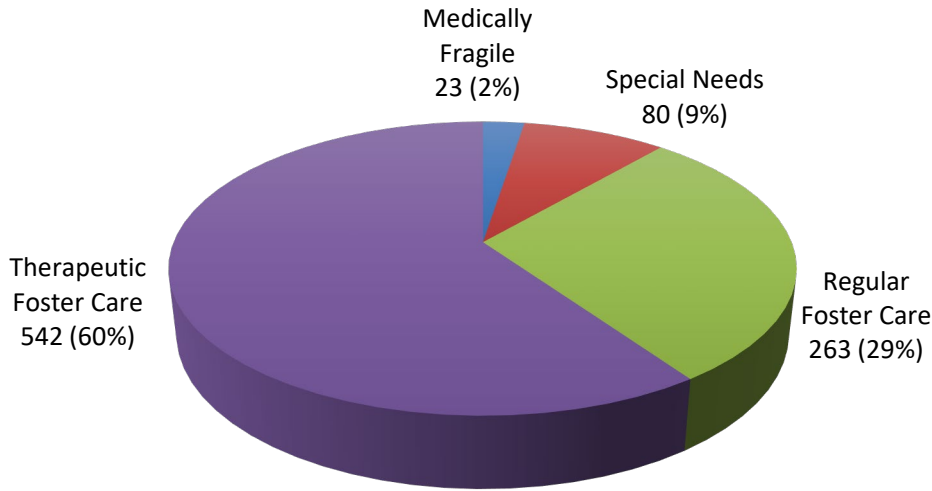


Maybe you can't change the whole world, but you can change the whole world of a child in foster care. Deciding to become a foster parent not only helps children and teenagers in need of a loving and stable home, but it also improves families and communities in many ways, and can make your life richer as well.

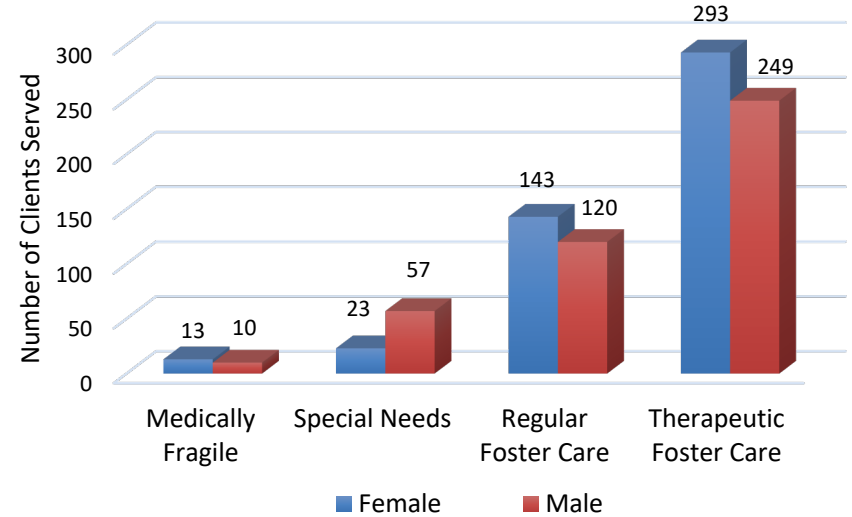
2022 Foster Care Client Population Demographics

A total of 908 clients were served in SCYAP Foster Care Services in 2022.

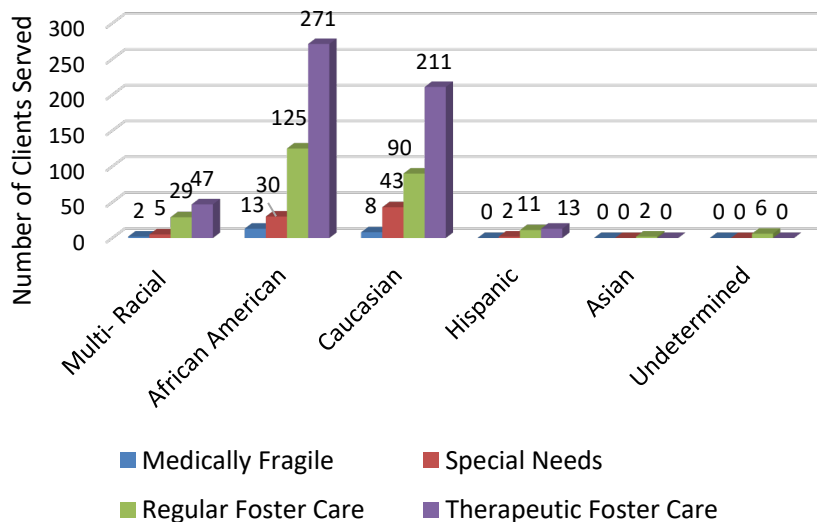
Clients Served by Foster Care Type



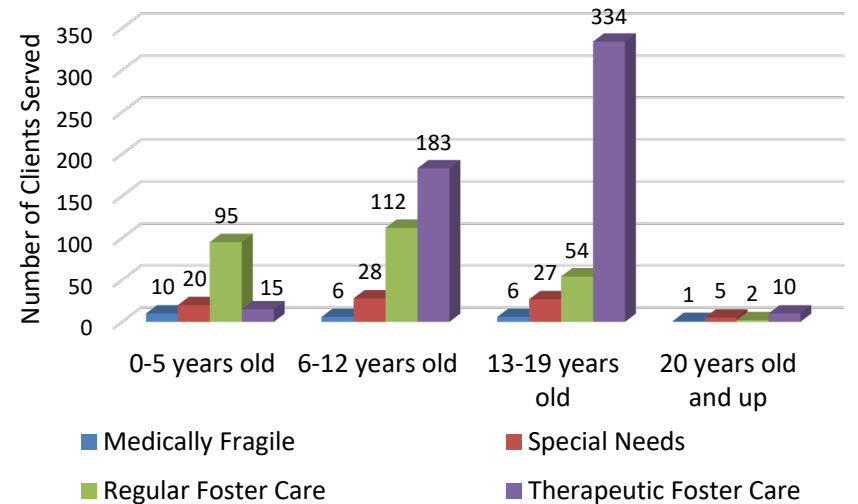
Clients Served by Gender & Foster Care Type



Clients Served by Ethnicity & Foster Care Type



Clients Served by Age Range & Foster Care Type



Mental Health Services

Mental Health Services are planned, face-to-face therapeutic interactions between a trained and qualified clinical professional and an individual recipient, a family unit, or a group of recipients with similar clinical needs. Our team of qualified mental health professionals provide clinical services to children, adolescents, and their families to address a wide variety of behavioral, emotional, psychiatric, and relational problems.



SCYAP's Mental Health Services are staffed with licensed mental health professionals. Comprehensive diagnostic and clinical assessments are used to identify the nature, cause and potential effects of a client's presenting problems, and are appropriate for clients who are just beginning to receive mental health services and for those who require a redetermination of the appropriate course of treatment to best meet their needs. Therapy services involve a range of clinical techniques, strategies, and modalities depending on the client's needs and diagnosis, and are aimed at helping the individual or family achieve and maintain stability, improving the mental and emotional health of the individual or family, and assisting them to cope or gain control over the symptoms and effects of their illness or life stressors. Psychiatric services, including assessment and medication management, are available and are provided by board certified child and adolescent psychiatrists.



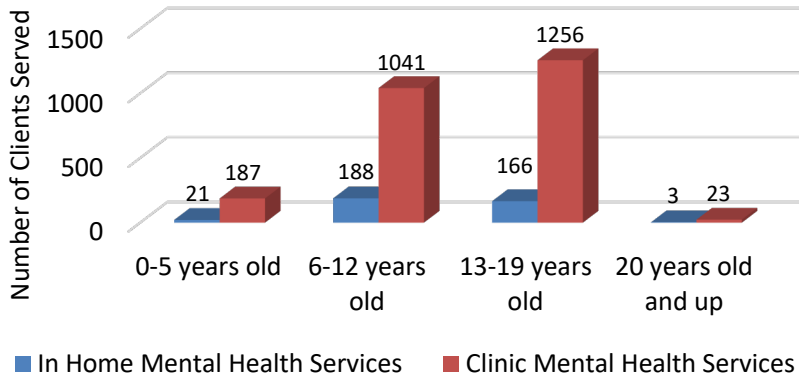
Mental Health Services are available through our out-patient clinics, through in-home services in the client's home, via telehealth services and starting in late 2002 through school-based programming.

SCYAP is committed to providing trauma informed, family focused services to improve the lives of children and families. We are sensitive to the unique strengths and challenges of each child and are committed to helping overcome these challenges to improve the child's overall wellness and quality of life.

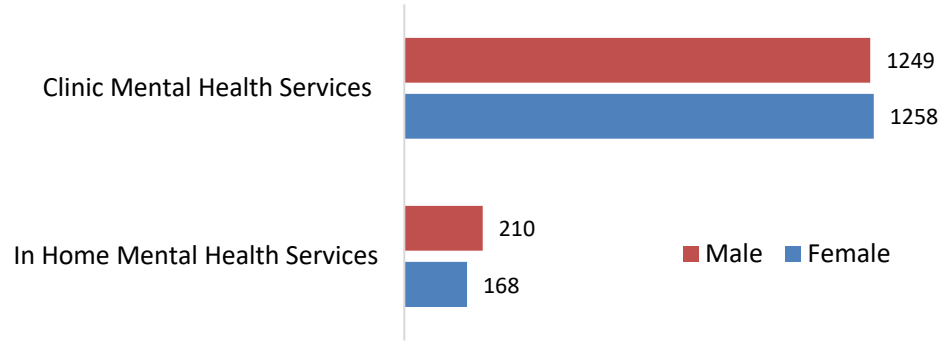
2022 Mental Health Services Client Population Demographics

A total of 378 clients were served through SCYAP's In Home Mental Health Services and a total of 2507 clients were served through SCYAP's Clinic Mental Health Services in 2022.

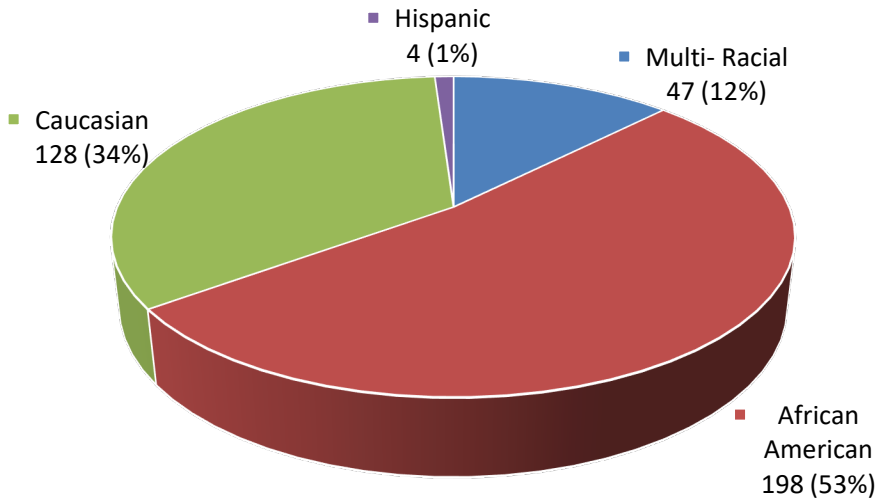
Clients Served by Age Range & Location of Service



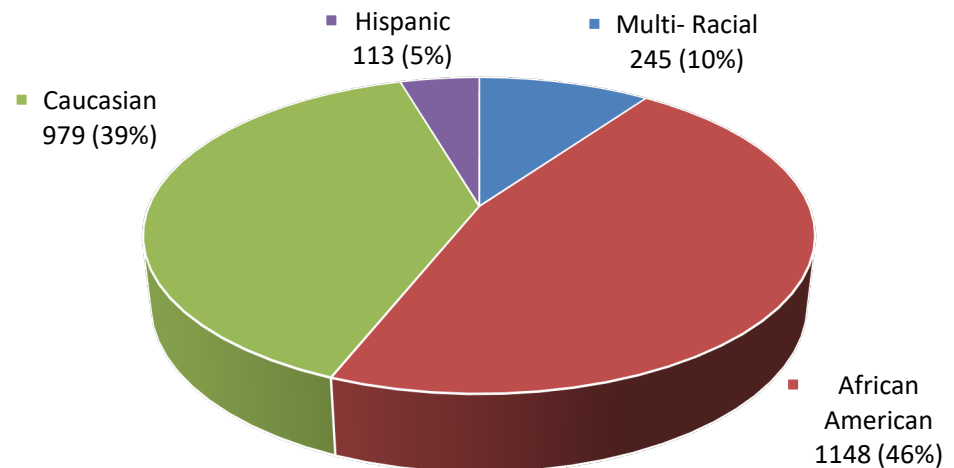
Clients Served by Gender & Location of Service



Ethnicity: In Home Mental Health Services



Ethnicity: Clinic Mental Health Services



Community-Based Wrap Services



Operating under the conviction that children and youth should be with their families and served in their communities whenever and wherever possible, SCYAP's Community-Based Wrap Services are non-residential services that are provided within the client's home, school, or community.

The overarching goals of the services provided in the SCYAP Community-Based Wrap Services array are to treat and maintain clients in their homes, to prevent out of home placements, to promote stability and positive family functioning, to prevent involvement with (or further involvement with) the juvenile justice system, and to develop a positive quality of life for clients and their families.

Behavior Modification Services provide the client with redirection and modeling of appropriate behaviors in order to enhance his or her functioning within the home, school, and/or community.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services assist clients in the strengthening of skills needed to promote and sustain daily living, independence and stability in their living, learning, social, and working environments.

Family Support Services enable the family or caregiver to serve as a knowledgeable member of the client's treatment team and to develop and/or improve the ability of the family or caregiver to appropriately care for the client.

Crisis Management Services assist the client or family to regain stability during an event that threatens the psychological and emotional well-being or safety of the client or others.

Transportation Services

are available to clients and family members for transportation to and from therapy services, court hearings, family visits and pre-placement visits.

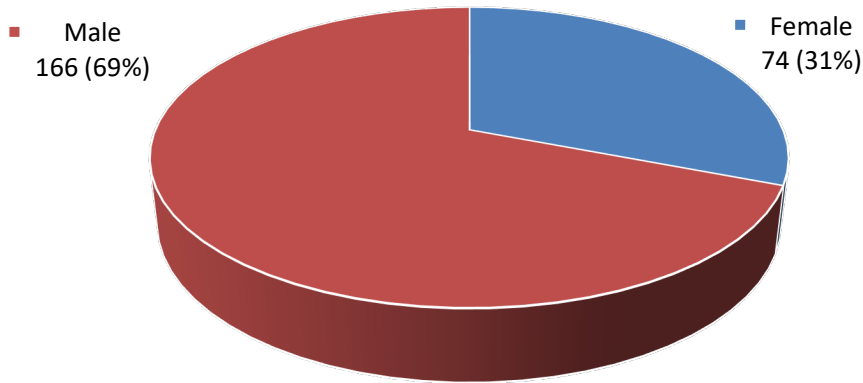
Transportation Services are provided statewide and out-of-state transportation is also available. A referral from a SC government agency is required for this service.

All Community-Based Wrap Services are available on a statewide basis and are provided at times when clients and their families can best access them (i.e., afterschool, in the evenings, on weekends, etc.).

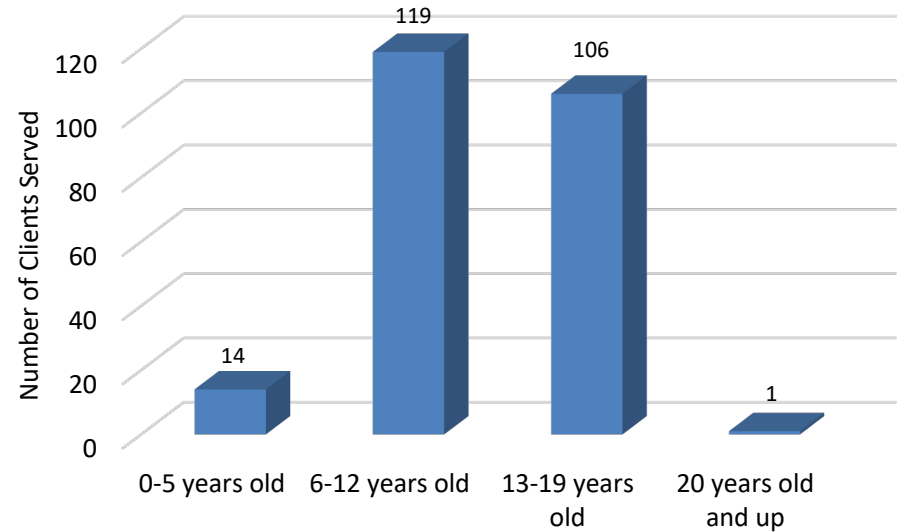
2022 Community-Based Wrap Services Client Population Demographics

A total of 240 clients were served by Community-Based Wrap Services in 2022.

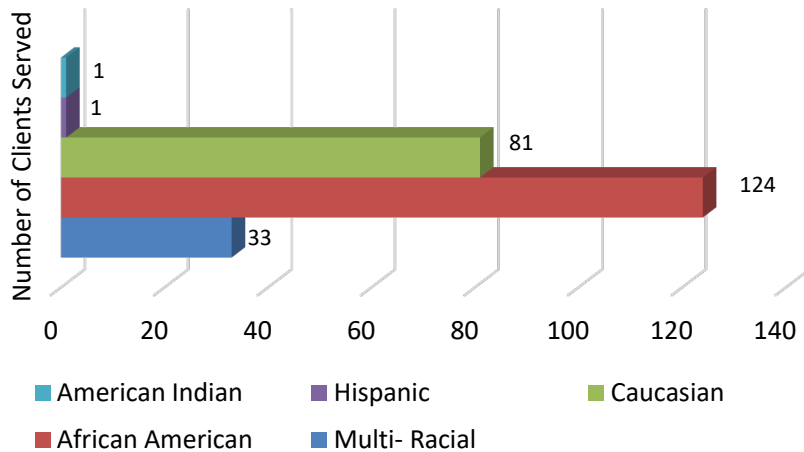
Clients Served by Gender in Wrap Services



Clients Served by Age Range in Wrap Services

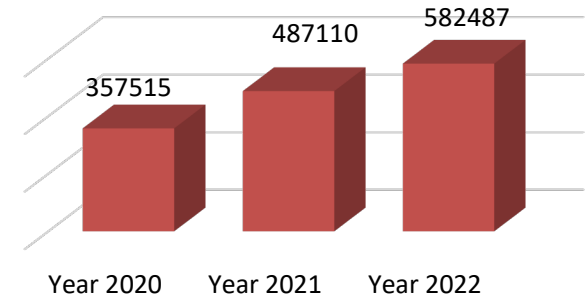


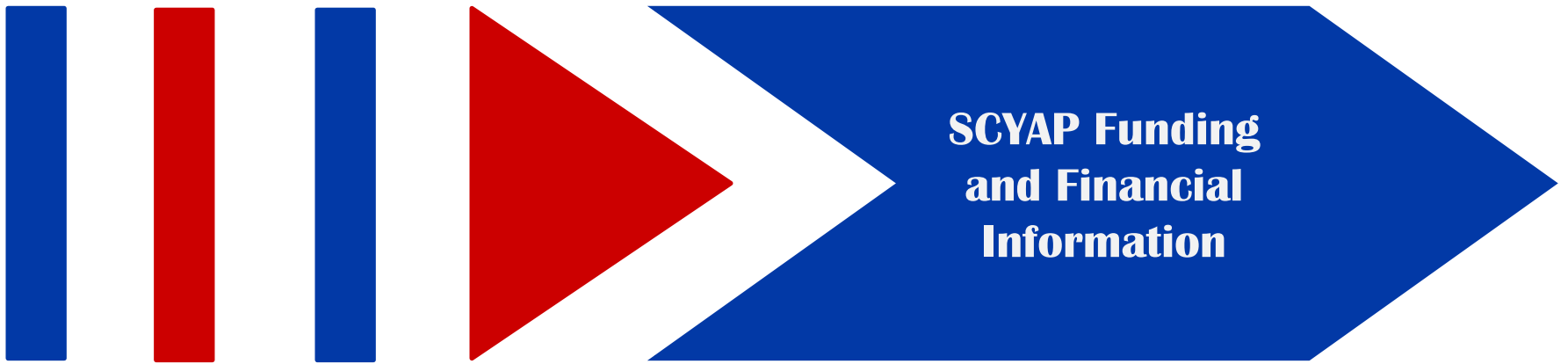
Clients Served by Ethnicity in Wrap Services



In 2022, the SCYAP Transportation Program drove children and youth a total of 582,487 miles.

3-Year Mileage Comparison





SCYAP Funding and Financial Information

In 2022, SCYAP's **Foster Care Services** continued to be the largest program, accounting for 71% of SCYAP's revenue.

Community-Based Services made up 5% of SCYAP's revenue in 2022.

Mental Health Services made up 17% of SCYAP's total revenue in 2022.

Transportation Services made up 4% of SCYAP's total revenue in 2022.

Revenue Source	% of SCYAP Revenue In 2022
State Agency (Majority DSS)	39%
Medicaid (DHHS & Medicaid MCOs)	56%
Other Income	5%



Ensuring the overall financial health of SCYAP is a never-ending process. The financial stability and success of the organization requires our Board of Directors and Executive staff to institutionalize systems that are long-term in range while being relevant and applicable to the management of our day-to-day operations.



SCYAP
Board of Directors

Sandra “Sandi” Parise – Chair Parise & Noë Law Firm

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, Ms. Parise is currently a Columbia, South Carolina attorney-at-law whose practice is devoted to divorce and family law. Ms. Parise received her undergraduate degree at the University of South Carolina in 1975, and her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1981. Of note, Ms. Parise has been an editor of the South Carolina Family Court Handbook, a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a lecturer for the South Carolina Bar Association and the New Family Court Judges Orientation School. Ms. Parise has been a member of the SCYAP Board since 2002.

Fred David – Vice Chair Retired

Mr. David, is a former Strategic Account Manager for H.B. Fuller Company/Forbo Adhesives. Prior to his retirement in 2022, Mr. David was a seasoned sales and marketing professional with nearly 25 years of experience in the formulated adhesives industry. In his role at Forbo, Mr. David managed key accounts in strategic assembly, automotive, and textiles industry sectors. Mr. David attained a bachelor’s degree in 1980 in marketing with a minor in psychology at the University of South Carolina, where he also played as an offensive lineman on the football team under an athletic scholarship. Mr. David has served on the SCYAP Board since 2004.

Charles “Chuck” Clymer – Secretary/Treasurer Retired

Mr. Clymer, a former Vice President and Principal/Engineering Consultant, Terracon, Inc., received a degree in hydrogeology/geology from the University of South Carolina. Before retiring in 2020, Mr. Clymer was a senior principal at Terracon with expertise in environmental assessments, due diligence and site remedial action plans and remedial system design at Terracon, Inc., a nationally-recognized company which provides geotechnical, environmental, construction materials, and facilities engineering services. Mr. Clymer joined the SCYAP Board in 2003.

Silas Calhoun McMeekin The Wolfe Company, Inc.

Mr. McMeekin was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia with a dual bachelor's degree in Political Science and English. He remained in the DC area for several years, working with the Washington DC Association of Realtors as Education Director, and later on Capital Hill for several lawmakers, including serving as an intern for The Honorable Strom Thurmond, a Special Assistant to The Honorable Floyd Spence, and Field Representative for Arthur Ravenel's state governorship campaign. Mr. McMeekin returned to Columbia in 1994 and has worked for The Wolfe Company since that time. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Central Carolina Realtors Association, and the City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. McMeekin joined the SCYAP Board in 2009.

Patrick Parise Artist

Mr. Parise was born in Brooklyn, New York. His formal artistic training began at Bethany College in Kansas and continued at the University of South Carolina. After college, Mr. Parise opened his own printing studio, which expanded to etching, painting, sculpting and designing with varied media. Mr. Parise's award-winning work has achieved regional, national and international recognition, and many pieces now reside in museum, corporate and private collections. He has been commissioned for projects that include the design of custom floors inlaid with wood, granite and marble, handmade pieces for the architecture of a local church, and artwork that was presented to visiting foreign dignitaries. Mr. Parise has served as an instructor and panelist for the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, and Rose Hill Estate. He remains a professional artist and is owner of Southern Printworks. Mr. Parise joined the SCYAP Board in 2012.

Diane Salane Colliers International

Ms. Salane has worked for Colliers International since 1979, and currently serves as the Executive Assistant for the Sales Department in Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Salane's business and educational background includes the University of South Carolina and Midlands Technical College, and she received her Certified Professional Secretary designation in 1988. She is a former member of Professional Secretaries International, Palmetto Chapter, where she served as in several executive positions, including President, and served on various committees. Ms. Salane's professional accomplishments include: 1990 South Carolina Secretary of the Year, Professional Secretaries International South Carolina Division, nomination for the 1993 Tribute to Women in Industry, a 2004 Colliers International South Carolina President's Award, and a 2015 Colliers International Community Service Award. In her free time, Ms. Salane has volunteered for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Columbia Blues Festival, Transitions Homeless Center, and United Way of the Midlands. She has conducted workshops for the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, South Carolina Department of Social Services, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, and Ready, Willing and Able. Ms. Salane joined the SCYAP Board in 2014.