

Child Saving Institute Celebrates 130 Years of Helping Omaha Families Find Hope

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For 130 years, Child Saving Institute (CSI) has been dedicated to the prevention, intervention, and healing of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. Over the years, as the needs of the Omaha community have changed, so have CSI's programs and services.

What was once known as the leading agency providing infant adoption services, today CSI provides an array of services, all aligned to bring hope and healing to children, teens, and families. While child-focused, CSI provides a multi-generational approach, assisting entire family units to achieve the best outcomes possible.



During the Great Depression, once a year for many years, trains would stop in small towns across Iowa and Nebraska and kids and families would fill a boxcar with canned and fresh fruits and vegetables for the CSI kids. At least once, children and families

Amidst the prolonged pandemic, CSI kept its doors open, providing services to more than 2,500 children and their families last year among its 15 programs. Each CSI program or service area is geared to aid a local need. One growing area of interest for many families is the accessibility and availability of early childhood education.

"We understand the importance of early childhood education and brain development," says Jaymes Sime, President & CEO. "At CSI, we believe all children deserve equal opportunities, and we continue to strive to provide high-quality early childhood education to as many local children and families as possible."

It doesn't stop with early childhood education, however. CSI also provides [foster care services](#), an emergency shelter for teens needing a temporary place to live, triage services in partnership with Project Harmony, and comprehensive mental health services, including therapy and medication management services for children, teens, and young adults.

Most recently, CSI added its [Family Empowerment Program](#) in collaboration with the Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) to assist parents and caregivers and their children who are survivors of domestic violence in the Omaha metro.



Preschool children enjoy CSI's nationally-certified outdoor Nature Explore Classroom. CSI's Early Childhood Education program provides child-care services at two Omaha locations.

The Family Empowerment Program offers a research-based model to help enhance life after domestic violence for survivors. Parents and caregivers attend adult group classes while children and youth engage in fun, interactive activities that have proven to address, process, and heal trauma. Together, families grow as a cohesive family unit and develop skills to find stability.

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“Since its inception 130 years ago, the goal of CSI has been to meet the needs of children in the Omaha community. We continue to fulfill the mission of ‘responding to the cry of the child’ to this very day through our evolving programs and services. We are beyond proud to continue to serve the Omaha community and couldn’t do this work with our committed supporters.” Sime adds.

To learn more about CSI, its programs and services, or for ways to help support the organization, visit childsaving.org.

About Child Saving Institute (CSI)

CSI is dedicated to the prevention, intervention, and healing of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. For 130 years, CSI has been “Responding to the cry of a child” and meeting the changing needs of metro area children. CSI serves approximately 2,500 children and families each year. To learn more about CSI and the programs and services offered, please visit www.childsaving.org or

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