

Annual Report for Illinois Licensed Adoption Agencies

Date: _____

Name of Agency: _____

Corporate Address*: _____

Illinois DCFS

License/Provider ID number: _____ Telephone: _____

License Effective date: _____ to _____

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: _____

***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:

_____ 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: _____
- B. The number of adoptive families who are licensed and awaiting domestic placement as of the agency’s fiscal year end: _____
- C. The number of biological parents who the agency provided services to during the reporting period for domestic adoption: _____
- D. The number of children placed in adoptive homes during the year:
Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: _____
Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: _____

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

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: _____

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

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

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

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

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

The number of international adoptive placement disruptions: _____

- _____ 2. Has the agency:
- lost the right to provide adoption services in any state or country,
 - had its 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.*

- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 10. The agency's website address is: _____
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.

Printed or typed name of Executive Director

Signature of Executive Director

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:

Illinois Attorney General
Charitable Trust Bureau
100 W. Randolph Street, 11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601
312-814-2595 or 312-814-3000

DCFS Agency and Intuitional Licensing Units:

Cook County

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1911 S. Indiana Ave. – 9th Fl.
Chicago, IL 60616

Northern Region

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1619 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435

Central / Southern Region

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1124 N. Walnut
Springfield, IL 62702

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Attachment to
Department of Children and Family Services
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**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF
EXPLANATION Date: September 1, 2022**

Question #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?

- 1. Travis Bartell, for minor AB v. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Thomas Williams and Goldie Williams** (Case No. 22LL00010 – McDonough County Circuit Court, filed July 8, 2021).

Summary: Mr. T Bartell, the biological father of minor AB, brought this suit on behalf of the minor, who is in traditional foster care. The minor and a friend (both young teenagers at the time of the incident) were at a park near the foster home. The complaint alleges that the minor and her friend (i) left the park in a car driven by a man or male teenager, (ii) stayed at a home in another town, and (iii) were sexually abused during that time. The complaint alleges that Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (“LSSI”) was negligent, and was willfully and wantonly disregarding with respect to, both (1) in LSSI’s licensing of the foster home/parents and (2) in performing its duties/casework. The Complaint was dismissed by the Court for want of prosecution; however, Mr. Bartell can refile the complaint by November 2, 2022.

- 2. Campbell, Chariot v. LSSI, LSSI caseworkers, other agencies and caseworkers, and two Galesburg police officers** (Case No. 22-4013, Central District of Illinois, filed January 21, 2022).

Summary: Ms. C. Campbell, biological mother, filed a pro se federal civil rights action against LSSI, its caseworks, other agencies and caseworkers, and Galesburg police officers. Ms. Campbell’s children were placed in foster care and the allegations in the complaint allege various wrongdoings by each of the defendants during the investigation, placement and foster care related to placement of her minor children in foster care. The complaint has not been properly served and, to date, LSSI is not aware of any activity in this case.

- 3. Krompart, S. v. LSSI** (Small Claims Case, filed May 12, 2022, Winnebago County)

Summary: Ms. Krompart filed a small claims complaint alleging that LSSI misrepresented information during an underlying parental rights case involving Ms. Krompart and her children. LSSI’s legal counsel filed a motion to dismiss the complaint and a ruling on the motion is expected on September 29, 2022.

4. **Gimino, Emily v. LSSI** (Case No. 22 CV 03397, Northern District of Illinois, filed June 27, 2022)

Summary: Ms. E. Gimino brought a pro se federal civil rights complaint against LSSI and LSSI's caseworker. Ms. Gimino is the fiancé of the biological father of the three minors whose parental rights were terminated by the State of Illinois in November, 2021. Ms. Gimino's complaint alleges various wrongdoing against LSSI, DCFS and LSSI's caseworkers. She seeks return of the children to her fiancé, their biological father, and damages of \$8M. The complaint has not been properly served and, to date, LSSI knows of no activity on this case.

5. **In re: Minor CH** (Motions brought in Macon County pending juvenile matter, filed September 21, 2021)

Summary: Biological father of CH, a minor in foster care, brought a motion to remove LSSI and a motion for sanctions against LSSI and its caseworker seeking damages. The motions allege that LSSI's caseworker disclosed confidential information to a third party. The Juvenile Court granted the motion to remove LSSI and dismissed the motion for sanctions. LSSI is no longer involved in the juvenile matter.