Our mission is to provide and improve – and ultimately prevent the need for – foster care.
Casey Family Programs is the nation’s largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care and building Communities of Hope for children and families across America.

We are committed to 2020: Building Communities of Hope, a nationwide effort to improve the safety and success of children and their families. We work in support of a range of public, private, tribal and community partners to:

- **Safely reduce the need for foster care by 50 percent by the year 2020.** We partner with child welfare systems, families, policymakers, courts and American Indian tribes to support practices and policies that safely reduce the need for foster care, increase the safety and success of children and strengthen the resilience of families.

- **Demonstrate how every child can have a safe and permanent family.** We provide direct services with the goal that no child in our care will age out of the foster care system without a safe, loving family of his or her own. Through this work, we seek to influence improvements in life outcomes, especially in the areas of education, mental health and employment.

- **Support more effective investments in children and families.** We contribute nonpartisan information, data and resources to help public officials make more effective investments — and reinvestments — in children and families.

- **Encourage a shared vision for success.** We encourage community leaders to think, plan and act collectively to improve the long-term safety and success of children and their families.

Casey Family Programs is headquartered in Seattle and has offices in Arizona, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New York, Texas and Washington.
Casey Family Programs works in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to influence long-lasting improvements to the safety and success of children, families and the communities where they live.

Our approach is based on learning from and collaborating with those who are working to improve the safety and success of children and their families at the local, state, tribal and national levels.

We do this in three ways:

- **Consulting.** We offer ongoing strategic consultation, technical assistance, data analysis and independent research and evaluation at no cost to child welfare systems, policymakers, courts and tribes across America to support long-lasting improvements that safely reduce the need for foster care.

- **Direct services.** We provide foster care and other direct services to 1,100 children and families through community-based offices in nine locations.

We share what we learn with child welfare systems, tribes, courts, private providers and community partners.

- **Public policy.** We support federal, state, tribal and local governments by providing comprehensive, nonpartisan child welfare information and education driven by data and based on evidence of what works best to improve the lives of children and families.

Since our founding in 1966, we have invested more than $2.1 billion to support improvements in programs, services and public policies that benefit children and families in the child welfare system. Over the next decade, we will invest at least $1 billion more to influence improvements to the safety and success of children, families and the communities where they live.

Visit [casey.org](http://casey.org) to learn more.
We recognize that creating better futures for children and families will not be possible unless we take the community conditions that surround them into consideration. If a community is healthy — if it is safe, supportive and teeming with opportunities — then it will have the elements that children need to thrive.

We must do more to build hope so that every child, in every home, in every ZIP code in America has the same access and opportunity to thrive. That will require that we look beyond what the child welfare system can do alone and consider how we can work together across systems and across sectors to improve the broader conditions that affect the health, safety and opportunities of children and their families.

2020: Building Communities of Hope is a collective vision for change. It is a collective vision of hope that is built upon four core principles and beliefs about achieving measurable and sustainable change:

- Local leaders must lead our efforts to work with and empower families and communities to make decisions to improve their life outcomes.
- We must improve our utilization of data to drive decision-making and improve the capacity of communities to support their most vulnerable citizens.
- We must change our federal, state, tribal and local funding structures to better support more effective investments in sustainable change, life-outcome improvement and restoration of hope.
- The philanthropic and business communities can forge effective partnerships with federal, state, tribal and local governments to support long-lasting improvements for children and families.

We are committed to 2020: Building Communities of Hope, an agenda for change that draws on the strength of communities and the vision of local leaders to keep children safe and make families strong.
Jim Casey, the founder of United Parcel Service, established Casey Family Programs in 1966 to help improve the safety and success of vulnerable children and their families across America.

Thanks to his leadership and vision — and the commitment of his brothers and sister — Casey Family Programs is able to carry on this important mission today and for decades to come.

Jim Casey spent his working life revolutionizing package delivery across the globe. He drew on that experience to guide and inform the efforts of Casey Family Programs to provide and improve — and ultimately prevent the need for — foster care.

A strong, supportive family was critical to the success that Jim Casey and his siblings enjoyed. He credited his mother, Annie E. Casey, with keeping the young family together following the death of his father and for providing all of them with the love and guidance they needed to thrive.

Jim Casey was just a teenager himself in 1907 when he founded what would become United Parcel Service in Seattle, a rough-and-tumble town in the time of the Alaska Gold Rush. But he understood throughout his life that every child deserved a safe and supportive family and that every family needed a strong and caring community.

Casey Family Programs proudly carries on that tradition of building hope for children, families and the communities where they live.
One measure of your success will be the degree to which you build up others who work with you. While building up others, you will build up yourself.

–Jim Casey