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## **EXECUTIVE**



EFR EMPLOYEE & FAMILY RESOURCES



# **MESSAGE**

Dear EFR Supporters,

# © 2020 has been a great year for EFR!

You may think I'm joking. Or you may think I'm crazy. But, I'm not joking, and I'm just a little bit crazy, but not crazy about 2020 presenting a huge opportunity for EFR to shine. There is nothing like adversity and struggle to bring out the best in EFR programs!

The range and enormity of the challenges of this year are greater than most of us can ever remember. A global health crisis, national civil unrest, political divisiveness, in addition to all the "new normal" things of everyday life have created a national emotional crisis. As a result, people are experiencing more depression, anxiety, and isolation as we head into the shorter and colder days of winter.

It has been during these otherwise dark times that EFR has been a ray of hope for so many. During these difficult days, more companies and individuals reached out for our support. I'm proud that we are here to serve and support when people need us most and remain proud of EFR's dedicated staff who have continued to work compassionately and professionally through these challenging times.

I hope you enjoy the recap of the past year. I am sure you will join me in awe of the creative solutions to 2020's unforeseen circumstances. We wish you health, hope, and peace as we near the end of the year that turned the world upside down!

With sincere gratitude for your support,

Tammy Hoyman, CEO

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### **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

We are all aware of the effect the pandemic had on the business community- creating challenges that most had never dreamed of facing. It is when employers and employees are struggling that EFR's EAP can help the most. As tensions continued to grow, so did EFR's support to our EAP customers and clients- ensuring that uninterrupted telephone support continued and telehealth sessions were readily available when in-person meetings were no longer safe. Additionally, EFR was able to begin offering weekly webinars on a variety of topics to support customers struggling with unprecedented times. Through the developments of 2020, EFR's EAP has continued to respond to needs in creative ways- demonstrating the value of a compassionate full-service employee assistance program!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



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### **Prevention**

The EFR Prevention Team had a successful year! It included the team coordinating work under six different grants covering Polk, Warren, Jasper, and Marion Counties addressing substance abuse and problem gambling; and added a First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Program grant. The team completed 120 interviews with community members to gather information about the communities we serve. This data will help guide the prevention work in those counties in the coming years. The team also hosted two Community Talks Town Hall events to engage community members in discussions on underage alcohol use and current drug trends. In the last quarter of the year, the team transitioned to all virtual programminginstead of backing down, the team stepped up! Through creative methods, such as using video and social media outlets, the team successfully completed a majority of the outcomes in their work plans.

### Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The EFR Counseling Program exceeded all expectations this year by responding to the emerging needs of the community- especially during the last quarter of the fiscal year when the pandemic hit. Within hours, all counselors had transitioned to home offices and telehealth, immediately ready to support clients as uncertainties grew and anxiety increased by the day. Even during such challenging times, the program served 335 people!

**Counseling Program** 

What a year for the SAP to shine! Before Spring Break, the program was on track to serve a record-setting number of students and families. Even with schools closing for a fourth of the school year, the program served 705 individuals in counseling sessions and over 6,000 in student groups! One of the highlights of this year's groups was a collaboration with NAMI to bring "Ending the Silence" to schools, providing an educational program developed to address the stigma associated with mental illness. After schools canceled as a result of COVID. the SAP offered virtual support groups and individual sessions by telehealth.

# Substance Abuse Services (SAS)

The year started strong for the substance abuse evaluation program, exceeding all projections... until the pandemic hit Iowa in March. Then referrals, many from the criminal justice system, slowed to a trickle. Still, this year 2,329 evaluations were completed- 1,235 at EFR's downtown office, 768 at the Polk County Jail, and 326 via telehealth. Only 14% of all clients were seen in the last quarter of the year. However, EFR quickly adapted to telehealth and was ready to serve on day one of working from home. Today, the SAS counselors typically have a full schedule and are serving individuals who access services via home computers, personal smartphones, or a telehealth system at the jail. We are proud to keep offering clients treatment opportunities, even during a pandemic!

# STORIES OF



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IMPACT

After successfully completing a residential substance abuse treatment program, Amy\* chose to continue outpatient sessions with an EFR counselor. Over several months, Amy worked with her counselor to identify ways to set boundaries, recognize what healthy relationships look like, adopt effective coping skills, and learn how to build a strong support system.

Today, Amy recognizes the positive impact counseling had on her life and feels confident in her newfound ability to develop healthy relationships and support systems.



Lauren\* sought out EAP services to address her fears surrounding COVID and the impact on her life. However, the focus of each session seemed to shift to Lauren's dissatisfaction with her job performance, the direction of her career, and the impact of COVID on her professional life.

With the help of her counselor, Lauren has been able to set short term and long term goals concerning her job. Mindfulness has been instrumental in learning to process her emotions, and she is developing increased awareness of her emotions and triggers while being kind to herself.

As she finishes her remaining sessions, Lauren continues to take steps toward improving her relationship with herself, her emotions, and her

## With your generosity and support, EFR impacted the lives of

# 48,255

23,160





15,707

Central lowans (youth and adults) were served by EFR's substance abuse and problem gambling prevention specialists.



2,329

Central lowans received substance abuse assessment and referral services, providing an opportunity for recovery to people struggling with substance abuse and other related issues.



### individuals and families in 2020, helping them reach their full potential!



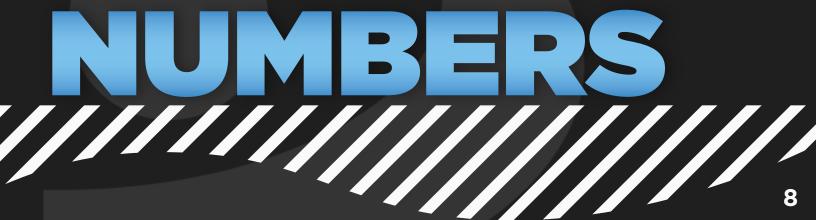
6,724



students and family members were served by the Student Assistance Program through assessment, referral and brief counseling sessions and student groups. 335



individuals received counseling to help address mental health and substance abuse issues.



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MADDO

Maddox\*, an elementary-aged student, struggled with anger outbursts, physical aggression, and difficulties with problem-solving. After spending years off-and-on in therapy seeking treatment with various providers only to remark that "none seemed to want to listen," Maddox's parents sought SAP services through their district.

Today, Maddox is completing his SAP sessions and moving towards outpatient counseling. He has reduced his anger outbursts and has learned skills to help him successfully navigate challenging days.



## **EFR offered over 20 webinars**

reaching over 3000 attendees!



EFR was quick to adapt to the challenges brought about by 2020. Starting April 1st, we began offering virtual webinars on topics such as coping with COVID, remaining peaceful in times of uncertainty, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and many more!

Lars is one of our many talented presenters.
He's a therapist in private practice and serves as a trainer for EFR.

To watch previously recorded webinars or to attend our upcoming webinars simply visit

efr.org/stay-connected/webinars



# Craig & Judy Hansen















Like much else, this year's Ride Don't Hide event looked a little different due to the pandemic. For the health and safety of all participants, we held a virtual ride from July 20 - 26, 2020. In celebration of the event, we asked participants to post updates and tag Employee & Family Resource's Facebook page as a way to destigmatize mental health and substance use concerns.

A virtual Ride Don't Hide meant that riders rode individually, but collectively, through numerous Facebook posts. Supporters were united in addressing the stigma of accessing mental and substance use services through the restorative power of getting outside and riding a bike!

Thanks to the generosity of our Ride Don't Hide sponsors we raised \$26,500 to support EFR's mental health and substance abuse programs. Sixty-eight riders registered for the event, and even more participated virtually! Employee & Family Resources' Facebook page saw a dramatic jump in views, up 110%, and post engagement was up a whopping 638%!

We are already planning Ride Don't Hide 2021 - please mark your calendars for **Sunday**, **May 23, 2021**, or **May 17-23**, **2021**, if we are still under pandemic conditions.





As a result of the pandemic, the need for EFR's mental health and substance use counseling services is greater than ever. We are experiencing great success reaching clients via telehealth but look forward to seeing people in person again as soon as it is safe.

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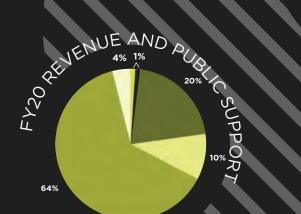
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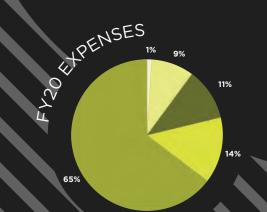
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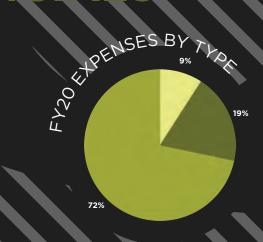
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| U | Investments and Other                                  | \$<br>196,938 |
|---|--|---------------|
| • | Client Fees  | 498,345       |
| • | Special Events (net)                                   | 26,197        |
| • | Workplace and Student<br>Assistance Services Contracts | 3,252,023     |
|   | Government Contracts                                   | 1,053,958     |
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- Development Substance Abuse Services Management and General Workplace and Student Assistance Services Community Services
  - 40,738 472,431 697,379 3,218,033 561,638
- **Operating Expenses** 964.990 Personnel 3,560,626 Service Delivery Fees 464,602

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Your generosity and support helps EFR continue to impact individuals and families in our community. We invite you to expand that impact in the year ahead!

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