

# Agape Works!



Quarterly Report on Agape's Two-Generational Programs, September - November 2018



## Agape Means Love.

Everyone deserves love, hope and encouragement. Our faith-based ministry works to lift children and families in need through unconditional love, the very meaning of our agency's name. We are blessed to serve thousands of children and families every year in an effort to keep them safe, smart and successful through [community-based services](#), [school-based support](#), [early childhood services](#), [workforce readiness](#), [homeless services](#), [adoption](#), [foster care](#) and [counseling](#).

In partnership with the [Tennessee Department of Human Services](#), Agape and its community partners have expanded via a two-generation model, wholly serving youth and parents in a poverty-reduction strategy, providing support, permanency, and sustainability in Frayser, Hickory Hill and Whitehaven.

This report provides an overview of the performance of Agape's two-generation services, in partnership with TDHS, over the past quarter.

## The Impact of ACEs:

An ACE is an adverse childhood experience such as abuse, neglect, or witnessing domestic violence or substance abuse. 30.71% of those we serve have 4 or more ACEs (nearly double the state average). Research shows, without intervention, ACEs can be a barrier to success at school, home, work and in the community. Agape aims to support, encourage and heal those recovering from trauma. In addition, we recently launched our early childhood initiative, [Thrive by Five](#), helping parents ensure their children are kindergarten-ready.

## Focus Areas:

[Agape](#) measures performance in outcomes in a multitude of areas including:

- **Health & Well-Being**
- **Education** (including Early Childhood)
- **Economic Supports**
- **Social Capital**

In the past quarter, Agape has delivered two-generation services to 976 individuals (1,296 YTD) representing 339 families (440 YTD).

## Poverty Reduction:

This approach aims to reduce poverty for those served. In the past quarter (September - November), **2.16% of the 339 families we served exited financial poverty.**

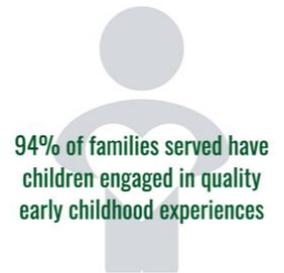
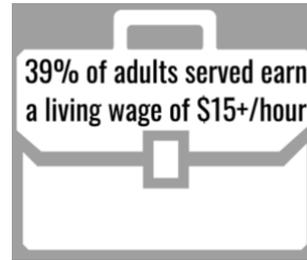
This far exceeds our annual goal of reducing poverty by 1% annually over the next ten years.

## PERFORMANCE

### DASHBOARD



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### Health & Well-Being Highlights

#### Housing & Basic Needs

**Goal:** 30% of families will pay their rent on time and are no more than five (5) days late.

**Actual:** 72.9% of the 43 renting families paid rent on time this past quarter (72.0% YTD), far exceeding the goal.

**Goal:** At least 75% of participating families will report low anxiety regarding a lack of food and clothing twelve months after they are involved in the program,.

**Actual:** Almost every family (97.29%) reported having low anxiety on the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix, scoring as safe, stable or thriving in the food and nutrition category.

### Education Highlights

#### Attendance, Behavior and Early Childhood

**Goal:** 65% of [Stars](#) students will attend school at system expected levels (miss less than 10% of school).

**Actual:** 89.8% of students attended school at expected levels in the past quarter. Only 18.6% of students experienced office referrals and suspensions, exceeding the goal of less than 40%. In addition, 94% of the 117 families with pre-school children were engaged in quality [early childhood](#) experiences.



### Economic Supports Highlights

#### Employment

**Goal:** 40% of adults served by Agape's workforce initiative will gain skills by participating in education leading to credential or employment; 20% of adults served will earn a living wage via secured or enhanced employment.

**Actual:** 46.7% of those served by Agape's [TeamWorks](#) program gained such skills; 39% now earn a living wage.

To find out more about how to help families in Memphis, call **901.323.3600** or visit [www.agapemeanslove.org](http://www.agapemeanslove.org).



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