

ABOUT

The Annie E. Casey Foundation



Helping vulnerable kids & families succeed

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in the nation, with total assets (fair market value) at the end of 2009 at more than \$2.6 billion. The Foundation provides about \$149 million in grants each year and is ranked among the top philanthropies for charitable giving. The Foundation's primary mission is to foster public policies, human services, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable children and families.

Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has been working to promote the well-being of our nation's most vulnerable children for 60 years. Established in 1948 by UPS co-founder Jim Casey and his siblings in honor of their mother, the Foundation's first grants supported a camp for disadvantaged children near the Casey family home in Seattle. Later, Jim Casey steered the Foundation's efforts toward finding more stable, permanent homes for children—reflecting his belief that the future chances of kids depend largely on what their parents and families are able to provide emotionally and financially.

In pursuit of that goal, Jim Casey established programs throughout New England that later became Casey Family Services. Operating today as the Foundation's direct services agency, Casey Family Services works directly with families and child welfare professionals to ensure that every child has a safe, nurturing, and permanent family. The agency has divisions in Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The Casey Foundation supports a diverse range of efforts designed to build better futures for millions of children at risk of poor educational, economic, social, and health outcomes. These investment areas include:

- designing and delivering services to secure and sustain lifelong family connections for children and youth;
- advocating for reforms in public human service systems to ensure that they operate effectively and efficiently to strengthen families;
- expanding social and economic security for families in poor communities;
- gathering and promoting the use of data as a tool for change; and
- transforming tough and isolated communities into family-supporting environments.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation makes grants that help states, cities, and neighborhoods create more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs. Grant making is limited to initiatives in the United States that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative policy, service delivery, and community supports—especially investments that encourage long-term strategies and partnerships to strengthen families and communities.

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