A BETTER PATH: FAMILY-BASED CARE

Highlights of a 2020 case study by Alliance for Children Everywhere show the benefits of family-based versus institutional care for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in Lusaka, Zambia.

FOR THE ORGANIZATION
family-based care is operationally more effective.

FOR THE CHILD
family-based care results in better developmental outcomes.

The Pillars of Family-Based Care

Since 1998 ACE Zambia has primarily mitigated and intervened in the pressing needs of orphaned and vulnerable children through Response and Prevention programs that comprise our continuum of care.

RESPONSE for children already separated from family:
- CHILD RESCUE AND CARE
- RE-INTEGRATION
- FOSTER-TO-ADOPT
- EMBRACE ZAMBIA PROJECT

PREVENTION for children at risk of family separation:
- FAMILY PRESERVATION & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS
family-based care
(noun)
A continuum of care for orphaned and vulnerable children that includes family of origin, extended family members, or foster and adoptive families. It does not include 'family style,' group homes, or temporary residential care.

Positive Outcomes for Organizations and OVC

ANNUAL COST PER BENEFICIARY

Response
- Reunification: $317
- Foster/Adoption: $317

Prevention
- Nutrition: $444
- Primary education: $24
- Secondary education: $624

Institution
- House of Moses: $9,609
- Bryant Crisis Nursery: $3,484

For guidance on transitioning from institutional to family-based care, contact Shoshon Tama-Sweet at shoshon@childreneverywhere.org.

DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOMES, AVERAGE

Gross Motor
- Institution: 56.25%
- Family care: 90%

Fine Motor
- Institution: 47.5%
- Family care: 85%

Language
- Institution: 36.25%
- Family care: 66%

Social/emotional
- Institution: 42.75%
- Family care: 88.5%