



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

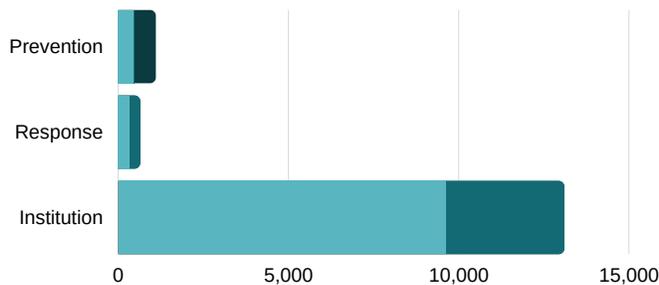
family-based care

(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

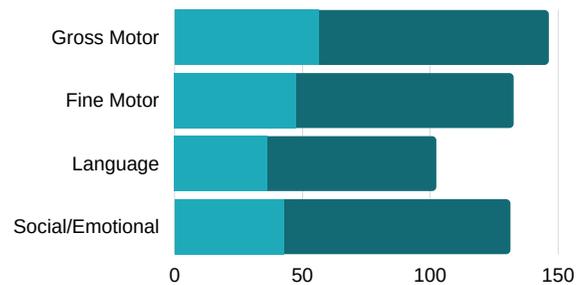
Prevention

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

Institution

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

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%

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