



2017 Annual Report

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OUR MISSION

WE BELIEVE that every child has a right to a permanent home and family, and that the family and community are invaluable resources in the positive growth and development of each child.

WE SERVE troubled and needy children and their families by promoting community-based alternatives to institutional care, and the least restrictive environment appropriate to the needs of each individual.

WE DO develop and provide a wide range of direct therapeutic services to meet the needs of children and their families by collaborating with the community and other agencies to provide individualized and family services that engender long-term stability and strive to enable the children and families we serve to meet their fullest potential.

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The South Carolina Youth Advocate Program (commonly known as SCYAP) is a private, non-profit organization that supports and facilitates the development and operation of foster care and community-based services for children and their families.

**Message from
SCYAP's CEO**

Dear Friends of SCYAP:

2017 proved to be an interesting year for SCYAP. The adaptation of therapeutic foster care to being significantly driven by managed care, which began in mid 2016, was fully realized in 2017. While the children we serve continued to be referred to us by state child-placing agencies, the authorization for treatment services was assumed by a Medicaid managed care entity.



The requirement for an assessment to be completed on every child receiving clinical services (from both our foster care and community-based services programs) led to significant growth of our mental health services program, resulting in the opening of two out-patient mental health clinics. Through these clinics we provided clinical and assessment services to hundreds of youth, many of those also served in our therapeutic foster care program. SCYAP added additional psychiatric coverage to ensure children served by the organization could get their medication needs appropriately evaluated and met.

In 2017, SCYAP experienced continued success licensing new foster homes, enabling us to place therapeutic and non-therapeutic youth of all ages. Grant support from The Duke Endowment provided invaluable assistance in this area. We provided therapeutic foster care, traditional foster care, therapy, diagnostic assessment, and community-based wrap services to a record number of children in 2017, making SCYAP the largest provider of most of these services in the state.

I am deeply proud of the work we do each and every day to serve children and families. I want to thank our Board of Directors, employees and foster parents for their continued hard work and dedication to our mission. I invite you to spend some time on our website and follow us on social media to continue learning about SCYAP and the tremendous work we do every day to improve the lives of children and families.

Lex Cole, CEO



SCYAP was established in 1990 to provide out of home foster care for youth with special needs. Services began in Charleston, SC and quickly spread up the state's coastline. As the number of foster homes and youth and families being served by SCYAP increased, the State Office was relocated to Columbia, the original Charleston site became a regional office with an outpost in Beaufort, and additional regional offices were opened in Myrtle Beach, Columbia and Greenville. other



Since our inception, SCYAP has grown in both our scope of work and service spectrum. While our largest program continues to be foster care, a significant part of our array of services now includes community-based services, in-home clinical services, and out-patient mental health clinics.

SCYAP offers a comprehensive array of programs and services to youth and families dealing with difficult issues and crises situations. Our programs promote individualized treatment, flexible programming, case and cause advocacy, community-based and in-home interventions, and a positive approach to treating children and working with families.

Because of the nature and flexibility of our individualized programs, SCYAP maintains a broad and relatively inclusive admissions policy. Our programs serve both male and female clients and do not discriminate by race, color, religious creed, ancestry, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or the seriousness or complexity of disability or need.

The target population of SCYAP is at-risk or children with special needs. We serve children with a broad spectrum of emotional, behavioral, mental, developmental, and medical needs who are in need of out-of-home therapeutic services, community-based programming, and/or in-home intervention.



**SCYAP is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 child-placing and child and family-serving organization.
SCYAP has served children and families in South Carolina since 1990.**

Our Services



Foster Care

Therapeutic Foster Care
Traditional Foster Care
Medically Fragile Foster Care
Special Needs Foster Care

Community-Based Wrap Services

Behavior Modification
Family Support
Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services
Youth Opportunities Program

Mental Health Services

Diagnostic Assessment
Out-Patient Individual Therapy
Out-Patient Family Therapy
Crisis Management
In-Home Family Preservation
Psychiatric Assessment
Medication Monitoring

Transportation

SCYAP is proud to offer a comprehensive array of services to meet the needs of youth, families, referring agency partners, and the communities we serve. Our programs and services include both prevention and intervention strategies aimed at strengthening families and ensuring children are cared for in a safe and nurturing manner.

Foster Care Services



SCYAP foster care focuses on the power of family. In a foster home setting, children who have suffered abuse and neglect, have the opportunity to share in healthy family relationships, to experience positive parenting, to learn and practice pro-social skills, and to actively participate in community life.

SCYAP has two different types of foster care programs: Therapeutic Foster Care and Traditional Foster Care. Both of these programs provide a nurturing, safe and caring home to children who require placement away from their families, however, the intensity of services and the presenting issues of the child(ren) being served differ between the programs.

Therapeutic Foster Care is a family-based placement option for children in need of out of home placement, who have serious emotional, psychiatric, and/or behavioral issues. Foster parents are specially trained to understand and respond to the special needs of these children and are supported by SCYAP staff throughout the child's placement in their home.

Traditional Foster Care is a family-based placement option for children in need of out of home placement, but who do not require the specialized interventions provided in Therapeutic Foster Care. The children served in Traditional Foster Care are often just entering the foster care system or are close to exiting the system to family reunification, adoption or emancipation.

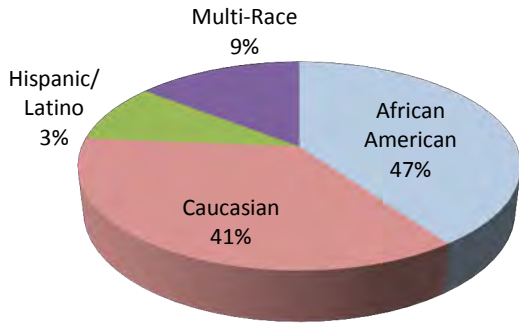


In 2017, SCYAP served a total of 1161 children through our foster care programs: 67% through Therapeutic Foster Care, 25% through Traditional Foster Care, and 8% through Medically Fragile/Special Needs Foster Care.

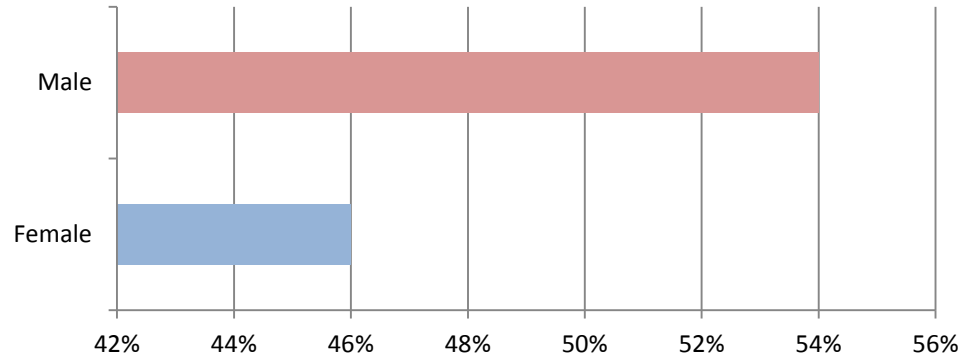
“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be.” – Rita F. Pierson

2017 Foster Care Demographics and Statistics

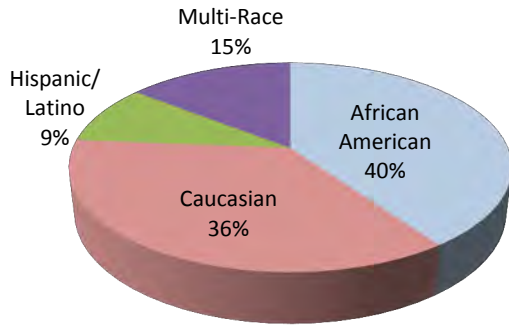
Therapeutic Foster Care Client Ethnicity



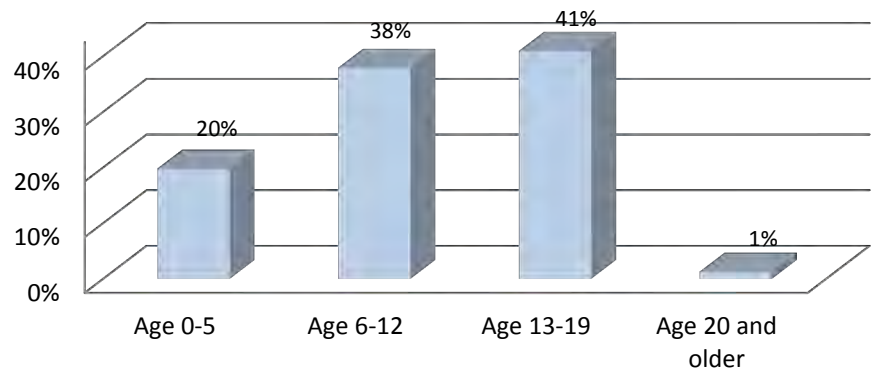
Foster Care Client Gender



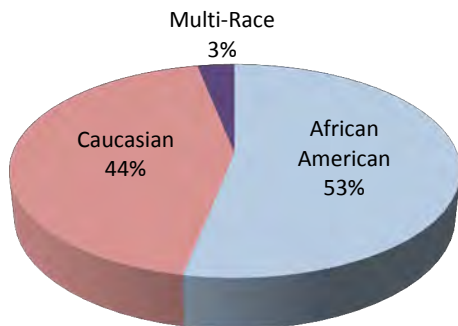
Traditional Foster Care Client Ethnicity



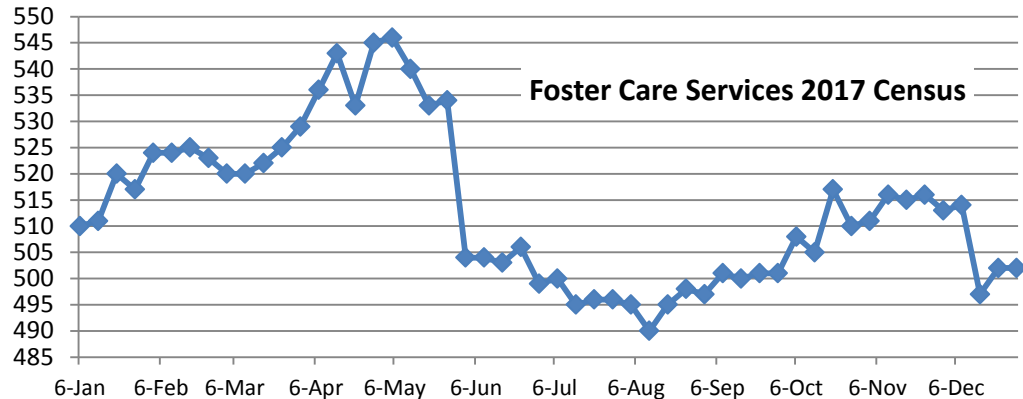
Foster Care Services Client Age Ranges



Medically Fragile/Special Needs Client Ethnicity



Foster Care Services 2017 Census



Mental Health Services

Mental Health Services are planned, face to face therapeutic interactions between a trained and qualified clinical professional and an individual recipient, a family unit, or a group of recipients with similar clinical needs. Our team of qualified mental health professionals provide clinical services to children, adolescents, and their families to address a wide variety of behavioral, emotional, psychiatric, and relational problems.



SCYAP's Mental Health Services are staffed with licensed mental health professionals. Comprehensive diagnostic and clinical assessment is used to identify the nature, cause and potential effects of a client's presenting problems, and are appropriate for clients who are just beginning to receive mental health services and for those who require a redetermination of the appropriate course of treatment to best meet their needs. Therapy services involve a range of clinical techniques, strategies, and modalities depending on the client's needs and diagnosis, and are aimed at helping the individual or family achieve and maintain stability, improving the mental and emotional health of the individual or family, and assisting them to cope or gain control over the symptoms and effects of their illness or life stressors. Psychiatric services, including assessment and medication management, are available and are provided by a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist.



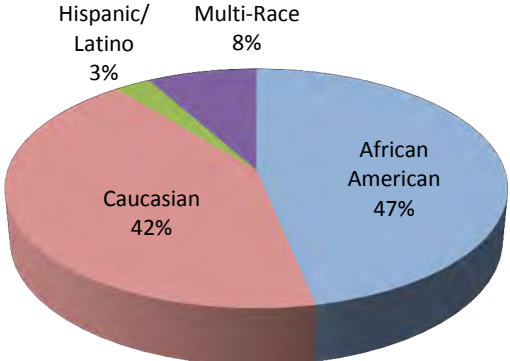
Mental Health Services are available through our out-patient clinics or through in-home services in the client's home.

SCYAP is committed to providing trauma informed, family focused services to improve the lives of children and families. We are sensitive to the unique strengths and challenges of each child and are committed to helping overcome these challenges to improve the child' and family's overall wellness and quality of life.

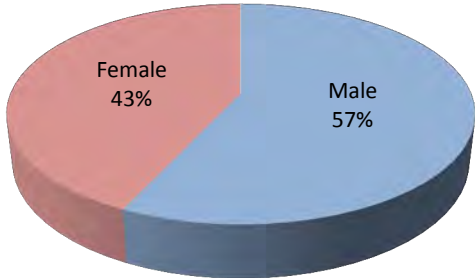
2017 Mental Health Demographics and Statistics

In 2017, our Mental Health Services programs served 1909 clients. 757 of these clients (40%) were served through our in-home services and 1152 of these clients (60%) were served through our out-patient mental health clinics.

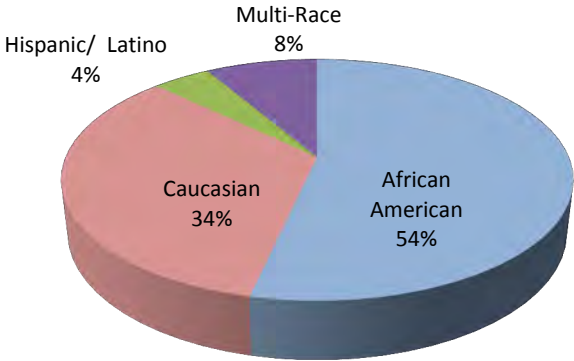
In-Home Services Client Ethnicity



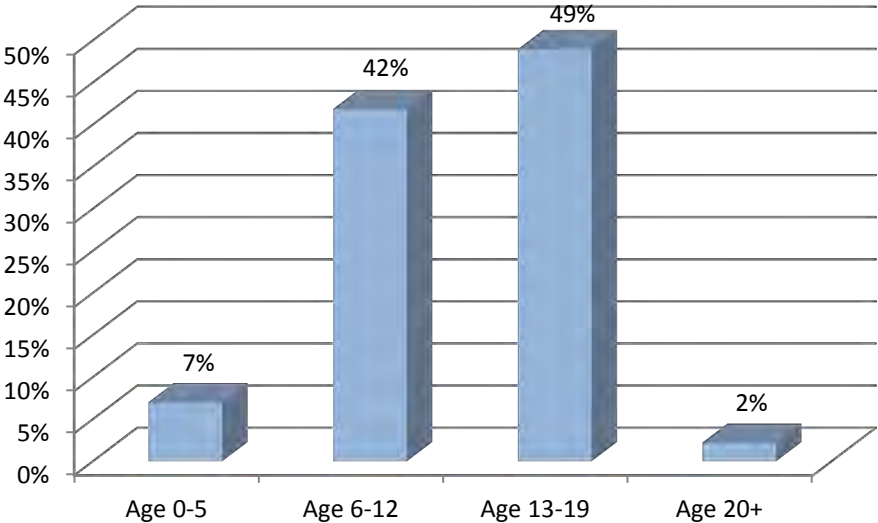
Mental Health Services Client Gender



Outpatient Clinic Client Ethnicity



Mental Health Services Client Age Ranges



Community-Based Wrap Services



Operating under the conviction that children and youth should be with their families and served in their communities whenever and wherever possible, SCYAP's Community-Based Wrap Services are non-residential services that are provided within the client's home, school or community.

The overarching goals of the services provided in the SCYAP Community-Based Wrap Services array are to treat and maintain clients in their homes, prevent out of home placements, promote stability and positive family functioning, decrease involvement with (or further involvement with) the juvenile justice system, and to develop a positive life quality for clients and their families.

All Community-Based Wrap Services are available on a statewide basis and are provided at times when clients and their families can best access them (i.e., afterschool, in the evenings, on weekends, etc.).

Behavior Modification Services provide the client with redirection and modeling of appropriate behaviors in order to enhance his or her functioning within the home, school and/or community.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services assist clients in the strengthening of skills needed to promote and sustain daily living, independence and stability in their living, learning, social and working environments.

Family Support Services enable the family or caregiver to serve as a knowledgeable member of the client's treatment team and to develop and/or improve the ability of the family or caregiver to appropriately care for the client.

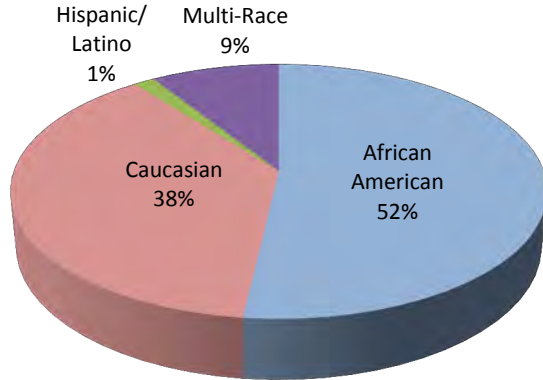
Crisis Management Services assist the client or family to regain stability during an event that threatens the psychological and emotional well-being or safety of the client or others.

Youth Opportunities Program provides clients with the independent living skills and resources they need to become self-reliant and self-confident individuals, who can positively contribute to their community.

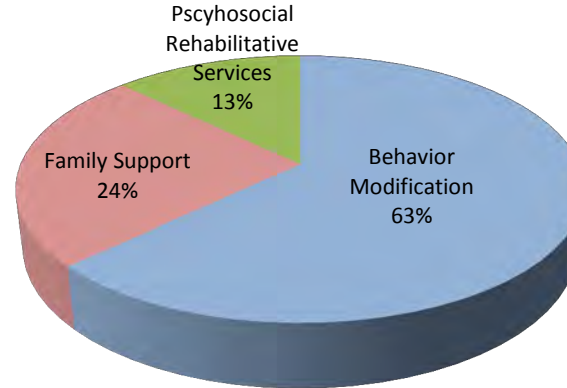
Transportation Services are available to clients and family members for transportation to and from therapy services, court hearings, family visits and pre-placement visits. Transportation Services are provided statewide and out-of-state transportation is available. A referral from a SC government agency is required for this service.

2017 Community-Based Services Demographics and Statistics

Community-Based Services Client Ethnicity

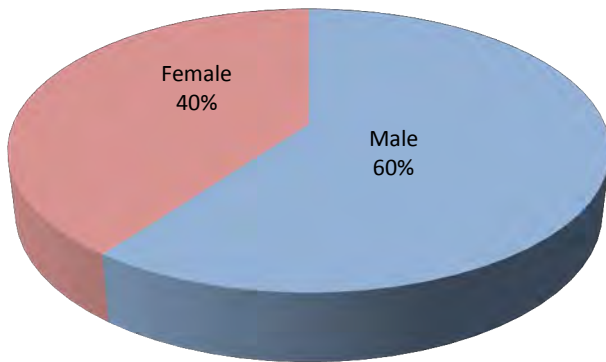


Community-Based Services Breakdown By Service

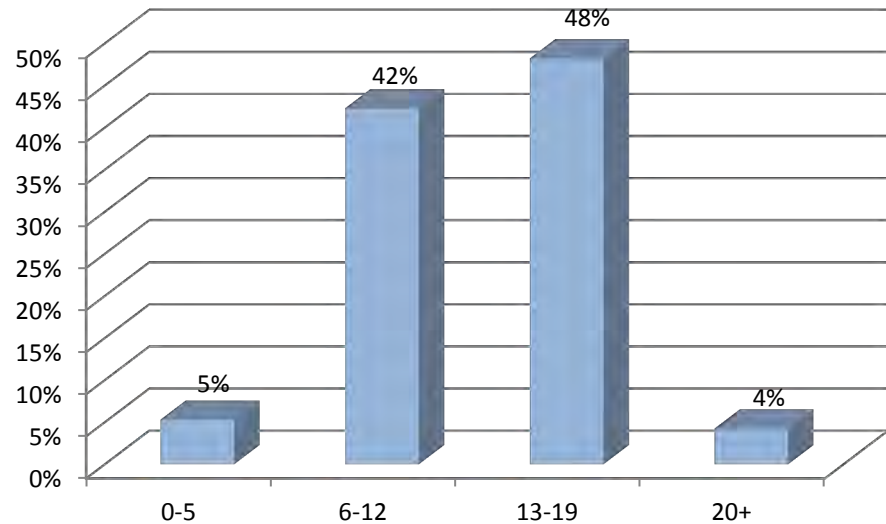


In 2017, our Community-Based Services served 474 clients, totaling 67,610 hours of service.

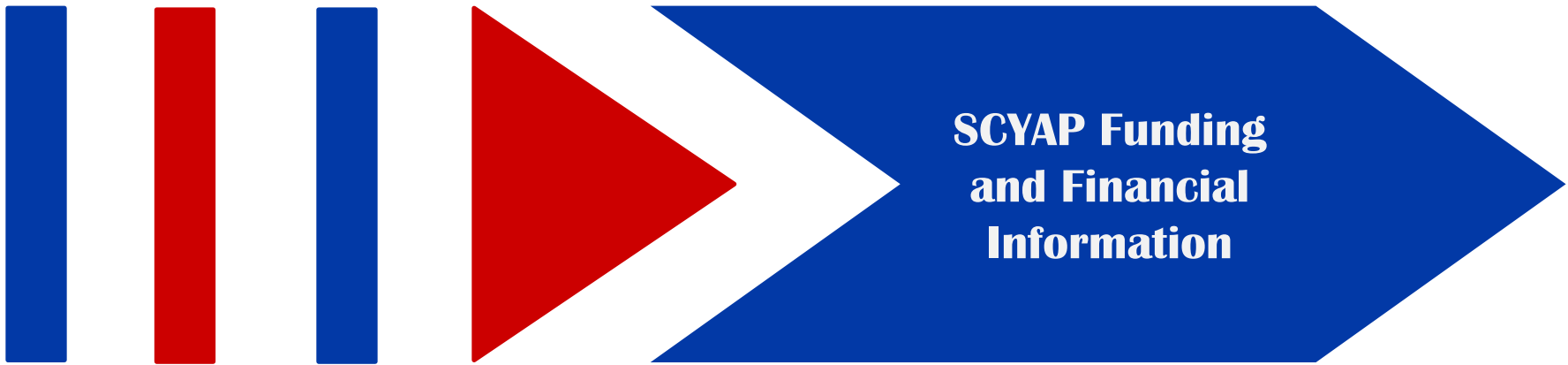
Community-Based Services Client Gender



Community-Based Services Client Ages



In 2017, our Transportation Services drove children, youth and/or their families a total of 893,364 miles.



SCYAP Funding and Financial Information

In 2017, our foster care services continued to be SCYAP's largest program, accounting for 75% of SCYAP's revenue. Our Therapeutic Foster Care saw a 6% increase in revenue between 2016 and 2017, which is attributed to program growth.

Community-Based Wrap Services made up 13% of SCYAP's revenue in 2017.

Mental Health Services made up 2% of SCYAP's total revenue in 2017.

Revenue Source	% of SCYAP Revenue In 2017
Department of Juvenile Justice	2.3%
Department of Social Services	59.1%
Medicaid (DHHS & Medicaid MCOs)	36.5%
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	0.7%
Contributions, Grants and Donations	0.5%
Other Income	0.5%
Investment Income	0.3%
Interest Income	0.2%



Ensuring the overall financial health of SCYAP is a never-ending process. The financial stability and success of the organization requires our Board of Directors and Executive staff to institutionalize systems that are long-term in range as well as being relevant and applicable to the management of our day-to-day operations.



SCYAP
Board of Directors

Sandi Parise – Chair Parise Law Firm

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, Ms. Parise now resides in South Carolina and works as an attorney-at-law specializing in divorce and family law. Ms. Parise received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Ms. Parise has been an editor of the South Carolina Family Court Handbook and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Ms. Parise joined the SCYAP Board in 2002.

Fred David – Vice Chair H.B. Fuller Company/Forbo Adhesives

Mr. David is a seasoned sales and marketing professional with over twenty-five years of experience in the formulated adhesives industry. As an Strategic Account Manager, he manages key accounts in the strategic assembly, automotive and textiles industry sectors. Mr. David has a bachelor's degree in Marketing and a minor in Psychology from the University of South Carolina – where he was a member of the Gamecock football team as an offensive guard and was responsible for protecting Heisman trophy winner, George Rogers. Mr. David joined the SCYAP Board in 2004.

Charles “Chuck” Clymer – Secretary/Treasurer Terracon Inc.

Mr. Clymer is the Principal Engineering Consultant for Terracon, Inc., a nationally recognized company that provides geotechnical, environmental, construction materials and facilities engineering services. Mr. Clymer received a degree in Hydrogeology/Geology from the University of South Carolina and has worked in the field of environmental sciences and consulting for many years. He is a senior principal at Terracon with expertise in environmental assessments, due diligence and site remedial action plans, and remedial system design. Mr. Clymer joined the SCYAP Board in 2003.

Silas Calhoun McMeekin The Wolfe Company, Inc.

Mr. McMeekin was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia with a dual bachelor's degree in Political Science and English. He remained in the DC area for several years, working with the Washington DC Association of Realtors as Education Director, and later on Capital Hill for several lawmakers, including serving as an intern for The Honorable Strom Thurmond, a Special Assistant to The Honorable Floyd Spence, and Field Representative for Arthur Ravenel's state governorship campaign. Mr. McMeekin returned to Columbia in 1994 and has worked for The Wolfe Company since that time. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Central Carolina Realtors Association, and the City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. McMeekin joined the SCYAP Board in 2009.

Patrick Parise Artist

Mr. Parise was born in Brooklyn, New York. His formal artistic training began at Bethany College in Kansas and continued at the University of South Carolina. After college, Mr. Parise opened his own printing studio, which expanded to etching, painting, sculpting and designing with varied media. Mr. Parise's award-winning work has achieved regional, national and international recognition, and many pieces now reside in museum, corporate and private collections. He has been commissioned for projects that include the design of custom floors inlaid with wood, granite and marble, handmade pieces for the architecture of a local church, and artwork that was presented to visiting foreign dignitaries. Mr. Parise has served as an instructor and panelist for the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, and Rose Hill Estate. He remains a professional artist and is owner of Southern Printworks. Mr. Parise joined the SCYAP Board in 2012.

Diane Salane Colliers International

Ms. Salane has worked for Colliers International since 1979, and currently serves as the Executive Assistant for the Sales Department in Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Salane's business and educational background includes the University of South Carolina and Midlands Technical College, and she received her Certified Professional Secretary designation in 1988. She is a former member of Professional Secretaries International, Palmetto Chapter, where she served as in several executive positions, including President, and served on various committees. Ms. Salane's professional accomplishments include 1990 South Carolina Secretary of the Year, Professional Secretaries International South Carolina Division, nomination for the 1993 Tribute to Women in Industry, and is a 2004 Colliers International South Carolina President's Award recipient. In her free time, Ms. Salane has volunteered for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Columbia Blues Festival, and United Way of the Midlands. She has conducted workshops for the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, South Carolina Department of Social Services, and South Carolina Department of Mental Health. Ms. Salane joined the SCYAP Board in 2014.