

BORDER CHARITY RIP-OFFS

Three private, religious, charity organizations appear to control the bulk of the Federal Grants related to the detention and relocation of immigrant children and their families on our southern border. These grants for SOUTHWEST KEY PROGRAMS (SW KEY), BAPTISTS CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES SERVICES (BCFS) and BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES (BCS) have amounted to more than \$3.2 billion in the last 5 years. At least another \$1.1 billion has been requested as part of the 2019 budget. For this level of government support you might expect that checks and balances and Federal oversight would be in place to prevent abuse, but you would be wrong. These organizations have gamed the system and turned it into a gold rush on the backs of separated children and unfortunate families. Along the way they have managed to hide their activities in secrecy and some warped notion that they must be doing good because of their pure and wholesome ideologies.

While these local charities each began small, they have branched out to cover much of the US and they have diversified to own and or manage many of the facilities and services which the government needs to perpetuate its child separation policies. It is ironic that while all three organizations pretend to oppose these inhumane policies, they have profited remarkably from their implementation and as this review shows, they stand to continue to profit greatly from its implementation now and into the future.

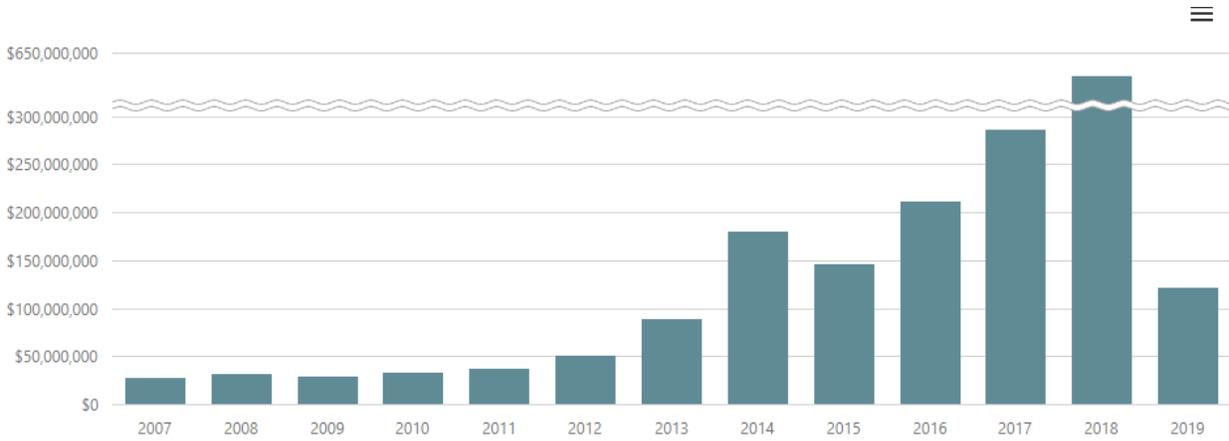


SOUTHWEST KEY PROGRAMS, INC.

- **Address:** 3000 I-H 35, SUITE 410 AUSTIN, TX 78704
- **County:** TRAVIS
- **Country:** United States of America
- **Type:** Other Special Interest Organization
- **Class:** Non-Profit Public Non-Government Organizations

Grand Total = \$1,864,933,665

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Issue Date FY Summary

Data FY	Amount
2019	\$120,955,445
2018	\$626,053,300
2017	\$285,517,842
2016	\$211,351,097
2015	\$145,098,494
2014	\$179,570,628
2013	\$88,976,614

SOUTHWEST KEY with a reported 5-year grant total of at least \$1.7 billion is the largest of these three organizations. With reported annual revenues of \$242 million in 2016, nearly 99% come from grants and contracts primarily from the "unaccompanied alien children" program. This family business is based in Texas and run by President and CEO Juan Sanchez and his wife Vice Pres. Jennifer Nelson Sanchez. They also own Cafe del Sol, Southwest Key Green Energy & Construction, Southwest Key Workforce Development, and Southwest Key Maintenance which provide related services on Federal Grants. In

addition, CEO Sánchez and Melody Chung, the nonprofit's CFO, are both limited partners in an LLC that owns the property for the Casa Conroe unaccompanied minor child care facility in Texas.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/09/29/sanchez-part-owner-property-leased-southwest-key-programs-eller-said-a/>

Southwest Key also operates a charter school, The East Austin Academia, Inc., DBA (doing business as) East Austin College Prep. Sanchez owns 33% of the for-profit Charter School and sits on the charter school board while Southwest Key's VP, Alexia Rodriguez is the board chair. Southwest Key Programs, were paid \$1.14M for "administration and rent" SOUTHWEST KEY subsidiaries have also been paid \$336K for "food services", and \$113K for "janitorial services." In 2016-17, East Austin Academia received \$8M in government money, representing almost all of its \$8.16M in total revenue.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwest_Key

Under a contract signed in June 2018, Southwest Key total grant revenue for immigrant youth shelters will reach \$458 million for the fiscal year. ^[9] In 2016, Southwest Key Programs' CEO Juan Sanchez was paid a base salary of \$770,860 and received additional compensation for a retirement policy... In 2016-17, Sanchez's salary exceeded \$1.48M in total compensation salary which makes him one of the highest-paid nonprofit CEOs in the country.

Vice President, Jennifer Sanchez earned \$500,000 in 2017, and VP, Alexia Rodriguez was paid \$596K in total compensation from Southwest Key while the organization's CFO made \$1 million.

The company has faced claims of failure to conduct adequate background checks, poor supervision, cruel treatment of children and at least two cases of sexual molestation of detained teens by employees at two separate locations.

The Texas Tribune found that state inspectors [found 246 violations at Southwest Key's facilities](#), including an employee who allegedly came to work drunk, rotten bananas and shampoo dispensers filled with hand sanitizer.

Efforts to provide independent oversight have so far been in vain because these facilities are extremely secretive and in 2018 Senator Jeff Merkley was denied access. A spokesperson for SW KEY said, "the current educational model at Southwest Key facilities is "proprietary," But he said he believes the shelter's students would benefit from potential partnerships with Promesa Public Schools and Brownsville ISD. Promesa Public Schools, formerly called East Austin College Prep, is a separate nonprofit created by Southwest Key. Both Promesa Public Schools and Brownsville ISD could receive additional state funding for educating these students

[Southwest Key may partner with Brownsville ISD to educate migrant students](#)

In August 2018, following numerous reports of problems at the federally funded facilities, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, requested that the inspector general for the

U.S. Health and Human Services department investigate the allegations of sexual and physical abuse at the shelters.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/20/southwest-key-texas-nonprofit-housing-undocumented-children/>

Southwest Key is the biggest nonprofit running these shelters, but it's not the only one. Shelters run by other organizations have been accused of serious [physical abuse](#), [sexual abuse](#) and the [use of psychotropic drugs without consent](#).

<https://www.npr.org/2018/06/22/622186779/a-latino-nonprofit-is-holding-separated-kids-is-that-care-or-complicity-or-both>

BAPTISTS CHARITY

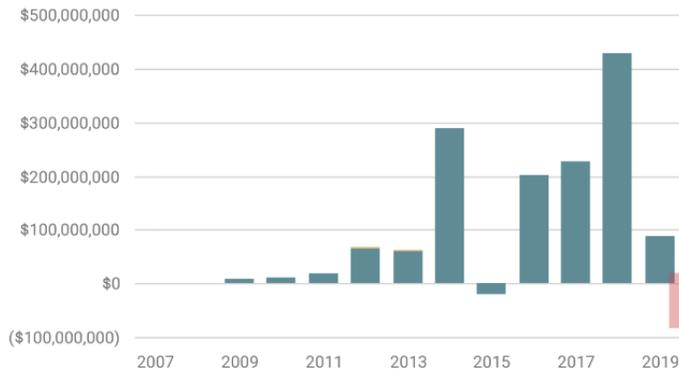


BCFS Health and Human Services

- **Address:** 1506 Bexar Crossing SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232
- **County:** BEXAR
- **Country:** United States of America
- **Type:** Other Social Services Organization
- **Class:** Non-Profit Private Non-Government Organizations

Grand Total = \$1,387,324,469

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Data FY	Amount
2019	\$88,871,189
2018	\$428,569,971
2017	\$228,321,294
2016	\$201,069,016
2015	(\$18,572,642)
2014	\$288,801,735
2013	\$61,338,664

Grand Total \$1.387 Billion

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Kevin Dinnin is the CEO of BCFS, formerly known as Baptist Child and Family Services. It has run two of the largest facilities for temporarily housing immigrant children, along with six permanent shelters in California and Texas.

The chart of Federal Grants above indicates that in 2018 alone Baptists Children and Families Services (BCFS) received govt contracts for over \$400 million! They reported over \$200 million for each year 2017, 2016, and 2014 for a total in Federal grants of \$1.38 billion in just the last 5 years.

Senator Charles Grassley, the ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2014, wrote a letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell requesting information about BCFS contracts to ensure that taxpayer money wasn't being misused. "Despite being almost completely dependent on the public, BCFS has faced heavy criticism for attempting to avoid public scrutiny," the Iowa Republican wrote. "This aversion to basic transparency is extremely disturbing." The government declines to disclose the locations and activities of many of the facilities operated by BCFS and similar organizations.

For BCFS executives, the work can be lucrative. According to federal tax records, Dinnin received nearly \$450,000 in compensation in 2012, more than 50% more than the average of similar non-profit CEO's at the time . At least four other top officials earned more than \$200,000. HHS's Administration for Children and Families, totaled \$671 million during the 2014 fiscal year and BCFS has received 40% of those funds...

In 2014 the National Immigrant Justice Center issued a policy brief based on interviews with hundreds of unaccompanied children in Chicago area. According to the policy paper, 56% said they had been placed in three-point shackles, which restrain individuals at the wrists, waist and ankles. More than 70% reported being placed in unheated cells during the winter. Some said they were barely fed. The AP reported the FBI is investigating the scams, which have targeted

the families of children staying at BCFS facilities like Lackland. The lack of public or congressional oversight of the facilities sheltering unaccompanied children was cited.

<http://time.com/3066459/unaccompanied-minor-immigration-border>

BCFS operated the biggest shelter at the desert tent city in Tornillo, but this controversial detention center is scheduled to be closed in Feb 2019. This detention camp was originally built to hold 400 unaccompanied minors ages 14 to 17 but had rapidly expanded to hold more than 2800 by the end of 2018 under a \$430 million government contract.

The Inspector General issued a report in November criticizing BCFS for not conducting fingerprint background checks on staff at the facility and failing to provide “adequate mental health care” to those children who were kept there.

This does not mean that the immigrant children’s problems are over by any means, simply that the problems and media had become far too visible and all occupants needed to be deported, adopted or moved away from prying reporters.

At the end of 2018, the number of kids in HHS custody nationwide was approaching a record 15,000. More and more protesters were showing up at the fencelines to denounce child internment camps. They wonder why the government is closing Tornillo but expanding another unlicensed emergency shelter in South Florida.

https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/kzvmg3/head-of-controversial-tent-city-says-the-trump-administration-pressured-him-to-detain-more-young-migrants

The federal government has placed most of the 14,300 migrant toddlers, children and teens in its care in detention centers and residential facilities packed with hundreds, or thousands, of children.

The kids in government care range in age from toddlers to 17. “This is not a perplexing scientific puzzle. This is a moral disaster,” said Dr. Jack Shonkoff, who heads Harvard University’s Center on the Developing Child. “There has to be some way to communicate, in unequivocal terms, that we are inflicting punishments on innocent children that will have lifelong consequences...”

“The programs vary wildly from place to place,” said Shana Tabak, who directs the Atlanta office of the Tahirih Justice Center, which represents immigrant women and girls. “The federal government has taken a haphazard approach to caring for these human beings.” In 2016, BCFS was cited for “housing children in substandard conditions that included moldy carpets, rusty bathrooms and exposed nails in a bed.”

According to a CNN investigation, some staff were “accused of inappropriate relationships with children in care.”

Republican Congressman Will Hurd, whose district includes Tornillo, said, “We are the United States. We are better than this.”

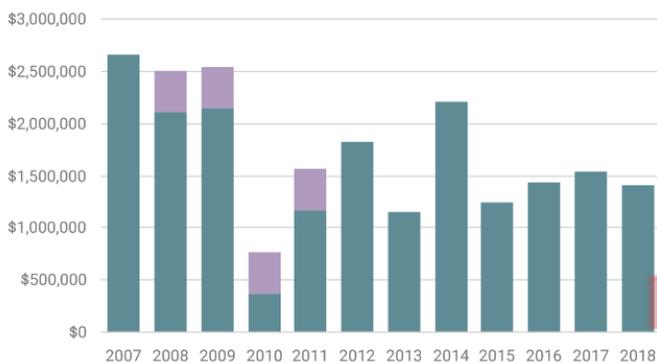
<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/04/682437566/tent-city-housing-migrant-children-to-close-as-kids-are-released-to-sponsors>

Bethany Christian Services and the DeVos Family



BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

- **Address:** P.O. BOX 294 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49501-0294
- **County:** KENT
- **Country:** United States of America
- **Type:** Other Social Services Organization
- **Class:** Non-Profit Private Non-Government Organizations



Issue Date FY Summary

Data FY	Amount
2018	\$1,400,378
2017	\$1,528,838
2016	\$1,422,860
2015	\$1,229,624
2014	\$2,195,499
2013	\$1,148,822
2012	\$1,809,334

Grand Total = \$24,218,959

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RESULTS OF GENERAL OPERATIONS:

SOURCES OF REVENUE	2017
Reimbursement for Children's Services	\$69,710,000
Adoption and Counseling Fees	28,308,000
Investments and Other Revenue	2,015,000
Donor Contributions	16,945,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$116,978,000

EXPENSES

Pregnancy and Adoption Services	\$18,536,000
Children's Services	92,032,000
Support and Fundraising	5,753,000
Provision for Future Services	657,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$116,978,000



<https://bethany-christian-services.dcatalog.com/v/2017-National-Annual-Report/?page=14>

At this stage, you might be wondering why we would focus on a charity that has only received Federal Grants totaling less than \$25 million in the last 5 years. As shown above, other Charities have been granted \$ billions, but some of those agencies have begun to pass the burden down the line to existing services created by the Billionaires in the DeVos Family in Michigan. By their own admission Bethany Christian Services, Grand Rapids, MI, has taken in 81 immigrant child and placed many up for adoption in the past several months. If left unchecked, the political connections of the DeVos Family could drive a whole new cycle of detentions and adoption and normalize and sanitize these abhorrent policies.

The connections between the DeVos Family and BCS is undeniable. The DeVos family foundations gave more than \$6 million to BCS between 1998 and 2016, with most of it coming from Richard and Helen DeVos. Between 2012 and 2015 Richard & Helen DeVos Foundation run by the Secretary of Education's father-in-law contributed \$750,000 to Bethany Christian Services.

Overall, giving based on ideology can be difficult to distinguish between policy directed contributions. Nevertheless, Vanity Fair reports that " Since the 1970s, members of the DeVos family had given as much as \$200 million to the G.O.P. and been tireless promoters of the modern conservative movement—its ideas, its policies, and its crusades combining free-market economics, a push for privatization of many government functions, and Christian social values." Furthermore, According to NPR, "The DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative gives away about [\\$50 million each year](#), the Dick and Betsy DeVos Family Foundation [about \\$10 million](#), and the Edgar & Elsa Prince Foundation about [\\$5 million](#)" up to 2014.

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2018/09/the-strange-ascent-of-betsy-devos-and-erik-prince>

Between 2001 and 2015 the Dick and Betsy Devos foundation run by the now Secretary of Education and her husband gave grants to BCS amounting to \$343,000. Betsy DeVos oversaw some of this giving personally, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dick and Betsy DeVos Family Foundation 1989 through 2016.

In addition, Brian DeVos (Dicks cousin) was a Sr VP at BCS in 2015 and Maria DeVos (Dicks sister-in-law is on the BCS Board.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/08/02/630112697/devos-family-money-is-all-over-the-news-right-now>

According to the [BCS]organization, as of 23 June 2018 it had provided foster services to 81 children separated from their parents as part of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy.

Dona Abbott, Bethany's head of refugee services "Speaking to Grand Rapids, Michigan ABC affiliate [WZZM](#), expressed doubt about the prospect of reuniting all 81 children with their families, citing the chaos caused by the zero tolerance policy.

<https://www.snopes.com/news/2018/06/26/bethany-christian-services-family-separation-betsy-devos/>

“The Trump administration argued in court earlier this week [2/7/19] that reuniting migrant children separated from their parents at the border would require too much effort and “would present grave child welfare concerns”, as the children would be traumatized by leaving their current sponsors’ homes...”

“Bottom line: The Trump administration says it can’t reunite missing migrant children with their families; instead, many of the children are being funneled through Christian adoption trafficking mills like the DeVos connected Bethany Christian Services.”

It's clear the states are already aware of the profiteering of these mass kidnappings and, for some, that it will fall on them to reunite the families, plus many other issues such as providing schooling and other social services.

https://mavenroundtable.io/theintellectualist/news/migrant-children-are-being-given-to-an-adoption-agency-linked-to-betsy-devos-9j_wl0EkdEuS55b6qzwsA/?utm_source=A%20Science%20Enthusiast&utm_medium=A%20Science%20Enthusiast&utm_campaign=A%20Science%20Enthusiast&utm_term=A%20Science%20Enthusiast&utm_content=A%20Science%20Enthusiast

<https://www.bethany.org/other-services/refugee-and-immigrant-services>

Our Organization, Lincoln’s Risk Registry has a plan to reunite these immigrant children with their families throughout Latin America and the United States. Lincoln’s Risk Registry is a spinoff from *Deep Green Futures*, a Wyoming S corporation and Freedom Interactive TV Networks Association, (FITNA) a Kansas non-profit. We partner to promote Sustainable Environmental Technologies and accessible tools to empower at-risk families and individuals, both now and in the future.

Our plan is an elegant, cutting edge technology solution which is efficient, secure, simple and very affordable. It hinges on a set of local phone banks with translators and interactive television to ensure that the voices and stories of these unfortunate migrants are heard and preserved as they connect with their loved ones.

If you have an interest in ending these abominable practices of deliberately separating families for punishment and profit, contact us. With your help, we can re-unite these families safely in a matter of months not years. We can demonstrate that these cruel practices are both immoral and unnecessary. Let us solve this problem because we know the government can’t and never will.

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