



AN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES





Background Information on Lighthouse Youth & Family Services

Lighthouse Youth & Family Services was established in 1969. Lighthouse's mission is to empower young people and families to succeed through a continuum of care that promotes healing and growth. Lighthouse offers a variety of services for youth and families which include, but are not limited to, those involving foster care and adoption, shelter and housing, mental health, juvenile justice, and education.

The Economics Center examined the economic impact and community benefits generated by Lighthouse from FY2012 to FY2019. Youth and society received a wide variety of benefits from Lighthouse's programs and services, including avoided costs in the healthcare, foster care, and criminal justice systems, as well as avoided lifetime productivity loss. While these benefits can be monetized, youth also received benefits that were not able to be monetized, such as improved quality of life and mental well-being.





Economic Impact of Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Operations

Lighthouse's expenditures from FY2012 to FY2019 created **\$243.12 million** of total economic output, or economic impact in the Ohio counties of Hamilton, Montgomery, and Ross. Economic output is the total amount of goods and services a company or organization provides in an economy over a defined period of time. Expenditures made over this time period resulted in an earnings impact of \$158.80 million and supported 4,659 jobs in the three counties.

Economic Impact of Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Operations in the Counties of Hamilton, Montgomery, and Ross, FY2012-FY2019 (FY2018\$)





\$158.80



Total Jobs Supported





Fiscal Impact of Lighthouse

Fiscal impacts of Lighthouse's expenditures were calculated at the municipality level in terms of income tax revenue generated from the earnings paid to the direct employees across Lighthouse's locations. Income tax revenue, which accrued to the cities of Cincinnati and Dayton from the direct wages of Lighthouse's operations expenditures, totaled approximately \$2.00 million from FY2012 to FY2019.



Municipal Income Tax Revenue Generated from Direct Earnings due to Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Operations FY2012-FY2019 (FY2018\$)

City of Cincinnati Income Tax Revenue \$1,907,935

City of Dayton Income Tax Revenue \$71,657

Total Municipal Income Tax Revenue

\$1,979,592



Benefit-Cost Analysis of Lighthouse's Programs

For each fiscal year, across FY2012 to FY2019, programs and services provided by Lighthouse Youth & Family Services generated positive net benefits to youth and the communities served by the Organization. In other words, the benefits of these services to youth and families exceeded Lighthouse's expenditures to provide the services. Across all eight fiscal years, Lighthouse generated \$594.40 million in benefits. Compared to Lighthouse's expenditures over this time period (\$227.15 million), the net benefits were \$367.25 million.

Net Benefits Per Category of Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Services, FY2012-FY2019 (FY2018\$)



COST\$

\$227.15 MILLION



BENEFITS - COSTS = \$367.25 MILLION IN NET BENEFITS.



(S) Return on Investment

From FY2012 to FY2019 Lighthouse's ROI was 162%. For every \$1.00 spent by Lighthouse an additional \$1.62 was generated in economic activity and benefits to youth and families assisted, as well as to the State of Ohio's economy.



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Lighthouse works to empower young people and families to succeed through a continuum of care that promotes healing and growth.

Operating since 1969, Lighthouse is nationally recognized as an innovator in services for families in crisis, for homeless youth and young adults, and for youth learning to become self-sufficient.

Serving ages 0-24, the nonprofit agency provides emergency shelter, a same-day comprehensive intake and assessment process, early childhood intervention, education and life skills training, foster care and adoption, youth housing, residential treatment, community juvenile justice services, and mental health and behavioral health services. All Lighthouse services are trauma-informed, strength-based, and fully accredited and licensed.

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