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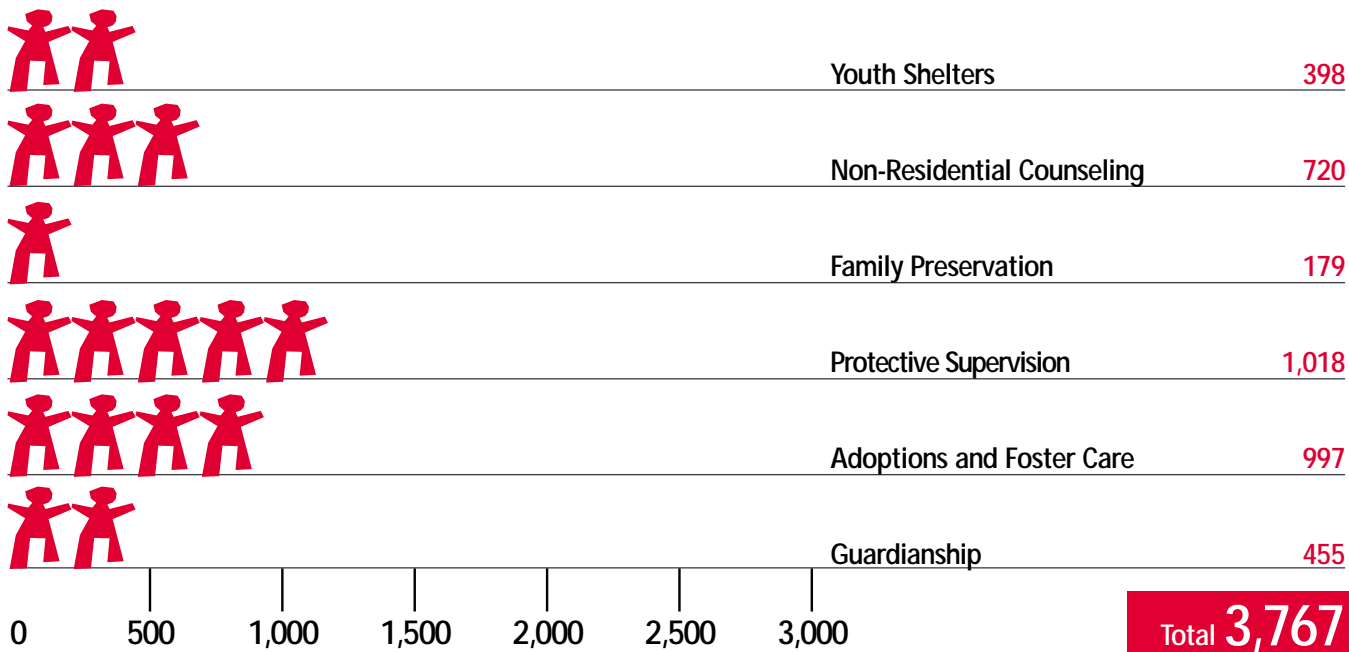



The **LSF Southwest Region** serves Collier, Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The programs and services help at-risk children, troubled youths and teen runaways, families in crisis, and the incapacitated—mainly the frail elderly.

LSF is the designated Safe Place provider in the area served by the LSF-Southwest Region. Safe Place is a network of voluntary community sites where teens in need of help can go for safe refuge.



Programs



 = 250 or fewer

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action, so she contacted an Assisted Living Facility in the area and drove Jenny there that afternoon. She introduced Jenny to the people in her new home and then went shopping for new clothing and personal care items for Jenny.

When the LSF Guardian returned just two hours later, she walked through the living room and asked for Jenny. The nurse on duty told her to turn around because Jenny was sitting in the recliner talking to another resident. The LSF Guardian hadn't recognized Jenny because in just two hours, she had been given a shower, had her hair shampooed, had been given clean clothes to wear, and was eating a hot lunch. She looked like a different person.

The LSF Guardian was amazed at Jenny's transformation in such a short time.

When she told Jenny how pretty she looked, Jenny said, "I'm so happy from the heart to be here. Now I have friends." Jenny is thriving in her new surroundings and looks forward to the regular visits from her LSF Guardian.



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Jenny, 85 years old, had lived alone in a small apartment in Tampa for many years. She and her husband, Walter, had moved to Florida 20 years ago when they retired. They had never had children and all of their family lived in Iowa, but they had made friends with their new neighbors and enjoyed a happy life for many years, until Walter passed away.

After her husband died, Jenny became withdrawn and spent most of her time alone. Over the years, the neighbors moved away and Jenny became isolated. The landlord realized that Jenny could no longer care for herself and he knew that she needed daily assistance, so he contacted the Department of Children and Families and LSF was appointed as Jenny's Guardian.

When the LSF Guardian went to her apartment, Jenny answered the door looking disheveled and disoriented. The Guardian noticed that the apartment hadn't been cleaned in months, there

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was no food in the refrigerator, and the few pieces of clothing Jenny had were dirty and torn. She knew she had to take quick

