

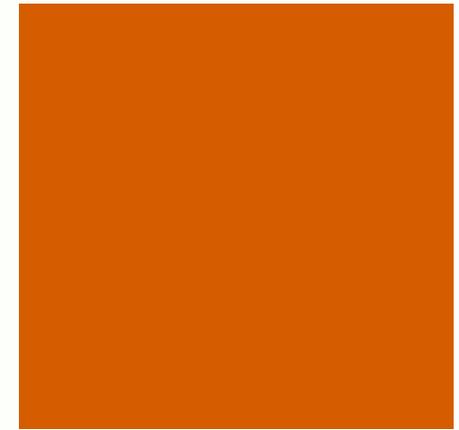
Family Building, Family Strengthening

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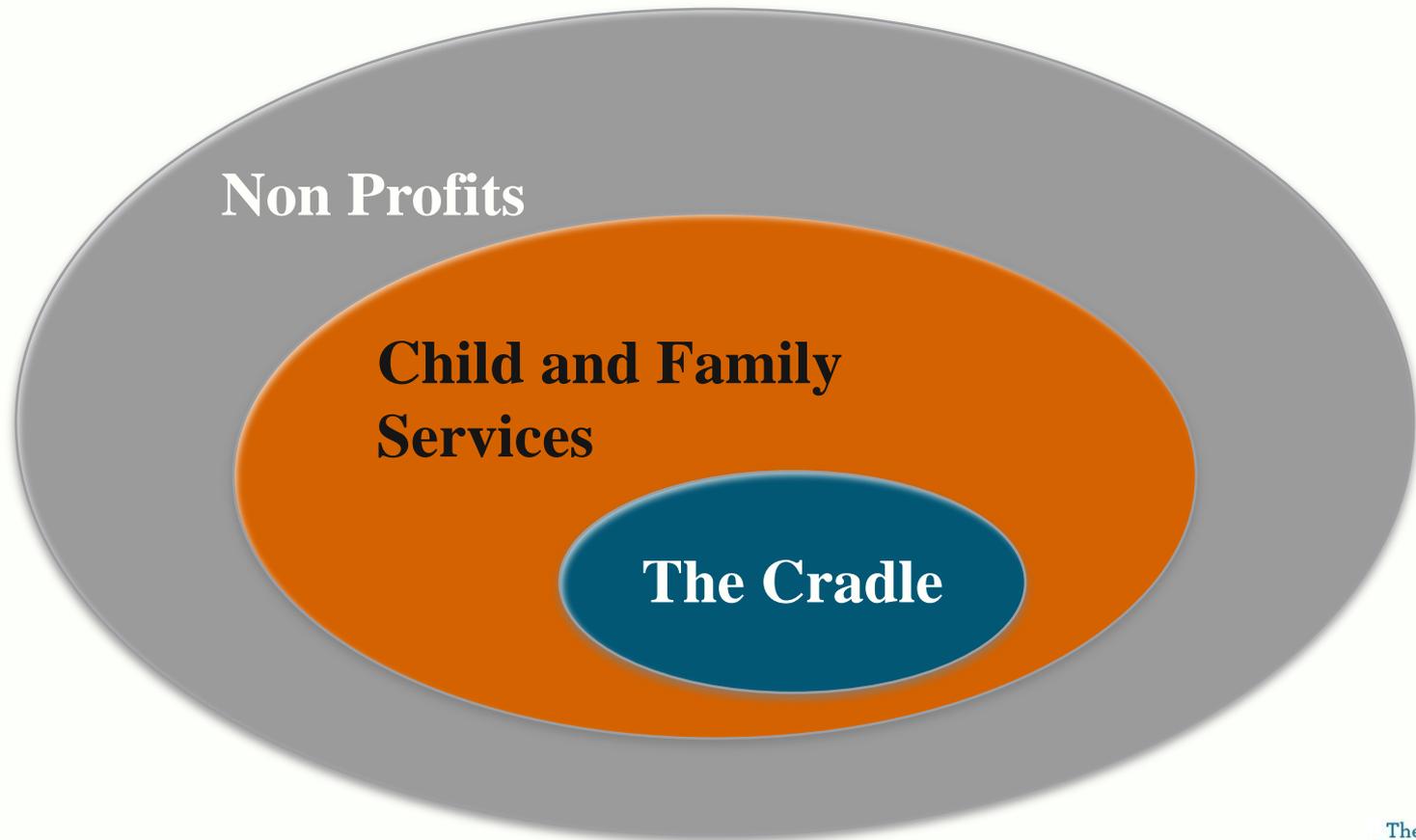
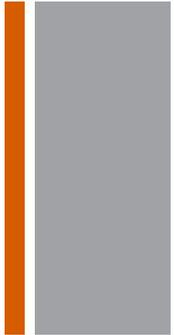


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Do you have an adoption connection?



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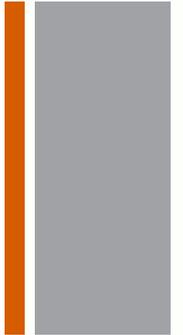


93 years young

- Florence Walrath, Evanston resident
 - Personal connection
 - Forward thinker
 - Pulled in major Chicago business leaders
- State of the art nursery brings national attention
 - Aseptic nursery practices established after late 1920s infant gastroenteritis outbreak
- Infant nurse program for 5 decades
- Celebrity and major corporate leaders drawn in during '30s and '40s



Until the 1990s



- Closed adoptions
- Desire for adopted children to blend in with adoptive family
- Male-female couples
- Primarily white children and white families

...and adoption today



- Open adoptions
- Many transracial families
- Each state is self-regulated
- Families of all types

Programs

Family Building

- **Expectant and Birth Parent Services**
 - Options counseling & support
- **Nursery**
 - Only adoption-agency nursery in the country, 24/7 professional care
- **Adoptive Parent Services**
 - Comprehensive preparation for adoption and parenthood

Family Strengthening Programs

- **Adoption Learning Partners**
 - Online education for adoptive and foster parents
- **Center for Lifelong Adoption Support**
 - Counseling services, classes, and post-adoption services for anyone touched by adoption
- **Our Children Education and Empowerment Series**
 - Helping diverse families better support their children

Questions and Answers

We are happy to tell you more.

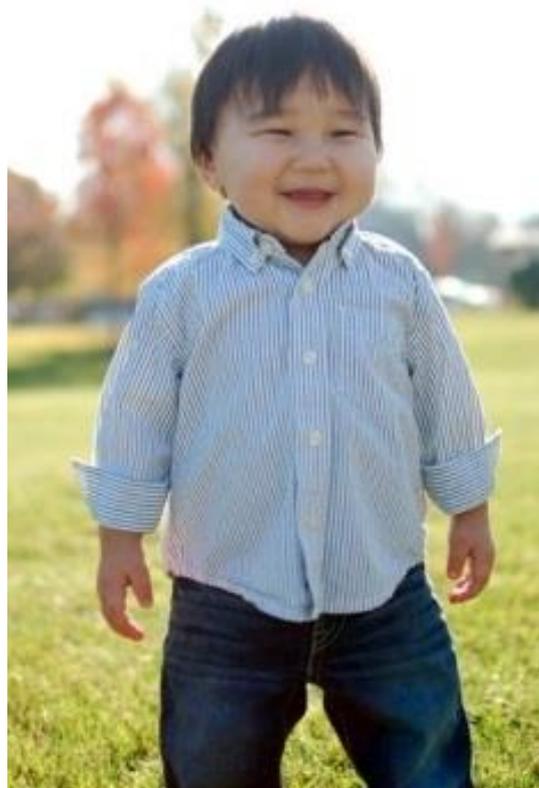


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