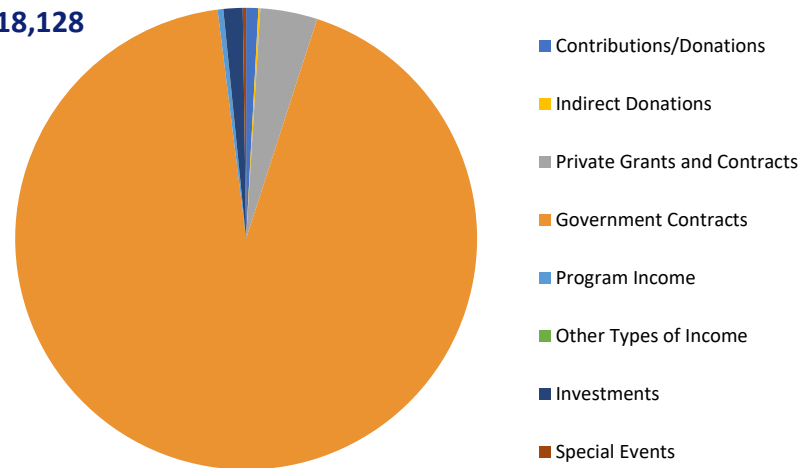


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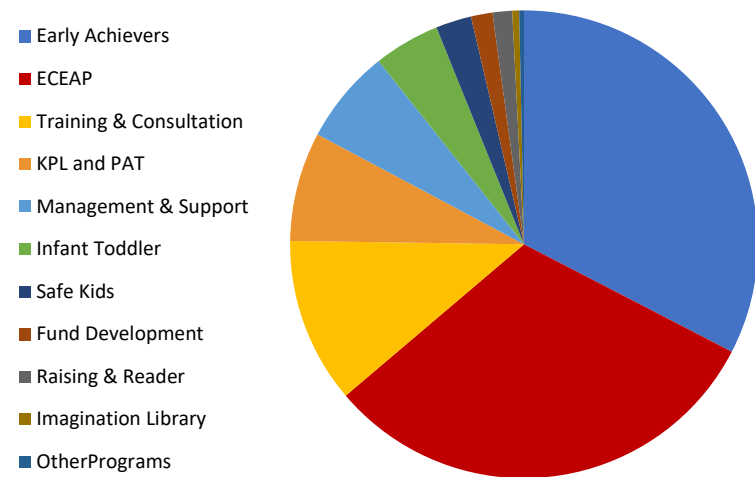
WHERE DOLLARS COME FROM

TOTAL \$4,718,128



WHERE DOLLARS ARE SPENT

TOTAL \$4,730,447



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- ESD 113
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Ensuring access to quality early learning opportunities for all children

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BY THE NUMBERS...

Early Achievers child care providers support hours

8400

199

Children supported through ECEAP

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Holding Hope service hours provided

1100

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn group participants

821

Children borrowed books through Raising A Reader

549

Children receiving Safe Kids services

4500

Birth to Three Quality Initiative Mental Health Hours Provided

500

Dolly Parton Imagination Library registrations

2828

23

Individuals served by Parents as Teachers

Providers who received professional development training

647

CCAC

nurtures and promotes early learning in communities so parents and children can thrive!

NEW!!

Dolly Parton Imagination Library!

We launched the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in March of 2023. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter the family's income. These books are delivered to registered children each month. Each one is personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home. This effort creates a gifting experience making books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them. By the end of the 22-23 fiscal year (4 months of the program) we had 2217 Thurston and 611 Mason County children registered!

Parents as Teachers

While adding a second parent educator, our home visiting program has been working to increase caseloads in Mason County. Our tri-lingual and bi-lingual parent educators visit each of the families on their caseload two to four times a month either virtually or in person using social distancing guidelines. Each visit is 60 minutes in length and focuses on emergent family needs as well as providing family assessments, resource referrals, and early childhood screenings. The parent educators works alongside parents and caregivers to form a bond of trust and respect. Together they create goals, and the parent educator supports parents and caregivers as they work to achieve these goals.



Kaleidoscope Play & Learn

The Kaleidoscope Play and Learn program serves Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties. Play groups are held weekly throughout the year. We expanded into Grays Harbor this year, facilitating play groups in Elma, Hoquiam, and Aberdeen. These groups were held at Timberland Regional Library branches. In Mason County we facilitated groups in Shelton and North Mason, also in collaboration with the Timberland Regional Library. These play groups are facilitated in Spanish and English. In Thurston County we hosted three play groups in another collaboration with the Timberland Regional Library at their Lacey branch. We also collaborate with St. Pete's Family Medicine to facilitate a play group at their family clinic in Olympia. With this group we invite resident interns to observe our group to further their knowledge of early childhood development. Also in Thurston County, from May through September, we offer an outdoor play group at the Regional Athletic Center. In all, we had 821 participants come play with us this last year!



Raising a Reader

Raising a Reader is a wonderful program that not only brings more books into the hands of children, but also brings the members of our community together. For the end of this school year, we partnered with the Timberland Region Libraries to hold three separate Blue Bag events for the participants of the RAR program year. At these events, children received their very own blue RAR library bag along with a book to keep. The children and their



families joined us for a pizza dinner, a story time, and a tour of the library lead by the Librarian where they also were able to sign up for their very own library cards. Experiencing the joy of the children discovering their local library and the excitement over owning their own library cards was priceless and the perfect end to the program year. We served 20 sites and 549 kiddos!

Professional Development

CCAC's classes provide a vital service to the child care industry since all early childhood educators must meet annual training requirements and need a local resource that understands their day-to-day work. This year we continued to provide in-person classes; live, virtual courses; and online, self-paced material. We were pleased to meet the needs of early childhood educators in very rural areas through our online formats. Over 647 childcare providers attended classes on topics including, but not limited to, anti-bias, anti-racist practices; trauma-informed care; behavior management; and social-emotional health. In addition, childcare providers new to the field of early learning attended our licensing-required classes and sessions that helped them meet state educational standards.



Early Achievers

Our Early Achievers team of 15 coach consultants provided 8400 hours of individualized support to 240 licensed childcare providers. Our Mental Health Consultant team provided over 1100 Holding Hope service hours to 41 providers and their families. The majority of our services were in person/on site. Our team supports a variety of needs: Early Achievers participation, social/emotional/behavioral support, program quality, business strategies, etc. And new this year: we have a coach who specializes in tribal support for our team and tribal providers.



Safe Kids Thurston County

During this last year, Safe Kids Thurston County worked with our coalition partners to: receive sponsorships and distribute 1,000 Safety Activity Calendars to families; fit and distribute over 400 bike helmets; conduct 99 car seat checks and distribute 14 seats to families in need; distribute 10 choke testers, 30 CO detectors, 25 TV Anti-tip kits, 36 bike bells, and 74 Safe Sleep books to families and caregivers; restock 180 jackets at 12 county life jacket loaner cabinets; install the county's second permanent traffic garden, and start work on two more; install several pop up traffic gardens at local elementary schools and community events and work to bring our new Mobile Traffic Garden program to fruition; hold two Great Olympia Bike Rodeo community events; and give 162 preschoolers free YMCA swim lessons. SKTC also installed the first Sense of Place walk.



Birth to Three Quality Initiative

The Birth to Three Quality Initiative (B3QI) serves infants and toddlers. We delivered 500 hours of mental health consultation to 22 providers, provided Ages & Stages Screening (ASQ) to 15 providers, and filmed Interactions to Nurture Development (fIND) for 24 providers.



Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

This school year marked our return to fully in-person services post-COVID. Our classes were full all year, with children, families, and staff keeping our centers busy. As with other early learning programs, many of our children were showing impacts of trauma due to the pandemic, so our staff focused first on social-emotional learning, teaching children how to interact with peers, follow routines, and identify and express emotions. We used many familiar tools, including the Second Step Curriculum and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, as well as adding new strategies using Conscious Discipline, all layered with our foundational curriculum, The Creative Curriculum. We also have strong relationships with our local school districts. Together we served 30 children who had IEP's when they enrolled in our program, we then referred 20 additional children to their home district for further evaluation, resulting in 16 additional IEP's, one pending, and three 504 Plans that will be in place for those children when they transition to kindergarten. Another focus this year was building relationships with our families and the community. We were able to hold family nights again, which included CCAC's Blockfest, a Pajama Party Literacy night and end of the year carnival, all of which proved to be very popular. We were also able to go on a few field trips, have our local librarians visit for story time, and have classroom volunteers. All these components helped us build a safe, secure, and supportive environment where our children and families thrived.