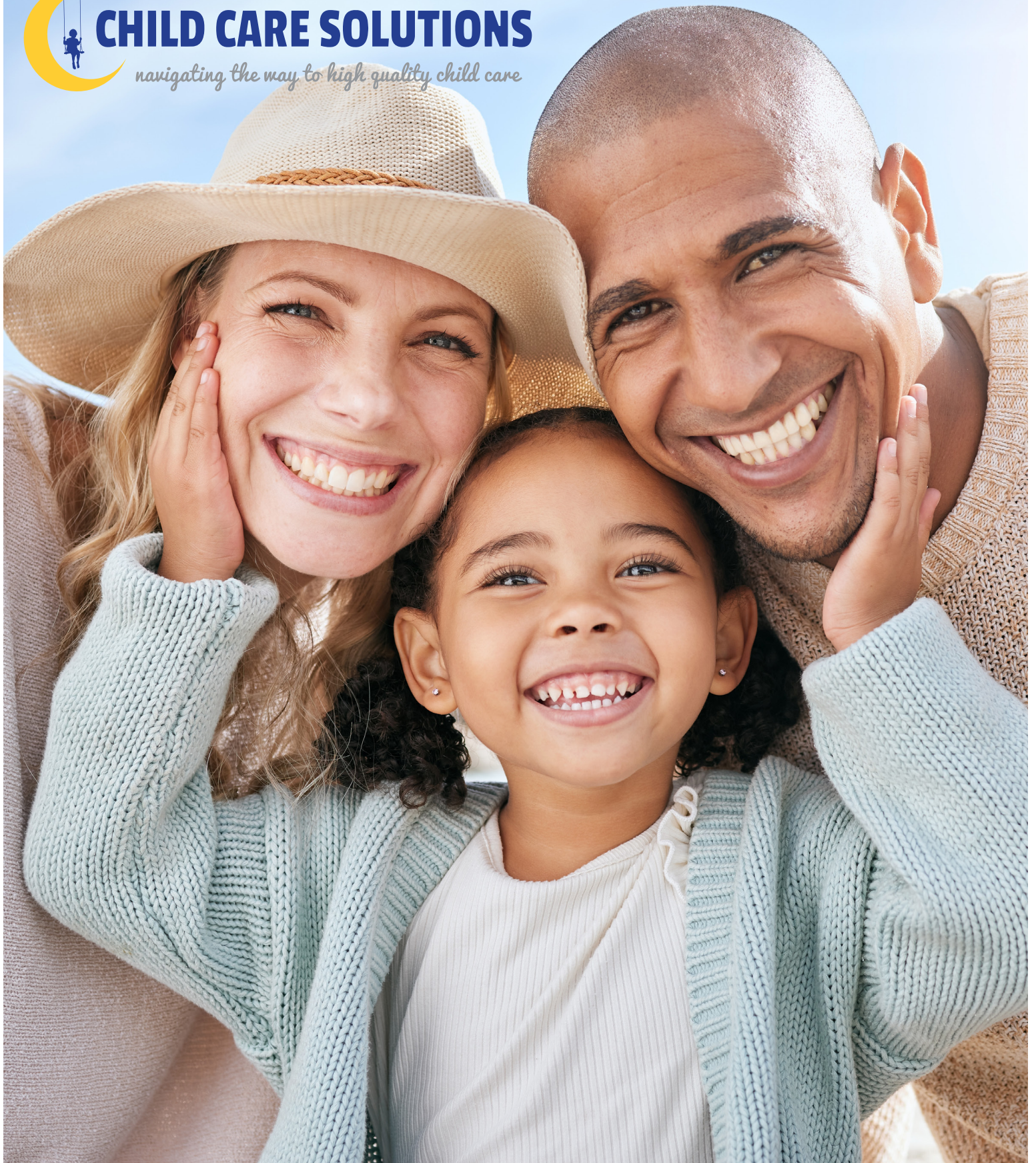




CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS

navigating the way to high quality child care



Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2021-2022

A Message From Our Executive Director

I am delighted to report that Child Care Solutions continued to thrive during fiscal year 2021-2022, despite the on-going pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic on the child care system. The efforts of our dedicated employees and Board of Directors, with generous support from grants and donors enabled us to achieve outstanding outcomes for children, families and child care professionals in our community.

We were a vital community partner during the height of the COVID-19 response, distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 test kits to caregivers, children, and families. We assisted 429 child care programs throughout Cayuga and Onondaga Counties secure \$18 million in the first round of Stabilization grant funding. In addition, we were instrumental in securing the first round of Child Care Desert grant funding for 15 new child care programs, the highest number of grant awardees for all upstate New York communities.

As we look to the future, Child care Solutions remains a high-performing non-profit organization that champions accessible, affordable, high-quality child care for all children and supports building a sustainable child care system throughout our community.



Lori Schakow
Executive Director, Child Care Solutions



Management Team 2021-22

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Shannon Gillen *Director of Operations*
Mike Ransom *Finance Director*
Beth Henderson *Director of Registration*
Kristi Cusa *Director of Professional Development*
Duquinha Thompson *Director of Infant Toddler Mental Health*
Jessica Ellis *Director of Child Care Quality Improvement*

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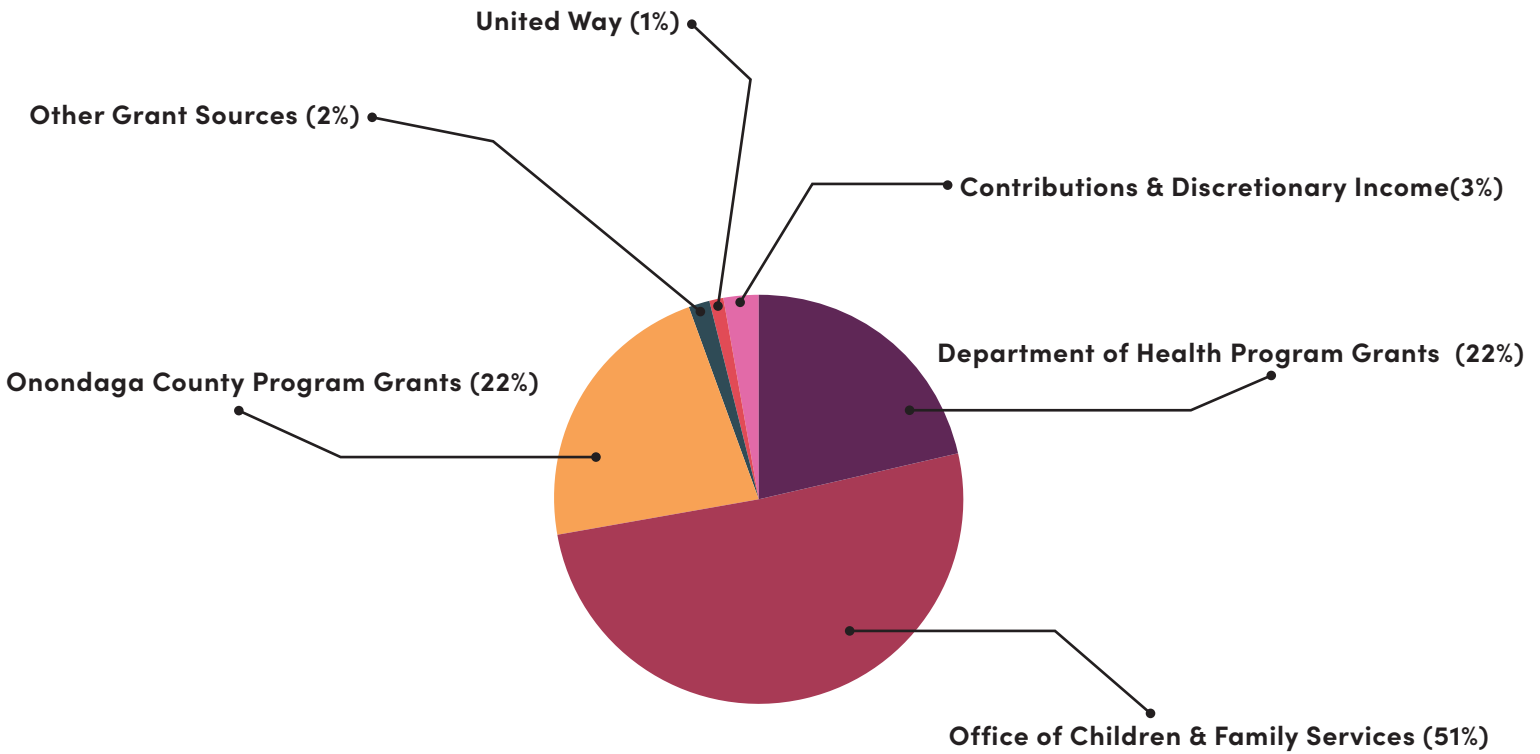
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Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2021- 2022, complete financial summary is available on our website.

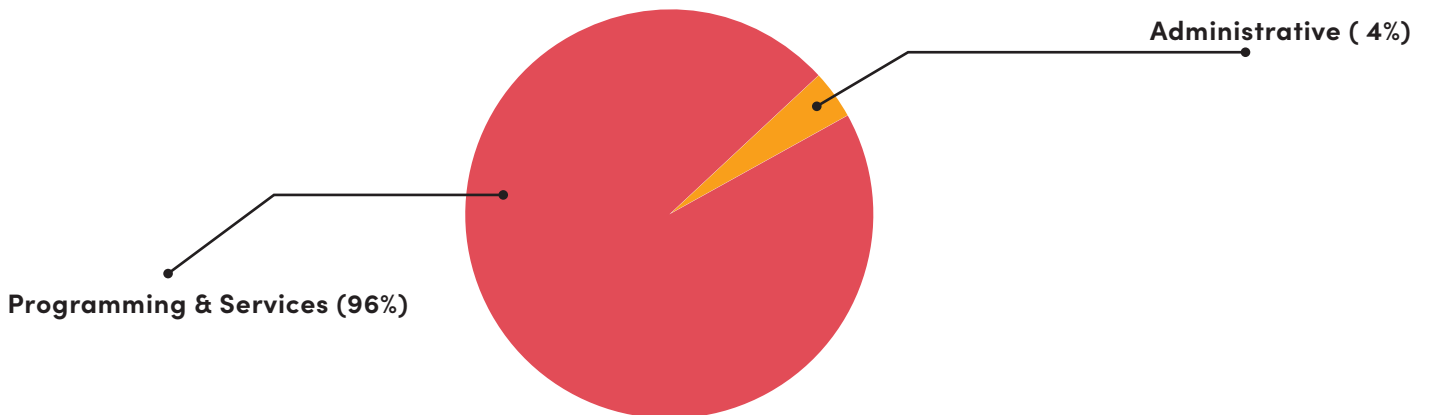
Our Funding Sources: Total Revenue: \$5,801,394

	Department of Health Program Grants	\$1,254,663
	Office of Children & Family Services	\$2,940,856
	Onondaga County Program Grants	\$1,298,956
	Other Grant Sources	\$92,965
	United Way	\$65,949
	Contributions & Discretionary Income	\$148,005



Our Operating Expenses: Total Expenses: \$4,497,890

	Programming & Services	\$4,334,746
	Administrative	\$163,144



Parent Services

Parents need access to high-quality, affordable, safe child care in order to go to work. The experts on our Parent Services team help parents understand what high-quality child care looks like, find and evaluate child care options that meet their needs, and explore financial resources.

2,628

Our team helped **2,628 parents** find the care they needed by providing customized referrals and parent consultations.

24

Thanks to generous funding from the **United Way of Central New York**, **24 children** had access to high-quality care through the Community Child Care Scholarship program.



Legally Exempt

Parents need access to high-quality, affordable, safe child care in order to go to work. The experts on our Parent Services team help parents understand what high-quality child care looks like, find and evaluate child care options that meet their needs, and explore financial resources.

765

765 individuals were enrolled as legally-exempt providers, who provide care for parents who received child care assistance through the county.

146
inspections
13
complaints

Legally Exempt Specialists conducted **146 program inspections** and **13 complaint inspections** to help ensure the health and safety of children.

Professional Development

High-quality training is essential to protecting children's health and safety as well as promoting their growth and development. Each year our Professional Development staff works with thousands of local child care providers to meet NYS training requirements and to improve the quality of their developmentally appropriate practices.

2,271	2,271 providers successfully completed trainings to increase skills and improve the quality of their programs.
26	26 early childhood educators took a step towards advancing their careers by completing our popular Child Development Associate (CDA) course.
129	129 providers completed the CPR/First Aid course, a 34% increase from the previous year.
228	Our <i>Professional Development team</i> provided 228 workshops, certification courses, and conferences.
123	123 providers completed the Medication Administration Training (MAT) workshop.
69	69 child care providers received financial aid with payments totaling \$605,602 in CARES Reopening/Restructuring grants to assist them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

New York State tripled its investment in the Infant Toddler Network across the state. As a result, our IT Specialists provided **1284 technical assistance sessions and 419 hours of training** to those caring for infants and toddlers, helping caregivers understand and nurture the development of children during these critical years. They worked one on one with providers to improve the quality of their programs.



Child Care Quality Improvement

In 2021, the Child Care Quality Improvement (CCQI) Pilot Project continued to focus on stabilizing and improving infant and toddler care in 10 childcare programs throughout Onondaga County. Providers were supported with in-person coaching to implement the provided evidence-based curriculum, while navigating numerous challenges throughout the pandemic.

32	32 child care providers completed training in the Creative Curriculum suite of materials and received ongoing, in-person coaching and technical assistance.
83	83 infants and toddlers benefited from consistent curriculum and resource implementation in their programs.
59	59 infants and toddlers in legally-exempt child care programs were exposed to increased early literacy activities through the use of Talk, Read, Sing bags and materials.

Infant & Toddler Mental Health Consultation

The Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultants partner with child care providers to problem-solve and enhance their skills to support the social, emotional, and behavioral health and development of the infants and toddlers in their care.

205	51 caregivers participated in up to six months of consultation to problem-solve and enhance their skills in supporting the social, emotional, and behavioral health and development of the 205 infants and toddlers in their care.
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Registration

Our Registration team ensures child care programs meet the minimum health and safety standards and works closely with providers to help create the high-quality programs all children deserve.

<p>20 new programs with space to care for 339 children</p>	<p>The team registered 20 new programs which have space to care for 339 children, adding more options for families in Onondaga County.</p>
<p>423 inspections 59 complaints</p>	<p>Registrars conducted 423 program inspections and investigated 59 complaints to help ensure the health and safety of children in day care programs.</p>



Provider Services

Our Provider Services team sponsors the federally-funded **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**, and enrolls, monitors and educates providers participating in CACFP. We offer providers the tools and support needed to instill healthy habits in young children; serving as a foundation for healthy choices in life.

<p>1,168</p>	<p>Each month 1,168 children had access to nutritious meals and snacks meeting USDA nutritional standards due to CACFP participation.</p>
<p>112</p>	<p>14 new providers participated in CACFP providing 112 additional children with quality food and nutritious meals and snacks.</p>
<p>596,489</p>	<p>Providers participating in CACFP served a total of 596,489 meals and snacks, helping the children in their care establish healthy eating habits for life.</p>
<p>41 EWPB workshops 59 Participants</p>	<p>41 EWPB workshops (Eat Well Play Hard) were offered that helped 139 participants understand and improve the nutrition and physical activity behaviors for their children.</p>

Our Mission:

Building excellence in the early care and learning system while advancing equal access for all children in our community.

Our Vision:

Every child is cared for in a high quality, safe & nurturing environment that cultivates healthy development, early learning and joy.

Our Donors 2021-2022

We sincerely thank the following individuals and organizations who so generously help us achieve our mission through financial contributions. Your invaluable support provides the resources needed to carry out our work and make our vision a reality.

Jim Burke
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