

2021

Annual Report

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF OSWEGO COUNTY

a division of Integrated Community Planning of Oswego County, Inc.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Many of us gladly bid farewell to 2020 and welcomed 2021 with optimism and hope to return to some of the normalcy lost to COVID-19. Little did we know that the pandemic would endure and its repercussions continue throughout the new year. While the pandemic reaffirmed that child care is an essential facet of a functioning, healthy economy, it also exposed the vulnerabilities of the child care system.

Since the start of the pandemic, child care providers have faced the challenges of maintaining health and safety, navigating ever-changing enrollment and attendance resulting from remote vs. in person learning and quarantines, and staying open in the face of financial losses. Families have had to balance diminished child care availability, concerns of exposure, and remote learning with maintaining employment. Throughout these difficult times, our staff strengthened their resolve to assist and support providers and families alike.

Our staff continued to provide services through its existing programs while expanding and modifying delivery methods in accordance with health and safety measures. Despite the implementation of virtual platforms and limited in-person interactions, staff strengthened relationships with all modalities of providers through increased outreach and support. In addition, ICP worked with parents and providers to administer a second round of CARES scholarships to essential workers.

With the expanded recognition that the child care industry is essential and largely comprised of small businesses, additional investments were allocated to stabilize and support them. ICP staff assisted providers in applying for stabilization grants through OCFS and continue to offer guidance in the utilization of the funds to help recover from losses during the pandemic and find more secure footing moving forward. Staff lent expertise to participate in the development of financial management curriculum being used throughout the state to train providers in business practices.

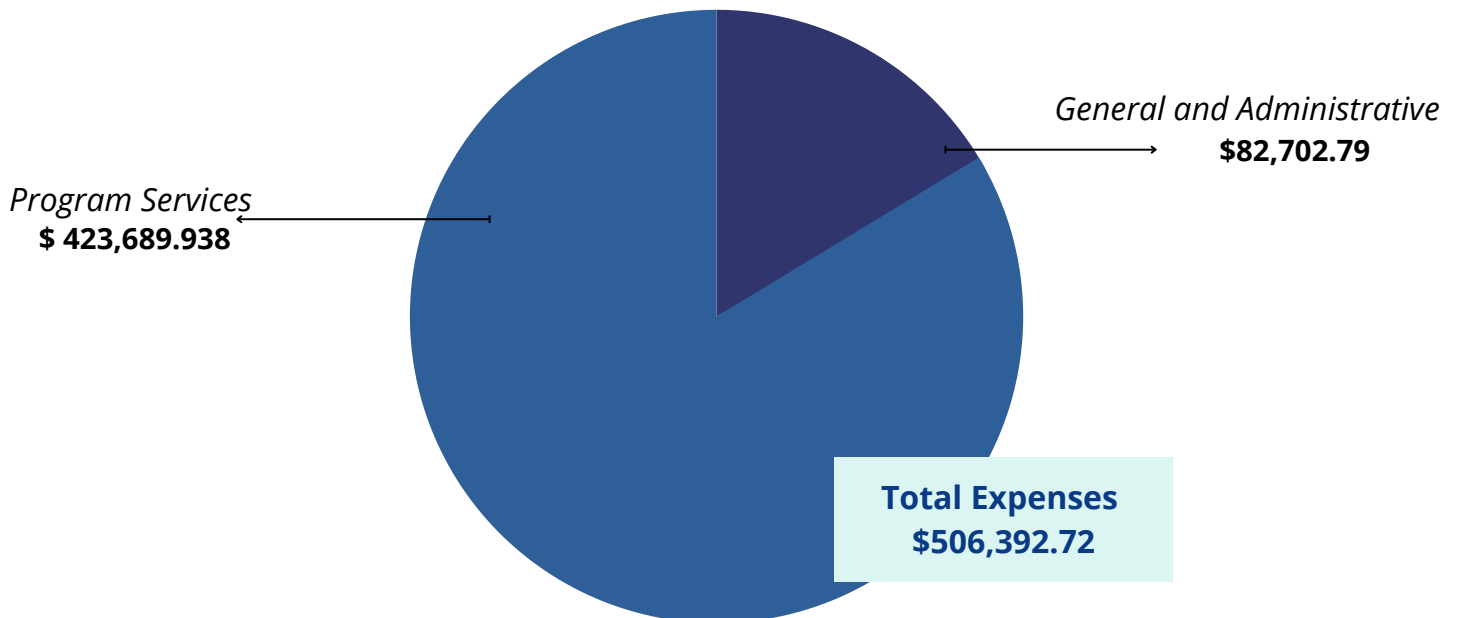
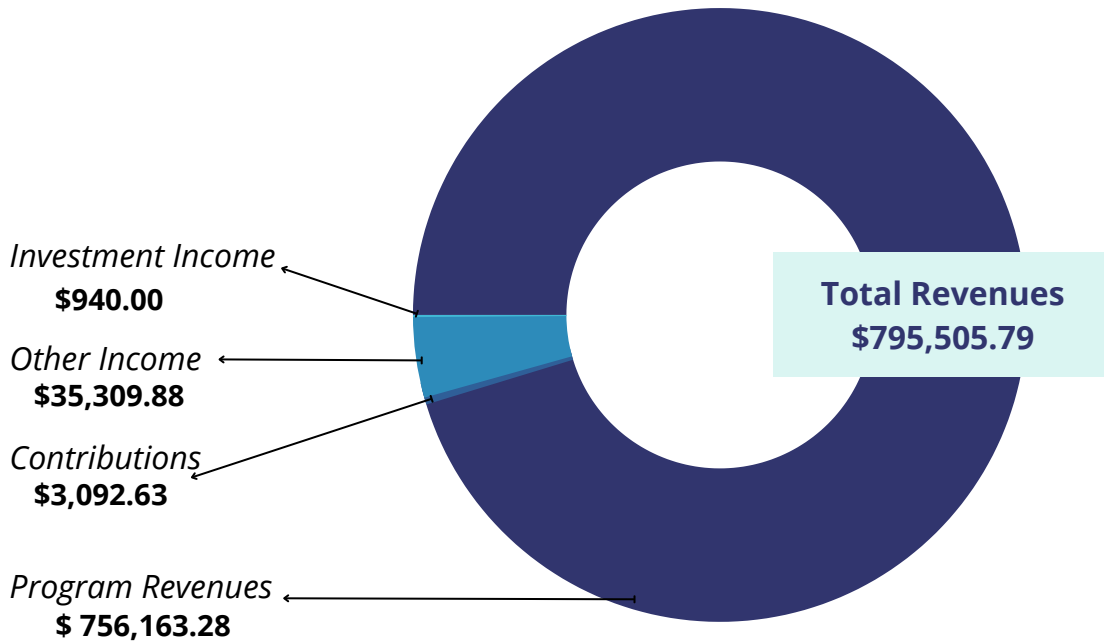
As we forge ahead into the new year, we will continue our efforts to build a system where all modalities of regulated care can thrive, high quality care is equitable and easily accessible, and our economy can benefit from a robust, reliable workforce. We will continue to advocate for additional, sustained investments in child care on behalf of the providers and families we serve.



BRANDY KOPROSKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FINANCIALS:

Financial Summary for calendar year 2021



OUR IMPACT:

99

Health Care Consultancies were conducted with childcare programs in 2021.

44

Programs worked with our Health Care Consultant to adopt an Allergy & Anaphylaxis Policy.

787

Instances that agency staff supported child care programs accessing information, resources and support to be in compliance with Office of Children and Family Services Child Care regulations.

92

Legally-Exempt Child Care applications were processed through our office.

CARES Scholarships & their impact



\$112,424

In Scholarships Funds were awarded assisting



children



providers

Providers in Crisis: Child Care & The Pandemic

Child Care Providers were able to keep the world moving across Oswego County supporting our essential workers when businesses and schools closed their doors. Oswego County programs stayed open and went right to work. We **THANK YOU** for that .

Child Care Scholarships were provided from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Funds (CARES) in addition all 50 Child Care Programs across Oswego County were provided with \$600.00 worth of Personal Protective Equipment and supplies for their programs use to remain OPEN during the NY PAUSE.



305,168

Meals and Snacks meeting USDA Nutritional Standards were served by CACFP providers across Oswego County

34

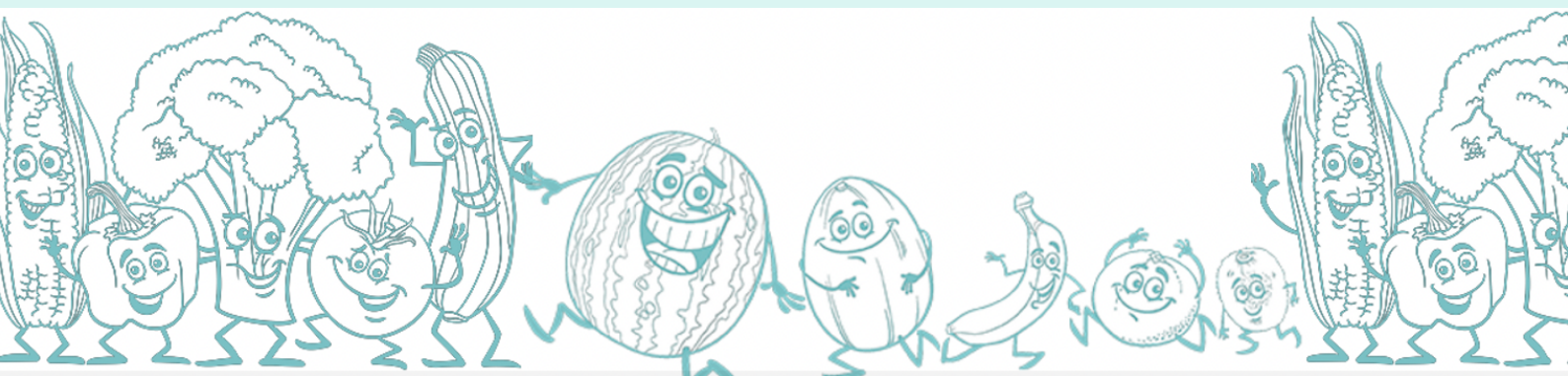
Providers Participated

These providers work with the agency to be successful at building healthy habits in our children. They accessed training, resources, tools and established best practice record keeping while being USDA compliant.

383

gained access to healthy meals and snacks because the provider participates in CACFP.

ICPOC oversees the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federally funded program that allows Licensed, Registered and Legally Exempt child care programs the ability to be reimbursed for serving nutritious meals and snacks.



THANK YOU!

While 2021 was a challenging year we want to take a moment to thank you for your support. While your support is invaluable to us, you're giving back to the community we serve.

▶▶▶ Our Mission & Vision: ◀◀◀

Our Mission is to be a community resource agency to support and improve the quality of life for youth and families of Oswego County.

Our Vision is to be a valued premier resource that builds healthy families and communities by affecting positive change in behaviors, environments, and policy through quality, accessible, and affordable education, training, advocacy, technical assistance and partnerships.

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