



Building a brighter future

PROVIDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



The later in life a child's developmental, emotional or learning difficulties are identified, the longer it takes to overcome them.¹





Mission

Family ACCESS empowers and strengthens families and the community by providing programs that nurture child development, prevent trauma, promote effective parenting skills and support working parents.

For over 100 years, our organization has served thousands of families from racially, economically and culturally diverse backgrounds in local communities across the Middlesex and Norfolk counties.

Our four integrated programs are based on decades of research in neuroscience and early child development that point to the importance of early formative experiences and the power of engaged parents to raise strong, resilient children.

Toddlers who are not read to will have 10% of the vocabulary of their peers when they begin school and will spend most of their academic years trying to catch up.²



Impact

EARLY LITERACY SERVICES

Provides a variety of evidence-based programs that build literacy-rich homes, support parents in understanding their child's development and offer opportunities to engage with other families in the community.

GROWTH IN 2018:

Received the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education and Care that has allowed us to double our program offerings in 7 different towns.

We've doubled our program offerings and extended our reach to new communities!

² Starting School at a Disadvantage, 2012, ³ The Foundations of Lifelong Help, 2010

CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION

Empowers young children to be “Safe, Strong & Free” from emotional, physical and sexual abuse through age-appropriate workshops for students, parents and teachers.

GROWTH IN 2018:

- 2,907 children in Newton, Brookline and Boston learned how to keep themselves safe from potential assault.
- Our CAP program completed its 4th year of classroom facilitation at the Match Charter School in Boston that serves prospective, first-generation college students from minority communities.

Children who are physically or sexually abused suffer from health, emotional and behavioral problems throughout their life³



80% of brain growth happens by the age of three.⁴ Every interactive experience in these formative years is crucial to a child's future success in life.



COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION

Provides comprehensive clinical services and social-emotional support to parents and their children to address present challenges and mental health concerns in order to enable full and healthy lives.



We are proud to be partners with a local domestic violence agency, The Second Step. We provide consultation to their after-school program staff who work with children and teens affected by domestic violence.

GROWTH IN 2018:

- 94% of parents receiving counseling services showed an improvement and confidence in their parent-child relationship after 6 months of services.
- Due to the success of our innovative model for young support services in the Waltham area, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts funded Family ACCESS to duplicate this program to serve the Framingham community.
- We added two new staff members to our Counseling team, one fluent in Spanish and the other in Portuguese, so that we can provide better access of our services to the Waltham and Framingham communities that we have expanded into.



⁴ Lifetime Effects: The High/Scope Perry Preschool Study, 2005

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Provides high-quality, play-based early education and family support services to infants, toddlers and preschoolers from economically and culturally diverse communities.

GROWTH IN 2018:

- Maintained 100% Enrollment
- **Professional Development Milestone:** completed a comprehensive, year-long Touchpoints training, leading to national certification for a majority of our staff.





DID YOU KNOW?

*12 different languages
are represented amongst
our Early Learning Center
teaching staff*



*6 out of 10 classroom
teams include a
male teacher*

Highlights & Milestones

Solar Panels

We're Soaking Up the Sun Year Round! We partnered with Solect Energy, a local solar energy company, to install a 100kW solar rooftop system. The new panels will generate enough kWh of electricity to cover an estimated 91% of the building's main meter annual electricity consumption. By utilizing cleaner sources of energy, we are doing our due diligence to ensure that our children have a thriving planet to explore.



New Playground

We built a brand new playground that is safe, accessible and the only structure in the area specifically designed for children 2 years and under. The playground was fully funded through grants and was built by volunteers over the course of one weekend.

Wayfair Furniture Donation

Thanks to our friends at Wayfair, we received new furniture additions in our classrooms!

Community Programming

Expanded our offerings into the community by hosting a Children's Concert series that brought families in the community together for fun weekend activities.

*WS Development
provided curriculum
books for our Early Literacy
Services' Parent-Child
Home Program.*



2018 Giving Highlight

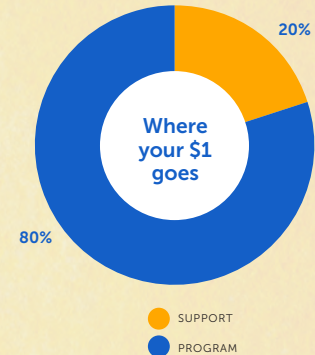
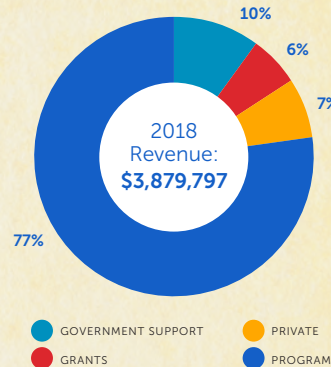
WS Development “in-kind donation” highlight

Our friends at **WS Development** partnered with us to help provide supplies for our families in need. Because of the generosity and kind hearts of the employees at WS Development, we ran three successful campaigns that had a tremendous impact on the families that we serve. Through a **book drive**

(facing page), **back-to-school drive**, and **holiday toy drive**, they provided our families with books, school supplies and presents that they would otherwise not have been able to afford. This act of kindness gave 108 children access to materials necessary to keep them on pace in their educational pursuits.

Services provided by our programs generated over 75% of our revenue in 2018, with another 10% coming from city and state government. The remaining funds are contributed by our generous donors who wish to make a positive impact on the lives of the children and families that we serve.

For every dollar of revenue, 80 cents goes directly to our mission-driven services.



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Stories that Inspire Us

Our Early Literacy Services offers the Parent-Child Home Program, a learning through play home-visiting school readiness program for income eligible parents with young children. For six years, Dianne McCarthy has been one of our Literacy Specialist home visitors. In 2015, she visited a family from the Barton Road public housing in Wellesley. This past year, Dianne received a lovely phone call from the mother saying that her son's first grade classroom is having a celebration and that he wanted to honor Dianne as his hero. Although it had been 4 years since Dianne had worked with the family, her impact has had a positive, lasting effect.

He wanted to honor Dianne as his hero



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