

2023 Highlights

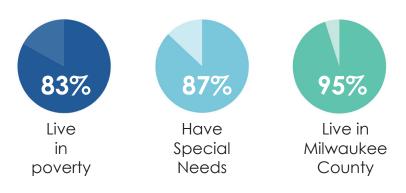
Launched Growing Together: A Milwaukee-Based Group Pregnancy Care Initiative.

Launched First Connections Autism Services program.

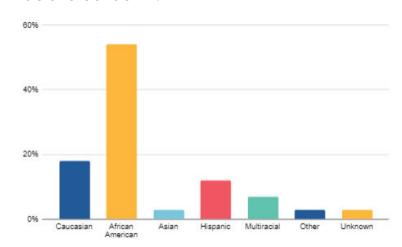
NAEYC Accreditation awarded to early childhood education program.

Welcomed Polina Makievsky as President and CEO.

Service Population



Racial breakdown:



Results

Special Care Nursing Services

59 children received nursing services, with 748 nursing contacts provided for infants, children & families.

Milwaukee County Birth to Three Early Intervention Service at Penfield 1.107 children received Birth-to-Three services.

A total of 7,815 individual therapy sessions were provided including special education, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy and care coordination.

Behavior Clinic

The Behavior Clinic served 197 children ages six and younger in Milwaukee County.

63% of children demonstrated reduced trauma symptoms as measured by the Preschool Inventory of Trauma Symptoms.

69% of children reduced their challenging behaviors from pretest to post test as measured by the Early Childhood Behavior Screen.

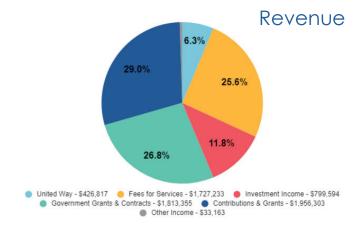
Early Education & Care

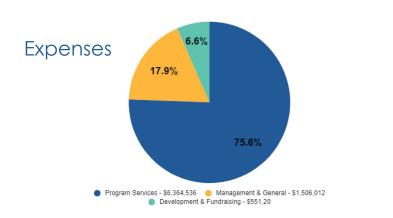
82% of children demonstrated improvement in social emotional development.

82% of children demonstrated improvement in early learning literacy skills.

36.2% of children in our Early Education and Care program have a disability or developmental delay, such as cerebral palsy or autism.

Financials





Mission Moment

One family who has benefited from the First Connections Autism program is Graysen and his mom, Kimberlyn. When Graysen was 18 months old, Kimberlyn noticed that his communication skills were not up to speed with his peers. He wasn't speaking and wasn't interacting with anyone.



"We were really worried about Graysen," Kimberlyn recalls. "We didn't know what to do or where to turn." Then, Kimberlyn learned about the First Connections program. She enrolled Graysen in the program, and within weeks, she began to see a difference.



"Graysen started to communicate more," Kimberlyn says. "He started to make eye contact. He started to play with other children. It was amazing."

Today, Graysen is a thriving three-year-old. He is utilizing a

variety of communication skills and has made many friends. His family is grateful for the First Connections program for helping him on his journey to reaching his full potential.

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