

2016 Annual Report

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends -

"You're going to need a bigger boat."

...said the police chief in Jaws, as he begins to realize the enormity of the challenge they face in capturing the great white shark.

Well, we need a bigger boat for all the young children in Westchester, in New York, and across the nation, to give them the very best start for lifelong well-being and success.

- We hear from parents at every income level that they struggle to pay for child care, with Westchester prices amongst the highest in the U.S.
- We hear from employers of every size and from every sector that child care issues cause worker absenteeism and productivity loss.
- We know from studies that our students lag other countries in reading, science and math.
- We also know from research that greater investment in high quality early care and education could boost high school graduation and college attendance rates, lifetime earnings, health outcomes, and more.

We're proud of the work we do at the Council connecting parents to child care and after school options; helping providers of all kinds offer the best possible care; and supporting employers as they meet the child care needs of their workforce. We're also proud of our close relationships with non-profit partners, government, business groups, higher education and others striving, as we are, for a thriving Westchester.

We're proud of the talent, energy, and caring for

children that we witness in early care and education programs all over the county. We marvel at the dedication of staff who come to trainings in the evening and on the weekend to build their skills, despite wages/benefits that lag almost every other occupation.

But we're swimming upstream. Today only 17% of New York's children eligible for child care subsidy are recipients. And that percentage is likely to go down with a cut in funding in this year's NYS budget. Reductions to Head Start, Early Head Start, child care and after school are likely, given the cuts outlined in the President's "skinny budget" for FY17-18. Frankly, our early care and education "system" has been kept afloat by the willingness of women and men who care about children to work for wages far below their professional value.

We need a bigger boat here in Westchester. A boat big enough to carry all of our children to the futures they deserve and that we need them to have. You can help us build that boat.

- Ask your elected officials what they've done to increase child care/after school investment.
- Support our child care scholarship fund so more of Westchester's children get a seat in our boat.
- Follow our advocacy news on our website, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

For those who supported the Council, Westchester's children and our early care and education providers in 2016 - our sincerest thanks.

Sincerely.

Kathleen Halas

Child Care Council of Westchester



The quality of early care and education that children receive between birth and age 5 sets the stage for success or failure for the rest of their lives: K-12 academic performance and grade progression, physical and emotional development and lifelong health, decision-making skills, high school graduation rates, and even adult career earnings.

Westchester's Future

We envision a day...

when every child's potential is maximized from birth when every parent can go to work free from distraction or worry

when Westchester businesses have access to a talented, well-educated homegrown workforce

when community leaders universally acknowledge that quality early care is essential

The Child Care Council promotes quality early care and education in every sector of our community.

Parents receive free services from the Council that include education about the importance of quality child care, detailed child care searches, and assistance with resources to help pay for care.

Child Care Providers rely on the Council for training, technical assistance and professional development opportunities so they can provide the best possible care, grow their businesses, and meet regulatory requirements.

Employers share our free resources with working parents to improve productivity and reduce absenteeism among their workforce.

The Child Care Council of Westchester, part of a state and national network of nonprofit resource and referral agencies, champions the healthy development of children, families, and communities through quality early care and education. This work requires the close collaboration of every sector and stakeholder. We're proud to take a leadership role in Nonprofit Westchester, the Westchester Women's Agenda, the Westchester County Families Task Force, the Westchester Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, the 0 to 6 Early Childhood Planning Group, Yonkers Thrives, the Westchester Association for the Education of Young Children and the NYS Early Care and Learning Council. The Council is also a member of the Business Council of Westchester and the Westchester County Association.



We Improved the Quality of Child Care

A big part of whether children succeed throughout school depends on the quality of care and education they receive as infants, toddlers and preschoolers. In 2016, we empowered more than 3,000 child care providers to better educate and inspire Westchester's youngest and most curious learners.

Council specialists work on-one-one with child care providers to provide collaborative technical

assistance that improves the quality of child care. Improvements include more appropriate curriculum and activities, materials, and classroom layout.

Our trainings and conferences expose teachers to new ideas and exciting developmentally-appropriate topics. In 2016, we added many new trainings, including self-esteem and resilience, social studies, and science for infants and toddlers.

In <u>2016</u>



New & Improved

15 providers graduated from our first Child Development Associate (CDA) credential program in Spanish.

On-site trainings increased by 20%

Launched "Container Free" infant care certification program to promote freedom of movement and appropriate physical development

Left: Spanish CDA course graduates

Below: Sixteen child care providers graduated from the Child Care Council's first Preschool Child Development Associate (CDA) credential class in June, funded by the Westchester County Department of Social Services Office of Workforce Investment. A second class of 28 launched in November and will graduate in 2017. The children in care of these women will benefit tremendously from their commitment to professional development.



Above: Susan Zucker from the Virginia Marx Children's Center at Westchester Community College hosted a two-part Art for All Ages workshop to demonstrate to other child care providers how her students and staff put together an exciting annual art show each year.

We Expanded the Supply of Child Care

We help aspiring child care providers fulfill their dream of owning their own business. Our registrars work with them to complete their applications, set up their programs and develop business policies, then continue to act as a resource in the day-to-day operation of their programs.

More Options for Parents 40 new registered programs 594 legally exempt providers enrolled

Right: Council Registrar Latoya Ramsey holds up a thank you card from a child care provider she helped open a program.





Babies Step Forward,* a quality improvement program for family child care providers, is also how we help Westchester's most vulnerable families provide care for their children.

Providers are empowered to deliver developmentally-appropriate curriculum to prepare children for preschool, and children who may otherwise "fall through the cracks" have access to screenings, assessments and services to support social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical development.

One-on-one parent support services go beyond education to include access to critical supplies and resources and crisis intervention.

*The Council's program is part of a larger Babies Step Forward program of Westcop, Inc., funded by a federal Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant

Going the Extra Mile

76 children
enrolled in
family child
care providers
received
comprehensive
and caring
support in
2016 through
Babies Step
Forward



We Improved Health, Safety and Nutrition

Children with working parents spend a significant amount of time in child care, so we need to know they're eating well, being physically active, and getting medication when needed.

The Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps providers pay for and offer nutritious meals and snacks to children in their care. Our CACFP Case Managers demonstrate healthy recipes, and encourage providers to offer new foods and teach children the importance of healthy eating.



Safety (and Health) First!

We inspected 425 child care providers and conducted 624 nutrition monitoring visits in 2016!

Many providers call the Health Care Consultant Services Department to have a consultant sign off on their health care plan in order to become approved to administer medications, but quickly learn there's much more to do if they want to meet best practice standards to ensure the health and safety for all children in care. We deliver health- and medication-related trainings and technical assistance, and keep providers informed of alerts and recalls related to health and safety.

The Council partnered with the American Lung Association of New York to have Westchester child care providers become Asthma-Friendly Endorsed.



We Inspired Kids to Love Books and Reading

Early literacy is essential for children's success throughout life, as reading is the basis for learning just about everything.

Our "Book Bag Program," funded by the Carvel Family Foundation and the Sexauer Foundation, allows us to offer literacy training and quality improvement services to child care staff and providers, and create a robust book-lending program for families whose children are enrolled. As a result, more children are reading and more families spend time enjoying this important activity together.



"It's more than just reading and writing skills. It's a great opportunity for families to sit together and have quality time, and it stimulates children's creativity and imagination."

~Andrea Leite, Tots Place

Ready to Read

400+ children received books through our Early Literacy/Family Book Bag Program

3,000 books were collected and distributed to classrooms serving children from low-income families during our 8th annual book drive



We Helped Parents Access Quality Care

Parents love their children and want the best for them, but that doesn't mean they know what the very best child care looks like, where to find it, or are able to pay for it.

When our Resource and Referral Specialists answer the phone, they offer each parent comprehensive personal guidance based on their family's needs. From full time to part time, infant care to after school care, nannies to camps, we're there to provide expert guidance.

Many families are eligible for financial assistance but either don't know they are or find the process cumbersome. We prescreen them, help them apply, submit the application, then follow up.

For families not eligible for a subsidy, we offer a limited number of scholarships. In 2016, we provided 11 children with scholarships so their parents could go to work without worry.

We Did!

2,185 parents asked us to help them find child care... and we did!

944 parents asked us to help them with the child care subsidy application... and we did!

The Resource and Referral Department standing by to take parents' calls



In order to get all of Westchester's children into quality early care, parents need to understand that quality matters. We're on a mission to ensure every family knows why and how to #GetSmartChildCare.



We Spoke Up for Children, Families and our Future

The only way to ensure every child reaches his or her potential is increased investment of public dollars for quality early care and education. We advocate year-round, carrying the voices of parents, families, child care providers and employers to to County, State and Federal legislators.

During the County budget process, we led the charge for child care funding: we testified at public hearings, met with legislators, and directed a letter-writing campaign. We were able to maintain the Child Care Subsidy Specialist position at the Council. But, with actual 2016 child care subsidy expenditures projected to exceed what was budgeted by over \$4 million, we fought for an increase. We were successful in obtaining \$1 million of new funding for subsidies.

At the State level we sought funding to increase

health, quality and safety for children who are in child care. We launched a social media photo campaign, featuring Westchester parents and children, to ask Governor Cuomo to invest in our children and #fundchildcare.

Our campaign spread statewide!



Creating an Advocacy Army

To inspire child care providers and community leaders countywide to add their voices to the call to make quality early child care and education affordable and accessible, we hosted an informative "Art of Advocacy" event for the first time in 2016. Attendees learned a lot about effective advocacy from the Council Board members and guest appearances from Assemblymember Shelley Mayer and County Legislator Alfreda Williams.

We listened

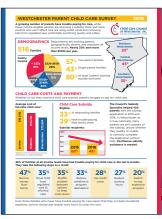
We conducted two separate surveys, of Westchester parents and Westchester employers, which together painted a clear picture of the child care-related challenges facing our county. Both employers and employees recognize that lack of quality, affordable, reliable child care negatively affects the workplace, yet employers offer few parent-friendly benefits other than mandated maternity leave, despite their general belief that doing so would be positive for their organizations and their employees.

Respondents:

526 families: geographically and economically diverse

41 employers: for- and non-profit

Of the Westchester employers who responded to our survey, 75% find that child care issues result in absenteeism or productivity loss among employees.





Westchester's working parents agree that child care issues affect their work: 50% of parents surveyed report that child care has impacted their job in the past year, causing them to:



50%

Arrive late
41%

Feel distracted at work 35%

Cut back working hours

We Celebrated with You

Master of Ceremonies Tara Rosenblum of News 12, Regent Judith Johnson, and Mary Murray of IBM

Our Annual Awards Breakfast is when we acknowledge and thank those who go above-and-beyond to support early childhood initiatives, and recognize exceptional child care providers. Our 2016 event was our most successful yet, with 17 sponsors and nearly 300 attendees!

2016 Champions for Children:

Regent Judith Johnson

Monroe College School of Education, Accepted by Dr. Anne Lillis, Dean

Westchester Library System, Accepted by Terry L. Kirchner, Ph.D., Executive Director

2016 Joey Award Winners:

Raquel Burton, Busy B's Child Daycare, Inc.

Lynda Merchant, NYS Association for the Education of Young Children

Brent Morton, Country Childrens Center

Suzanne Newcomb, St. Paul's Child Care Center

Iris Rivera, Westchester County Department of Social Services

We Counted on Your Support



There are many things we want for our children and families - learning opportunities, additional scholarships, educational materials - that we can't fund with public dollars alone.

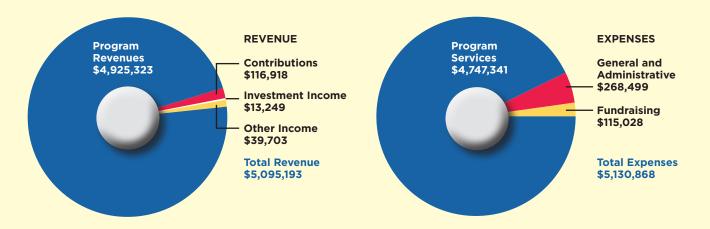
In one day, the Council raised more than \$22,000 to help 1,200 children.

Funds were used to purchase brainbuilding kits for child care providers who serve children from low age earning families. The kits are filled with items that are critical for early brain growth: books, math manipulatives, building blocks, art supplies, instruments, science tools, dress-up items, and more.

Special thanks to TD Bank for once again sponsoring an exciting \$2,500 social media challenge, and to our Board of Directors for generously matching donations, up to a total of \$3,000.

Below: Sponsor TD Bank hosted a fun #GivingTuesday celebration





Financials

For the Child Care Council's complete 2015-2016 audited financial statement, visit http://www.childcarewestchester.org/pdf/2015-2016_Financial_Audit.pdf

Grants

Grants received from our generous business, individual and nonprofit partners allow us to offer important and innovative programs that improve early care and learning for children in Westchester.

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Westchester County Department of Social Services
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Westchester County Office of Workforce Investment
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