



**children's  
institute**

**2022  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**



**Healthy** Children  
**Thriving** Families  
**Empowered** Communities



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

At Children's Institute (CI), we believe in the abundant potential of children and families to achieve educational success and emotional wellbeing, which lead to economic mobility.

As communities still reeling from the economic and emotional losses of the pandemic contend with increased costs of living, CI continues to be a partner to families seeking the tools and resources they need to thrive.

Our whole-family approach enables us to intervene at critical stages of children, teens, and caregiving adults' lives. We do this by offering programs that provide access to high-quality early learning; strengthening parenting skills to ensure safe and stable environments; preparing youth and adults for higher education and employment; and building support networks for families.

We partner with community organizations, local leaders, and schools to build networks of care that respond to local needs and create more trauma-informed spaces increasing the community's capacity for healing and resilience.

Together, we can continue to offer healing and hope to 30,000 children and families each year. Thank you for your continued support.

With our warmest wishes,

Martine Singer  
President & CEO

Paul Kanin  
Chair, Board of Trustees



# 2022 AT A GLANCE

## WHAT WE DO

Children's Institute helps children and families discover strengths and develop skills that create enduring success. We are committed to fostering supportive and caring relationships and reversing the effects of toxic stress, because we know that exposure to adversity impacts learning, behavior, and health.

Using a whole family, two-generation approach, Children's Institute offers education, counseling services, parenting support, convening spaces and enrichment programs in the community and at our early education centers, K-12 schools, and neighborhood hubs. We engage children and families in their homes and communities, in person and virtually. We develop resources and partnerships to help children, youth, families, and neighbors achieve their dreams and goals.

Children's Institute works with communities where decades of underinvestment and racist policies perpetuate poverty and limit opportunities from Echo Park to Watts to Long Beach. We develop resources and partnerships to help children, youth, families, and neighbors achieve their dreams and goals. We promote investment in children, families, and communities by training professionals on effective practice models, advancing equitable public policies and amplifying community voice.



**28,226**

Children and family members served



**8,034**

Professional training attendees



**928**

Staff members



**38**

Locations



**\$94M**

Budget

# STRATEGIC PLAN

In June 2022, CII's Board of Trustees approved an adaptive strategic plan. Unlike traditional strategic planning, adaptive planning embraces rapid environmental changes and the need for agile decision making. This process also offered opportunities to engage numerous stakeholders—CII's board, staff, program participants and community partners—in an iterative and creative process of visioning, problem solving and feedback. It resulted in the creation of a new CII North Star, Commitments and Theory of Change.

Through focus groups and human-centered design involving hundreds of staff and surveys sent to more than 6,000 community members, we are confident that the pathways we have identified are relevant and meaningful to our CII community, individuals and families.

## NORTH STAR

All children and families can achieve **emotional well-being** and **educational success**, which build pathways to **economic mobility**.

## COMMITMENTS

- CII centers equity, diversity, and inclusion in decision-making, governance, and day-to-day interactions.
- CII creates a welcoming environment and builds authentic partnerships.
- CII values strengths and lived experience.
- CII offers a full complement of resources and services to all families enrolled in our programs.
- CII deepens community impact through collaboration with partner organizations, volunteers, and local leaders.
- CII empowers its team members to collaborate, create and innovate, and develops leaders at every level.
- CII adapts to changing circumstances, innovates, and invests in the future.
- CII amplifies the voices of staff and community members to advocate for social justice.

# OUR IMPACT

## Children and Families Served FY21-22

### Early Childhood Education

Including center- and home-based  
Head Start and Early Head Start.....1,300

### Behavioral Health & Wellness

Including evidence-based practices,  
counseling, intensive & non-intensive  
services, and Community Schools.....6,692

### Strengthening Families & Communities

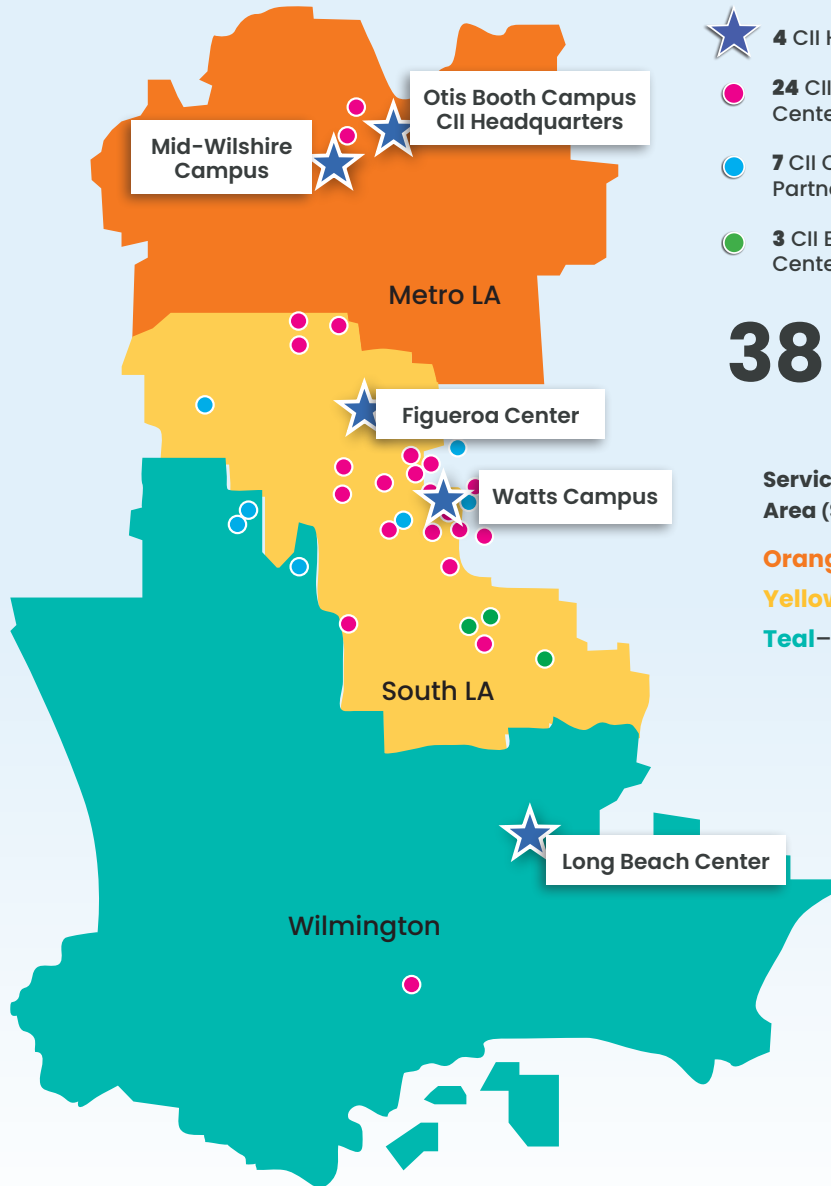
Including crisis response, Project Fatherhood,  
programs for system-involved youth,  
and community innovations.....4,058

**Family Members Served**.....16,176

# TOTAL.....28,226



# CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE LOCATIONS



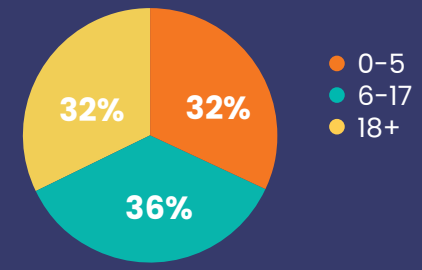
- ★ 4 CII Hub Sites
- 24 CII Early Childhood Centers
- 7 CII Community School Partnerships
- 3 CII Early Childhood Centers Coming in 2023

**38** Locations

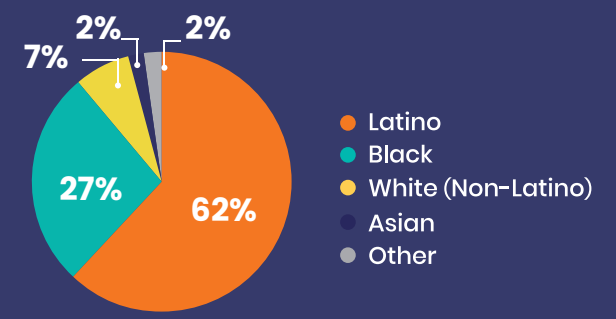
**Service Planning Area (SPA) Key:**  
**Orange**—SPA 4  
**Yellow**—SPA 6  
**Teal**—SPA 8

# DEMOGRAPHICS

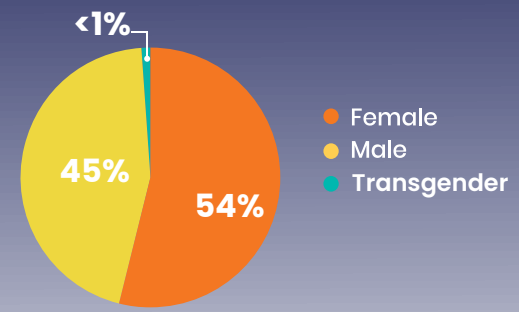
## AGE



## RACE / ETHNICITY



## GENDER



# BUILDING ON SUCCESS

On Saturday, June 25th, more than 500 guests joined us in celebrating the grand opening of Children's Institute's new Watts campus.

Celebratory remarks were shared by CII President and CEO Martine Singer, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, CII Watts Building Committee Chair Bridget Gless Keller, LAPD Deputy Chief Emada Tingirides, President of the Watts Gang Task Force Donny Joubert, CII Trustee Gelila Assefa Puck, and world-renowned architect Frank Gehry.

Lovingly designed by Frank Gehry, this permanent commitment to Watts is home to programming that enriches and empowers the children and families of the Watts community.

The Watts Gang Task Force, formed nearly 15 years ago to broker peace in the community, has its first-ever permanent home office in this building along with the LAPD's Community Safety Partnership, a nationally recognized model for relationship-based policing.

The art in CII's new Watts campus was chosen specifically with the Watts community in mind and in partnership with Watts Towers Arts Center Director, Rosie Lee Hooks.

Thanks to all of our community friends, partners, elected officials, businesses and neighbors, this new campus is a place for learning, connection and healing.



**22+**  
Community  
Partners



**500+**  
Grand Opening  
Attendees

# THANK YOU

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS DONORS

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Watts Leadership Institute  
Watts Gang Task Force  
Your Special Day  
and many more...





# FEEDING BODIES & MINDS

The COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on families already struggling to make ends meet. We continue to support families with resources like groceries, clothing and hygiene products as well as rent and utility bill assistance.

**Requests from families increased 112% from last year.**

The pandemic and its aftermath underscored the critical importance of shelter and other basic needs as a foundation for healing. We are incredibly grateful to all of our donors and sponsors who support these efforts.

## NECESSITIES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES IN FY22



**174,500+**  
PPE Products



**7,000+**  
Food Items



**1,000+**  
Adult Clothing



**22,000+**  
Diapers



**22,500+**  
Hygiene Products



**500+**  
Baby Safety Gear



**7,000+**  
Children's Clothing

## SPECIAL THANKS

to Donors and Sponsors:

- Baby2Baby
- Casper
- Good+Foundation
- Shelter Partnership
- Thrive Causemetics

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

CII's volunteers support our work and make community events possible. This year, as vaccination rates increased and restrictions eased, we were able to host several outdoor events bringing both critical resources and family fun back to our communities.

Volunteers supported events such as:

- **Prom2Go**, which provided formal dresses, shoes and accessories to youth for prom, high-school graduation and other special occasions at this formative time in their lives.
- **Employment Boot Camps**, which provided job seekers the opportunity to get one-on-one help with resumes and interview tips, and professional clothing.
- **Project Fatherhood's National Fatherhood Movement**, which invited fathers and their families to prioritize their mental and physical health.



## WINTER FESTIVAL

In December 2021, Children's Institute held four Winter Festival Toy Drives for the second year in a row in Echo Park, Watts, Wilmington and Long Beach. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CII staff found ways to safely make the season bright for our children and families across Los Angeles.



**7,000** GIFTS & TOYS



**2,000+** FAMILIES SERVED



**1,700** BABY ITEMS



**600** GROCERY BAGS

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Children’s Institute’s Early Childhood Education programs offer home-based and center-based early learning opportunities, including Early Head Start and Head Start.



**1,300** CHILDREN, 0 TO 5 YEARS OLD

**2,940** FAMILY MEMBERS

In FY 2022, disruptive waves of COVID-19 variants caused intermittent center closures. CII’s teachers continued to provide high-quality hybrid learning opportunities to hundreds of children and their families, as well as counseling referrals, connection to medical providers, and daily nutritious meals.

**84%**

of children enrolled in home-based services met or exceeded age-specific expectations



## FROM PRENATAL TO PRESCHOOL

Providing mothers safe, reliable prenatal support in addition to early learning for their children helps provide stability for growing families. CII’s team of home visitors support mothers both during their pregnancy and after their child is born through services such as prenatal education and socialization, postpartum wellness visits and access to baby safety equipment, like cribs, car seats and strollers.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

As a leader in trauma-informed care, Children’s Institute provides counseling services to children, adolescents, transition-aged youth and parents. Our team of professionals—many of whom are from the same LA neighborhoods we serve—help to identify and reduce symptoms of traumatic stress, improve coping skills and build resilience. Programs range from individual and family treatments to specialized therapeutic groups.



**6,692** CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

**12,995** FAMILY MEMBERS

The pandemic normalized mental health and reduced stigma. Adults/caregivers were more willing to enroll their children in therapeutic services, and clients embraced alternative treatment methods such as telehealth.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In partnership with Green Dot public schools, Inglewood USD, LAUSD, and Camino Nuevo, Children’s Institute has established community schools at 7 sites offering comprehensive campus-wide trauma-informed services and supports for all students and parents. This initiative effects school-wide change—attendance, wellness and school climate/culture—and improves individual student and family outcomes. In partnership with school leadership, CII’s community schools help create a path to success for students at the highest-needs schools in Los Angeles.


**78%**

of individuals who completed an evidence-based practice with CII showed improved functioning



# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

CII's Strengthening Families & Communities programs empower families involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system to establish a stable environment, develop support networks, improve parenting skills and prepare for college and/or employment. Additionally, there is a focus on South LA where CII's coalition of community partners raise awareness about trauma and its impact on children through training, resources and advocacy to increase community resilience.

 **4,300** FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED

While the COVID-19 pandemic moved many engagements to a virtual setting, CII staff continued to host community chats, family engagement activities and coalition meetings. It was such a joy to bring back in-person events toward the end of FY 2022 in safe, outdoor spaces. Programs in CII's Strengthening Families & Communities division include: Project Fatherhood, Family Preservation, Partnerships for Families, Choice Neighborhoods, Enhanced Care Management, Children Exposed to Violence, Individualized Transition Skills Program, and more.



## INDIVIDUALIZED TRANSITION SKILLS PROGRAM

ITSP supports transition aged (16-21) foster youth in preparing for a fulfilling adult life by providing mentorship, life skills classes, and encouraging high school graduation and college readiness. At the 2022 Dream BIG Graduation, we were thrilled to announce 20 inaugural recipients of the Reaching New Heights sponsorship, who each received \$10,000 to support their 4-year college journey. CII also provided dorm kits—including luggage, linens and a \$100 gift card—to each of our graduates, thanks to the generous funding our our beloved support group, The Colleagues.

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY

CII's Government Relations & Advocacy (GRA) department influences policies that shape the lives of children and families. Centering on equity, our policy agenda advocates for a just system where historically marginalized communities can access the tools, resources and opportunities to reach their fullest potential.

Our current Policy Agenda focuses on:

## TWO-GENERATION APPROACH

We envision a coordinated and integrated system that promotes whole child and family well-being, education, economic stability, career development, and social capital.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

We envision a comprehensive, family-centered behavioral health system that is culturally responsive for children and families.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

We envision that every family has access to high-quality early learning opportunities within a mixed-delivery system.

## CHILD WELFARE

We envision children and their families strong and thriving in enduring relationships and stable environments.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

We envision that all schools organize a trauma-informed, whole child and family approach to learning and development.

## NONPROFIT SUSTAINABILITY & PARTNERSHIP

COVID-19 has made clear the critical role of nonprofits during a health and economic crisis. We envision the financial stability of nonprofit organizations to be a safety net for our communities.



## GRA HIGHLIGHTS

In FY22, CII's GRA team launched a Public Policy Learning Series, which included information on grassroots organizing, influencing government structures, policies impacting immigrant and undocumented communities, and housing policy.



**6** PUBLIC POLICY TRAININGS

with

**100+** CII STAFF MEMBERS

Connecting with elected officials is critical to advocating for policies that mean the most to CII families. While our GRA team meets with elected officials frequently to update them on resources available to their constituents, meetings are also held specific to topics in CII's Policy Agenda as well as priorities with coalition partners.



**30** ADVOCACY MEETINGS

with

**12** ELECTED OFFICIALS

# OFFICE OF EQUITY

The children and family members we serve have experienced intergenerational trauma perpetuated by long-standing racist systems and policies. CII created the Office of Equity to mitigate the negative impact of an unjust system, to support our employees, and to apply an equity lens to all we do.

We envision a future where all children and families have equitable pathways to wellness and opportunities. Starting with our staff, we create a work environment that is inclusive, diverse and supports continuous learning and growth. This approach extends to the children and families in our programs and the communities where we work.

CII's 2022 Learning Series provided opportunities for smaller groups of staff to join trainings and discussions. This allowed for more intimate, experiential learning for participants and cultivated a group of highly-engaged equity champions across the organization. Nearly 400 staff members participated in Equity Chats, Courageous Conversations and Anti-Racist Trauma-Informed Care training.



## FY 2022 TRAININGS INCLUDED:

### EQUITY CHATS

Equity Chats are an informal and optional learning space sponsored by CII's Office of Equity and led by Sidney Morgan and tash shatz from Red Sea Road Consulting.

### COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

Courageous Conversations is a framework and protocol to effectively engage, sustain, and deepen interracial dialogue facilitated by Sidney Morgan and tash shatz from Red Sea Road Consulting.

### ANTI-RACIST TRAUMA-INFORMED

Anti-Racist Trauma-Informed (ARTI) training bridges anti-racist and trauma-informed practices as interconnected frameworks, tools, and mindsets that deepen racial healing and equity.



# SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ YOUTH

ITSP staff have also been partnering with different LGBTQ+ organizations to give youth access to a wider network of mentors, mental health services and health care as they navigate their identity journey: LGBTQ+ programs at community colleges provide support groups, events and advocacy opportunities where youth are able to build comradery with their peers. Public Counsel provides legal services for youth in filing name and/or gender-affirming petitions. Businesses like the Shay Hotel and Yogasix host Pride fundraisers with proceeds going toward LGBTQ+ services for ITSP's youth.

We are proud of the network of support being created for our youth, and we want them to know that, even when they feel like the odds are stacked against them, there is a community willing and able to help.

We are so proud of our youth and how much they have accomplished this year despite the hardships of an ongoing global pandemic, the threat violence in our schools and communities and the everyday pressures of being a teenager/young adult.

CII's Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP) supports transition aged (16-21) foster youth in preparing for a fulfilling adult life outside the foster system by providing mentorship, life skills classes, and encouraging high school graduation and college readiness.

Last year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the isolation many of our youth were experiencing, CII staff created "The Bright Room," a virtual meeting space for our LGBTQ+ youth to meet and talk about their lives and especially the unique struggles of being part of both the LGBTQ+ community and the foster system. An annual LGBTQ+ training helps our Transitional Development Specialists (TDS) in practicing self-awareness and forming a deeper understanding of LGBTQ+ terminology, intersectionality, risks and protective factors.



**CII STAFF FEATURED IN CII'S "CELEBRATING PRIDE" VIDEO**

# 4th ANNUAL CAPE & GOWN GALA

On Saturday, October 23rd, Children's Institute held its 4th Annual Cape & Gown Gala where supporters celebrated superheroes making a difference in the lives of children and families. Thanks to our supporters, we raised \$765,000. It's not just a number. It's hope for 30,000 children and families across our city.

This year, we hosted guests both virtually and in-person, outside under the beautiful, historic fig tree at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows in Santa Monica. We honored two truly heroic women (pictured-right): Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett for her role in developing the COVID-19 vaccine (making our in-person event possible) and Suzanne Rheinsein for her lifetime dedication to advocating for children in her community.

Emceed by Emmy Award-winning TV host, actress, author and comedienne, Loni Loe, the evening featured inspiring stories from CII staff, community members and supporters. We finished off the evening with a brilliant performance from the LA Opera's Young Artist Program, Nicholas Roehler and Anthony Ciaramitaro.

With the shared goal of creating a more just and equitable Los Angeles, we are thrilled to have raised direct support for programs that create community resilience, thriving families, and healthy children.



**\$765,000+**  
Raised for Children  
& Families



**350+**  
In-Person &  
Virtual Attendees

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

CIJ's success is due to the generosity of public and private supporters. We are grateful to the many individual, foundation, corporate and board donors, and to our loyal support groups — The Colleagues, The C.H.I.P.S. and Les Amies — whose contributions have allowed us to provide comprehensive, high-quality services to our community's most underserved children and families.

Managing to the highest nonprofit standard, we use

**80%**

of our expenses for direct program services.

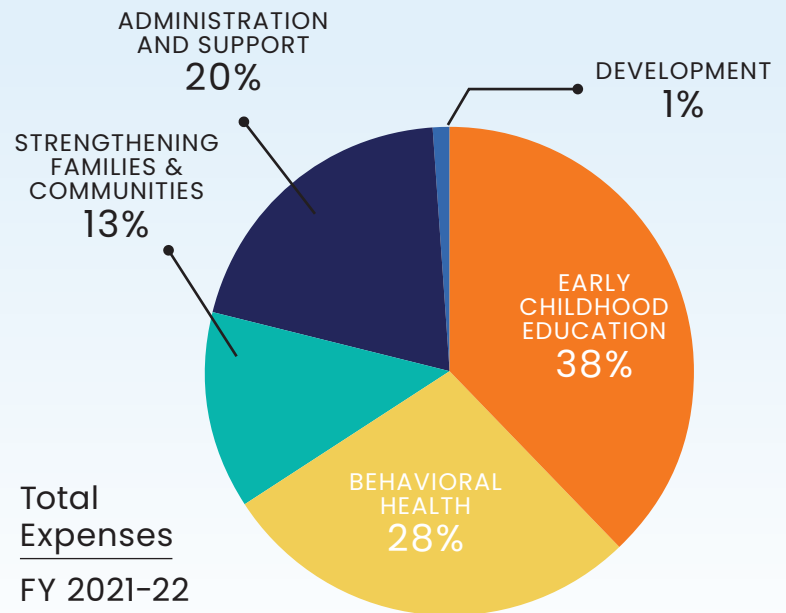
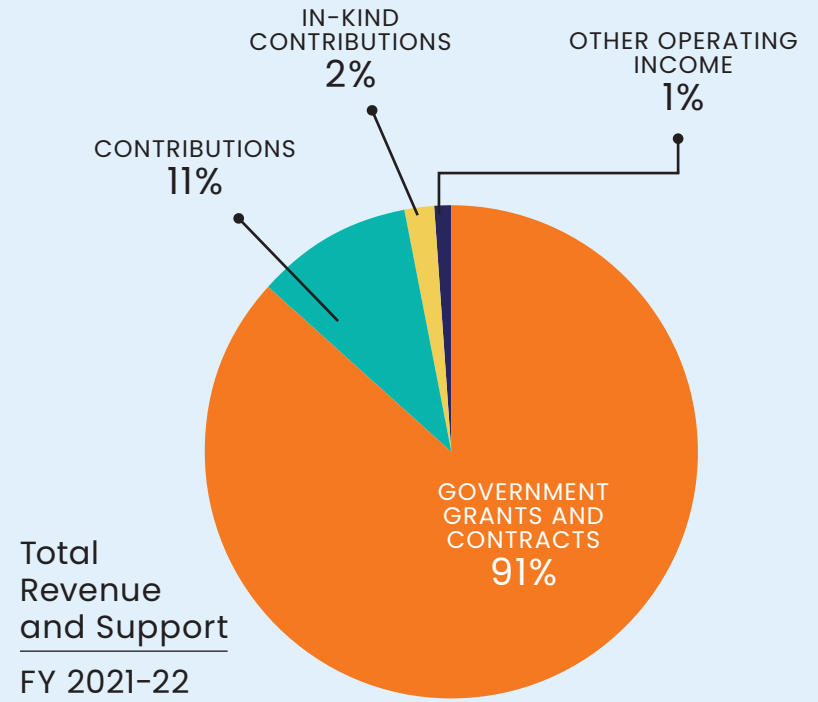


## FY 2021-2022 Summary of Financial Data

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
Government Grants and Contracts	\$78,059,139
Contributions	9,734,845
In-kind Contributions	2,087,328
Other Operating Income	671,046
Investment Income (Loss) (Net)	(4,346,681)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 86,205,677</b>

EXPENSES	
Early Childhood Education	\$ 34,301,480
Behavioral Health	24,873,169
Strengthening Families & Communities	11,473,945
Administrative and Support	17,467,703
Development	1,128,036
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 89,244,333</b>

Children’s Institute’s consolidated financial statements are audited annually. The condensed consolidated statement of activities was extracted from the consolidated audited financial statements. Consolidated audited financial statements are available upon request.



# DONOR HONOR ROLL

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