



**CCAC promotes and nurtures
early learning communities where
families and children thrive**

**CHILD CARE ACTION COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**



Our Programs

Child Care Resource & Referral

2,274 parents were assisted in locating quality licensed child care in Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific & Lewis counties through telephone, email and online referrals. Child Care Referral Specialists responded to 4,510 technical assistance calls from providers in all five counties.

Professional Development & Consultation

1,145 providers participated in over 855 hours of professional development across all five counties. Professional development is available in classrooms, online, as an onsite in-service and as one-on-one consultation, including intensive social and emotional coaching where child care providers learn new skills for working with challenging behaviors. About 400 providers participated in the Building Bridges to Higher Education program for college credit. 51 providers and Head Start and ECEAP staff attended the 9 month Child Development Associate Certificate Training.

Army Child Care In Your Neighborhood

Six child care centers and 6 family child care homes are currently serving around 200 military families' children. Each child care facility has a Quality Improvement Plan to meet military standards, including national accreditation and ongoing professional development.

Keystone Crisis Nursery & Homeless Child Care

1,683 hours of child care were provided for 63 children at 15 trained Crisis Nursery sites. 70 families received referrals to community resources to help them develop a social support network. Additionally, 31 homeless children received 426 days of safe, free child care.

Raising A Reader

748 children are getting school ready and learning to love reading by sharing books with their parents. Child care providers and parents learned about early brain development and early reading.

Safe Kids Thurston County

With the support of Medic One, Safe Kids served over 2,300 families in Thurston County with free and reduced car seats, low-cost helmets, and car seat fittings.

Child Care Inclusion

Four classes a year and 20 hours of consultation were presented regarding inclusion of children with special needs. 22 enhanced referrals were made for parents seeking child care to accommodate a child with special needs.

Nurse Consultation

CCAC partnered with the Thurston County Health Department to deliver Nurse Consultation to 13 child care facilities providing infant child care.

Parent, Friend & Family Outreach

Play and Learn groups were provided to 49 Grays Harbor and Mason County families. In partnership with Thurston Early Childhood Coalition, CCAC presented Block Fest events to 1,727 parents and children.

Dear Child Care Action Council Supporters,

Over my 3 terms as president of Child Care Action Council (CCAC) I have come to recognize the agency as a catalyst, a systems-change agent, a community leader and model for early learning systems and supports. CCAC collaborates extensively throughout a five county region including Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Grays Harbor and Thurston counties bringing innovative solutions, along with unique services and resources to address child care community needs as identified by each of the county coalitions.

As the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney, I have seen CCAC programs make a positive difference in the lives of children in numerous ways; from providing access to all kinds of child care, including crisis nursery, as well as providing early literacy, numeracy, and safety programs for children. We also effectively provide extensive professional development opportunities, ensuring that caregivers have the knowledge and skills to help children succeed. In fact, CCAC provides the most community based provider focused high quality child care training in the state.

Among the highlights of the year for CCAC was being selected as the regional lead on Infant Toddler Consultation. Additionally, CCAC is one of only 3 pilot sights to develop the Resource and Referral Professional Development Academy and one of the first agencies in the nation to be very near achieving accreditation from the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Association (NACCRA).

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the President of Child Care Action Council. I recognize the significance of quality child care to our future citizens. I turn over the chair position to respected colleague Martin Casey but my personal and professional commitment to early learning will continue. I am certain that Martin will continue to lead CCAC to even greater accomplishments in the coming year. The CCAC staff and Board of Trustees are grateful to our many donors, child care advocates and the providers who care for our communities children.

Thank you,



Jon Tunheim,
Board President



Your Investment Pays Off

CCAC is proud to provide a range of services for families with young children and the people who care for them. We could not do it without generous support from our partners, funders and caring individuals in our communities. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve families and to our donors for making it possible. Below are just a few examples of our positive impact in the community.

"The Raising A Reader program means a lot to me both as a teacher and a parent. In class it allows me to get my students excited about reading and we often base art projects around red bag books. At home my nine month old daughter has started recognizing the red bag and getting excited to read. One of the books from a red bag is what inspired my daughter to sit up for the first time! We love reading!"

—Emilee Torres, Sunflower Teacher and Rosebud mother, Westside OELC

"I just wanted to thank you for all you have done for me. The things that you have taught me have really helped me to better work with parents and teachers. This has been so valuable to me and I am thankful for the extra knowledge to use in years to come. You're awesome!"

—Heidi Smith , Loving and Learning, Yelm.

"It was an amazing experience. I am new to larger group care and am going to school for my teaching degree. I got more out of this (that I can take back to my room) than I did in my toddler ECE class in college. I was losing confidence in my abilities as a teacher and this not only helped me learn new skills, it made me feel good about my job and the skills I have."

—Holly Aggers, Mini-Skool Early Learning Center, Lacey.



Early Learning Coalitions

CCAC continues to be actively involved in Early Learning Coalitions across our five counties. Each county formed a group of stakeholders and together determined the goals and activities to meet the identified needs of their community. The Foundation for Early learning provided start up funds for each of the coalitions and Thrive by Five funded projects in Lewis and Thurston Counties. CCAC provides leadership, infrastructure and resources to the locally driven coalitions where and when needed. CCAC will play an integral part in the forming of a regional coalition.

The Thurston Early Childhood Coalition (TECC)

With significant changes to the funding landscape and changes with the Department of Early Learning (DEL) the coalition is working to align goals with DEL's new Early Learning Plan. TECC continues to contract with CCAC to manage Block Fest, an interactive math science exhibit engaging parents and children. TECC also continues to host Brain Fest a community training on early brain development and Parenting Tools parent education series. The coalition serves as an important network for those working in the field of early learning.

Lewis County Eye on Early Learning

Partnering with United Way of Lewis County, the coalition produced for the second year an early learning calendar, participated in the community Read and Romp event and continued to support the early literacy corner at the Valley View Clinic. Raising A Reader continues to be provided to over 200 low income children in the county. The coalition also put on a successful fund raising Breakfast where Bob Watt, past president of State Local and Government Relations at the Boeing Company gave an inspiring keynote speech.

The Grays Harbor Early Learning Coalition

The Grays Harbor Early Learning Coalition is in the second stage of the Foundation for Early Learning process. Building off previous work, CCAC and the coalition is hosting a number of both community and provider activities including the Carousel Conference for Child care Providers, the Week of the Young Child fair and a drop-in preschool at the South Shore mall.

The Mason County Early Learning Coalition

Mason County is beginning to form a coalition through the county Inter Agency Coordinating Council. They are planning a "getting ready for kindergarten" event and are particularly interested in serving children with special needs.

North Pacific County Early Learning Coalition

North Pacific County Early Learning Coalition is creating their infrastructure and planning a variety of community events. They have put together baskets for new babies with equipment information. They are planning a spring family fun event to engage parents and educational training for early learning teachers on cultural diversity.

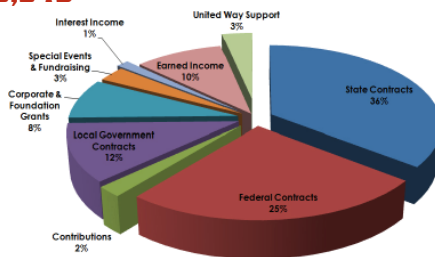
Financial Information, Fiscal Year 2009

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Revenue

State Contracts	\$286,040
Federal	\$204,562
Contributions	\$17,307
Local Government Contracts	\$93,238
Corporate & Foundation Grants	\$64,644
Special Events & Fundraising	\$24,467
Interest Income	\$11,236
Earned Income	\$77,019
United Way Support	\$26,836

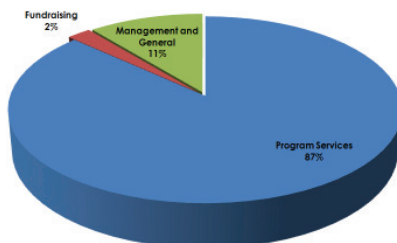
Total revenue \$805,349



Expenses

Program Services	\$698,604
Fundraising	\$18,305
Management and General	\$87,943

Total expenses \$804,852



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