



ChildCareResources

FY2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to help kids grow into successful adults by enriching the learning environment of their crucial early years.

2022 was unfortunately the last year pandemic recovery funds were available to enhance Montana's Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program. The additional funds have been a much-needed financial cushion for families facing the high costs of child care, rent, groceries and fuel prices.

The pandemic recovery funds have also been an incredible opportunity to address long-standing child care business challenges. Child Care Stabilization Grants have allowed child care businesses to pay their staff significantly more than parent tuition can support. Without that support, child care businesses cannot attract or retain employees, and tuition costs are likely to increase. Those funds will end in 2023 and tuition alone cannot sustain competitive wages.

Supporting families, child care businesses, and child care teachers continues to drive CCR's services as we advocate for long-term investment to address the flawed child care business model.



Thanks to our grantors, donors, community partners, and area early childhood professionals for supporting Child Care Resources and families with young children.

FY2022 HIGHLIGHTS

\$597,527 in Child Care Food Program meal reimbursements distributed to 66 area child care home businesses.

833 AVERAGE MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP CASES

427 SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIES

923 families received \$2.65 million to support Summer Out of School care for 1,216 children.

74 PROVIDERS COMPLETED CCR FIRST AID/CPR

489 HOURS OF TRAINING DELIVERED

Provided individualized support to 37 child care businesses participating in MT's STARS to Quality initiative.

22K+ ONLINE TRAINING ENROLLMENTS

463 fingerprints for background checks for child care providers.

100+ ONLINE COURSES

Responded to 375 requests for individualized assistance from child care providers.



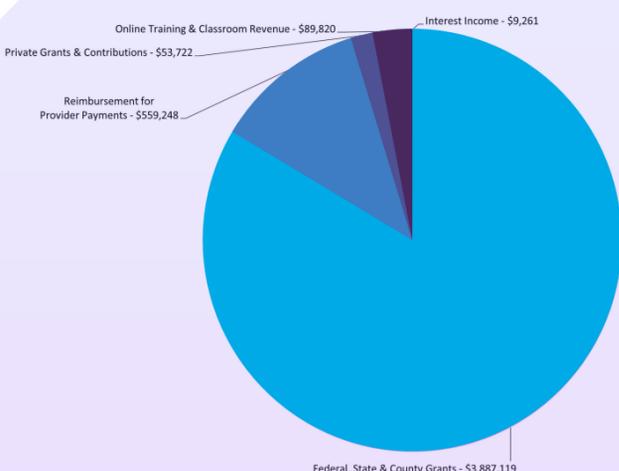
"I saw the need for higher quality care in our community, and felt that I was capable of running a program that served families, had a well-developed curriculum, and offered employment opportunities to quality early childhood educators."

As the Director of two child care centers licensed for 30 children, Sophia Helmer and her staff have overcome a slew of obstacles in their first couple of years at The Magic Forest. Obtaining a license for the first facility in late-2019 left little time to establish the new child care business before COVID-19 began spreading. The pandemic has "highlighted the lack of support for those who choose early education as their career, leading to financial instability and burn-out," said Helmer. Determined to provide high-quality care with a developed curriculum, Magic Forest pressed on and, with a little help from CCR, licensed the second facility in 2021. "We've always found Child Care Resources to be a beneficial resource to us throughout our journey. They are just a phone call away and always willing to offer information and support," Helmer described.

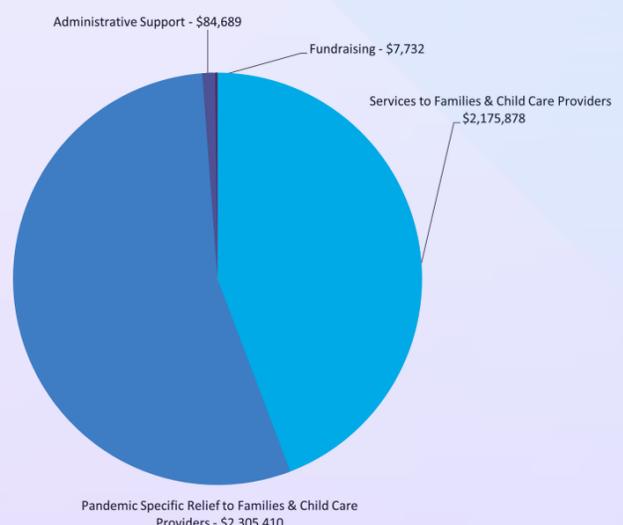


FY2022 FINANCIALS

REVENUE



EXPENSES



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