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safe children, strong families, healthy communities



HEROES OF CII
Annual Report 2017



Dear Friends of CII,

Experiencing or witnessing violence, abuse or neglect. Living in unsafe environments. Stressed caregivers. Intergenerational poverty and trauma. Too many children in Los Angeles live with toxic levels of stress, which can dramatically harm their brains and their bodies.

To have the greatest impact and sow the seeds of success for future generations, it takes a committed group of people, organizations and systems working in concert on shared goals for children and families.

This year's annual report celebrates the staff of Children's Institute.

Helping a child exposed to trauma is hard work: years of training, long hours, lots of driving, but most importantly, the ability to be calm and hopeful in the face of tragedy. This extends to managers, supervisors and administrative staff, all of whom share the awesome responsibility of serving children and families.

And we are making a difference.

This past year, CII's dedicated staff served more than 27,000 children and families through mental health programs, early childhood education, home visitation, family support and youth development services. On the following pages, we profile just a few of them: Becky Abdelbaky, Sergio Resendez and a treatment team of six exceptional counselors.

On behalf of our staff and clients we thank our donors, volunteers and supporters for investing in this critically important work.

Martine Singer
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Paul Kanin
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What We Do

PROGRAMS

CII is one of the oldest and largest social sector agencies in Southern California. We believe that the needs of vulnerable children and youth must be addressed holistically, and we offer a continuum of services so that families can access multiple supports within our organization. These include: evidence-based and trauma-informed clinical services, early childhood services including Early Head Start and Head Start, youth development programs, and family support services including Project FatherhoodSM.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Along with parents and caregivers, the professionals who interact with children need specific skills and training in trauma-informed care, evidence-based clinical treatment, parenting and fatherhood programs. This year, CII trained more than 9,000 professionals throughout Los Angeles and across the country. We also nurtured the next generation of clinicians through our graduate-level practicum programs for psychologists, marriage and family therapists and social workers.

MISSION

Children's Institute helps children in Los Angeles's most challenged communities heal from the trauma of family and community violence, build the confidence and skills to break through the barriers of poverty, and grow up to lead healthy, productive lives.

2017 At A Glance



27,388

Children and family members served



9,074

Professionals trained



606

Full-time staff

162

Full-time clinicians



3

Main campuses

4

Centers

26

Early childhood centers



\$66 million

Operating budget

Programs and Services

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



CII's integrated service model offers readily accessible, well-coordinated prevention, intervention and treatment services for children and families living in communities hit hardest by persistent poverty. CII provides help for children and families in four key areas:



Clinical

CII's Clinical Services support trauma recovery through mental health treatment, wraparound services, foster care and adoption programs.

Early Childhood

CII's Early Childhood Education programs support healthy development and school readiness for children from birth to five and their families.

Family Support

Family Support Services empower families to stabilize, develop support networks and strengthen parenting skills.

Youth Development

Afterschool, soccer and other Youth Development programs help young people experience sports and other enrichment opportunities in a therapeutic environment.

CII's Impact

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ACROSS LOS ANGELES

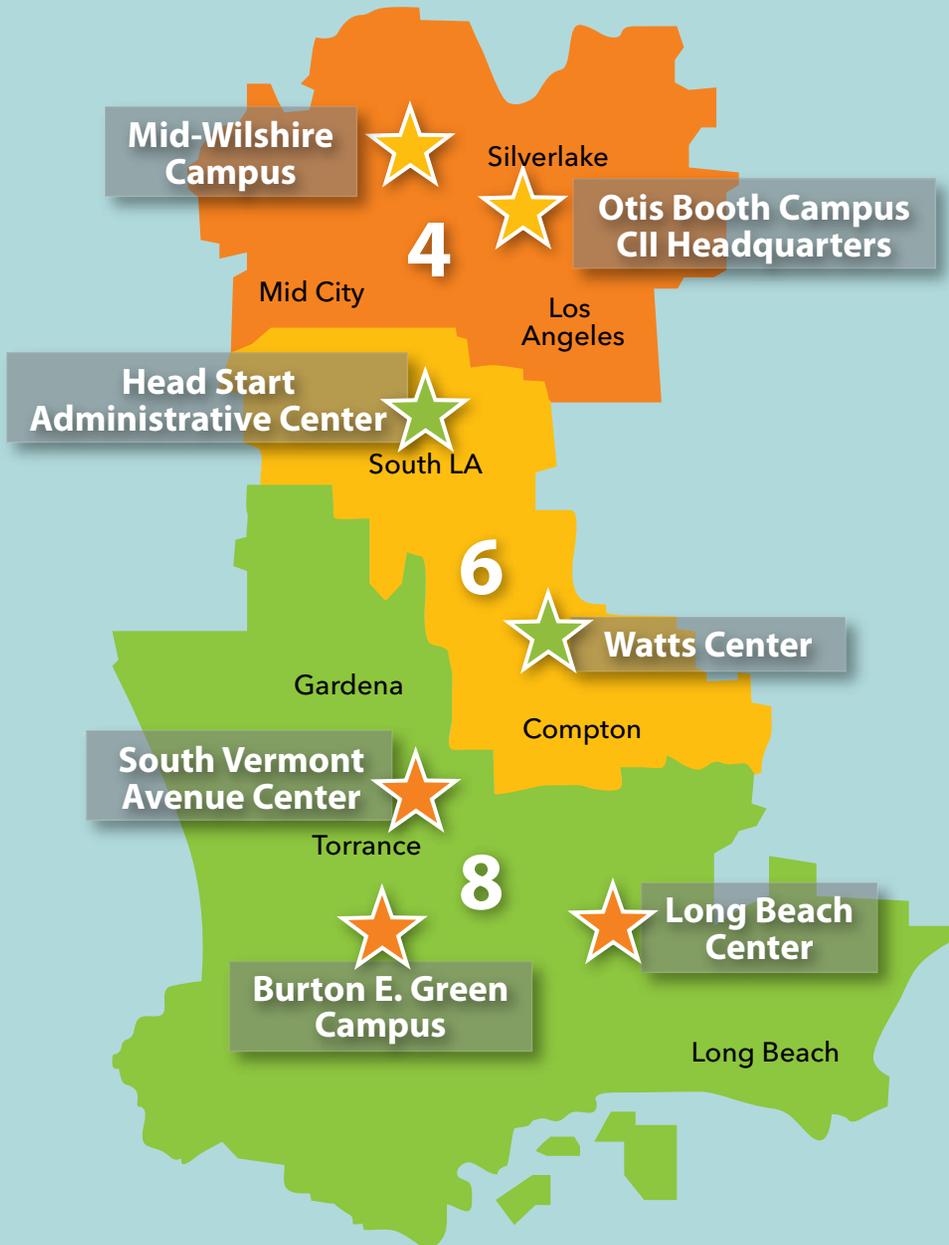
CII believes that the needs of vulnerable children and youth must be addressed on multiple levels, with services for the whole child and the entire family. CII provides evidence-based clinical services to address child trauma; early childhood services to promote healthy development; child welfare and crisis response services.

Children and Families Served

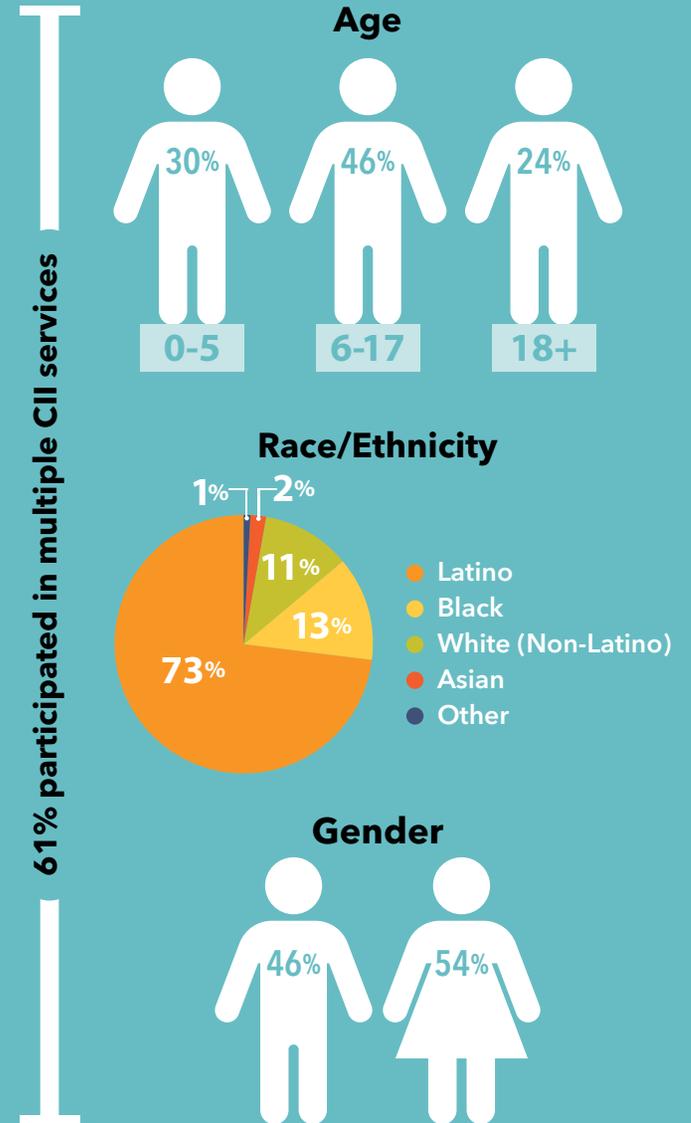


Child Welfare	973
Clinical Services	3,023
Community Services	9,196
Early Childhood Education	3,013
Home Visitation	120
Project FatherhoodSM	622
Family Members	10,441
TOTAL	27,388

CII's Los Angeles Locations



Demographics



Volunteerism and Events at CII

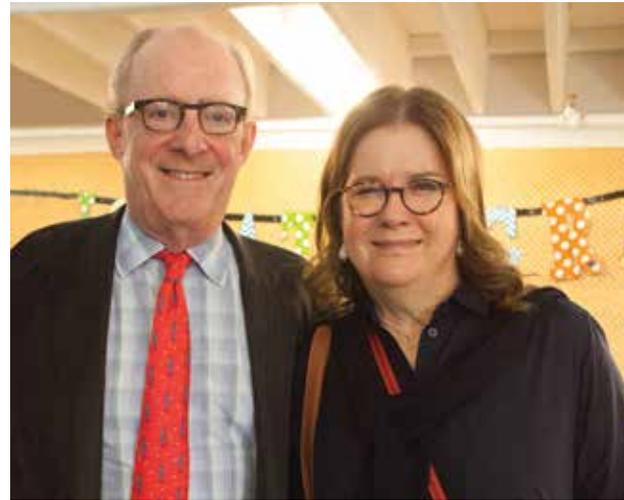
BUILDING COMMUNITY, CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Children's Institute is extremely grateful to the individuals, service groups and corporations who donate their time and creativity to benefit our children and families in countless ways, from tutoring and photography classes to beautifying Head Start centers.



Last year, nearly
1,000
VOLUNTEERS
contributed more than
12,000
hours of in-kind
service to CII,
VALUED AT
\$350,000

CII hosted several programmatic events to honor the hard work and dedication of our young clients.



Dream Big Graduation celebrates current and former foster youth accepted to college. In FY-16-17, 68 high school graduates from CII's Individualized Transitional Skills Program donned caps and gowns, heard from inspirational speakers, and received laptops and new luggage to begin their college journey, ready for success.

*Far left: Chief Probation Officer Terri McDonald joins an ITSP program participant at graduation.
Left: CII's new Board Chair Paul Kanin and his wife Sally.
Below: The graduates receive new laptop computers.*



Teens select prom dresses.

Prom Promenade is a lively afternoon of shopping, hair and makeup for high school girls, who went home with new prom dresses, shoes and accessories.



Makeup artists share their tips with prom-goers.



Educating the Next Generation

HEAD START SITE SUPERVISOR BECKY ABDELBAKY, WATTS



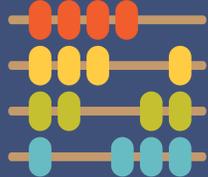
Site Supervisor Becky Abdelbaky (second from left) joins her teaching staff, parent volunteer Shera Peterson and daughter Kayla.

90% of children graduating from **CII's Head Start** program had positive growth in:

Language & Literacy



Math & Science



"CII's Head Start Program has been wonderful for my family. There is a great partnership in the classroom, and it shows Kayla that I'm not alone, the teachers are not alone—we are all working together to support her development. CII does an awesome job, and we need you here in the community."

SHERA PETERSON, *Head Start Parent Volunteer*

Head Start Site Supervisor Nagah (Becky) Abdelbaky came to the U.S. from her native Egypt two decades ago. She left her family behind and traveled with her husband in search of a dream. Now she's working to help children in Watts get a head start through CII's Early Education Program.



"I didn't have the greatest educational experience as a child. I was often embarrassed by my teachers in class and it took a toll on me," Becky remembers. "But my father always encouraged me, hoping I would find a career in education. I finally achieved that dream for myself."

Becky earned her A.A. and B.A. degrees in early childhood education, settling in Watts where she taught in several low-income housing developments to serve children in her own community. Now she supervises CII's Head Start site in the Gonzaque Village Housing Development, where students face challenges related to poverty, family or community violence, and other traumas. Her Head Start Site serves children from 18 months to five years and provides a safe space for learning, play and healthy development.

"I'm so happy to be a part of a dynamic team of teachers, supervisors and parent classroom volunteers," says Becky. "We all work together to help prepare our kids for the future. We've got a great team."

Becky Abdelbaky (right) pictured with Senior ECS Manager Daniela Troya

Supporting and Strengthening Families

CLINICAL SERVICES: FAMILY PRESERVATION TREATMENT TEAM, LONG BEACH



81% of youth receiving individual therapy showed **meaningful improvement** in **trauma symptoms** or **behavior problems** after participating in **CII's Clinical Services**.



*CII Treatment Team Members:
Edlin Gutierrez,
Allyson Manumaleuna,
Nancy Pelayo,
Mirtha Bellido,
Jaenai Rodriguez
and Celia Hernandez*

“The CII Team advocated for this family at every step, ensured the safety of the children and advocated for much-needed services. I’m grateful for the support CII continues to provide to our families, as well as the excellent staff on your team.”

MARTA SOLIS, MSW, Children’s Social Worker, DCFS

The success of families in CII’s clinical programs requires coordination of multiple services and communication with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and other public agencies. The multi-disciplinary Family Preservation Treatment Team includes in-home outreach counselors, program and clinical supervisors, and individual/family therapists, all working together to form a network of support around families.

“When Jesus and his family were first referred to CII, they were in the midst of a difficult transition. The children had been removed from their mother’s care because of her substance abuse and placed with their father, Jesus,” says Clinical Program Manager Nancy Pelayo.

In-Home Outreach Coordinator Edlin Gutierrez was the family’s primary contact. She worked with therapists Celia Hernandez and Jaenai Rodriguez to identify the family’s needs and help get them back on the road to stability. Nancy Pelayo, Clinical Supervisor Mirtha Bellido and Program Supervisor Allyson Manumaleuna provided clinical leadership and support to the team.

“This was the perfect treatment team for Jesus and his family. They were patient and 100% invested in the family’s success,” says Mirtha.

“This team really stepped up because the family needed help on multiple levels—securing housing, stable employment, education and parenting skills,” says Mirtha Bellido. “The treatment plan included individual therapy for

the children to assist with trauma recovery, supportive services to help Jesus learn effective parenting, financial management skills, and resources for food and clothing.”

Edlin Gutierrez helped the family secure permanent, stable housing through the Section 8 program. Now, the family’s case with DCFS is closed, and they are safe and secure.

Jesus and his family join Clinical Supervisor Mirtha Bellido and Therapist Celia Hernandez.



Empowering Youth, Building Community

SERGIO RESENDEZ, COMMUNITY SERVICES CARE COORDINATOR, ECHO PARK



Care Coordinator Sergio Resendez, Community Services Manager Zully Chan and James.

“I feel grateful to work with James. He has come such a long way since I first met him. With each new project, he has thrived, and he loves helping the younger kids. He’s a remarkable young man with a bright future.”

SERGIO RESENDEZ, *CII Care Coordinator*

Care Coordinator Sergio Resendez has a passion for working with youth, especially connecting them to opportunities for growth and development. For the past three years, he has worked closely with James, a 16-year-old high school sophomore whose CII therapist encouraged him to join our afterschool basketball program.



of caregivers report that their **children are better at handling daily life** after participating in CII's **Community Services.**

“I majored in sociology at Long Beach State, and my main focus was institutionalized oppression and criminalization in communities of color,” says Sergio. “I was passionate about studying these topics because I lived through these experiences.”

His interest led him to begin volunteering for organizations that mentored, tutored, and guided young people toward a better path—and eventually it led him to his role at CII.

“I met James as his basketball coach. At first, he acted out, but I didn't take his actions personally,” says Sergio. “Over time, I was able to break through that barrier and really get to know James. Since then, he has developed leadership skills and joined CII's Youth Council—a leadership program for teens by teens.”

Sergio works with James and the other members of CII's Youth Council to plan community events throughout the year, including neighborhood cleanups, movie and game nights, tutoring days, and other special events and field trips. For Sergio, seeing young people like James develop a passion for helping others is the best part of his job.

Program Update

PROJECT FATHERHOODSM PARTNERS WITH DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Besides providing direct services to families, CII partners with other nonprofit and government agencies. Project FatherhoodSM Director Alan-Michael Graves currently co-leads a team at DCFS dedicated to reducing disparities for African-American children in the child welfare system.

Through this partnership, DCFS and Project FatherhoodSM established the Los Angeles Fatherhood Network (LAFN), which advocates for fathers' rights, supports their involvement in their children's lives, provides them with essential resources and, most importantly, addresses disparities many fathers face.

"We recently conducted our first Father Engagement Survey," says Graves. "We found that many fathers still feel that DCFS doesn't value their involvement and that social workers don't understand their stories."

As a result, Project FatherhoodSM now trains staff in DCFS's Pomona, Vermont Corridor, Lancaster, Palmdale and Wateridge offices to ensure that fathers are consistently engaged in the lives of their children. Plans are underway to expand training in the coming months.



The Project FatherhoodSM Team



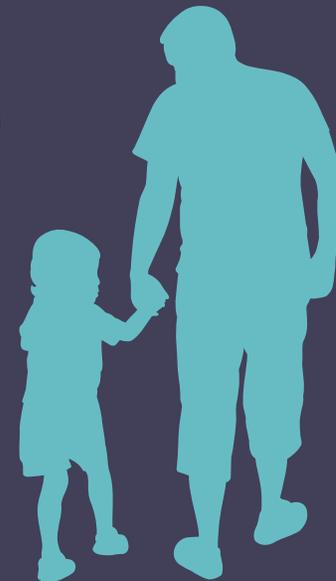
"The research is clear: children do better in every measure of development when there is a responsibly involved father in their lives. For the past 20 years, Project FatherhoodSM has expanded the number of fatherhood groups and trained other agencies in the model. We're excited to make a positive change in the systems fathers have to navigate."

ALAN-MICHAEL GRAVES,
Director, Project FatherhoodSM



20 YEARS

Since its inception, **Project FatherhoodSM** has served more than **15,000 fathers** and **23,000 children** across Los Angeles County.

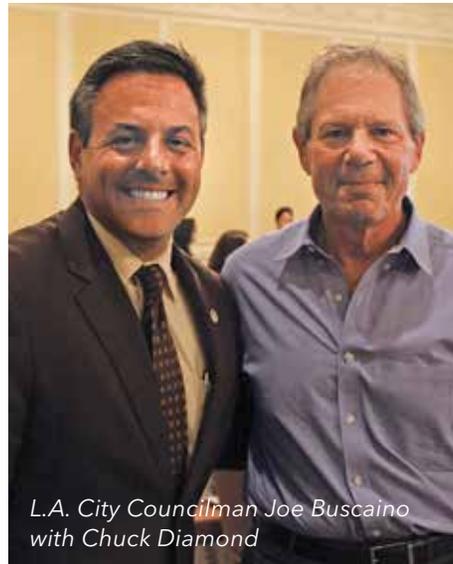


Trustee News

LEADING WITH GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION

Honoring Former Board Chair Chuck Diamond

Chuck Diamond was a member of CII's Board of Trustees for 10 years before assuming the role of Chairman in 2010. He helped guide CII through the creation of the Otis Booth Campus, the expansion of Early Childhood Services and the growth of our clinical programs across Los Angeles. The staff, clients and supporters of CII thank Chuck for his nearly two decades of service.



*L.A. City Councilman Joe Buscaino
with Chuck Diamond*





CII's Otis Booth Campus

We are pleased to announce CII's new board leadership.

Board Chair Paul Kanin

Paul Kanin has been a trustee for the past 12 years, and was Vice Chair since 2011. Paul's public service and charitable activities are extensive, and he is a firm supporter of CII's services to underserved children. A trust and estate lawyer for more than 37 years, Paul has served as a member of the Los Angeles Superior Court Probate Panel and the Los Angeles County Commission on Judicial Reform.



Vice Chair Susan Adamson

Susan Adamson has been a trustee since 2006 and is a strong supporter of CII's initiatives to provide integrated services to children and families throughout Los Angeles County. Susan received her undergraduate degree in English Literature from Stanford University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. She is now a sole practitioner, specializing in entertainment law and talent representation.



CII Support Groups

CHAMPIONING OUR PROGRAMS AND MISSION

We are profoundly grateful to our support groups, who go above and beyond in demonstrating their commitment to CII. Through fundraising events, volunteer activities and so much more, The Colleagues, The C.H.I.P.S. and Les Amies enable us to help thousands of children and families heal from trauma and go on to lead productive lives.

The Colleagues

The 29th Annual Colleagues Spring Luncheon, emceed by **Mary Hart**, honored actress and best-selling author **Carol Burnett** with the **Champion of Children Award**, which was presented by fellow comedian **Amy Poehler**. Sponsored by **Van Cleef & Arpels**, the luncheon also featured a fashion show of **Oscar de la Renta's** Fall collection.



The C.H.I.P.S.

The **Colleagues Helpers in Philanthropic Service Spring Luncheon** featured a runway show of **Rosetta Getty's** Fall Collection, and honored **Deputy Chief Phillip Tingirides** and **CII Trustee Lieutenant Emada Tingirides** of the Los Angeles Police Department with the C.H.I.P.S. **Philanthropic Service Award**. Luncheon sponsors included Hornburg Jaguar/Land Rover and Gratus, Beverly Hills.



Les Amies

Les Amies' Annual Holiday Dinner celebrated the spirit of giving. The festive event at The Beach Club in Santa Monica included dinner, dancing and a silent auction.



Financial Highlights

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

CII'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 especially to our 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

89%

of our operating expenses for direct program services.

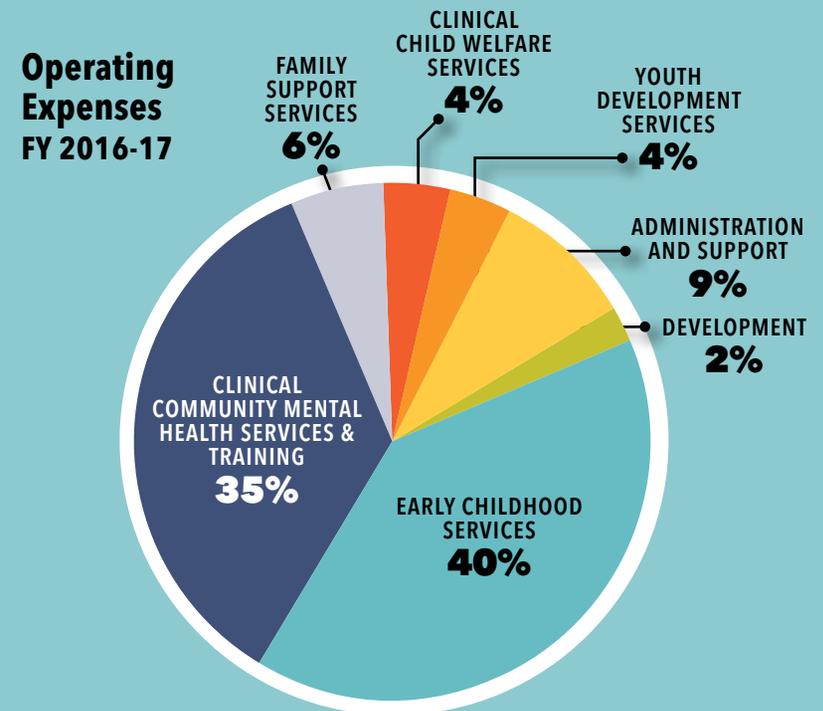
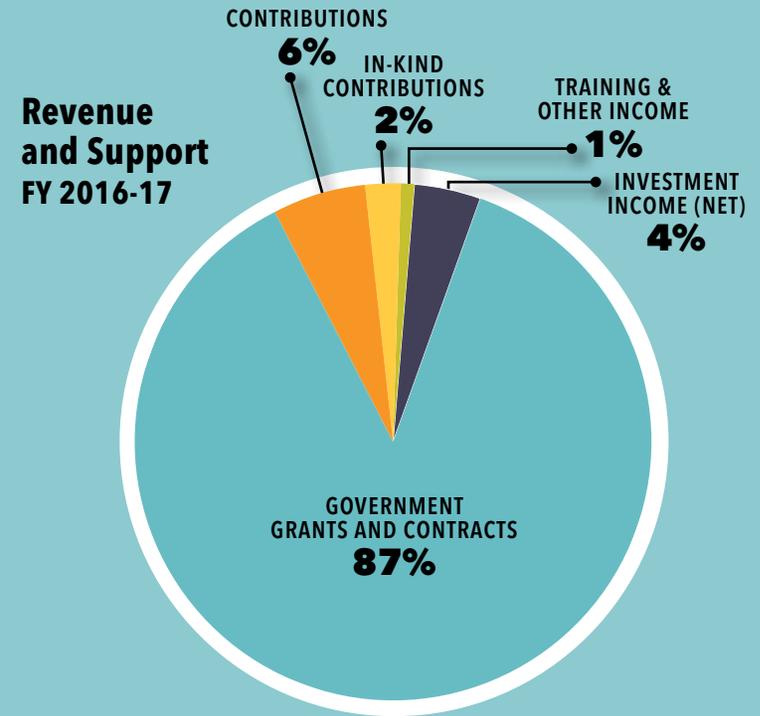


FY 2016-2017 Summary of Financial Data

OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Government Grants and Contracts	\$	58,087,063
Contributions		4,250,347
In-kind Contributions		1,298,716
Training & Other Income		742,731
Investment Income (Net)		2,476,245
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$	66,855,102

OPERATING EXPENSES		
Early Childhood Services	\$	26,193,260
Clinical Community Mental Health Services & Training		23,148,063
Family Support Services		3,942,426
Clinical Child Welfare Services		2,728,795
Youth Development Services		2,969,199
Administrative and Support		6,219,243
Development		973,961
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	66,174,947

Children's Institute, Inc.'s financial statements are audited annually. The condensed consolidated statement of activities was extracted from the audited financial statements. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.



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July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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