



impact report

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our mission

Through targeted, compassionate, and effective early intervention services, We Care helps young children and their families reach their full potential, regardless of their abilities or circumstances.

Each day at We Care, talented and caring people work hard to ensure that our mission statement comes alive in the impact we have on young, vulnerable children. From our teachers to our therapists, our classroom volunteers to our board of directors — each is an important part of delivering critical services to the families that need them the most.

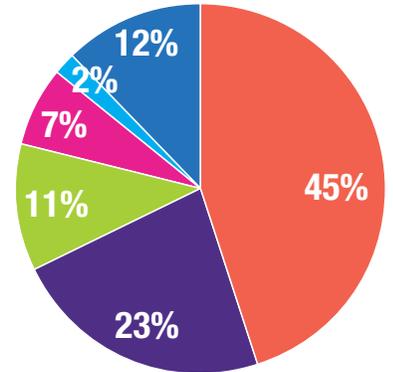
Supporting all of these people, and most importantly, children with special needs — are our supporters. We Care could not continue without the foresight and compassion that drives our partners to invest in the work we do. This past year brought greater support from both individuals and foundations and allowed us to innovate, expand, and plan ways for even more children and families to dramatically improve their circumstances. While the need in our community remains greater than our ability to help, we are extraordinarily grateful to all of those who help us narrow that gap each year.



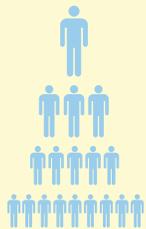
highlights 2016



PROGRAM REVENUE AND SUPPORT



- CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES
- CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRST 5
- REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY
- PRESCHOOL
- PROGRAM REVENUE & EARNED INCOME
- DONATIONS & OTHER INCOME



OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ENGAGED MORE THAN

725

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



WE DIDN'T DO IT ALONE

+ 78

VOLUNTEERS

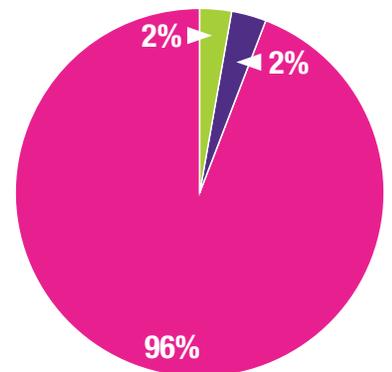
CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN

2,610

HOURS OF SUPPORT



OPERATING EXPENSES

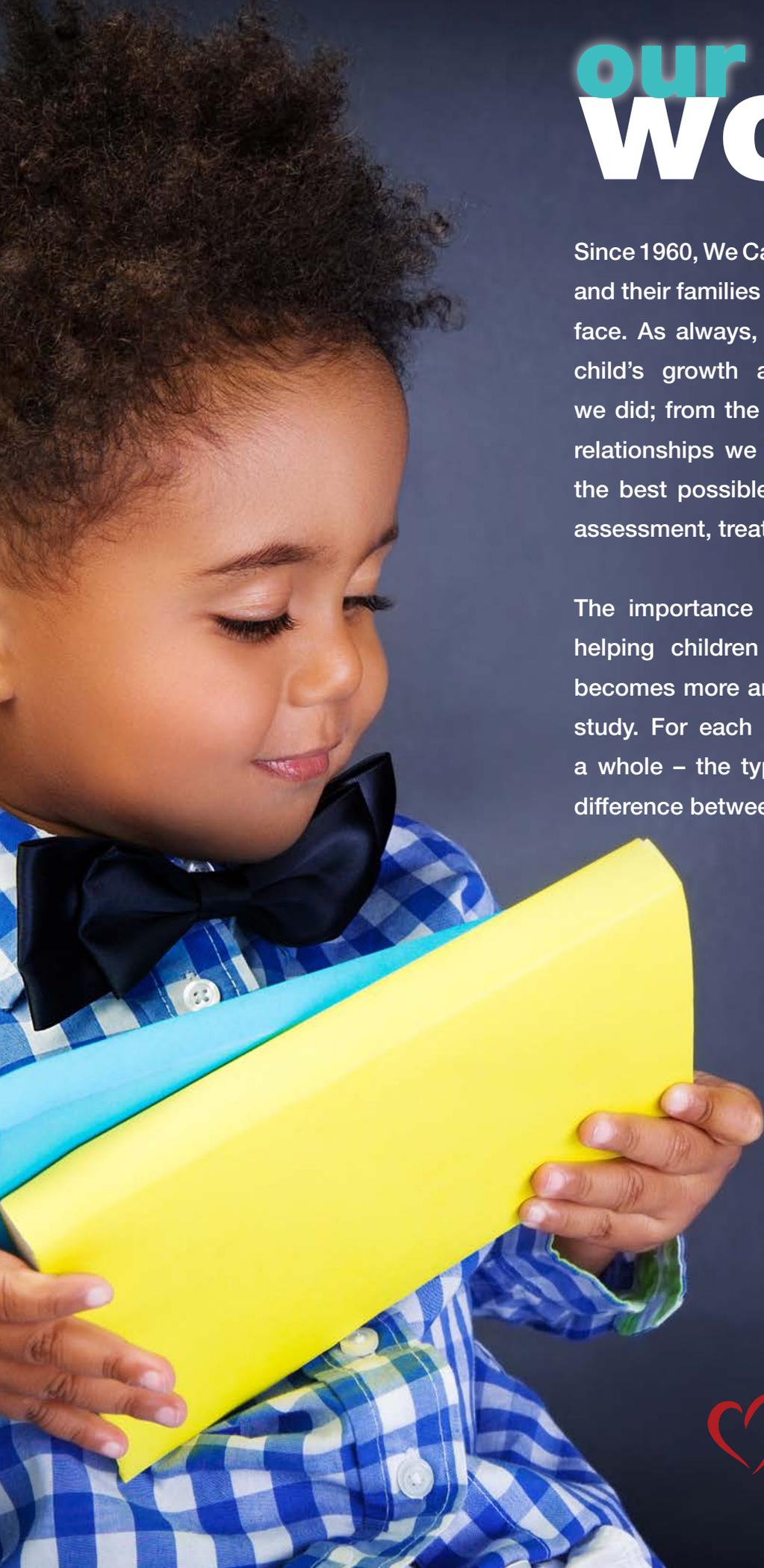


- PROGRAMS
- ADMINISTRATION
- FUNDRAISING

We Care Community Investment

For every \$1 spent on early intervention the surrounding community saves up to \$7 on future services.





our work

Since 1960, We Care has helped thousands of children and their families address the unique challenges they face. As always, this year our commitment to each child's growth and potential affected everything we did; from the types of programs we offer, to the relationships we form with our families. To provide the best possible support, we offer state-of-the-art assessment, treatment, and education.

The importance of early childhood intervention in helping children change the paths of their lives becomes more and more clear with every published study. For each child – and for our community as a whole – the types of services we offer make the difference between struggle and success.



developmental services



Early Intervention

Our early intervention classrooms serve children with developmental needs between the ages of 18 months and three years. We provide a preschool setting with specialized therapeutic interventions incorporated throughout all activities. To further ensure success, Speech and Occupational Therapists provide consultative services to all children in these classrooms, and new this year we've incorporated mental health consultation to address behavioral and emotional concerns for children who can benefit from it.



“We Grow” Inclusion Program

Our full inclusion program provides early education services for children ineligible for typical developmental services. These classrooms provide small group activities therapeutically and educationally designed to develop and enhance language, fine and gross motor skills, cognitive abilities, social and emotional development, self-help and feeding skills.



“We Play” Playgroups

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State Preschool

Our part-day preschool program serves low-income young children with developmentally appropriate learning activities. In this program, our teachers emphasize pre-academic skills and positive social skills that will prepare each child for success in kindergarten.

mental health services



Home-and Clinic-based Services

Our clinical work uses a research-based attachment model that emphasizes exploration and treatment of the relationship each child has with the significant people in his or her life. This approach is particularly effective in cases of aggression, anxiety, trauma, loss, and depression and often combines parent-child, individual, and/or family therapies. Depending on family need, we may meet with the child in our clinic-based playrooms, the family home, or in the community. New this year are our integrated services, which bring developmental consultation for those children in our mental health program who have identified developmental delays.



School-based Services

Our inclusive preschool offers specialized educational and therapeutic services to children with behavioral and/or emotional needs. This program helps children who have been unable to be successful in typical preschool settings. Our classrooms have a high Behavior Specialist to student ratio and are rich in learning and treatment opportunities.



Wraparound

Wraparound is a team-based planning process that provides individualized, coordinated, and family-driven care to meet the complex needs of families whose children are struggling with emotional and/or behavioral challenges. This process encourages collaboration between family, providers, and community to create a plan customized to best utilize the strengths and address the needs of each family.



Intensive Foster Care Services

This program provides intensive case management services for children ages 0-6 in current foster care placement or in the “family reunification” process. This program provides a team-based planning process to meet the complex needs of young children and families in the foster care system.



Child Care Solutions

Child Care Solutions provides early childhood mental health consultation for community preschools. Our professional consultants work collaboratively with early care and education staff – and families – to improve their ability to prevent, identify, and respond to mental health issues among children in their care. These services reduce expulsion and help provide children and families in need with guidance and support at a time when it can be most important to intervene.

autism family support project



Family Nights Out

Family Nights Out involves the entire family. We provide activities for children with autism, their siblings, and their parents in a safe and encouraging environment that allow families to interact with and support other families in the same situation.



IEP Clinics

Our Individualized Education Program (IEP) Clinics provide parents of children with autism the skills and tools they need to navigate this important process. Every child with special needs has the right to an effective and customized IEP with his or her school district and it is crucial that parents are well informed of their rights and obligations so that their child receives the services he or she needs to thrive. During our clinics, parents are walked through real-life scenarios and coached on addressing their child's specific needs.



Summer Camp

Summer Camp provides learning, recreational and social activities for children between the ages of two and seven with an autism spectrum disorder. There are fun, social, and educational opportunities for the children who participate and importantly, respite time for parents and caregivers.





our goals

This coming year will bring new programs, new collaborations, and easier access to our services for families throughout Contra Costa County.



1

Continue the development of our integrated services addressing the mental health needs of children with developmental disabilities and the developmental needs of children with behavioral issues.

2

Further develop and expand our capacity to respond to trauma-based disabilities in Contra Costa's children and families.

3

Expand our impact on special needs treatment through new collaborations and greater reach throughout our community.