



**CLC** Children's Learning Centers  
of Fairfield County

# Shaping The Future



# It is an exciting time



at CLC! This year we've developed new programs and refined existing ones. We believe our efforts elevate us above any other Early Childhood Education (ECE) organization in CT - and perhaps the nation! Here's a sample of our progress:

- With Family Centers and Building One Community, we launched a second phase of our highly successful Coeducator program. This phase is all about expansion - so even more families will benefit!
- Our own publishing product - an at-home activity book - is out now. Created by early education experts, it's designed to help families bond through hands-on, educational projects.
- The pre-K version of the RULER program for social and emotional learning we developed with the Yale University Center for Emotional Intelligence continues to strengthen our classrooms.
- With Columbia University's Medical School, we piloted the Family Nurturing Intervention to create emotional connections between mothers and children.

We are growing and evolving as an organization as we help our children grow and learn each day. On behalf of the nearly 1,000 families we serve each day and our 230 dedicated staff members, thank you for your interest in and support of CLC!

The commitment of our supporters is more important than ever as we continue providing the highest-quality education and care to all families in our community.

**This is only possible because of the support of people like you. Thank you.**

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# Overview & Collaborations

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality early education and care to all families in our community.

- Programs based around play – at CLC learning is FUN!
- Comprehensive pre-K curriculum plus on-site health, family service and nutrition staff
- **8 locations** in Stamford, nearly **1,000 children** 6 weeks to 5-years-old served each day
- Fees based on sliding scales made possible through private fundraising and government funding – without both CLC's programs would be out of reach for most families we serve
- **35-40%** of Stamford Public Schools students attended CLC
- Partnerships with organizations like the Stamford Museum and Nature Center, SoundWaters, the Bruce Museum and more allow CLC children to enjoy special educational experiences



## 2 Generation

We believe in helping not only children but families. We're uniting generations and improving lives through multiple **two generation** efforts that are innovative & impactful!



In partnership with Family Centers and Building One Community, our Coeducator initiative helps CLC's non-English-speaking immigrant families prepare for kindergarten by educating parents and children.

Through this holistic approach, we've closed the achievement gap, upped parent engagement and proudly watched children enter school as mainstreamed learners with no need for ESL!



We've also partnered with Columbia University's Medical School on the Family Nurturing Intervention to create emotional connections between mothers and children demonstrating out of control behavior. This exciting pilot program is designed to confront the epidemic of mental health challenges.

# CLC Year in Review

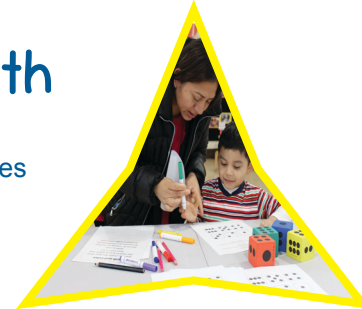


## Art

At CLC we learn, play, grow and create together! Art activities - like our annual recycling projects - help young children develop their fine motor skills and creativity while learning about the world around them.

## Math

We foster a love of math by having counting activities, shape play, games and parent involvement throughout children's time at CLC.



## Make Believe

Dramatic play is an important part of early childhood education! This year, CLC teachers set up props & scenarios like TV news for children to learn real life skills during some seriously playful fun!

## Science

We brought science concepts to reality along with partners like SoundWaters & Stamford Museum & Nature Center. Our partnerships allow children to learn through their senses.



## Reading

Our teachers encourage a love of reading, often with activities inspired by stories read together in class. We're grateful for help from wonderful partners like Ferguson Library and Legg Mason volunteers, who have been in our Reading Heroes Program for over 10 years!

## Families

We improved and expanded our parent engagement activities throughout the year - including fun educational events, seasonal parties, parenting workshops and one-on-one engagement from our family service workers.



# We're Growing!



Infants & toddlers will join us in our NEW site within a deeply-affordable rental building operated by Inspirica.



In state funding dollars secured for rebuilding our Maple Avenue Head Start facility!



Children attended, including first-time preschoolers & little ones moving up to Kindergarten.



Average daily enrollment - All of our programs are in demand and have wait lists.



CLC employees are leaders in Stamford's Cradle to Career Initiative, the city's comprehensive education collaborative.



Parent workshops hosted, including special family projects, one-on-one coaching & family support services.

## Nutrition Spotlight

CLC provides every child breakfast, lunch and a snack each day that combined provide 80% of daily nutritional needs.

**We serve 500,000 meals & snacks a year!**

But that's not all our nutrition department does!

Throughout the year we encourage healthy eating and physical activity with cooking demonstrations, educational sessions and collaborations with our community partners. Our survey says it's working!

- **68% of children rarely or never drink soda or sugar-sweetened beverages**
- **74% are served junk food only once a week or less**
- **68% meet the recommended one hour or less of screen time per day**



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- James J. Heckman, Nobel Memorial Prize winner in economics  
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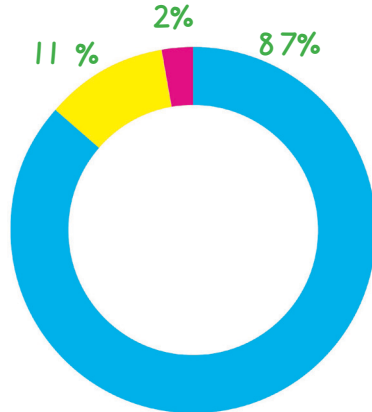


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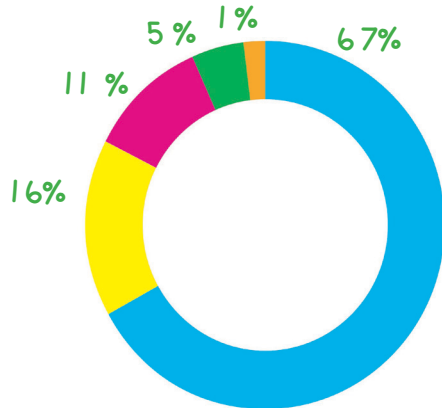
## Expenses

Program	14,085,586
Management & general	1,775,244
Fund-Raising	407,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,268,589</b>



## Revenue

Federal & State Grants	10,326,257
Program Fees	2,417,926
Fund-Raising	1,672,765
In Kind	731,608
Investments & Other	269,987
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,418,543</b>



## CLC Knobby Award

Named for longstanding supporters of CLC and early childhood education, Bill and Audrey Knobloch, this award honors individuals and companies who reflect the values embraced by CLC and support the critical work CLC carries out every day.

### Margaret Keane



As President and Chief Executive Officer of Synchrony Financial, Keane established strong connections between CLC and Synchrony. Under her leadership, Synchrony has become an instrumental partner to CLC, providing critical financial support of our mission along with skilled volunteers through its Business Leadership Program to support critical CLC needs and projects.

## Alumni Hall of Fame

CLC is proud to recognize successful members of our community who got their start in our preschool classrooms!

### Richard "Rich" Evanko, Jr.



Currently commercial lender with First Bank of Greenwich, Rich has over 10 years in the banking industry serving the local market. He is active with the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, serves as a member of CLC's Finance Committee and volunteers with United Way.



# Our Volunteers

Volunteers lead story time, sing and dance, make art projects and even spruce up our buildings, grounds and outdoor play areas.

Thanks to all of our friends and community-minded organizations for their contributions to CLC!



- CBP
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- EY
- The Ferguson Library
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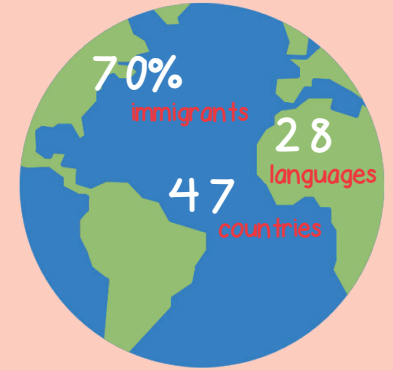
## Filling in the Blanks

87% of the children CLC serves qualify for free or reduced lunch. For many of our families, it's a struggle to make ends meet and to put enough food on the table. Our partner - Filling in the Blanks - provides weekend food kits to children in our Head Start program.

Groups of volunteers, from organizations such as Chase, help by distributing the kits to classrooms. The volunteers then head into the classrooms to read & play with the children.

We've named this great partnership **Food Kits and Fun** and are most grateful to our Friends at Filling in the Blanks and all those who have volunteered.





# Little Ducklings

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*We are excited to share that we've named our infants and toddlers program at CLC Palmers Hill Little Ducklings!*

*Visit [clfc.org/infantsandtoddlers](http://clfc.org/infantsandtoddlers) to learn more and help us spread the word about our fantastic program!*



Of the nearly 1,000 total children we serve each day, about 70% are immigrants who together represent nearly 50 nationalities. CLC's staff comes from all over the world, too!

CLC's support and care of our community's immigrants is critical to our collective future.

We are proud to prepare these children to grow, learn and succeed while giving their parents a chance to work or get an education, making important contributions to the economy and our community.



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