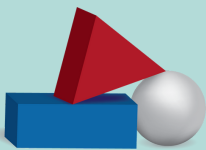


# CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER

IMPACT REPORT: 2022-23



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Your Source for Early Childhood Information and Resources

# ASQ-3: ONLINE

## What is the ASQ-3?

The Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ®-3) is a developmental screening tool that pinpoints developmental progress in children between the ages of one month to 5 ½ years.

Evidence shows that the earlier development is assessed—the greater the chance a child has to reach his or her potential.

## In 2013 There Was a Need Identified

- Providers needed access to a developmental screening tool to support children’s development.
- In an effort to support early childhood programs the CCRC purchased the Enterprise version of ASQ-3 Online and through a shared service model, was able to offer this tool to child care centers and family child care homes to access for an annual fee and only the cost of the surveys sent to families.
- These participating programs were not able to access efficient data management, online questionnaire completion, and powerful reporting abilities, ASQ Online helped build a smooth and streamlined program that screens every child and supports every parent.

Number of Programs:

**64**

Programs using both

ASQ & ASQ - SE:

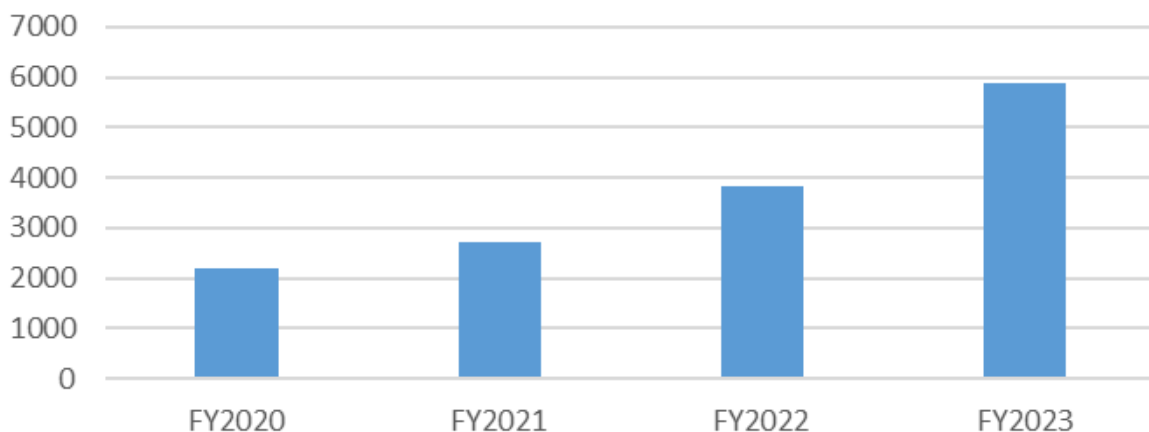
**23**

Programs using only

ASQ-3:

**41**

Total Number of Developmental Screenings Completed



**\*2023 saw an increase of 2,055 screenings**

# ASQ-3 DATA STORY

## What are the ASQ-3 Domains?

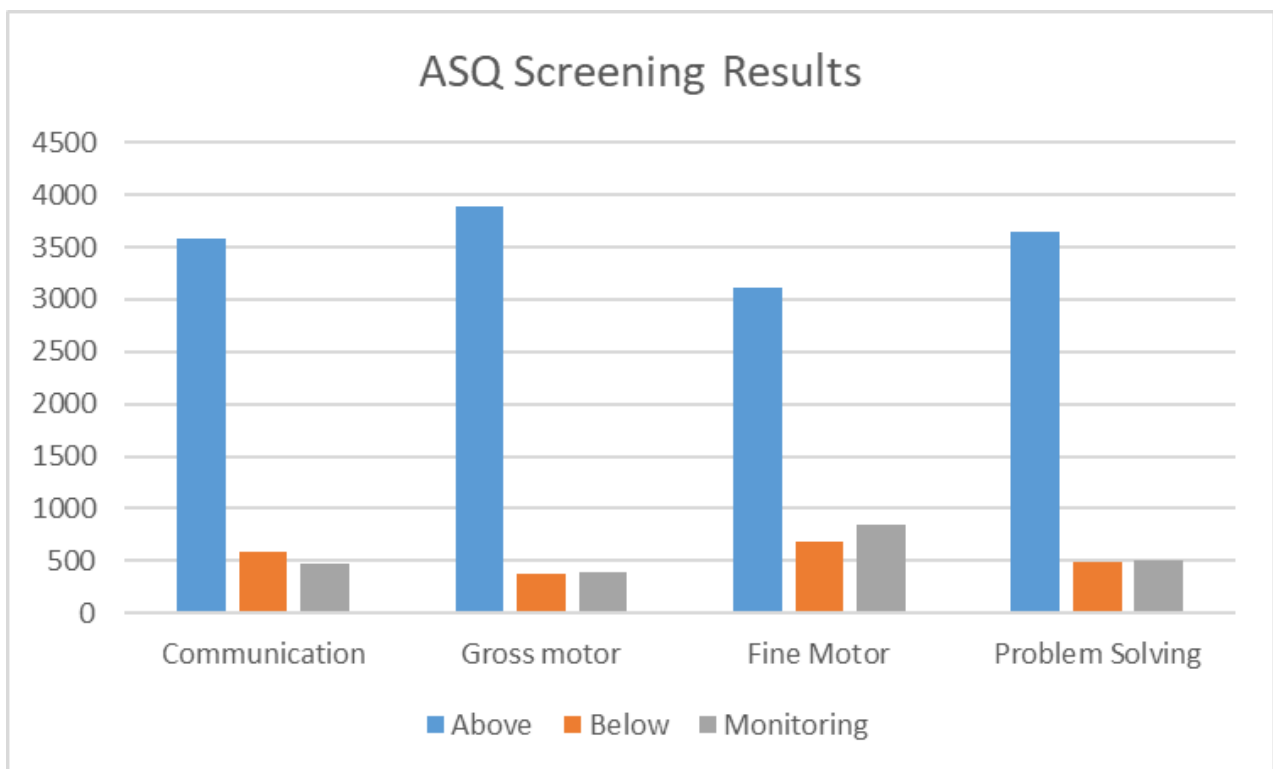
**Communication:** Looks at language skills, both what a child understands (receptive) and what he or she can say (expressive).

**Gross motor:** Looks at large muscles (body, arms and legs) movement and coordination.

**Fine motor:** Looks at hand and finger movement and coordination.

**Problem solving:** Looks at skills playing with toys and solving problems.

**Personal-social:** Looks at self-help skills (e.g., feeding, dressing, toileting) and interactions with others.



- The Developmental area with the least concern: Gross Motor
- The Developmental area with the most concern: Fine Motor & Communication



# ASQ:SE-2

## What is the ASQ-SE-2?

The ASQ:SE-2 is the Ages and Stages social-emotional developmental screening tool was developed as a companion tool to ASQ in order to address the need for age-appropriate tools to monitor the social and emotional domain of development of very young children and to determine if the parents and child would benefit from behavioral supports and/or referrals.

### ASQ:SE-2 effectively screens 7 key social-emotional areas:

**Self-regulation:** This area covers the child's ability or willingness to calm down, settle down, or adjust to different physiological or environmental conditions or to stimulation.

**Compliance:** Looks at how well the child follows directions and rules.

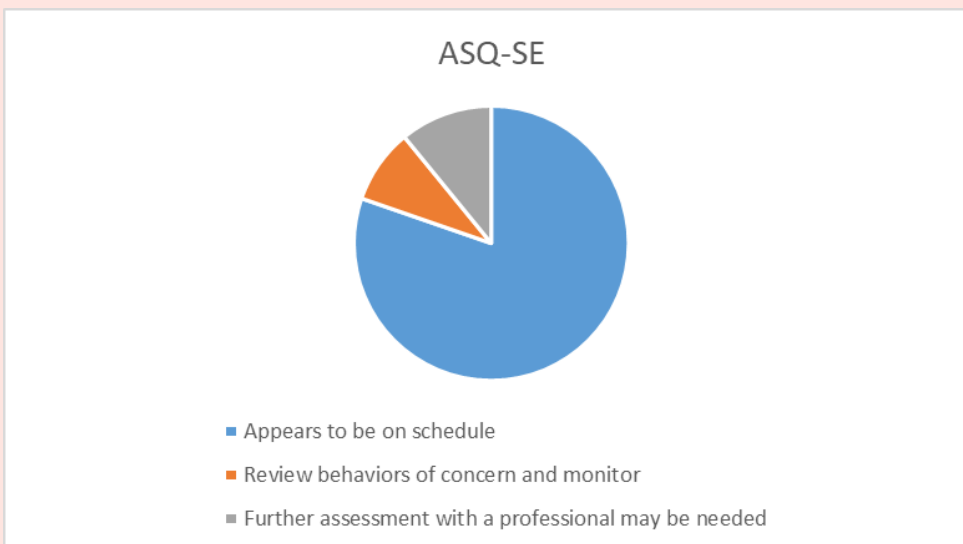
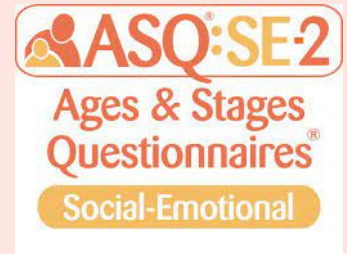
**Adaptive functioning:** How does the child cope with his or her physiological needs, such as sleeping, eating, elimination, or safety?

**Autonomy:** This area screens a child's ability to self-initiate or respond to others without guidance

**Affect:** Does the child demonstrate his or her own feelings and show empathy for others?

**Social communication:** This behavioral area focuses on whether the child expresses his or her interests, needs, feelings, and affective or internal states by interacting with others verbally or nonverbally.

**Interaction with people:** Items address whether the child responds to or initiates social responses with parents, other adults, and peers.



- 1288 screenings show developing on schedule
- 175 scored as concern, recommending a referral for further evaluation
- 141 scored as possible concern, which may warrant further evaluation

### How Do We Use This Data to Support Teachers and Parents?

- Encourage and support all providers to use the ASQ:SE to ensure early identification of necessary supports and resources in the area of social and emotional development
- Professional Development for teachers with a focus on knowledge and strategies to use daily in the classroom experiences.
- Support programs in making referrals to ensure children receive needed support
- Provide educational opportunities for parents and families with a focus on knowledge & strategies to use daily their homes



# CACFP FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS



594,344 meals served  
*(32,511 more than last year)*



\$697,208 reimbursement  
to programs  
*(\$236,990 increase from last year)*



1,727 is the average number  
of children served monthly

## Breakdown of meals served within this year

Breakfast: 174,963

AM Snack: 4,217

Lunch: 197,657

PM Snack: 209,929

Dinner: 7,578

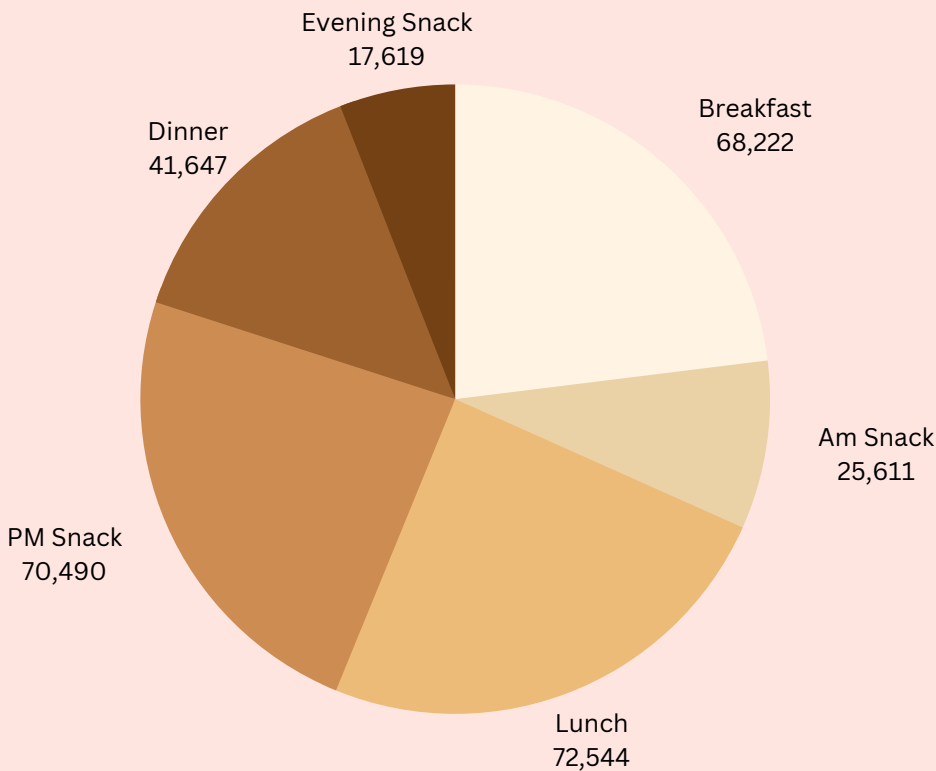
### Counties Served:

- LORAIN
- SANDUSKY
- DEFIANCE
- LUCAS
- SUMMIT
- WOOD
- CUYAHOGA
- SENECA
- OTTAWA
- HURON
- ERIE

During the fiscal year, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) made a significant impact, serving over 1,700 children per month across 11 counties. This widespread reach underscores the program's commitment to ensuring access to nutritious meals for children in various communities. Despite being a relatively small team consisting of just two dedicated staff members, the CACFP center's hard work was instrumental in providing in-depth support to childcare centers.

CACFP Center's efforts were particularly focused on decreasing disallowances and increasing the monthly reimbursement amounts for childcare centers. Through personalized guidance, training, and close collaboration with childcare providers, the CACFP staff helped centers navigate complex regulations and optimize their meal programs to ensure that children continued to receive the essential nutrition they need. During the fiscal year, the program successfully onboarded 10 new childcare centers, bringing the total number of active centers to 40. This expansion demonstrates the CACFP's dedication to extending its reach and impact within the community.

# CACFP FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES



## 26 Counties Served

- Allen
- Cuyahoga
- Defiance
- Erie
- Fulton
- Hancock
- Hardin
- Henry
- Huron
- Lorain
- Lucas
- Mahoning
- Medina
- Ottawa
- Paulding
- Portage
- Putnam
- Richland
- Sandusky
- Seneca
- Stark
- Summit
- Trumbull
- Van Wert
- Williams
- Wood

\$570,703.64 in reimbursements distributed directly to family child care providers with the highest monthly reimbursement for providers being \$699.05 an increase of \$118.62 per month from last fiscal year. The program, impacted over 1050 children monthly with an average daily attendance program-wide of 530 children. Average monthly reimbursement for CCRC’s CACFP Programs is \$585.68. The CCRC’s CACFP Team saw increased growth in several counties as a result of intentional marketing efforts. More importantly, we saw an increase in monthly reimbursements for child care providers due to focused technical assistance, training and coaching our programs monthly for success.

The CACFP program is more than just a nutrition program, it is about running successful businesses. We are able to connect with these businesses utilizing the entire CCRC team and collaborating with community agencies such as other regional Resource & Referral agencies and County Departments of Job and Family Service offices.

All family child care home businesses were reimbursed this fiscal year at the highest reimbursement rate. Normally, family child care homes must qualify either by area eligibility or income to receive the highest tier rate. Congress passed into law the ‘Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022’ beginning July 1, 2022. The bill increased the Tier II rates (lowest reimbursed rates) for family child care to the Tier I (highest rate). The ‘Keep Kids Fed Act’ also specifically increased the reimbursement rates of meals and snacks under CACFP by \$0.10 for each meal. This bill expired on September 30, 2023.

We work to expand our approved food options list for child care providers to allow them to showcase the many diverse foods that children like and are served in their own homes.

# CHILD CARE STAFFING SOLUTIONS

Child Care Staffing Solutions is a fully automated substitute pool that is designed to help programs in need in the 5 counties we serve. We put goals in place in efforts to reach as many individuals as possible. In the last year, 531 sub jobs were worked, helping many of our active programs in need. That is over 50% of job placements filled for our partner programs. Our goal each year is to raise that percentage, and help as many programs as possible, as well as the substitutes working in our pool.



15 Substitutes onboarded since June 2022



4 Programs fully onboarded



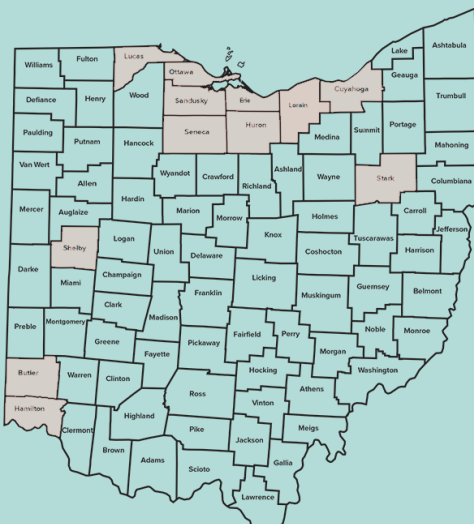
111 Substitutes recruited  
*(not counting recruitment events)*



35 Substitute recruits did not complete the onboarding process

## AVAILABLE IN 5 REGIONS OF OHIO

Child Care Staffing Solutions collaborates with regional partner agencies to support and meet staffing needs of early childhood education programs in other Ohio. By joining the CCSS program, these regional partner agencies focus on providing quality care for the children and families in their communities.



### Regional Partners:

- YWCA of Northwest Ohio
- 4C for Children
- Early Childhood Resource Center
- Child Care Resource Center

Each region is ready to expand!



# FOSTER CARE HUB

Becoming a foster, adoptive or kinship family is a huge family decision and includes a commitment to step into the gap for a child who is alone, often going through trauma and needs a trusting, loving home to thrive in.

The Child Care Resource Center is a Foster Care Hub for Erie, Huron, Lorain, Sandusky and Seneca counties, assisting families through the process of becoming a HERO for a child in need.

Our Foster Care Navigators team up with committed families and walk them through the entire process to ensure their success and preparation for becoming a Foster Care HERO!

- assisting families to register
- complete required pre-service trainings
- Provide FREE health/safety items for the required safety audit
- Answer questions, provide support and information on fostering, adoption or kinship care



Attended 75 community events reaching over 2,500 potential resource homes



Foster Care Navigators received 219 inquiries to be a resource home



110 families accepted support and resources from Foster Care Navigators to begin the process  
(process takes 4-6 months)



Once families become licensed, providing supports allow them to feel connected and encouraged to continue to provide these essential services to children. Some of the retention services provided by the CCRC are:



Parent Cafe's



Dad Cafe's



Triple P Discussion groups



Vitality Cafe's



Community Resource Coordination



Recertification Supports

# LENA GROW PROGRAM



## What is LENA Grow?

LENA stands for Language ENvironment Analysis and it provides a way to collect and analyze data in order to coach teachers to increase both the quality and the equity of the language environment of their classrooms.

A professional development program for early childhood educators that:

- Increases teacher-child interaction.
- Boosts children's social-emotional development and language skills.
- Focuses on classroom equity.
- Supports future school success.
- Increases teacher job satisfaction.

## How does LENA work?

The LENA “talk pedometer” combined with the reports and individualized coaching sessions provided the perfect amount of accountability and reflection to provide successful outcomes.



# LENA GROW OUTCOMES

## Center Outcomes

- 7 highly rated child care program & 21 classrooms
- 36 teachers participated
- Conversational turns increased by 29%
- Programs increased conversational turns per hour by +6.9

## Teacher Outcomes

- 100% of would recommend LENA to others
- 95% reported feeling more confident in teaching abilities
- 90% increased communication with families
- 100% saw positive changes in children’s language development



- Children who started out experiencing less talk compared to other peers in their classroom had an average increase of +9.0 turns per hour.
- Children who started out experiencing less talk that the national median of 15 turns per hour had an average increase of +9.8 turns per hour.

# OHIO HEALTHY PROGRAMS



The Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) continued its collaboration with the Lorain County Department of Health aimed at encouraging more childcare centers within our service area to become designated as an Ohio Healthy Program.

Just as Step Up to Quality has providers take steps to provide care above and beyond licensing requirements, Ohio Healthy Programs (OHP) has providers go to the next level in the areas of nutrition and healthy practices. OHP is a voluntary designation program that focuses on creating healthy habits, menus, policies, and family engagement in childcare centers and early childhood education programs to prevent childhood obesity. Childcare centers must adhere to specific menu requirements and implement one new healthy policy each year. While working towards this designation, providers receive training and technical assistance from CCRC to assist their program in creating healthy eating and active environments. This coveted designation illustrates to families that providers prioritize their child's health and well-being, and helps children build healthy habits both at home and at school.

## Center Outcomes

- 35 completed pre-assessment work
- 35 added a health or nutrition policy
- 35 submitted their menus meeting OHP requirements
- 21 centers had staff including administrators, cooks and lead teachers complete the required OHP Trainings

- 21 NEW centers submitted for OHP designation
- 14 submitted to maintain their OHP designation

# FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

## Child Care Supply

13 new programs opened

5 opened in underserved areas

583 new child care slots were created

CCRC worked with 354 programs to support high quality care

CCRC partnered to provide needs assessments, reports and recommendation to support community growth & knowledge of child care

## Child Care Demand

379 received child care referral

Assisted families in finding care for difficult care needs

Connected eligible families to available subsidy system fund

Where is the available child care in North Central Ohio?

- Erie County - 38 licensed programs
- Huron County - 36 licensed programs
- Lorain County - 199 licensed programs
- Sandusky County - 57 licensed programs
- Seneca County - 21 licensed programs

## Child Care Deserts

Huron County

Lorain County

Sandusky County

Erie County

Seneca County

A child care desert is a geographic area where there is a lack of available child care options for families. Here are our child care deserts:

- Southern Lorain County (Wellington, LaGrange, Grafton), infant and toddler care throughout Lorain County
- All of Erie County except the city of Sandusky, especially school age care (ages 5 – 12 years old)
- Huron County south of the city of Norwalk, especially non-traditional hours (after 6pm and weekends)
- Sandusky County – anywhere outside the city of Fremont, especially school age care (ages 5 – 12 years old)
- Seneca County – anywhere outside the city of Tiffin



- Child Care Program staffing remains a significant challenge for the child care industry. Many programs are unable to open all available classrooms or fully enroll to their licensed capacity or extend hours of availability due to lack of staff. The ripple effect is child care deserts throughout North Central Ohio.
- Paying for child care is difficult for many families who do not qualify for the child care subsidy. The average weekly full time cost of care in North Central Ohio:

<b>Infants (birth – 18 months old)</b>	<b>\$238</b>
<b>Toddlers (19 months – 3 yrs old)</b>	<b>\$230</b>
<b>Preschoolers (3 – 5 years old, not in school)</b>	<b>\$198</b>
<b>School Ageds (5 – 12 years old, summer)</b>	<b>\$154</b>

# LORAIN COUNTY WRAPAROUND: PARENT ADVOCATE

## What is Wraparound?

The Wraparound process is a way to improve the lives of children with complex needs and their families. It is a team-based planning process used to develop plans of care that are individualized based on the strengths and culture of the children and their family.

## What is Parent Advocate?

The CCRC's parent advocate provides parent education and hands-on support in a welcoming, supportive and strength-based environment at no cost. Our goal is to empower our families to build and strengthen their relationships with their children and increase parent capacity, self-efficacy, confidence and resiliency.

## Parent Advocate work

- Served 13 individual families
- Impacted 22 children with the parent advocate work
- Assisted families with navigating the special needs/IEP process and attended IEP meetings
- Supported families at medical appointments
- Connected families to community resources for food, school clothes and children's beds
- Supported families in communicating housing needs to landlords and in locating housing

# PARENT CAFE'S

## What is a Parent Cafe?

A parent café is a place where parents of all types can gather and share their stories, their experiences, their worries, their fears, their wisdom, and find community and strength together. Through open communication, they become places of affirmation where parents can learn that they are not alone in their struggles with managing their families and households.

### Erie & Huron Cafe's

- 3 parent cafe's held in Erie County by 3 community partners
- 49 individuals served in Erie County
- 3 Parent Cafes held in Huron County by 3 community organizations
- 50 Individuals served in Huron County
- Over 200 children impacted by the parent cafes
- 32 families overall received financial supports of \$95 each

## Community Partners:

### ERIE COUNTY:

- Vermilion First Assembly of God
- Faith Church
- New Life Church

### HURON COUNTY:

- Tiny Steps Child Development Center
- Willard Child Development Center
- Norwalk IVY

## Community Partners:

### LORAIN COUNTY:

- Lorain County Community College Advocacy Resource Center
- Elyria City Schools - Westwood Elementary School
- Elyria City Schools - Hamilton Elementary School
- Elyria City Schools - Ely Elementary School
- Horizon Education Center - Cascade
- Grafton Community Preschool
- Lorain with Littles
- Rising Titans Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative
- Open Door Christian School
- Lorain City Schools - Lorain Success Academy

## Lorain Cafe's

- 10 parent cafe's provided
- 101 individuals served
- Over 250 children impacted by the parent cafe's
- 66 families received financial supports averaging \$150 each

# PECE: POSITIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



## What is a PECE?

Positive Early Childhood Education (PECE) is a researched and evaluated program that has helped participants experience less disruptive behaviors in the classroom as well as increased job satisfaction, less stress, and more teamwork. PECE is underpinned by the same principles as the evidence-based, world-renowned Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®.

## How were teachers supported

Teachers complete 4 hours of online learning modules and provide 2 in-person coaching sessions to guide implementation of strategies learned and goal setting for future growth. In just four online modules, educators learn 22 strategies that are surprisingly simple to put into practice. Little changes can make a huge difference! Areas of behavior management, social-emotional development, communication and problem-solving are discussed in the PECE learning modules. CCRC coaches then observed teachers and provided guidance for self-reflection and skill development. The program again proved to be extremely well received by teachers and administrators alike as several noted how helpful having individualized support in the classroom is to teachers who are struggling with challenging behaviors and keeping morale high.



7 child care programs participated



27 teachers completed the PECE Modules



54 coaching sessions completed

*(each session lasted 30 - 60 minutes)*

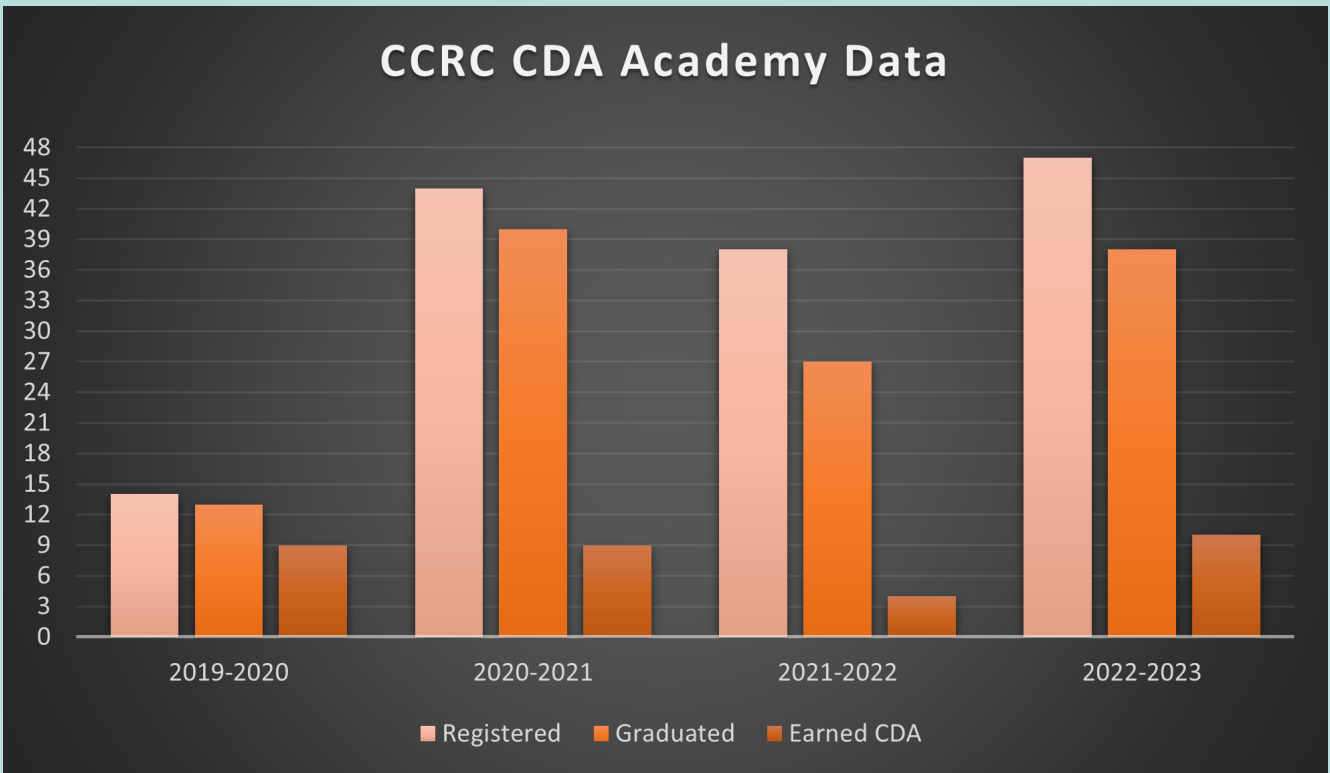
- 24 were in Lorain County
- 14 were in Erie County
- 4 were in Seneca County
- 12 were in Huron County



Each teacher identified 1-2 goal to implement PECE in their classrooms

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## ARPA Funds and CDA Credentials



*\*\*Our CDA Academy includes portfolio support, and the CCRC continues to support our students after they graduate from our classes to push them to earn their credential.*

In 2022-2023, the CCRC was given the opportunity to use ARPA funds to support those who are looking to join the early childhood field. With these funds, we supported 5 students in successfully graduating from our Child Care Training Program (a pilot! This program included the students attending the CDA Academy, apprenticeship Program) along with working in the field for the first time. By the end, all 5 of these individuals successfully earned their CDA credential.

During the 2022-2023 year, the biennium was coming to an end. During this time, providers were pushing to finish their required training hours needed for licensing. The CCRC provided training for **632 childcare providers**. The CCRC held **49 trainings** total for providers during 2022-2023.

The CCRC added **20 new trainings** to the training catalog that can now be offered to providers, parent and the community.

We have also successfully supported **7 people in becoming new CDA PD Specialists**. This addition will support future CDA candidates throughout North Central Ohio to apply and receive their credentials much faster!

# STRENGTHENING BUSINESS PRACTICE IN ECE

## ARPA Funds and Strengthening Businesses

The Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) received ARPA grant funding to strengthen business practices for Child Care Programs. As part of this program, the CCRC provided:

- Support to 17 Child Care programs or providers to strengthen their business practices.

### Training .....> Marketing.....>

- 4 Strengthening Business Trainings were provided to 26 child care owners, administrators and leadership staff.
- This training series addresses basic concepts in fiscal and operational management of center-based and family child care programs.
- These training participants also participated in a community of practice model that encouraged peer-to-peer and coaching support.



- Marketing supports were provided to ensure that programs would know how to recruit new families to ensure that their program is fully enrolled.
- Providers understand best practice in marketing.
- Providers have established social media presence and basic web pages for their businesses.



### Financial Management <.....< Use of Technology<.....<

- \$ Sharpen Financial know-how
- \$ Strengthen money-management systems
- \$ Strengthen their ability to do financial forecasting
- \$ Make better data-driven decisions

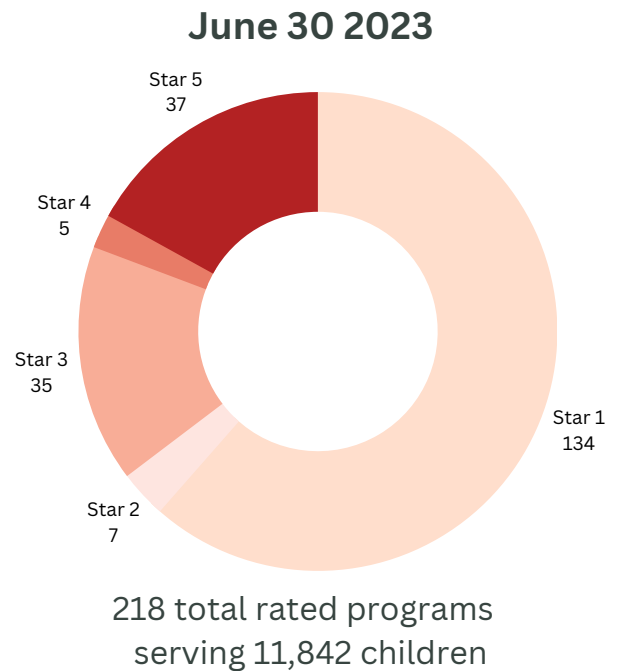
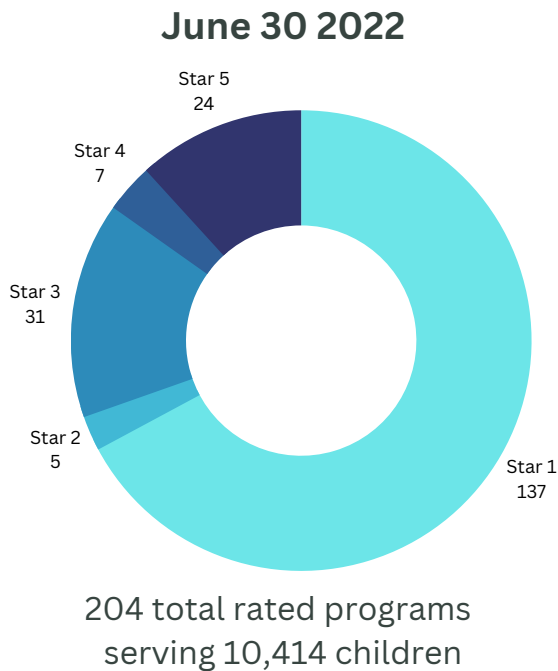


New computers, printers and needed technology supports were provided to 12 centers and 4 family child care home businesses. This enabled providers to:

- Save Time
- Reduce Stress
- Automate and streamline processes
- New/Updated tech gives providers more time to lead



# STEP UP TO QUALITY



This past year has been a challenging one for child care providers; and in the midst of those challenges, changes were made to Step Up To Quality. Several of the requirements to participate in SUTQ were either changed or removed altogether.

For example:

- Family childcare providers were told that they no longer needed to participate in SUTQ. But, despite that, an overwhelming majority of the family child care providers in our five county area remained in the program and providers that started their business this year have been working towards becoming rated. Centers were told that they only needed to participate in SUTQ if publicly funded children comprised 25%, or more, of their total population.
- Centers were also told that there was no longer a requirement for them to become highly rated by 2025. Despite these changes, our centers have not only maintained their current SUTQ rating, but several have also chosen to increase their rating! As a result, we have not only been able to increase the total number of child care spots in our five counties, but also the number of slots available in quality programs.
- **The number of slots in programs participating in SUTQ increased by a whopping 1,428!** We are also celebrating the fact that 13 of our programs decided to increase their quality rating by at least one level.
- We currently have 59 unrated programs, 43 have no contract for publicly funded child care and are not required to participate in SUTQ.
- 4 of the 16 remaining unrated programs received their rating after June 30, 2023. The remaining 12 have exemptions.

The majority of these programs are in their first year of business and may, or may not, fall into a category that requires them to participate. Most, however, have indicated that they wish to participate in SUTQ. We are encouraged to see that most new businesses are committing to high quality child care whether they are required to or not!

# LORAIN COUNTY CHILD CARE RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP

## Partnership

The CCRC partnered with the Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services to open new child care programs. The CCRC followed five fundamental goals to guide new child care programs through the pre-licensing system to ensure success:

- Create/Update a lasting early care and education system that serves all children in Lorain County and gives them equal access to quality care
- Increase the number of sustainable, high-quality child care slots for families. Specifically, to recruit, train in target areas of need (special needs, underserved populations or geographic areas, infant/toddlers, out-of-school-time, non-traditional hours, non-English speaking, and so on)
- Improve neighborhood-based early care and education programs to commensurate with the demand
- Provide professional development and technical assistance and other support services to improve the quality of care in new programs.

20 Total NEW program opened  
in Lorain County

6 NEW program opened  
in Lorain County with ARPA Funds

14 NEW program opened  
in Lorain County with LC Partnership

434 NEW licensed child care  
slots for Lorain County

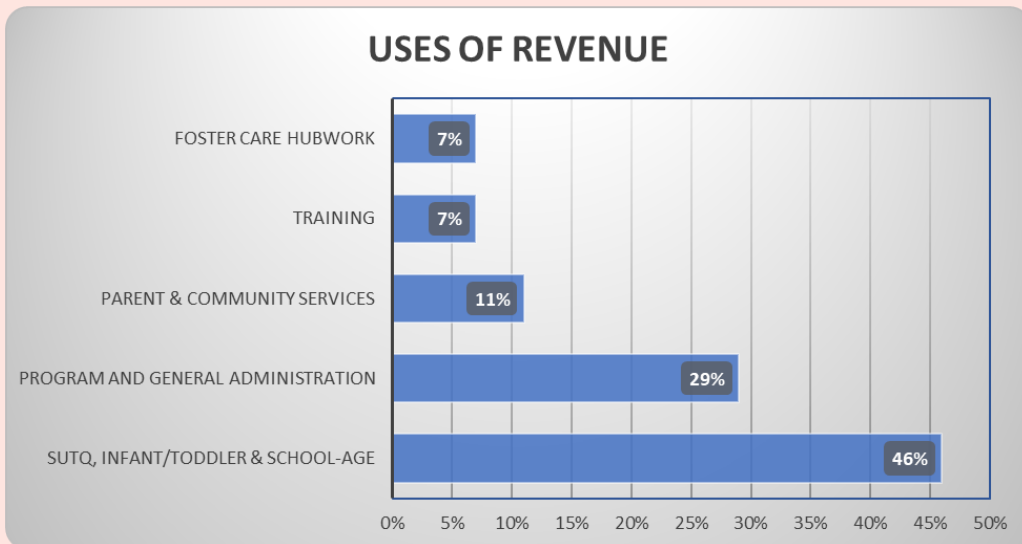
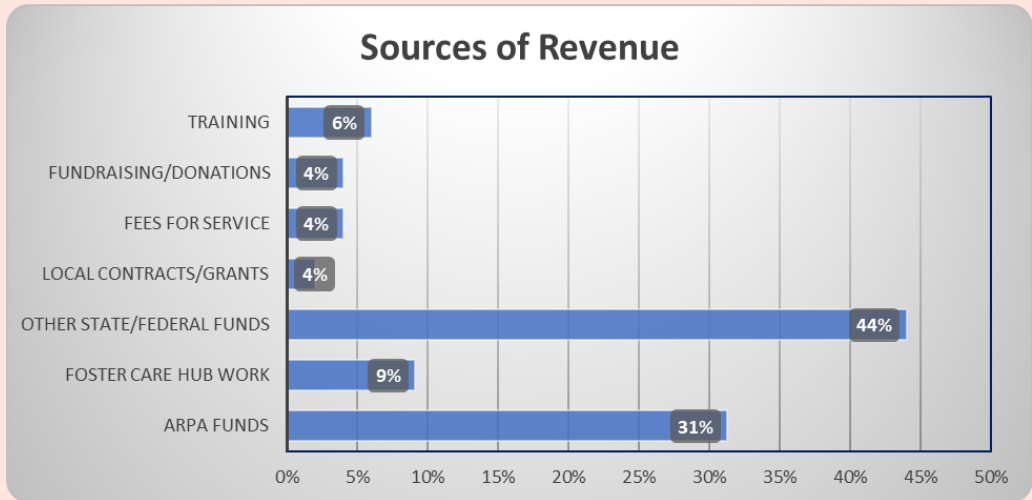


Items provided that helped in the success  
of the 20 NEW Programs.



# 2022-23 FINANCIAL REPORT

**\$2,416,924.77**



**\$2,364,790.67**

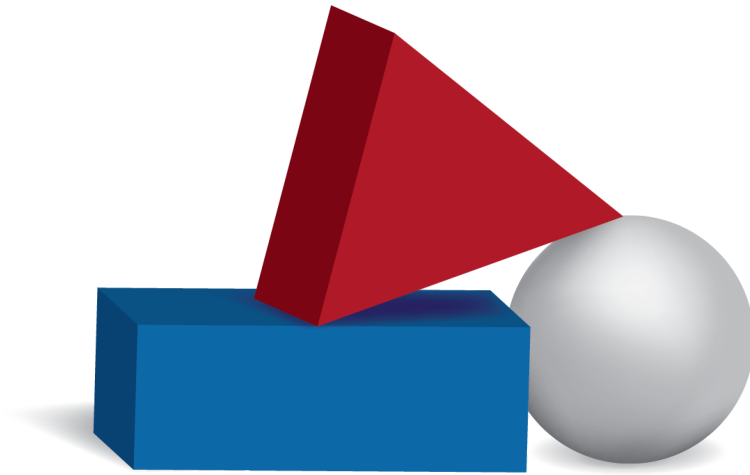
***CACFP Payments Directly to Providers: \$1,266,911.43***

Some people ask, “How did you do all this with that?” Our response is simple, this work is important to each of the CCRC staff and we could do even more if you partnered with us today!

Scan the QR code below and partner with the CCRC to support the families, child care providers and the communities we support in need.



# Thank you!



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