

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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The mission of
Young Horizons Child
Development Centers
is to provide quality
childcare and preschool
programs in a caring, loving,
and learning environment.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and joy for what we have accomplished together. This year has been one of both challenges and opportunities, and we are excited to share our progress and impact in this report.

Our mission to provide high quality early care and education has guided us through every day, decision, project, and partnership. Our dedicated team, board members and supporters have worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to serve our community effectively.

One of the most significant highlights of this year was launching our Mental Health Consultant program. This program offers support for the children, teachers and families to ensure a healthy emotional climate in the classroom. Additionally, we are excited to share that we completed the renovation of our Grisham Center playground and have a beautiful space for children to enjoy.

As we move into the next year, we will continue to innovate, collaborate, and strive for excellence. We are confident that, together, we can overcome any challenge and seize new opportunities.

We recognize the importance of adaptability in our ever-changing landscape. Our strategic plan for the coming year focuses on increasing our services to infants and toddlers, establishing a mental health internship program, offering professional development opportunities for staff and increasing parent engagement opportunities all while ensuring we remain aligned with our mission and responsive to the needs of those we serve.

We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our staff, board members, volunteers, and donors. Your unwavering support and dedication make our work possible. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of the children and families in our community.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. We look forward to what we will achieve together in the coming year.

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OUR IMPACT

584

TOTAL
CHILDREN SERVED

40,000

TOTAL
BREAKFAST SERVED

91,000

TOTAL LUNCH
& SNACKS SERVED

41

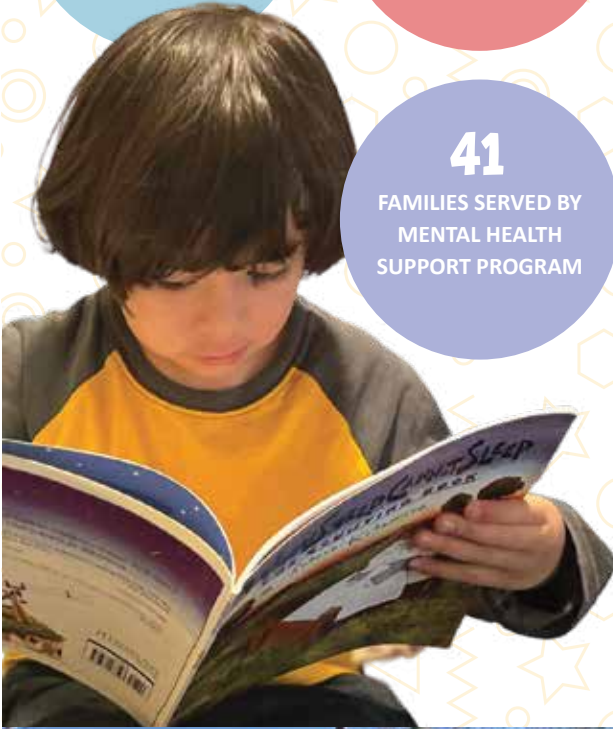
FAMILIES SERVED BY
MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT PROGRAM

22

CLASSROOMS SUPPORTED
BY MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT PROGRAM

92

TOTAL
NUMBER OF STAFF



OUR PROGRAMS

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR:

Infant children 6 to 18 months

Toddler for children 18 months to 36 months

Preschool children 3-5 years old

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Creates a nurturing environment that advances the social-emotional and behavioral health outcomes for children, families, and early childhood education staff at our centers.

FOOD PROGRAM

Our food program ensures that children receive balanced, nutrient-rich meals that promote physical, cognitive, and emotional well-being. It also serves as an opportunity to teach children about healthy eating habits, food choices, and the importance of good nutrition. We follow the Child and Adult Care Food Program meal patterns.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

- Playground at Grisham
- Flooring at North Pacific

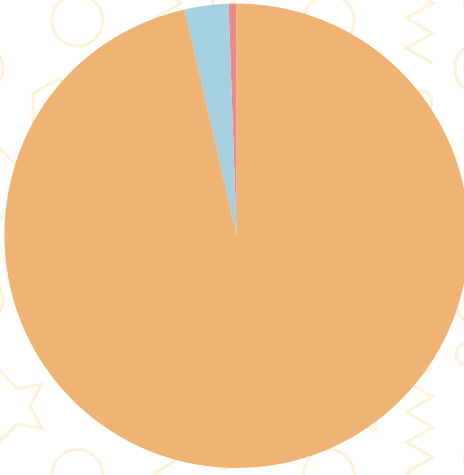
FUTURE GOALS

Strategic initiatives include:

- Infant and toddler care expansion at Ludloff Center
- Increased professional development offerings for staff
- Mental health program expansion to include internship program
- STEAM program implementation
- Increase Parent engagement opportunities
- Explore offering a Dual Immersion program (bilingual English and Spanish instruction) at all centers

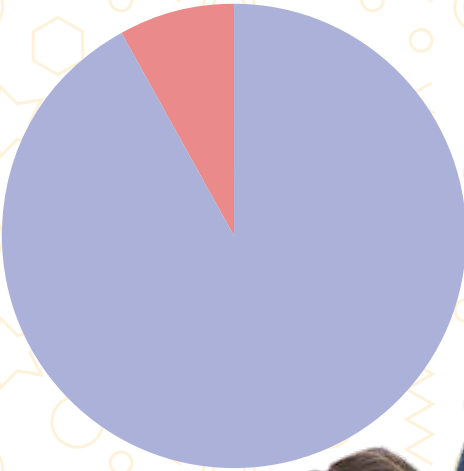


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



REVENUE

- Federal & State Contracts 96.5%
- Grants and Contributions 3%
- Interest & Other Income 0.5%



EXPENSES

- Program Services 92%
- Support Services 8%



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PARENT TESTIMONIAL

My name is Brenda Casanova, and I am a high school English teacher in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and the mother of a three-year-old who attends Young Horizons.

Every day, I feel at ease knowing her educators know her personally and make her feel safe, seen, and welcome—even on tough mornings. The campus reflects how much children matter, with their photos on display and a monthly calendar full of engaging activities designed to help them grow.

My daughter loves the freshly made meals and talks about them daily. The literacy program has been especially impactful, introducing her to new vocabulary, favorite stories, and activities that have boosted her reading skills and love for books.

Her teachers create individualized plans tailored to her needs, and we've cherished family events like the fall festival that bring us closer. We are so grateful for the incredible support and care Young Horizons has given our daughter since she started at just one year old.

This is more than just a school for us. It's a place where our daughter is nurtured, valued, and encouraged to become the wonderful little person she's growing into. We are so thankful for the lasting impact Young Horizons has made on her and our family.

—Brenda Casanova and Christian Portillo

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strengthen early care
and education—because every
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foundation for a bright future.



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