

# A Letter From Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

Community action is providing the inspiration for people in economic transition to identify, plan for, and live their future story. **Blueprints is Community Action**. We are 300+ passionate advocates for change in the lives of nearly 20,000 people every year.

This report highlights a few of our key outcomes over the past year. We are forever proud of the individuals and families who have overcome significant barriers to achieve great success, and thankful for our staff who helped inspire those successes. Please know that the extent of the services we provide and outcomes our participants achieve is much farther reaching than we can put into a report. We invite you to follow our story, advocate for our services, attend our events and inspire others to make a difference in our community.



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# **Our Board**

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#### **Target Sector**



**Rev. James C. Cherry** *Community Volunteer* 



Mr. Richard Burgess Community Volunteer



**Mumbi-Mundia Howe** *Community Volunteer* 



Ms. Tiffaney Hobson, Board VP Community Volunteer



Ms. Crystal Wilk Community Volunteer

# (Women, Infants, and Children)

\$2,017,972.90

Total WIC dollars redeemed in local grocery stores

12.4%

Increase in program retention

6,852

Farmers Market Vouchers Distributed

3,717

Children 0-5 and caregivers served



## **Breaking Barriers**

- Washington Financial awarded \$10,500 to Blueprints to provide diapers to WIC participants
- As a result, our WIC participation and retention increased when compared to prior years

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# Aging Well

51,673

Home Delivered Meals served 1,038

Individual Seniors Served 251

Program Volunteers 12,336

Volunteer Service Hours

#### **Breaking Barriers**

In 2023, the Carmichaels Senior Community Center moved to an upgraded facility where we prepare over 51,000 meals a year that are distributed to older adults in need.

\*Note, the data on this page reflects calendar year metrics, not fiscal.



# **Building Futures**

## 8.7 Million

Dollars provided in Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance

464

Income Tax Returns Completed

\$489,292

Refunds returned to taxpayers



#### Did you know?

Blueprints partners with the Washington County Correctional Facility and the Greene County Jail to support incarcerated persons as they plan for reentry.

Coaching topics include career development, financial literacy, parenting and rental housing stability; **91 incarcerated persons** partnered with Blueprints; **49 worked** with Blueprints upon their release; **24 secured employment** and **32 secured rental housing**.

Homes Purchased

113 Credit Repair Class
Attendees

Financial Coaching Participants

Jobs Attained

# Early Learning

#### **Head Start**

Children Served: **556**Families Served: **504**Medical Exams: **83%**Dental Exams: **84%** 

### **Early Head Start**

Children Served: **185** Families Served: **147** 

Pregnant Women Served: 14

Medical Exams: **75%**Dental Exams: **100%** 

#### **Pre-K Counts**

Children and

Families Served: 461

82% Average Monthly Head Start Enrollment

75% Average Monthly Early Head Start Enrollment

90% Average Monthly Pre-K Enrollment



84%

100%

16

of children entering kindergarten who met and/or exceeded school readiness of children and families that met eligibility for all Early Learning Programs Additional children served by opening 2 new Early Head Start Classrooms

## **Community Assessment Summary**

- 1,800 children eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services
- Parents indicated that income, transportation, and affordable housing are their biggest areas of need

## Parent & Family Engagement Activities

- Positive Solutions Parent Workshops
- Nurturing Parenting
- Parents As Teachers (Home-Base)
- Creative Curriculum Project Approach Family Activities
- · Parent Committees & Policy Council



In 2023, Blueprints' Early Learning Program achieved the highest rating of STAR 4 from the Pennsylvania Keystone rating system!

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CCF

(Connecting Children and Families)



# Pennyslvania and West Virginia Foster Care and Adoption Services

CCF provides kinship care, foster care, and treatment foster care in order to provide a safe, secure and stable environment for children removed from the home due to abuse and neglect.

New Foster Families

of children had no placement change

Blueprints helps children and families achieve permanency goals.

53 Number of reunifications

49 Number of adoptions

#### Independent and Transitional Living

IL/TL provides resources, case management, and training to youth who are aging out of foster care.

290

Number of youth served

99.3%

Percentage of youth with access to secure housing

## **New Program Services**

#### **Emergency Foster Care (EFC) Services**

During the '22-'23 fiscal year, CCF in West Virginia continued their participation in a pilot project for Emergency Foster Care (EFC) services. This is a service in partnership with 3 additional agencies and the DHHR (Department of Health & Human Services) that focuses on the immediate placement of children that face circumstances of removal after regular office hours. This service was established to prevent children from remaining overnight in DHHR offices during a search for a home. CCF - WV certified a new EFC home into the project in January of 2023. The newly certified EFC home provided care for 11 emergency foster care placements and traditional respite for 3 children.

#### **Kinship Supports Intervention**

We know that it is best for a child to be placed with a relative or a family friend to minimize trauma and preserve family connections. In 2023, CCF in Pennsylvania began the Kinship Supports Intervention Program. Kinship Supports Intervention (KSI) is a promising practice based on evidence to support and promote kinship family placements. The goal of the intervention is to meet children's physical, emotional, financial, and basic needs by connecting kinship caregivers with federal, state, and local resources.





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**40** Successful LIFTs

138 People LIFTed

\$21,186.00

**Total Dollars Raised** 

# Financials Head Start & Early Head Start

### **Head Start**

Expenditure	Budget	Actual
In-kind	\$1,354,109	\$1,354,109
Indirect Costs	\$468,019	\$440,101
Other	\$647,386	\$764,974
Contractual	\$102,849	\$133,660
Supplies	\$180,039	\$477,068
Equipment	\$5,000	\$4,350
Travel	\$53,487	\$79,410
Fringe Benefits	\$1,063,521	\$828,381
Personnel	\$2,895,711	\$2,662,806
	\$6,770,121.00	\$6,744,859

Expenditure	Budget	Actual
In-kind	\$418,965	\$418,965
Indirect Costs	\$144,382	\$137,275
Other	\$170,877	\$182,873
Contractual	\$13,663	\$15,385
Supplies	\$59,893	\$149 <u>.</u> 591
Equipment	\$5,000	\$1,099
Travel	\$30,581	\$32,397
Fringe Benefits	\$290,901	\$293,560
Personnel	\$960,561	\$853,975
	\$2,094,823	\$2,085,120

Agency-Wide

break barriers - build futures

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## Source of Funds

Government Grants \$14,104,130

Department of Health & Human Services-Head Start \$5,390,750

Department of Health & Human Services-Early Head Start \$1,666,155

PA Department of Education-Pre K \$4,903,740

Pa Department of Education-State Funded Head Start \$1,665,699

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Head Start-CACFP \$373,830

Connecting Children & Families and Related Services \$6,649,459

PA Department of Human Services-Home Visitation \$578,300

Program Service Fees \$125,989

In Kind Contributions-GAAP \$99,439

Investments \$85,768

United Way of Washington County \$31,189

Fundraising & Miscellaneous Income \$317,427

Total: \$35,991,875





## Use of Funds

Head Start Educational Services \$5,390,750

Early Head Start Educational Services \$1,666,155

Pre K Educational Services \$4,903,740

State Funded Head Start Educational Services \$1,665,827

Head Start CACFP Services \$373,830

PA Department of Human Services-Home Visitation \$578,351

Other Educational Services \$59,339

Connecting Children & Families \$5,901,300

Building Futures \$11,212,944

Aging Well \$865,853

Nutrition Services \$917.613

Fundraising \$36,503

Management & General \$2,040,763

Total: \$35,612,968

# Financial Position

### Assets (Current)

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,811,546
Grants and Fees Receivable	\$4,262,570
Investments	\$1,780,378
Other Receivables	\$21,662
Prepaid Expenses	\$62,759
Current Portion of Notes Receivable	\$158,745
Inventory	\$37,924

Total: \$9,135,584

#### **Liabilities & Net Assets**

Accounts Payable	\$1,350,973
Accrued and Withheld Expenses	\$1,168,551
Deferred Revenue	\$37,924
Current Portion of Lease Liability	\$621,098

**Long-Term Liabilities** 

Lease Liability -Net \$2,666,558.00

Total: \$ 5,845,104

#### Other Assets:

Endowments	\$5,095
Notes Receivable	-
Right to Use Asset - Net	\$3,331,751
Property and Equipment	\$2,233,632
Total Other Assets	\$5,570,478

Total Assets: \$ 14,706,062

#### **Net Assets**

Without Donor Restrictions	\$8,001,791
With Donor Restrictions	\$859,167

Total Net Assets \$8,860,958

Total Assets: \$ 14,706,062

#### In Kind Donations

The total value of all In Kind Donations provided to Blueprints for fiscal year 2022-2023 was **\$2,144,669**.

#### Audit

The statement of financial position and related financial statements were audited by Guthrie, Belczyk & Associates, LLC in 2023. The auditor's report was an unqualified opinion, and there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control and no instances of non-compliance.

#### **Head Start Federal Review**

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), conducted a Focus Area 1 monitoring review of the Blueprints Head Start and Early Head Start programs in July of 2023. Both programs were found to be compliant with all federal Head Start Program Performance Standards and regulations.

# Our Programs



#### WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

The Blueprints WIC program serves pregnant, postpartum women and children from birth through age five. Services provided include nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health and social service referrals along with healthy foods.

Location(s) Served: Greene & Washington County



#### **Early Learning**

Early Learning includes Head Start, Early Head Start, and PA Pre-K Counts. These high quality programs are designed to support children's growth from birth-age 5 through services that support early learning & development, health, and family well-being. Program services are offered in the classroom and home based settings for eligible pregnant women and children & families.

Location(s) Served: Greene & Washington County



#### **Connecting Children and Families (CCF)**

Is a set of programs and supportive services designed to improve youth and families' permanency, safety, and well-being. In collaboration with Children and Youth Social Services and Juvenile Probation, Blueprints strives to create positive impact in our communities while building brighter futures and outcomes for our youth and families.

Location(s) Served: Greene & Washington Counties; West Virginia



#### **Building Futures**

Our Building Futures programs support and engage individuals and families in goal planning that could change the trajectory of their lives. Programs focus on career development, financial literacy, matched savings accounts, vehicle loans, rental/utility assistance, home ownership and reentry services.

Location(s) Served: Greene & Washington Counties



#### **Aging Well**

Through our collaborative partnership with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Blueprints provides vital support services to older adults. We provide an array of opportunities that enable older residents to extend their independence and health as they age.

Location(s) Served: Greene County

