



Center For  
Child Counseling

# 2014 Annual Report



June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015

# Our Mission



The Center for Child Counseling strives to **STRENGTHEN** and **EMPOWER** children and families through prevention, early intervention, and treatment services that **SUPPORT** their social-emotional **WELLNESS** and **GROWTH**.

## From Chairman of the Board

Thank you for choosing to open our 2014 Annual Report.

Consider the report like you would a photo album of a memorable time in your life. It is an illustrative, but static, representation of an impactful time that should leave you feeling, thinking, and (we hope) engaging. What is shared in these pages will elicit emotions, questions, and for our team, clients and supporters – memories and actions. Our Annual Report is a collection of snapshots that illuminate facts and results from our commitment to the Center for Child Counseling’s mission and values. During this period, we touched more lives than any previous year while responsibly growing and strengthening our organization! There is much more we can do. Below are highlights.

- Through our four core programs, we strengthened and empowered more than 975 children and families through early intervention, counseling and treatment services; an increase of 56% over FY2013.
- We provided specialized education – including workshops such as *Impact of Trauma on Young Children* - to more than 400 professionals, and engaged twelve interns in tactical training; expanding the abilities and increasing the number of qualified professionals working to help the youngest, most-vulnerable residents in Palm Beach County.
- The Center achieved Nonprofits First Accreditation, demonstrating that we are transparently accountable with excellent leaders systematically and responsibly running our business. To be sustainable, we must do both – deliver on our mission and run our organization like a business every day. Our clients, supporters, and regulators can rely on us to continue to do both most effectively.

Early intervention is the key to building stronger children, families, and communities. The need is great and mostly unmet. From *Child Trends* we know that children under the age of five are being abused, neglected, and placed in foster care at a faster rate than all other ages combined, with an estimated 73% of these children never getting the help they need. The Center for Child Counseling, with your continued support, will work to meet the needs.

Meeting the needs benefits the community many times more than the investment. Quoting James J. Heckman, a Nobel Laureate in Economics and an expert in the economics of human development, “The highest rate of return in early childhood development comes from investing as early as possible, from birth through age five, in disadvantaged families.”

To our leadership team, staff, interns, volunteers and supporters, thank you for contributing to our mission in 2014. To all readers, may this Annual Report compel you to engage with us and build more memorable times in your life....and the lives of the children and families we serve.

Encouragingly yours,

On behalf of the Board of Directors



William H. Lynch  
Chairman

# Board of Directors and Management Team

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Cynthia Rosenbaum

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Sarah Turner, Director of Community Relations

Hayley Baker-Finch, Development Associate

# Promoting Infant and Early Childhood Wellness

## Childcare and Community Social-Emotional Wellness (CCSEW) Program



### Did you know that...

- A child's early experiences actually build the architecture of the brain!
- Young children who are not touched have brains that are 20-30% smaller.
- Adversity in early childhood can lead to lifelong physical and mental health problems.
- A supportive, loving caregiver can buffer the effects of toxic environmental stress.

Over **550** young children, living in high-risk neighborhoods, received prevention, early intervention, and treatment services through CCSEW.

**"Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today."** *Dr. Robert Block, former President, American Academy of Pediatrics*



# Celebrating Fifteen Years of Healing Hearts

Our organization has been working in prevention and early intervention for children exposed to toxic stress since 1999. CCSEW addresses a public health crisis in our community. EVERY young child deserves to grow up safe, loved, and healthy. By focusing on young, at-risk children, we aim to prevent a lifetime of problems...physical, emotional, and social.



[Click here](#) to view video in PDF format.

## Program Description

CCSEW provides multilayered prevention, early intervention, and targeted treatment for children attending childcare centers in high-risk neighborhoods. Services include all caregivers, promoting the use of effective strategies to promote social-emotional health and positive relationships.

Through this program, generously supported by the [Quantum Foundation](#) and [Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea](#), hundreds of high-risk toddlers and young children receive early mental health intervention at **no cost**.

# A Safe Place for Children and Families to Heal

## Child and Family Center and Palm Healthcare Pavilion



Over **425** children, caregivers, and families received services through our Child and Family Center in Palm Beach Gardens and the Palm Healthcare Pavilion in West Palm Beach.

A special thank you to [Palm Healthcare Foundation](#) for the generous support, including funding and in-kind space to launch services at the pavilion with our partners from [Boys Town South Florida](#) and [NAMI](#).



# Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative

## Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Children in Palm Beach County



### A Unique Approach and Partnership...

In response to Palm Beach County's request for proposals in the summer of 2014, key leaders from [Boys Town South Florida](#), [Center for Child Counseling](#), [Families First of Palm Beach County](#), [National Alliance on Mental Illness of Palm Beach County](#), and [FAU Community Health Center in Westgate](#) developed the **Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative (CBHC)**.

With five core partners, and agreements with over 28 other organizations, the collaborative was formed to help build a healthier communities through a seamless, accessible, and recovery oriented system of care for children and their families in need of behavioral health services throughout Palm Beach County.

With match funding from [Quantum Foundation](#), the CBHC is changing the way mental health services are delivered in our community.



# Improving Clinical Practice

## Institute for Clinical Training



Provided over **180 hours** of didactic training and more than **1,500 hours of supervised clinical experience** and **11 workshops for 400** professionals on a variety of topics, including the *Impact of Trauma in Early Childhood*.

**weLEARNplay**, an online training program, was launched to meet the needs of busy students and professionals.

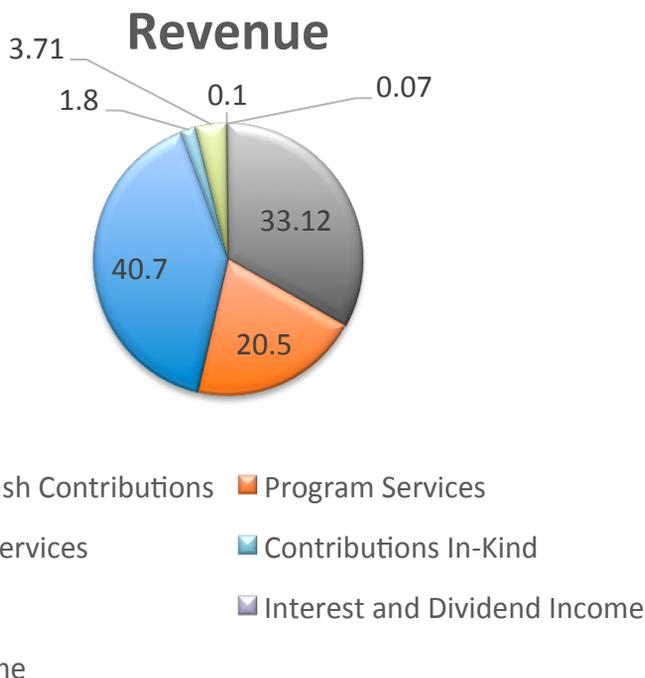


# 2014 FINANCIALS

For Fiscal Year: 6/1/2014-5/31/2015

<b>Revenues</b>	
Grants & Cash Contributions	\$385,637
Program Services	\$238,734
Volunteer Services	\$473,930
Contributions In-Kind	\$20,851
Fundraising	\$43,247
Interest and Dividend Income	\$1,192
Other Income	\$852.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,164,443</b>

The Center for Child Counseling is audited by the independent CPA firm Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell, & Sheridan LLP, which conducted its examination in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The firm rendered an unqualified opinion (typically called a "clean opinion") on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Highlights of financial position and results of operations are presented here.



# 2014 FINANCIALS

<b>Expenses</b>	
Program Services	\$670,666
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising	\$210,829 \$95,662
<b>Total:</b>	\$977,157
Change in Net Assets	\$187,286
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$114,240
Net Assets at End of Year	\$301,526

## Statement of Financial Position

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$225,378	
Accounts Receivable	\$79,621	
Inventory	\$2,434	
Prepaid Expenses	\$8,953	
Deposits	\$7,240	
Property and Equipment	\$12,788	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		\$336,414
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accrued Expenses	\$34,888	
Total Liabilities		\$34,888
Unrestricted Net Assets		\$301,526
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		\$336,414

# THANK YOU

We would not be able to continue our mission without our donors, volunteers, and staff. We would like to thank our funders and a few special people who dedicate their time and resources to ensuring that hundreds of young children in our community get the therapeutic care they need.

## Major Funders for 2014-2015:

- Quantum Foundation
- Town of Palm Beach United Way
- Palm Healthcare Foundation
- Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea
- Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County
- Ruth Hartman
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- The Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation
- H. Kirsch Family Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- Extraordinary Charities
- Department of Community Services, Palm Beach County

## Special Volunteer Recognition

Cynthia Rosenbaum...thank you for continuing to volunteer your time and talent to ensure the Center's finances and accounting adhere to the highest possible standards.

Jane Robinson...thank you for continuing to offer your expertise, time, and passion to continuing the mission you started over 16 years ago.

Please [visit our website](#) for the complete list of our current donors, partners, and supporters.

# Make a Difference Today

**Join us in our mission to support the youngest, most vulnerable children in our community.**

## **Ways to Give:**

Most contributions are made through cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Center for Child Counseling and sent to:

7731 N. Military Trail, Suite 4, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

- Making an [online donation](#) is simple. Credit card donations may also be called in at 561-244-9499.
- Sign up for our [e-newsletter](#) to learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- Visit our [website](#) and learn about our programs and how you can support young children in our community through advocacy and volunteerism.

## **Corporate Matching Gifts**

You can double or even triple the value of your contribution by taking advantage of your employer's matching gifts program. Consult your personnel office to get specific details and obtain a matching gift form.

## **Wish List**

Contact us at 561-244-9499 for a current wish list, which often includes toys and therapeutic materials to equip our Play Therapy rooms.





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