CocoKids.org

Annual Report 2021

For FY 2020-21, over 82,683 were helped, aided and supported to succeed

Educated
26,187 parents with workshops and consultations

Helped
3,544 at-risk children to attend child care and preschool; and 486 foster children to receive emergency child care

Served
4,924 families with free child care referrals so 6,619 children could be safe and nurtured in care

Trained
1446 providers with 56,433 classes, technical assistance, information calls, program visits, and consultations

Provided
320,013 breakfasts, 626,888 lunches, 287,214 dinners, and 686,028 snacks to 3,854 children

Our mission is to champion and advance quality child care and early education
Dear Friends and Partners:

A year and a half after any of us heard of COVID-19, we are still experiencing the effects of the virus on the infrastructure of our child care community. During the shelter-in-place necessitated by the pandemic, many child care sites closed permanently. As we reopen, we find there is not enough supply of child care spaces to allow parents to go back to work with the assurance their child is in a safe learning environment.

During the past year CocoKids responded with supplies of personal protective equipment for providers and assisted essential workers in finding child care. This included the distribution of millions of dollars in stipends to keep our child care infrastructure strong and viable.

Our definition of childhood champion is like what we saw this summer as the world gathered to watch the Tokyo Olympics from a distance. For the athletes it was more than just showing up. It was the dedication and commitment they put into their sport when no one was looking.

At CocoKids we think about being a champion for children through our actions. Being a voice for children and child care providers. Being a support when they need someone to express frustrations and fears. Being an organization that believes we can be a strong community if we make decisions that put the needs of our youngest citizens first.

Our journey through the pandemic isn’t over, we are not sure when or if it will ever be. We do know supporting each other and doing the best for children will make our community strong enough to survive any challenge in the future.

Best regards,

John F. Jones
Executive Director
Financial Statements

CocoKids Total Income for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year: $52,808,904
EXPENDITURES: $52,631,150

Total Expenditures: $52,573,430
- 77.8% Provider Payments
- 18% Programs & Services
- 4.3% Infrastructure

Programs & Services Spending: $9,454,223
- 41.2% Child Care Fund
- 41.5% Resource & Referrals
- 7.8% Learning Institute
- 9.5% Other
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Former Director, Internal Communications and Events
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Owner and Director
Family Child Care Business

“...The meal they receive in childcare is usually their first meal of the day, no matter how late they arrive, even at 11 AM! The children are not receiving breakfast at home and told to wait until they get to child care to eat. They come here very very hungry. I have one little boy that comes so hungry, he eats with both hands, and he is 4 years old. I am so thankful I enrolled in CocoKids’ Food and Nutrition Program that helps me feed these hungry kids with healthy satisfying meals.”

– Vicki, Provider in Our Food Program

Emily’s Story
Emily is a single mother with 3 children who came into our program as an essential worker. She had been having a rough month and was never going to be able to afford child care. In July 1, 2021, we got the approval to authorize care for some of our essential workers until June 30, 2022, and let her know the good news. The good news assured her that July and the rest of the year were going to be better for her and her family.
Nicole’s Success Story

Nicole began her journey with Cocokids as a single mom working full time with unpredictable hours at a minimum wage that could not pay bills. She learned she qualified for child care subsidy from CocoKids while attending school, so she enrolled in classes first at a community college and then moved on to a state college to earn her bachelor’s degree. It was an exhausting 5 years for her to get to the finish line.

Armed with a degree, she got a stable, higher-paying daytime job that allowed her to spend quality time with her kids at night. She can now pay her bills and was finally stress-free. Nicole was very emotional when she called to self-disenroll because she no longer needed the subsidy. She never saw the day coming where she could live comfortably.

Nicole and her kids are now living securely and getting ready to go on their first summer vacation because she was now more financially secure. She thanks Cocokids for supporting her throughout her long and arduous journey towards self-sufficiency.

– A Parent from Our Subsidy Program
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Your Generous Gifts Made a Difference in the Lives and Future of Children and Their Families. THANK YOU!

Gifts Received from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Program Funders
California Department of Education – Early Education & Support Division
California Department of Education – Nutrition Services Division
Child Care Resource Center
City of Antioch
City of Concord
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Contra Costa County
Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools
First 5 Contra Costa

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Up to $999
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First 5 California
Dept of Social Services (DSS)
US Bank
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Marc-Angelo Merino

Everyone who dropped off supplies and PPE at CocoKids

* A special thank you to supporters for 5+ years.

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