

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

TOGETHER

WE

RISE

## **ABOUT THE AGENCY**



## OUR MISSION

ADVANCE THE WELLNESS OF CHILDREN, INDIVIDUALS, AND FAMILIES BY PROVIDING Early Childhood and Mental Health Services to Help Community and Family Thrive.

### OUR VISION

RISE WILL BE A LEADER IN WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD, MENTAL HEALTH, AND WELLNESS. WE WILL JOINTLY SHAPE EXPECTATIONS ALONGSIDE PARTICIPANTS WHILE FRAMING EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. WE WILL BE REGARDED FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES AND SUCCESS IN NURTURING AN INCLUSIVE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF ALIKE.

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### PARTNERSHIPS AND MILESTONES: The director's notes

"2019 was a year that presented opportunities to strengthen and build partnerships and celebrate milestones. *Milestones:* 

As a result of the merger in 2017 (Center for Families and Community Partnerships), RISE has been providing services to children, individuals and families for over 40 years. This year, we were proud to celebrate milestones for our Children Come First (CCF) Program and Respite Center.

This year RISE celebrated 20 years of administering the CCF program, an innovative wraparound program dedicated to supporting children and adolescents with mental health concerns at home and in the community. In fact, CCF was the first program provided by Community Partnerships, and was the reason the organization formed. After 20 years, CCF has been instrumental in development and growth of the system of care for children's mental health in Dane County. The Respite Center celebrated its 40-year anniversary providing crisis respite and emergency childcare to Dane County families this year as well. From its humble beginnings in a house on Williamson Street to the current colorful, warm and welcoming space at Fordem Ave. that received the 2015 Design for a Difference renovation, the Respite Center has been a safe and stable home away from home for thousands of children and families for the past 40 years. The celebration included testimonials and stories from parents who rely on the Respite Center to care for their children as well as a story from a parent who attended the Respite Center as a child and whose children now use the Respite Center. Supporting family wellbeing by providing a caring and safe environment for children for 40 years, Respite Center has proven to be one of Dane County's lasting and true treasures.

Throughout our 40 years RISE has relied on partnerships with other organizations and funders to support our work in the community, and this year was no exception.

Some of our 2019 partnerships include:

- Partnering with the Tamara D. Grigsby Office For Equity and Inclusion (OEI) and Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) to co-sponsor a private viewing of the Hate U Give for staff at RISE, DCDHS, OEI, District Attorney's office, Dane County Corporation Counsel, Public Defender's office and Juvenile Court.
- Cosponsoring a community presentation by Robin DiAngelo, author of White Fragility.
- Supporting the YWCA Racial Justice Summit through our Non-profit sponsorship.

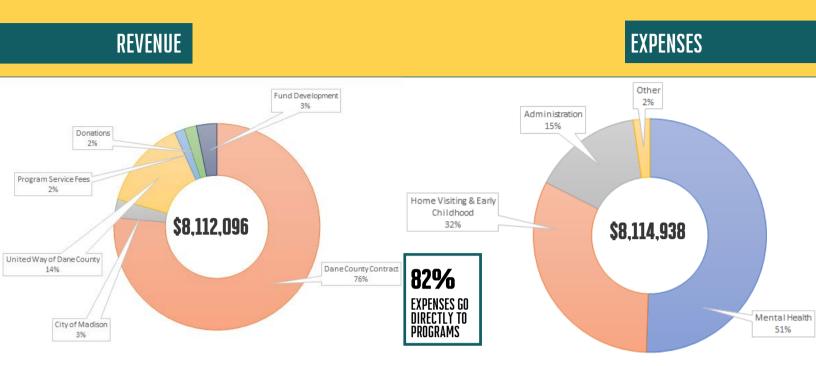


- Working with the Madison Children's Museum to provide free memberships to families involved with RISE. MCF also provided space for the graduation ceremony for the ParentChild+ program where 4 year-old graduates and their families celebrated their completion of the 2 year program and are prepared to begin 4K.
- Madison Public Library partnership resulted in two large donations. The first was 10 early learning kits to be used in Welcome Baby and Beyond, Therapeutic Services Team, Early Childhood Initiative and the Fordem Ave. building Family Room. The second donation was the purchase of 11 different book titles for the curriculum for ParentChild+ families (600+ books).
- RISE invited newly hired Human Services Director, Shawn Tessmann, and her leadership team to RISE to discuss RISE's longstanding partnership with DCDHS and examine areas where we can grow our collaboration.

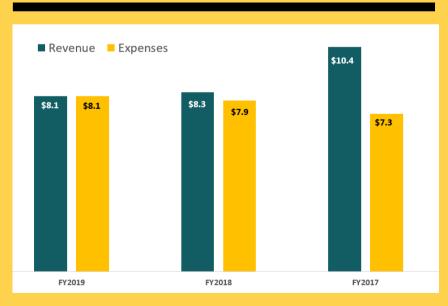
These are just a few of the many partnerships we have throughout the community that support our early childhood and mental health work and enhance our growth as an organization."

**SCOTT STRONG** *Executive Director* 

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2019



### THREE YEAR FISCAL ANALYSIS



RISE PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, PROGRAM FEES, Special events, and an end of the year donor appeal. Our annual brat stand event is staffed with volunteers and raises funds through food and beverage sales.

## **NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY**

More than 5,000 Children under 5 years old in Dane County live in poverty



That's **1** in every **6** children



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Nearly 1,000 children in Dane County are experiencing homelessness

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Children from literacy poor homes arrive at school with vocabularies of 800-1000 words compared to 6,000-10,000 words from more literacy rich homes.



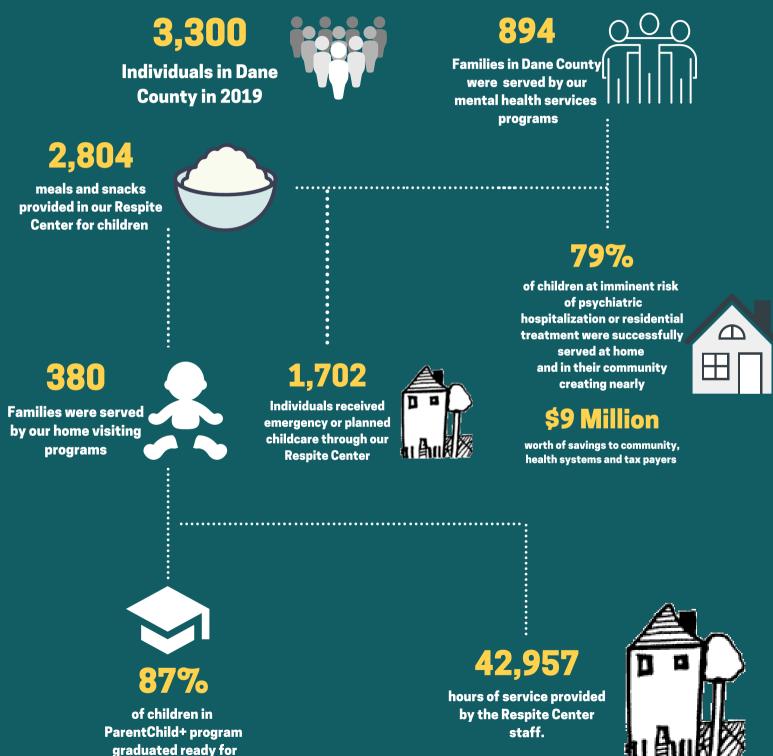


A rising number of children in Dane County face psychiatric hospitalization or residential treatment

## **OUR IMPACT**

kindergarten success

#### **RISE Wisconsin served...**



# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

AT RISE, OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS WORKED OVER 21,000 HOURS IN 2019, USING STRENGTH-BASED, Home visiting programs offering education and support for parents and children ages 0–5.

#### WELCOME BABY & BEYOND

**TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 75** 





### PARENTCHILD+



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS SERVED: 171 Parentchild+ graduates who are kindergarten ready: 87%



#### EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE





# **RISE STORIES**



### MONICKA: PARENT, RISE BOARD MEMBER AND ADVOCATE.

I had just overcome 2 ½ years of homelessness when I was attending a backpack giveaway at Madison Area Technical College - Truax. There I met Michele who was signing kids up for the ParentChild+ program. My little one was 2 at the time, and I was not working, so I was not able to receive childcare benefits. The program has helped my child and my family in helping prepare her for school. The relationship we built with Emily was awesome and rewarding to say the least. Since then, I have gotten many parents to participate in the program. I was very appreciative for the program and the facilitators. To know that because of this program, just this year alone, close to 90 kids have entered the Madison Metropolitan School District prepared and eager to learn more. I support and will continue to advocate for RISE. The change that you are making in the community is beyond encouraging. True Rock Stars!

# THE RESPITE CENTER



TOTAL CHILDREN AND Families Served: 1702 Total Hours Served: 42,957

THE RESPITE CENTER CELEBRATION HIGHGLIGHTED 40 YEARS OF RESPITE SERVICE IN DANE COUNTY! RESPITE HAD ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED FROM THE TRULY REMARKABLE LOON AND JAMES THE MAGICIAN, A MUSICIAN THROUGHOUT THE CELEBRATION, CARNIVAL GAMES AND DELICIOUS FOOD TO REUNITE CURRENT AND FORMER STAFF AND CURRENT AND FORMER PARTICIPANTS!

# MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

RISE PROVIDES PROGRAMS THAT OFFER WRAPAROUND COORDINATION, COMMUNITY RESOURCES, AND INDIVIDUALIZED CARE TO ADVANCE MENTAL HEALTH.

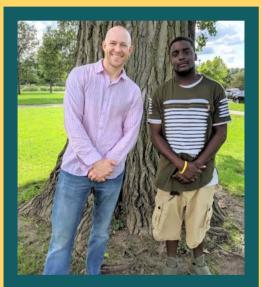


<u>CHILDREN COME FIRST</u> Total families served: 179





### PARENT SUPPORT & ADVOCACY Total Families Served: 38



#### **COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS Served: 73



# **MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

#### THERAPEUTIC SERVICES TEAM

**TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 79** 





### **COURT ORDERED EVALUATIONS**



TOTAL EVALUATIONS IN 2019: 1015





### **HOME-BASED THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**

#### **TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 21**



# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS







#### **VOLUNTEER GROUPS 2019**

**AMERICAN FAMILY INTERNS** TEAM **AT&T PIONEERS BRAT STAND VOLUNTEERS** CLARITY **CUNA MUTUAL EXACT SCIENCES FRIENDS OF JULIE SHELDON** GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2205 OF **BADGERLAND COUNCIL** MADISON CAPITALS **NEXT STEP MINISTRIES** NORDIC CONSULTING **RESPITE CENTER VOLUNTEERS REYNOLDS TRANSFER STROHM-BALLWEG** TASC **UNITED WAY KICK-OFF VOLUNTEERS** WEGNER CPAS





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## 6,850 HOURS OF SERVICE TO RISE IN 2019







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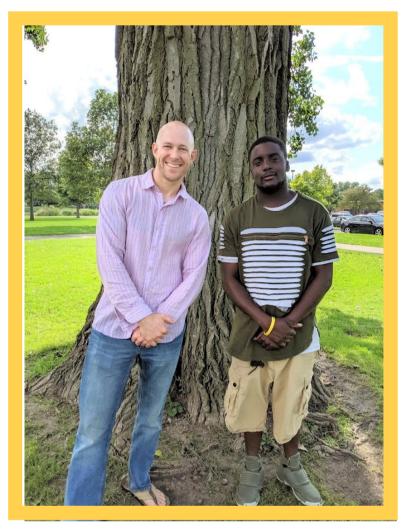
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