

**BUILT
TO
WITHSTAND
CRISIS**

**2020
ANNUAL
REPORT**



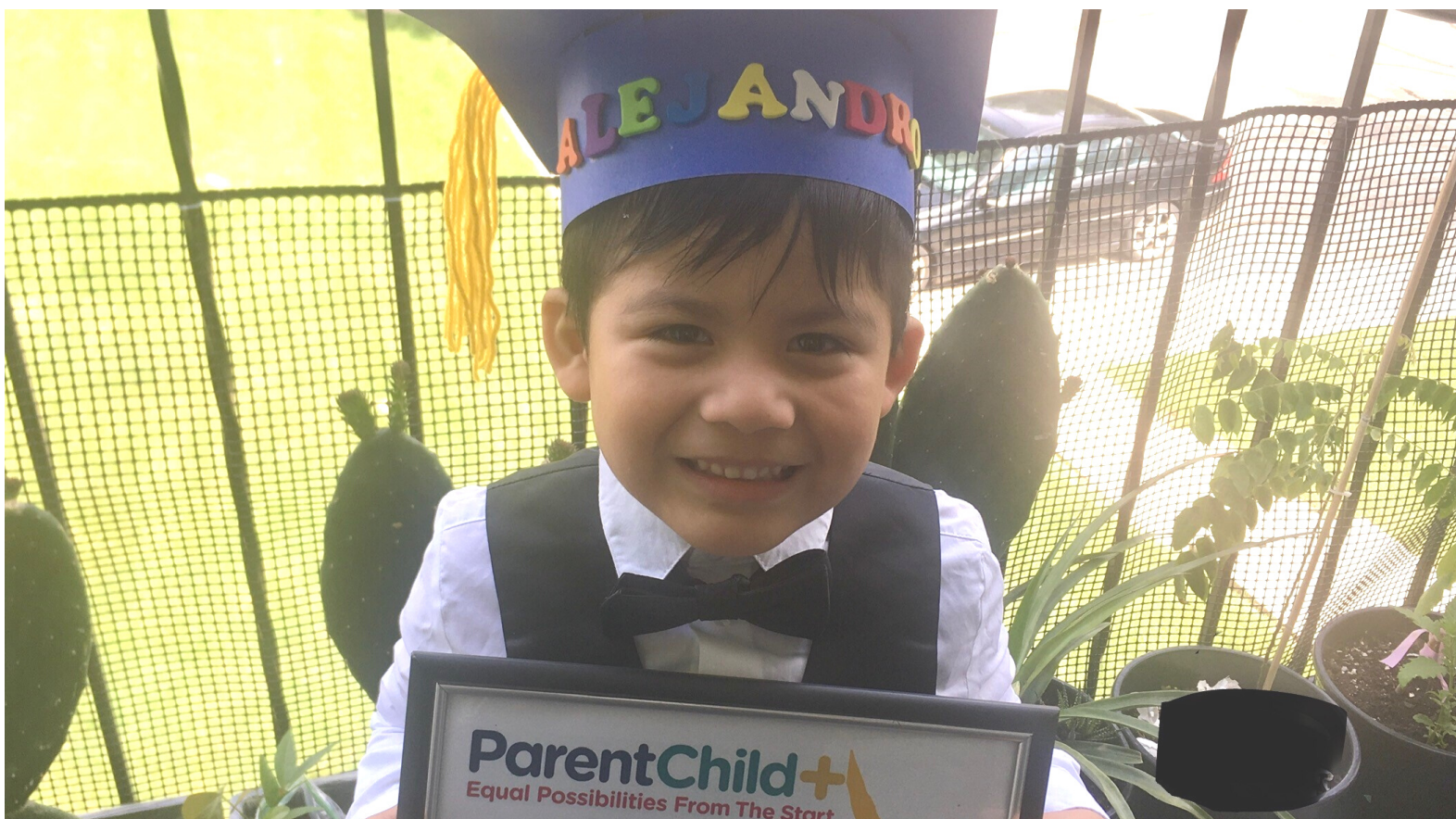


About our Agency

Our Mission is to advance the wellness of children, individuals, and families by providing early childhood and mental health services to help community and family thrive.

Our services provide education, support, stabilization, and coordination of care to children, families, and individuals in our community. RISE emerged in April 2017 from a merger between Community Partnerships, Inc. and Center for Families, two Dane County non-profits focused on community-based, strengths-driven services to children, families, and young adults.

With the merger between these two organizations in 2017, RISE brings over 40 years of experience and services to the community and is one of the only agencies in Dane County that can provide a continuum of care from the time a child is born until early adulthood. RISE serves **3,300 children**, individuals and families in Dane County each year.



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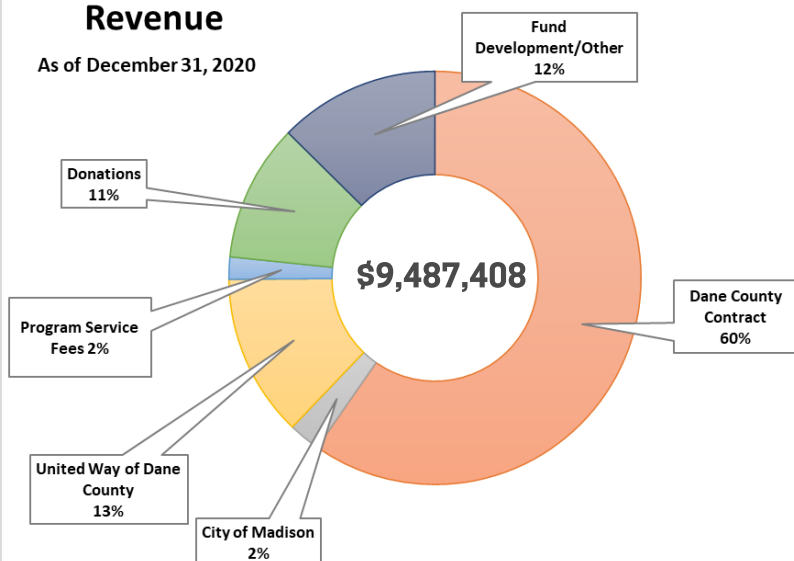
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2020

RISE Programs are supported through government contracts, grants, program fees, special events, and an end of the year donor appeal.

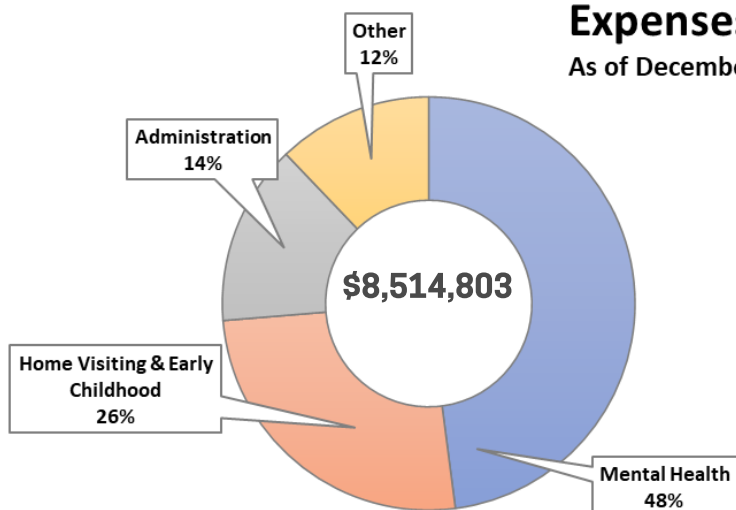
Revenue

As of December 31, 2020



Expenses

As of December 31, 2020



86%
Expenses
go
directly
to
RISE
programs

TOGETHER WE RISE

COVID Support to Families in 2020

847

Children,
individuals and
families served in
RISE programs in
2020

1,700

meals provided to
support RISE
families
experiencing food
scarcity

140

care
packages
sent to
families

\$5,000

distributed to assist
with homelessness
and eviction
prevention and
housing security



CONTINUING TO WITHSTAND CRISIS DURING A PANDEMIC:

THE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

2020 provided an opportunity for our community to come together. While the pandemic shocked the world, it shed light on the importance of being adaptable, particularly as a community serving organization.

We know what it is like to respond to a crisis and the need to shift at a moment's notice. This is what RISE does, we are built for a crisis and are able to walk alongside children, young adults and families when their life takes a turn and when they are in turmoil.

Our ability to adapt served us well when we shifted our operations and service delivery to a virtual environment in March, and we continued to adapt throughout the year. We continued to meet the needs of participants and families in the most safe and effective ways possible:

- The Respite Center quickly modified their childcare space and kept its door open to support families at the highest need of respite,
- ParentChild+ delivered educational materials to the family's home and provided remote learning to assist the parents and caregivers in engaging in literacy activities,
- Welcome Baby and Beyond and the Early Childhood Initiative quickly turned to virtual options to provide early childhood development and caregiver support, developmental and mental health screeners, housing, employment and educational services, etc.
- Court Ordered Evaluations program continued to work with our circuit court partners to provide mental health evaluations critical to assisting with the best treatment options and alternatives.



- Children Come First, Comprehensive Community Services, Parent Peer/Peer Specialist and Therapeutic Services Team continued to provide much needed mental health services in a manner that met the needs of the participant, i.e. outdoor walks or telehealth options. RISE also advocated with other providers to allow Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth.

In partnership with United Way of Dane County we distributed \$25,000 in funds across our programs to help families pay rent, put food on their table, receive educational and enrichment materials for their children and supported families to remain safe and stable. Other donors and the philanthropic community also stepped up and supported organizations like RISE to continue to deliver on our missions.

Although not new, we were faced with a new challenge, and we leaned in. Together we were able to RISE and support those at highest risk.

SCOTT STRONG

Executive Director



RISE RISE RISE SERVICES

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

At RISE, our early childhood programs worked diligently to engage families virtually during the onset of the pandemic, keeping high percentage of participants engaged, offering education and support for parents and children ages 0-5.



Welcome Baby & Beyond

Total families served: **48**

Total children served: **49**

567 personal visits

608 hours of direct service to families



Early Childhood Initiative

Total families served: **113**

4,939 hours of service to families



ParentChild+

Total families Served: **150**

76% of participating families remained engaged with ParentChild+ during the pandemic running through 2020.



THE RESPITE CENTER



Total families served:

189

Total children served:

337

**6,086 hours of service
to children**

“I think the last thing any mother wants to do is fail her children and left with no other option but to place her children in foster care. Your program prevented me from losing my children. Thank you.” ~ Parent



MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

RISE provides programs that offer wraparound care coordination, connections to community resources, and individualized care to advance mental wellness.



Children Come First

**Total children
served: 82**



Comprehensive Community Services

**Total participants
served: 69**



Peer and Parent Peer Support

**Total families
served: 33**





Therapeutic Services Team

**Total families
served: 19**

Court Ordered Evaluations

**Total evaluations in
2020: 1,069**



Home-Based Therapeutic Services

**Total families
Served: 28**



**STRENGTHENED
COMMUNITY**

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



**RISE Community
Partners
Volunteered...**

247

**hours of
service to
RISE
in 2020**



*Thank
you!*

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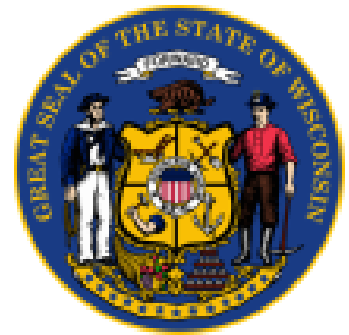
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