



**child  
development  
council**

***Annual Report 2009***



## ***Promoting the healthy development of children and families at home, in child care, and in the community.***



### ***A Vision For Our Community***

***The Child Development Council believes that a loving caring family, enriching early learning opportunities, preventive health care and sound nutrition, and safe stimulating environments are critical if we, as a community, want to give children the best possible start in life.***

***Children who grow up with these assets are more likely to be physically healthier, more emotionally secure and better able to learn. Studies show that these children benefit in the long run as well, and are more likely to contribute economically to our communities.***

***The Child Development Council offers a wide array of services which focus on the needs of young children, and which support the caring adults in their lives.***

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# *Our Mission in Action*

## *At Home...*

In 2009, the Council expanded its resources to help the neediest of young children. Baby formula, diapers, car seats, and safety gates are just some of the items we distributed to help parents with infants and toddlers get off to a healthy start. Upon the recommendation of a creative staff member, we developed new strategies to help families access transportation services to well-baby check-ups. We received support from United Way, Community Foundation's Sandy and Jay True Fund, Tompkins Charitable Gift Fund, Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair, BorgWarner, First Presbyterian Church and the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Grants to address these earliest contributors to healthy child development.



## *Family Support Services (FSS)*

FSS serves families with infants and toddlers in their homes, the first and most important environment for early childhood development to occur. Started over 30 years ago as an outreach program targeting rural isolated parents and child care providers, Family Support Services is designed to help parents and caregivers of young children by providing them with support and guidance before problems mount and become unmanageable. Family workers focus on the blossoming relationship between parent and child and they address needs when obstacles block children's full potential. Funding for preventative services, including Family Support, was very tenuous in 2009 so fewer families were served, despite an ongoing wait list for help.

## *Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program (TP3)*

TP3 was founded in 1983 by a coalition of local health and human service professionals who were concerned that the unique needs of adolescent parents were not being met. In its earliest days, TP3 provided services as well as high school classes for young moms. Today there are three main components: services coordination, prenatal and parenting education, and pregnancy prevention of initial and repeat teen pregnancies. Male and female teens up through age 21 are eligible for TP3 services if they are parenting or pregnant and reside in Tompkins County. The number of teen panel presentations increased significantly last year, reaching more than 600 middle and high school students concerning the challenges of adolescent parenting.

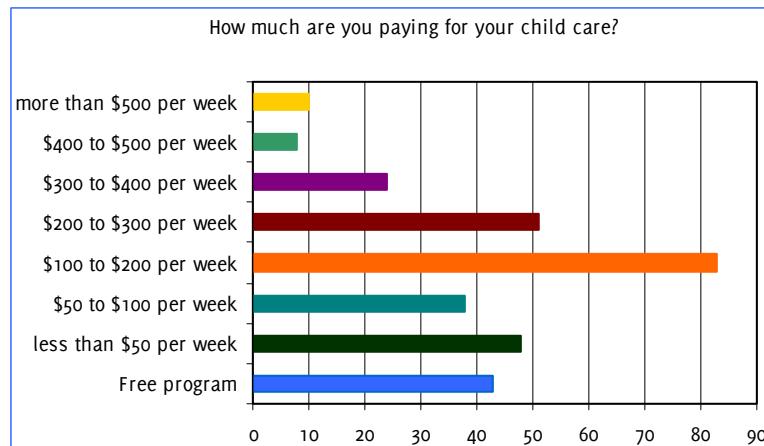
## *Early Head Start Home Based (EHS)*

In 2010, we will expand our home visiting services. In collaboration with Tompkins Community Action, the lead agency, the Council will be providing home-based Early Head Start services to 36 families. This program will be an exciting addition to the Family Support Services and Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program and will alleviate the long-standing waiting list for home-based support for parents with infants and toddlers.

## *In Child Care...*

Over the past year, the Council has been planning for the future of Child Care Resource and Referral Services. Stepping into the technology age, the Council has now made it possible for people to search for child care online, while maintaining phone and walk-in support for the most challenging issues.

Our child care needs assessment survey had a strong return. We heard from parents with children of all ages about the challenges of finding and paying for child care. While this is not new for our community, the stories parents shared reflect that it is getting more and more difficult to balance child care and work.



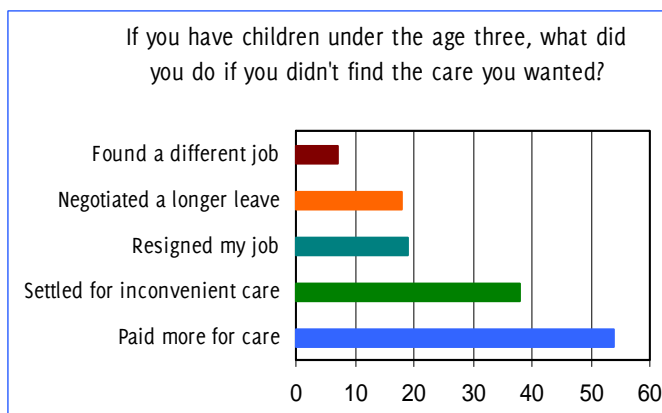
In 2009, the Child Care Opt Out Bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, was signed into law. This bill allows child care providers to opt out of posting personal information, including their home address and location on the Web site of the Office of Children and Family Services. Assemblywoman Lifton first learned of this safety concern of providers at a forum held by the Child Development Council.

## *Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR)*

CCRR promotes the growth and development of child care and has been a mainstay in our community since 1967. Quality child care strengthens and enriches family life, gives children opportunities to develop to their full potential and allows parents to be more efficient and productive in their workplace. Child Care Resource and Referral program is part of a statewide network of local planning and coordinating councils for early care and education services.

We help families make informed decisions about child care and help them find care that meets their needs. We work with a full range of child care providers and programs by helping them learn and implement the regulations, engage in best practices in early care and education, and offer them supports to run their businesses.

## *Child Care Support Services (CCSS)*



CCSS is the portion of CCRR which focuses on the enrollment of legally exempt caregivers and registration of family child care and school age child care programs. CCSS distributes health and safety items to all home-based programs to ensure a safe child care environment. In 2009, 4 informal programs became registered Family Day Care and we are currently working with 2 registered Family Day Care who are expanding to Group Family Day Care.

The Council also made the Creative Curriculum and Calendar Keepers, record-keeping tools, available to regulated home-based providers to support these micro-businesses in our community.

## *In Partnership...*

We have been actively working on a partnership with Cortland Area Child Care Council (CACCC). Our goal is to make the best use of limited resources, while maintaining responsive, high quality services. Early in 2010, the Board of Directors of the Child Development Council and CACCC decided to pursue a merger that will create opportunities to build on local successes, share highly specialized positions and share administrative services.

The Child Development Council partnered with the Ithaca City School District (ICSD) Early Childhood Program in support of the Universal PreK (UPK) programs by offering free use of the Council's space for meetings and training sessions, purchasing the Learning Together with Young Children books, and purchasing 60 slots for Creative Curriculum online assessments. These supports extended some of the quality initiatives of UPK to children in community-based sites. Approximately one-third of the ICSD's UPK spaces are held in community-based child care centers.

## *In the Community...*

We finally launched our new name and a refashioned Web site! The added recognition brought many new people to our doors, helped old friends know about us in a new way, and renewed our focus on young children and their development.

We were pleased to announce the birth of a tiny new car! BorgWarner Morse TEC Automotive donated a Smart Car to the Child Development Council. Since better than half of our staff are on the road going to provider and family homes, the mileage savings alone have been incredible. Thank You BorgWarner.

Borders and United Way teamed up in 2009 to contribute boxes and boxes of books! The Council has been a grateful steward and has passed these books along to families and other caregivers of young children.



## Annual Summary of Activities

Activity	2008	2009
<b>Child Care Provider Services</b>		
Visits for Quality Improvement	364	375
Child Care Complaints Investigated	19	17
Nutritious Meals and Snacks Funded	241,660	246,493
Business Start-Up and Retention Grants Administered	17	14
Attendance at Training Programs	611	645
Medication Administration Certified Providers		
Child Care Centers (includes 8 Head Starts)	19	17
Family/Group Child Care Homes	7	10
School Age Programs	6	6
<b>Supply of Child Care</b>		
Family and Group Family Spaces (plus 156 School Age Child Care)	630	630
Center Based Spaces (plus 209 Head Start)	1,016	1,270
School Age Program Spaces	1,611	1,443
Legally Exempt Enrolled	219	232
<b>Parent Child Care Support Services</b>		
Referrals for Children Needing Care	798	527
Child Care Scholarships (awards/children)	35/59	56/88
Cornell Child Care Grants Processed	877	850
<b>Family Support Services</b>		
Families (parents/children ages 0 to 3)	86/104	65/84
Home Visits/Field Visits	606/330	324
Consultations with health care/other service providers	770	247
<b>Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program</b>		
Pregnant Teens Enrolled	39	33
Expectant Dads Enrolled	5	6
Parenting Moms and Dads	45	53
Teens at Risk of Becoming Pregnant	2	1
Children of Teens	76	61
Contacts With or on Behalf of Teens	3,892	4,313
Teen Panel Presentations in Schools (panels/students)	24/459	35/635

For more information on the programs of the Child Development Council, visit our Web site at [www.ChildDevelopmentCouncil.org](http://www.ChildDevelopmentCouncil.org) or call us at (607) 273-0259.

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*Any omissions are inadvertent.*

*To all, Thank You!*

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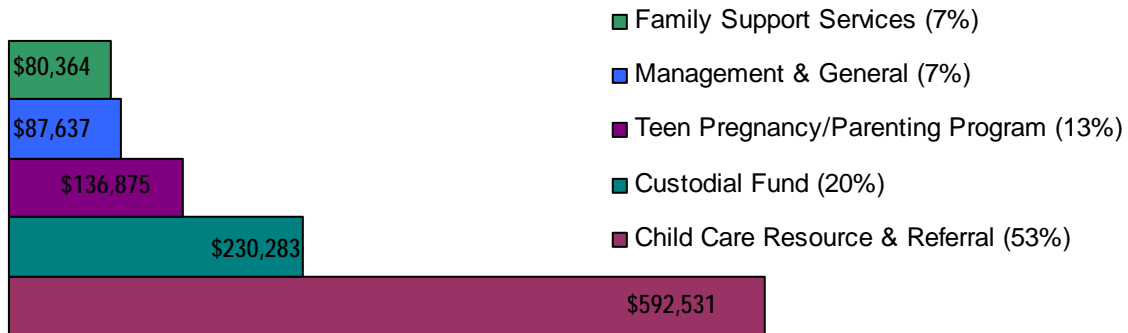
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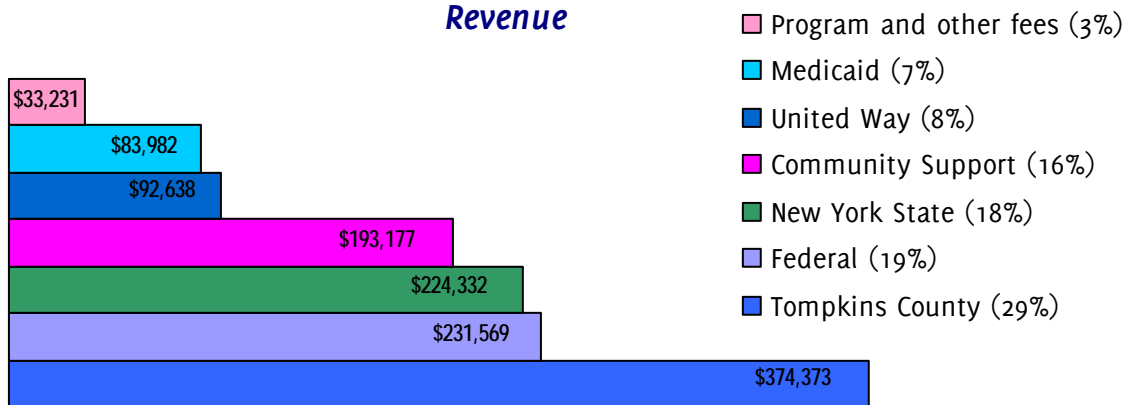
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### Expenses



### Revenue



## Statement of Financial Position

### Assets

<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$300,051
Unconditional promises to give	43,530
Accounts receivable	122,239
Prepaid expenses	18,288
 Investments	 \$107,067
Fixed Assets	\$25,059
 Total Assets	 <u>\$616,234</u>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable	\$48,873
Compensated absences	31,377
Total Liabilities	\$80,250
 <u>Net Assets</u>	
Unrestricted	\$445,282
Temporarily restricted	\$90,702
Total Net Assets	\$535,984
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