



FY08 Annual Report

“Advancing the quality of early education and child development by empowering parents, educating child care professionals, and collaborating with our communities.”

A Letter from the CEO

2008 was a great year here at Child Care Connection. The number of individuals using our referral services (especially our new online option) and the number of early educators utilizing our professional development training services grow every year. This year we have worked very closely with our partners AEYC-SEA (Association for the Education of Young Children- Southeast Alaska) and Play’n’Learn/CARES to develop the statewide Alaska Child Care Resource and Referral Network. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our collaboration and increase the consistency and quality of the services for families, early educators and communities throughout the state. Beginning July 1, 2009 (FY09), Child Care Connection will begin managing that statewide network and will become responsible for the delivery of Child Care Resource and Referral services statewide. This is an exciting evolution for our state and will enable us to utilize our resources more efficiently. We believe this transition will help us advance the quality of early education and child development throughout Alaska.

Candace Winkler, MPA MSW
Chief Executive Officer

Our Work

This year, Child Care Connection provided early care and education referrals and parenting support to over 5300 families, trained over 3500 early educators and provided drop-in care to over 1300 children at the Gambell Job Center, while their parents looked for employment. This work supports our mission to advance the quality of early education and child development in Southcentral Alaska.

A Success Story

Desiree Thomas began working with Child Care Connection as an Approved family child care provider. She opened her business Dee’s Child – O – Rama in July, 2006. Desiree completed the licensing process and became a licensed family child care provider in 2007. Desiree has worked with Child Care Connection since she opened her program utilizing training classes, the lending library, referral services, CDA and program consultation, and using the IRF (individual reimbursement fund).

Desiree states, “I am a life-long learner.” In February, 2009 Desiree received her CDA credential which is a direct tie to the quality services she provides for children and families in our community. Here is an excerpt from a thank you letter she wrote:

“I am writing to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I completed my interview and evaluation from the Council last night. Therefore, I have completed all of the requirements for my CDA. You have done so much and I am forever grateful for all that you have done for me throughout this journey. I appreciate you. I know that you will continue to encourage others as you have encouraged me. I am sure that they will feel that you are a blessing to them as you are to me. Thank you again.”

Fiscal Year 2008 Financial Report

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Government Grants	\$ 1,302,532
Foundations	113,028
Trainings/Contracts	131,087
Direct Public Support	69,275
Investment Income (Loss)	(3,427)
Other Income	10,605
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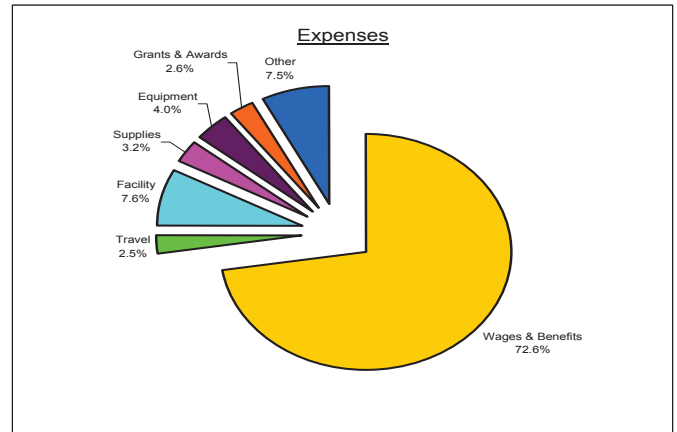
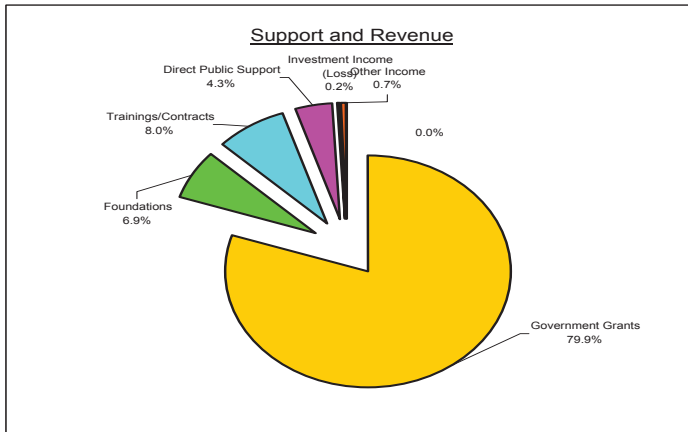
Total Support and Revenue \$ 1,623,100

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 1,359,235
Supporting Services	<u>\$ 193,796</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 1,553,031</u>

Net Revenue Over Expenses \$ 70,069

Administrative Rate: 11.9%



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