



# Variety Child LEARNING CENTER

INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1966



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**ABOUT US:** VCLC provides programs and services for young children, ages birth to seven, with learning, language, social and behavior challenges, including Autism, and support services for their families. Early Intervention (EI, for children under 3 years), the Committee on Preschool

Special Education (CPSE, for children 3-5 years), and the Committee on Special Education (CSE, for children over 5 years) are for children who have or are suspected of having a developmental delay or disability and are eligible based on New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) or New York State Education Department (NYSED) guidelines. Nassau County Department of Health/ Suffolk County Department of Health (NCDOH/SCDOH) for EI and local school districts for CPSE and CSE must refer children for evaluations and/or services. Type of services, frequency, duration, location, and provider are determined by the municipality for EI and the school district for CPSE and CSE. Families have no out-of-pocket expenses but are responsible for fees/costs associated with childcare. All therapists and teachers are licensed and/or certified according to NYSDOH and NYSED regulations.

### **MISSION•**

Promote the development, education, and inclusion into the community of children with or at risk of disabilities.

Increase the capabilities of families whose children have or are at risk of disabilities and reduce the stresses on those families.

Initiate improvements in the delivery of services to children and their families.

Provide training and technical assistance to early childhood personnel.

Promote programs, research, attitudes, policies, and collaborations that improve child development and family life.

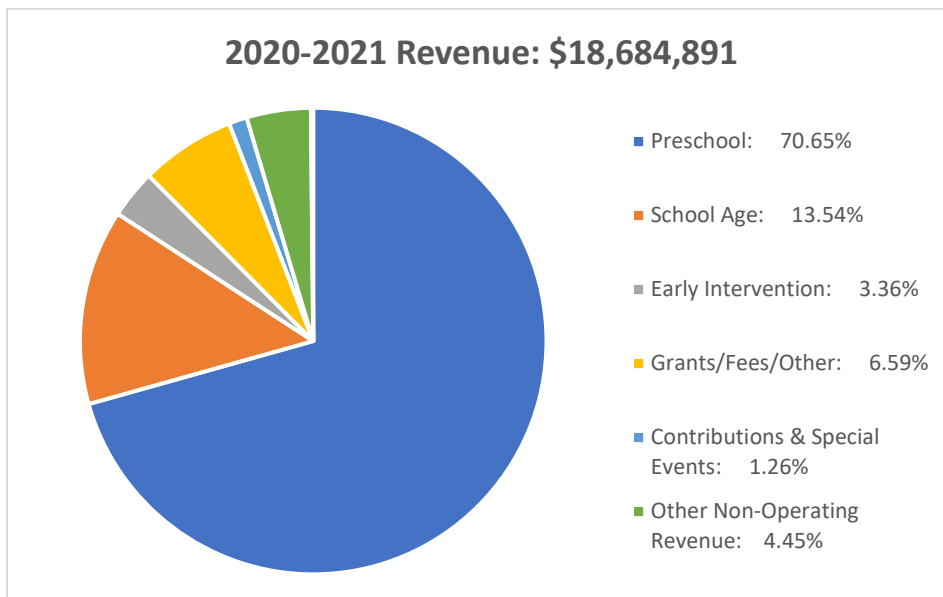
### **VISION•**

VCLC is committed to providing high quality programs for young children with disabilities and their families that focus on the educational, social-emotional, and physical growth of the children, and home/school collaboration. • We believe that all children are capable of learning. Our programs respect each child's individuality. Staff is responsible for developing relationships with each child. Decisions about programs and interventions must be based on the needs of the children. Always ask "Whose needs are being met?"

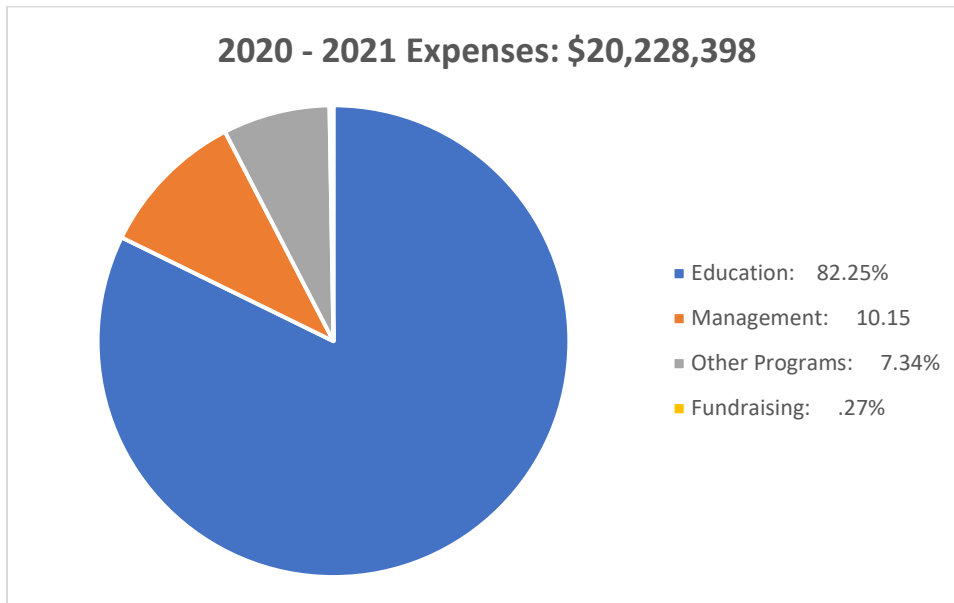
### **MOTTO•**

"Helping children become the best that they can be."

**FINANCIALS:**



## 2020 - 2021 Expenses: \$20,228,398



### COVID-19:

Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC) and its' dedicated, talented staff continued to provide services to our children on a remote basis through the summer of 2020 while preparing the buildings for the return to onsite learning in September. Both staff and children were welcomed back to all our sites in September 2020 on a hybrid schedule and by early November, everyone returned on a fulltime basis.

In preparation for the reopening of school, VCLC reconfigured space, ordered the appropriate PPE supplies and equipment, installed safety shields where needed and replaced flooring in several classrooms to insure a healthy and safe return of children and staff to the buildings.

During the 2021 fiscal year, New York State had allocated funds to the school districts to alleviate the additional costs associated with the Coronavirus including the shortage of staff. VCLC, however, and all other similar programs across the state did not receive any of these funds nor any tuition rate increases. In response, VCLC staff and families, along with their colleagues across New York State, reached out to local senators and legislators in both houses to pass legislation granting our programs tuition rate increases in the forthcoming school year equivalent to what is anticipated to be received by the local school districts. Both houses passed the proposed bill and it is awaiting approval from the Governor's office.

VCLC applied and received PPP funds in May 2020 which, in addition to other available funding, supported existing programs and prevented the furloughing of most staff. The financial statements FYE June 30, 2020, and FYE June 30, 2021, however, did not reflect the revenue to be recognized from the PPP funds and they remained as a liability. This created the losses as reported on those statements.

The application for forgiveness of the PPP funds will be submitted to the financial institution during fiscal year 2022. Revenue will be recognized when forgiveness is granted.

VCLC is excited to report that our agency was awarded the opportunity to oversee the Universal Pre-K Program for the Island Trees School District beginning September 2021. We are looking forward to this new collaboration and plan to seek approval from the New York State Education Department to open additional classrooms with dual certified teaching staff to service both children with and without disabilities.

VCLC is looking forward to continuing to service children and families in the forthcoming fiscal year in a safe and secure environment and to continue to provide our students with the opportunity to become the best that they can be!

**RENOVATIONS:**

VCLC welcomed back the children to our Syosset campus with a new, updated playground. We are thankful to both donors and families who generously donated at fundraising events the past year.