

Cincinnati Early Learning Centers

2017 Annual Report



2017...A Year of Innovation

Innovation is vital in the field of early childhood education. Education is a powerful tool in the alleviation of poverty, which is a broad regional priority and critical to greater Cincinnati's long-term success. Throughout our 37 years working in this sector, the board and staff continue to explore ways to optimize the strengths of parents so they are empowered to be their child's first teacher. A family-centered approach is what we do at our eight 5-STAR rated early learning centers.

One of our new programs, Learning Together, an integral part of our family outreach efforts, received a boost in 2017. The Robert & Adele Schiff Family Foundation generously funded a large RV which was retrofitted into a "mobile classroom." Their philanthropy allowed the team at CELC to innovate in ways that had not been realized before by providing us the opportunity to transition Learning Together from a stationary program to a mobile one and reach many more children and families in underserved neighborhoods across Hamilton County.

The goal of our Learning Together mobile classroom is to bring together parents, caregivers and children to learn about early childhood development. Exploring books, math and science in a play based approach helps parents see ways they can support their children's development at home. The mobile classroom also includes an early childhood resource coordinator who assists families to access resources for health, housing and employment. We look forward to what 2018 will bring in terms of additional impact and support that will be derived as a result of this innovation.

Price Hill continued to be a strategic focus for us as the new CELC-Price Hill facility was renovated. By the end of 2017, nearly 40 preschool aged children were able to access early childhood education in two classrooms thanks to the generous philanthropic community. It is our goal to have the entire facility renovated by the end of 2020.

As we think about 2017, we remain grateful and thankful for everyone connected to CELC. If you are a parent, thank you for entrusting your children to our teachers – we love watching them grow! If you are a donor, board member, volunteer, or community partner, please know that we could not do this without your support – thank you. If you are a member of the CELC staff, we are humbled by your consistent focus on quality early childhood education and thankful for your talent.



*Patti Gleason
President/CEO*



*Robert Grace
Chair of the Board*

Angel De Leon's Story

Meet Angel De Leon.

Maria, CELC staff, first met Angel's dad when he came to our CELC-Price Hill early learning center interested in attending preschool. Due to Angel's age, Angel would not be eligible to start preschool until August 2017. In the interim, Maria invited Angel's family to attend our Learning Together mobile classroom until Angel could start preschool. Learning Together is a weekly facilitated play group for young children and their families, friends, neighbors, caregivers and parents—targeted specifically to those who are not enrolled in preschool or childcare—so that they can begin to learn and explore through play and establish a foundation for learning. When they first began attending they were both very quiet and stuck close together. Overtime, both Angel and his mom became more comfortable and began building a relationship with Maria.

As Maria got to know the family, she learned that the mom and the children has just recently moved to the United States and had no living room furniture. Within a few days of learning this information, Maria was able to secure several donations – a couch and an end table – that were delivered to the family.

Not only did the family need resources for their home, but Maria also noticed that Angel needed some dental work and worked with his mom so that he was seen at CPS's Oyler school-based health center located in Lower Price Hill. During the examination, it was determined that Angel needed dental surgery and Maria assisted the family in making the necessary appointments at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Fast forward ten months later, here is a picture of Angel today.

He is thriving in our preschool classroom. Before he started preschool, his teeth had been fixed and he was able to start school ready to learn. His family attends the family engagement activities offered through the Price Hill early learning center and they are getting to know other families in the community.

Angel's mom has also recently started working at a neighborhood store. This underscores the importance of our family-centered culture – staff and families working together in support of young children.

Angel is now registered to start kindergarten at CPS's Roberts Paideia Academy this fall.



CELC's Mission in Action



A teacher helping to nurture a love of books



A parent teaching children about his job



Mastering the important skills of pedaling and steering



Supporting writing skills



Our Learning Together mobile classroom is ready for the road in support of our family outreach efforts



Reinforcing healthy hygiene habits

CELC's Mission in Action



Developing and refining fine motor skills through our Learning Together Program



Enjoying a supportive learning environment



Families getting to know each other at the CELC family picnic



Encouraging child/parent interactions in our Price Hill Center through reading



Practicing fine motor skills through painting



Learning through play makes for a happy child



Painting with water – a fun and educational summer activity

Community Impact

Social return on investment is very important for CELC and the nonprofit sector. It is not enough to present data to you, our stakeholders – we want you to know the full impact we are making in greater Cincinnati, particularly the communities we serve.

- 92% of children who participated for a program year were assessed age-appropriate in cognitive and language skills or meet IFSP or IEP goals.
 - 89.5% of children who participated for a program year were assessed age-appropriate in social and emotional development or meet IFSP or IEP goals.
- 100% parents/caregivers, whose children are entering kindergarten, demonstrated awareness of the importance of early learning and kindergarten readiness and their role in supporting their children's development.

What do these measures really mean? Kindergarten is where most children learn to read and write. CELC ensures that children have well-developed preschool skills – academically, emotionally, socially and physically – so each child can successfully make the transition into kindergarten. This is why early childhood education is vital.

As you can see from the measures, CELC continues to be a leader in the early childhood education field.

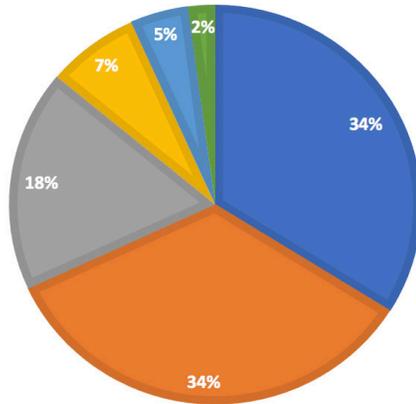
2017 by the numbers

- 19 members of the board of directors govern CELC.
- 125 employees prepare children for kindergarten.
- 37 years in business.
- 8 early learning centers in Hamilton County.
- 8/8 are 5-STAR rated.
- 3/8 are located in Price Hill.
- 5/8 are located across the county, including downtown Cincinnati.
- 522 children and their families were supported through our early children education and parental supports programs.

Operations & Governance

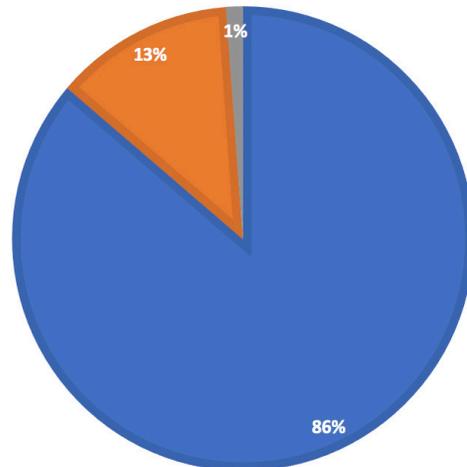
2017-OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT

- Childcare service revenue, families
- Childcare service revenue, public funds
- Contributions & Grants
- United Way
- Contracted Services
- In kind rent & contributions



CELC-OPERATING EXPENSE

- Program Services
- Supporting Services
- Development/Fundraising



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Executive Team

Patricia Gleason, President/CEO
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 Valerie Taylor, Finance Director

Supporters

Cincinnati Early Learning Centers values philanthropy and is grateful for the many wonderful gifts received in 2017. Please know that every gift is important to the children and families we serve in Hamilton County. Due to space considerations, we are only able to publish donations over \$100.00 from 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017. Every attempt was made to ensure the accuracy of donor information. Please contact Lissa Shackelford at lshackelford@celcinc.org with any errors or omissions and accept our apologies.

5-Star Society (\$15,000 to \$100,000)

Thomas Emery Memorial Foundation
The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Andrew Jergens Foundation
Louis & Louise Nippert Charitable Foundation, Inc.
John & Francie Pepper
The Daniel & Susan Pfau Foundation
Robert & Adele Schiff Family Foundation

4-Star Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

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Valerie Taylor
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Agency Partner

Locations

The mission of Cincinnati Early Learning Centers, Inc., is to develop and operate model, professional early childhood and school age programs that meet the diverse needs of the children and families in the communities we serve.

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