



2022 Annual Report

October 2021 - September 2022



**CHILD CARE
CONNECTIONS**

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2022 Highlights



MESSAGES FROM THOSE WE SUPPORTED LAST YEAR

"After receiving the Gap Scholarship I feel... like I have finally been helped; so incredibly grateful; more productive at work; I can work my full hours; that we can find financial stability..."

- Gap Scholarship Recipients

"Our family wanted to express our most sincere gratefulness to all of you. It was such a blessing to receive this grant in the mail to cover the costs of summer child care while my husband and I both work full-time. We are so very grateful to all of you for your kindness. This helps our family so much. "

- Candance D. (Summer Care Grant Recipient)

"You've been a huge help to our family, and I'm always amazed by the care (and speed!) that you consistently deliver. Above and beyond. Thank you! "

-Best Beginnings Scholarship Family

OUR MISSION

Child Care Connections advocates for the well-being and quality care of children by supporting early childhood professionals, families, and the communities we serve.

Advocating for the well-being and quality care of children since 1978.



CCC impacted over

14,000

children, parents,
caregivers, early
childhood professionals,
and employers

CCC serves

6 counties

Gallatin, Lewis and Clark,
Jefferson, Broadwater, Park,
and Meagher

Our Impact on Families



For many families, child care is hard to find and expensive. Child Care Connections' (CCC) Family Services team offers support and resources to help local families find and afford safe, quality care that fits their family's unique needs.



895 children and 520 families received the Best Beginnings Scholarship

That's
32%

more children who benefited from licensed, quality care through the Best Beginnings Scholarship than last year



"The scholarship allowed us to afford child care while in between jobs. This was a **HUGE** help and a blessing that got us back on our feet and self-sufficient again"

~ M.H. Best Beginnings Recipient



530+

child care referrals were given to families for licensed child care programs in CCC's service area.

20 Children
17 Families
7 Child Care Programs

Were impacted through the Gap
Child Care Scholarship Program in
Park County

\$24,463

in Gap Child Care Scholarships were
awarded to Park County Families thanks to
funds from the Arthur M. Blank Family
Foundation

Launched in August of 2022,
Child Care Connections' Gap Child
Care Scholarship is an innovative
program taking down the barriers
to child care. Helping families
cover the cost of child care for up
to three months, this program
offers wraparound support to
ensure that local families have the
tools to continue on a successful
path forward.



GAP

CHILD CARE
SCHOLARSHIP

Our Impact on Child Care Providers



74
Classroom
trainings

Provided
1,207
hours of coaching
and technical
assistance

197
Licensed
programs
supported

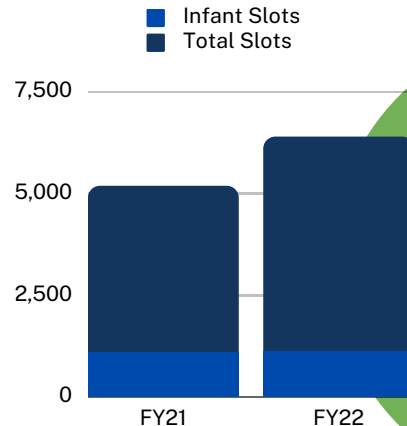


Whether you're just getting started or you're a seasoned early childhood professional, Child Care Connections' (CCC) Provider Services team offers the support you need to be successful and provide safe, quality early childhood care.



I started Fun on the Farm in February 2022. I was really excited and nervous about making this major change in my life. Tammy Christofferson at Child Care Connections was my mentor throughout this process. Any problems or concerns I ran into, she was there to steer me in the right direction. Our meetings are always productive and informative.

~ Melanie Meyers, Child Care Provider



Our staff helped child care providers access the resources and support they needed to open more child care slots in our service area!

43 virtual and **89**
on-site monitoring visits were
completed to support
participants in implementing
healthy nutrition in early care
programs.

\$382,671

in meal reimbursements to participating
CACFP programs to assist the cost of
serving healthy meals and snacks

229,551

Nutritious meals
were served in child
care programs,
teaching healthy
eating habits.

The Child and Adult Care Food
Program (CACFP)
is a federal program that
provides reimbursements to
participating child care centers,
day care homes, and adult day
care centers for nutritious meals
and snacks served to enrolled
children and adults.



Our Impact on Child Safety



Child Care Connections' Child Safety Program offers free resources and education to children and caretakers on bike and motor-vehicle safety for children.

This program is funded through generous support from foundations and donors.

183

Bike helmets were fitted and given out to area children free of charge

90

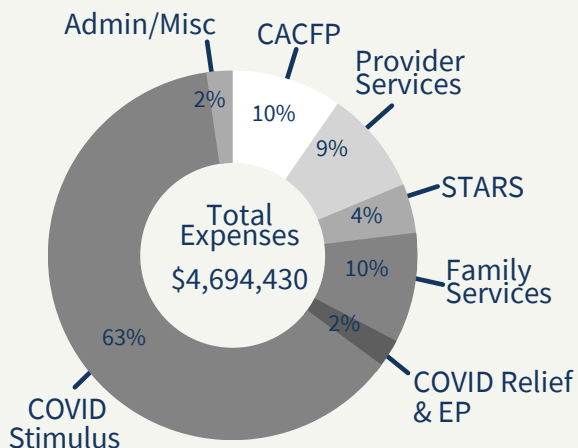
Children braved the rain to participate in the 2nd Annual Cayden James Leonard Memorial Bike Rodeo in Livingston



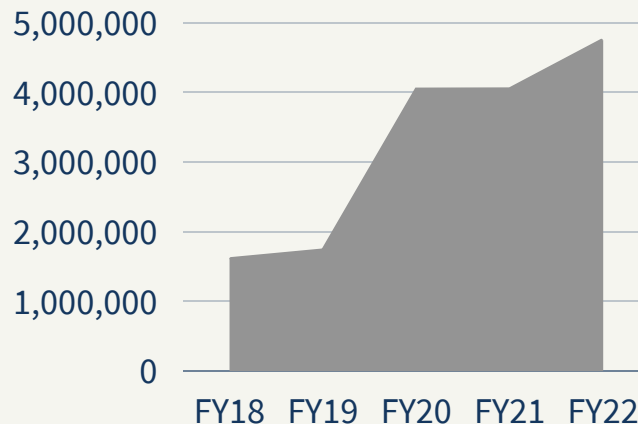
Our Financials



EXPENSES



INCOME



More details at
[GuideStar.org](https://www.guidestar.org)

30¢

Our cost to raise \$1

71%

Of our total expenses were pass through funding including COVID support to providers and families

17%

Increase in income over 2021

Our Staff and Board



THE STAFF BEHIND IT ALL

Leadership Team

Tori Sproles, M.Ed.- Executive Director
Kami Ryles- Assistant Director
Brandi Thomas- Provider Services Supervisor*
Gaby Loeza- Finance & HR Coordinator*

Provider Services Team

Tammy Christofferson- Provider Support Lead
Katy Reasoner- CACFP Coordinator
Rhiannon Shook- STARS Consultant
Judith Ehret- STARS Coach
Sara Silva- STARS Coach*
Larisa Moe- Professional Development Specialist*
Samantha Talsma- Outreach Coordinator

Family Services Team

Sarah Peterson- Family Engagement Coordinator
Cassidy Leonard- Lead Eligibility Specialist
Amber Nelson- Eligibility Specialist
Rebecca Appelgate- Eligibility Specialist
Jessie Watson- Eligibility Specialist

Administrative Team

Rose Heider- Development Coordinator
Missy Bell- Office Administrator
Kemery Smith- Administrative Assistant*

*Indicates staff in our Helena Office



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Windy Way Rock Shop

Greg & Cassidy Leonard



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support in our programs.

“ Thank you so much for all you do to
help us have a stronger, healthier,
more sustainable community!
-CCC Donor ”



OUR STORY

Child Care Connections (CCC) was founded in 1978 in response to the growing need for child care as women with young children entered the workforce in large numbers. Today, CCC is the only Child Care Resource and Referral agency in our six-county service area of Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, Park, and Meagher.

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