# · 2021 · ANNUAL REPORT







#### **MISSION**

KYFS promotes healthy development of children, youth and families in South King County by providing professional counseling, education and support services.

#### **STATEMENT OF VISION**

Helping youth and families achieve their goals for a better future.

#### **VALUE STATEMENT**

Equity and cultural inclusion, accountability, partnering, advocacy, and responsive to clients and community.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE AGENCY..

To those who have supported Kent Youth and Family Services throughout the years, we thank you for all you've done to help grow our agency, allowing us to continue bringing hope and change to our community. Our board of directors, including Board President, Lesley Hogan, the KYFS staff, and the children we serve all send our sincerest gratitude.

As you know, 2021 was not without some unique challenges. We had to find new and innovative ways to help the youth and families of the South King County area and keep everyone safe while doing so. Our behavioral health team offered flexible services for clients by utilizing telehealth and in-person services, as well as continuing our partnership with the Kent School District where we have provided services in several schools, which allowed us to overcome transportation and access-to-service barriers by seeing children and youth at school and worked to upgrade processes and systems to accommodate this flexible care model, including a new electronic health records system, which began in September of 2021.

Our Early Learning and After School programs also faced unprecedented circumstances due to the pandemic and continued to innovate and find new ways of reaching children and their families. Parents expressed concern about their children's learning difficulties due to being out of the classroom so our After School program placed a large focus on homework help and STEAM workshops. To help rebuild a sense of community, we also held a number of family engagement activities, including an art walk and handing out turkey boxes for Thanksgiving.

As we look forward to 2022, we are thankful for everyone who came together during these challenging times to offer support to the young people that we serve.

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

The Youth, Family & Co-Occurring Counseling program at KYFS provides counseling services for infants, toddlers, youth up to age 25, and families throughout Kent and surrounding communities. Our program is dedicated to those seeking help by creating services that are compassionate, effective, efficient, and culturally informed.

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In 2021, our behavioral health team worked to upgrade processes and systems to accommodate this flexible care model, including a new electronic health records system, which began in Sept 2021. This allows us to pull reliable data, increasing efficiency, and provide automated services such as paperless faxes to coordinate care with other providers.

In-person & telehealth services include: SUD individual and family counseling, SUD assessments, SUD education/intervention groups, mental health individual and family counseling, and our OKAY! Group for LGBTQ+ youth. The OKAY! Group continues to include youth from across Pierce & King Counties.

In schools, in-person services include: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services in 4 Kent high schools with extension services to Kent Middle Schools, and Mental Health counseling services are available in 4 Kent schools (2 elementary, 1 middle, and 1 multi-age school).



# EARLY LEARNING

In 2021, the Head Start and ECEAP preschool programs were still dealing with some of the concerns brought about due to Covid. The staff and children were required to wear masks and ensure extra sanitation procedures were being followed including frequent handwashing. The staff continued to adapt to the pandemic to ensure that families were supported and engaged.

Due to being at home during covid and children not having opportunities to play and socialize with others, the skills assessment data indicated that the children were below expectations in their social/ emotional and problem-solving skills development. The teachers partnered with families to plan for lessons and activities that supported each child's skill development and encouraged families to continue working with their child on their skills while at home. Weekly links were sent out to the families of online learning activities that aligned with the curriculum, and specific links to support each child's individualized learning goals.

Family Support Specialists provided weekly community resources and talked with parents to identify and support the family's ongoing needs. The Family Support staff supported the families in setting goals for themselves and provided encouragement and resources to support them in taking steps towards achieving these goals. In addition to regular services, Early Learning staff provided Covidrelated information and supplies to families as part of our on-going COVID response.



17 were homeless, 263 were non- or limited English speaking and 22 identified with a disability. ETAVI

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This year the KYFS After School program continued to provide caring adult role models and a safe place for youth to engage in academic, enrichment, physical, and social skill activities.

### This year's highlights include:

# 75%

### OF REGULARLY PARTICIPATING YOUTH (2-3 x per week) IMPROVED MATH AND READING COMPREHENSION

As reported by iREADY assessments, these diagnostic assessments are taken every 6 months, and adjusts its questions based on student knowledge to determine how best to support each student's learning

• FEED (Fortifying Education Enrichment & Development) program successfully finished the third year of programming thanks to funding from Best Starts For Kids. The program draws together partnerships between Somali Youth & Family Club, Communities Rooted in Brilliance, YMCA, and KYFS.

• The program works to create environments where everyone has equitable opportunities to be safe and healthy as they progress through childhood, building academic and life skills to be thriving members of communities.

• Summer Splash summer reading program helps eliminate summer reading loss. 37% of youth served were initially two or more grade levels behind in reading levels. Post assessment data showed that only 27% of youth are now two or more grade levels behind in reading. Programs are moving the needle, but After School is diligent in increasing literacy levels even further.

### WATSON MANOR

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The Watson Manor Transitional Living Program provides 18 months (and up to six additional months if deemed necessary) of transitional housing and support services to a culturally diverse population of single, homeless, extremely low-income teenage and young adult mothers and their children. The target age range at the time of program entry is 16 to 24 years old. Program participants receive a furnished apartment in Watson Manor, and are offered support designed to help them build parenting skills, address education and employment goals, health and wellbeing services, and overcome housing barriers in order to secure permanent housing. This year, we began offering an Incredible Years behavioral health class specifically for Watson Manor mothers through our Behavioral Health program.

Key partnerships for Watson Manor including the King County Nurse Family program, Legal Counsel for Youth and Children, which supported several of our clients, and Eastside Baby Corner, who provided diapers, safety gear, and other baby items for not only Watson Manor but the Kent community at large through a weekly distribution event at Kent Youth and Family Services.

HOMELESS MOTHERS

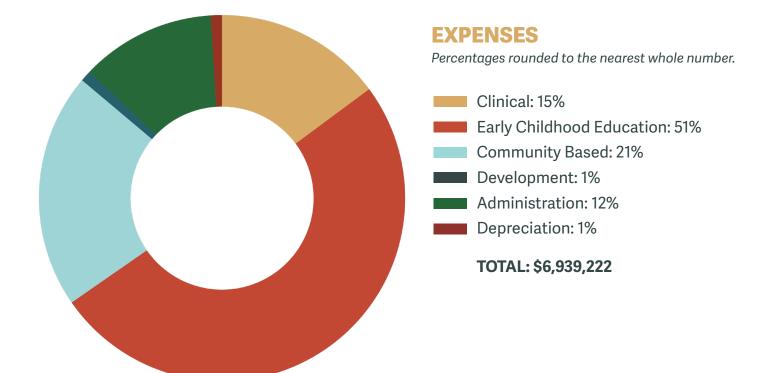
### HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

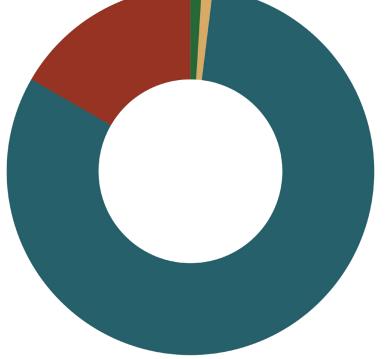
This is one of the first programs in South King County that offers services to families on the brink of homelessness. We provide progressive case management tailored to each client based on the needs and goals they identify.



**190** CASE MANAGEMENT SESSIONS • **1,727** HOUSEHOLD BED NIGHTS

### FINANCIALS





#### REVENUE

Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

- Contributions: 17%
  - Government Agencies, Grants and Program Fees 83%
- Donated Goods & Services: <1%
  - Other Revenue: <1%

TOTAL: \$5,329,547



#### SUE CAMOU ARRANT, Interim Executive Director

MICHELLE HANKINSON/BRIAN HUGUES, Director of Operations

**LILY STELLMON,** Director of Fund Development and Community Relations

#### OUR BOARD -

**PRESIDENT: Lesley Hogan** Executive Director Human Resources Renton Technical College

**1 ST VICE PRESIDENT: Rona Popp** Kent School Distric, Student and Family Support Services Director of Categorical Programs

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PAST PRESIDENT: Brandy Reed Kaiser Permanente Kent Clinic Medical Center Manager

47% of current board memberships are persons of color and/or cultural diversity. One member is a high school student; with ten women and five men.

#### AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Jane Prestbye Pastor, Kent Lutheran Church, Pastor

Rafael Padilla Kent Police Department Chief

**Israel Vela** Chief School Operations & Academic Support Officer Kent School District

Michael Matthews Banner Bank - Kent Branch, VP/Branch Manager

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**Volunteers:** We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers in 2021. We truly could not do what we do without you.

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### THANK YOU

### to those of you that have donated through online fundraisers, The One Thing Experience, and through employee giving. We appreciate your support and we cannot do our work without you!

We apologize if your name is not represented here.





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