







#### 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..**

We would like to give our sincerest gratitude to those who have supported Kent Youth and Family Services throughout our 52 years of serving South King County. 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, Cynthia Boyd, the KYFS staff, and the children we serve all thank you.

Throughout the pandemic, behavioral healthcare needs have increased significantly among youth, as they are experiencing higher and more complex levels of mental health concerns. The community KYFS serves, primarily low-income and BIPOC youth and families, including immigrants and refugees, have faced long-standing disparities in both physical and mental health. We responded to this increased need and continued to offer both in-person and virtual services to our clients, continuing our partnership with the Kent School District by providing school-based services, allowing us to reach as many youth as possible.

Our joint After School/Behavioral Health pilot program, funded through HealthierHere, kicked off this year, and will be working to provide comprehensive mental health and well-being supports for After School participants, by providing community education, expressive arts groups, and After School staff training on mental health awareness and resources. It is our goal that, through this program, youth will have the resources and support necessary to strengthen and grow their social-emotional skills, to become more resilient and well.

The Early Learning and After School programs were able to welcome back students full-time to give them a safe place to learn and grow socially once again. The homework help and literacy programs we offer have helped to combat some of the learning loss that students experienced over the past 2 years.

We're so thankful to be able to continue to serve these young people and help them look toward a brighter future with your support. None of our success would be possible without the generosity of people like you in our community.

# **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

The KYFS behavioral health program is continuing to provide 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 behavioral health services in several schools, which allows us to overcome transportation and access-to-service barriers by seeing children and youth at school.

### MENTAL HEALTH 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.

### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

Our youth-centered approach to treatment services creates a welcoming and supportive environment for clients and families struggling with substance use. By offering a judgment free treatment experience to clients and families, and a positive approach to recovery, we empower our clients to practice the skills necessary to replace use of substances with healthier coping skills, make thoughtful decisions, and achieve their goals. Substance Use Disorder staff work with clients to improve relationships, improve academic performance, learn important life skills for a successful transition into adulthood, and build a peer-group supportive of abstinence and prosocial behaviors.

The Back on Track program is for those clients who don't have a diagnosis. In these cases, SUD counselors give education instead of treatment. Sessions can include topics such as drug and alcohol education, anger management, communication styles and coping skills.



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: OKAY! GROUP

OKAY! is an open support group for youth ages 13–19 who each week identify as LGBTQ +. Our goal is to provide a community space where it's OKAY to be you!

To serve LGBTQ+ youth in South King County in 2022, the OKAY! Group, facilitated by mental health counselors, met for in-person groups each Wednesday and were able to begin going on social outings again. The primary focus for 2022 was to continue to hold a safe space for participants to connect, feel supported, and express themselves freely through discussion, art, and other activities. The OKAY! group served 15 LGBTQ+ youth throughout this year.

**760** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLIENTS SERVED

**8,438** DIRECT COUNSELING HOURS **89%** OF CLIENTS REPORTED

IMPROVEMENT IN FAMILY AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS 86%

OF CLIENTS REPORTED **PROGRESS** TOWARDS THEIR GOALS

## EARLY LEARNING

In 2022 we served 627 preschool children throughout Kent and Covington, 28 were homeless, 442 were non- or limited English speaking and 42 identified with a disability. Eighty-Five percent of the children enrolled in our early learning programs identify themselves as of-color.

The teachers planned lessons that supported the individual child's skill development. 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.

## **94**%

OF STUDENTS SHOWED GAINS IN KINDERGARTEN READINESS TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD ASSESSMENT

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

In 2022, the KYFS After School program continued providing a safe place for youth to engage in academic, enrichment, physical, and social skill activities with caring adult role models.

#### This year's highlights include:

• 75% of regularly participating youth (2-3 times 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 fourth year of programming thanks to funding from Best Starts For Kids. The program draws together partnerships between Communities Rooted in Brilliance, YMCA, and KYFS.

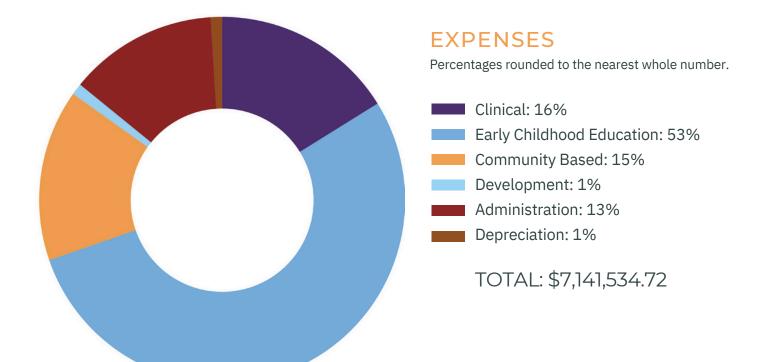
• Our Summer Splash summer reading program helps eliminate summer reading loss. After School is diligent in increasing literacy levels for its participants.

**52%** TOTAL PARTICIPANTS WHO IMPROVED READING SCORES BY ONE GRADE LEVEL OR MORE **59%** TOTAL PARTICIPANTS WHO IMPROVED MATH SCORES BY ONE GRADE LEVEL OR MORE over **2,500** Hours of COMPUTER LAB TIME

OVER **2,300** HOURS OF TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP

**98%** SUCCESS RATE KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS **51 FAMILIES** RECEIVED ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND REFERRALS

### **FINANCIALS**

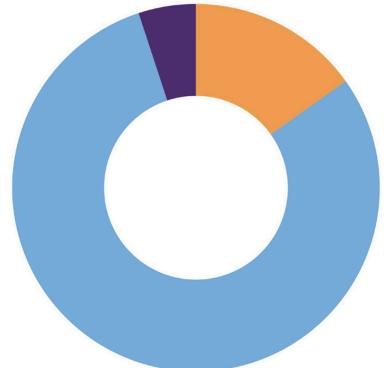




Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

- Contributions: 5%
- Government Agencies, Grants and Program Fees 79%
- Donated Goods & Services: 15%

TOTAL: \$7,360,119.37



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