

## **“Come to the Beach” with Child Care Choices**

The 2000 Benefit & Auction was held at St.Patrick’s Parish Center in Troy and once again the committee outdid itself and the entire event was enormously successful.

“Come to the Beach” raised almost \$17,000 for the organization and managed once again to increase the general awareness of Child Care Choices and its many services.

The funds generated by the fundraiser were used to:

- Make hundreds of referrals to families needing child care
- Partially fund 30 workshops for Home Child Care Providers and Day Care Center personnel
- Continue the Partners in Parenting newsletter program
- Helped fund the recruitment of 42 new home childcare providers

The annual Benefit & Auction could not be a success without the hundreds of volunteer hours that go into putting it together and also the generous support of local individuals and businesses. We thank each and every person for the role they play in making the event the huge success it is every year.



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# **Child Care Choices**

“Your Link to Community Child Care”

## **2000 Report to the Community**



### **Mission Statement**

**Child Care Choices links those needing child care  
with providers giving care in Miami County and  
surrounding areas. We provide child care  
information, training, and support for families and  
child care providers to help them give  
the best possible child care.**

## Child Care Choices Serves Miami County and Surrounding Communities

In 2000 Child Care Choices helped 677 families find child care for 1,010 children. There is an increased need for child care due to many two parent working families, single parent families and families being affected by welfare reform.

Child Care Choices offers families ongoing support through parenting newsletters, follow-up calls and phone counseling about child care concerns.

Child Care Choices offers parents information on choosing quality child care with each list of child care referrals.

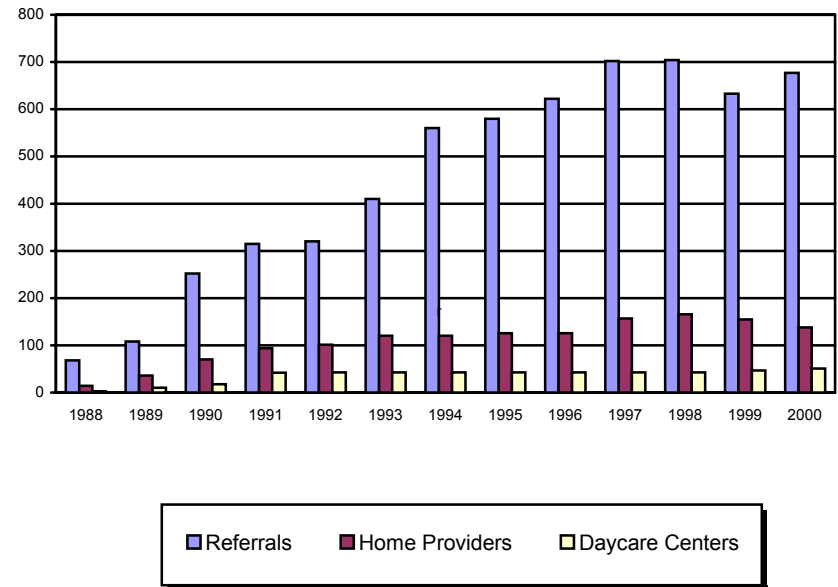
### Child Care Choices supports providers. . .

Child Care Choices' registered providers receive support from Child Care Choices' staff through telephone counseling, a quarterly newsletter and workshop training sessions. The Child Care Choices "Partners in Parenting" newsletter offers helpful information to providers to share with the parents of children in their care.

Child Care Choices also gives each new home child care provider a start-up kit and a "technical assistance" visit as part of the registration process. These visits are free of charge and give the provider the chance to talk about specific issues of concern to them, ask questions and gain new ideas and insights from a childcare professional.

Child Care Choices believes that well-trained child care providers offer better quality child care and encourage all registered providers to attend as many of the Child Care Choices workshops as possible.

**Growth in Services**



### Training! Training! Training!

Research has shown that well-trained child care providers offer better quality child care. Child Care Choices offered 30 training workshops in 2000 with topics ranging from the basics in the Health and Safety in Family Day Care training curriculum to child development, creative activities and other topics.

Child Care Choices collaborated with eight other agencies in sponsoring "Celebrating Children", a workshop attended by 108 caregivers. Home childcare providers are also given opportunities to learn fun, creative and inexpensive ways to provide a good, quality active learning environment for the children in their care. These learning opportunities would not be possible without some of the dollars raised at the annual Child Care Choices Benefit and Auction. Contributions made to this worthwhile event really do help kids throughout Miami County.

## Child Care Choices Keeps on Growing...

### Child Care Choices continued to serve many families...

- Made 677 child care referrals for 1,010 children.
- Added 39 new home childcare providers for a total of 170 in the Child Care Choices network.
- Registered a total of 47 area childcare centers.

### The Child and Adult Care Food Program continued...

- As we assisted 37 providers who serve nutritious meals to children.

### Child Care Choices sponsored new programs for 2000...

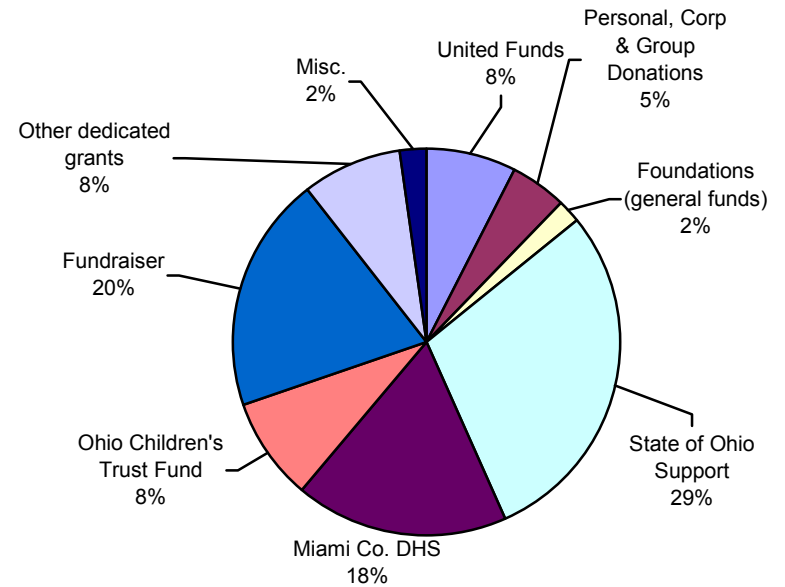
- Sent monthly activity and resource packets to all registered and certified home day care providers in Miami County. Each packet contained a children's book and many activities.
- The Story Lady made visits to childcare homes and centers. She sang songs, read stories and did art and craft activities with the children. Caregivers watched and learned new ideas.

### Child Care Choices works with other agencies...

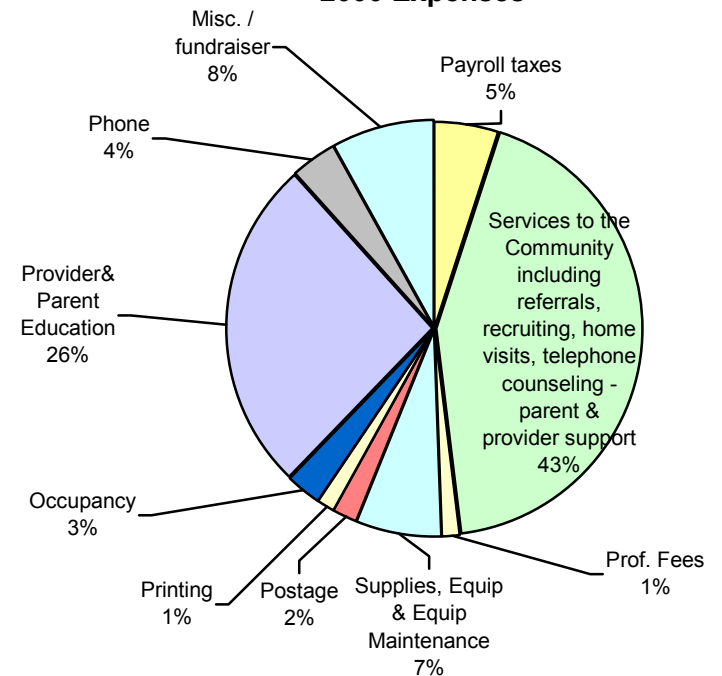
- Works closely with Miami County Dept. of Job & Family Services in planning and giving child care provider training.
- Participates in the Miami Country Early Intervention Consortium, UVAEYC, Week of the Young Child, Piqua Early Care and Education Council, Leadership Troy

**Volunteers help stretch every dollar...** Child Care Choices staff, board and community members work many volunteer hours a week including facilitating workshops, presentations to the community, office help, fund-raising, and many other activities.

**2000 Support & Revenue**



**2000 Expenses**



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