

“A Night in New Orleans” with Child Care Choices

The 2001 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.

“A Night in New Orleans” raised almost \$19,000 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 29 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”

2001 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 2001 Child Care Choices helped 520 families find child care for 725 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.

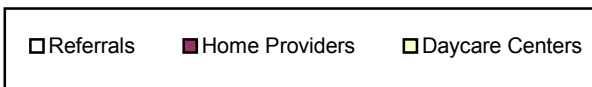
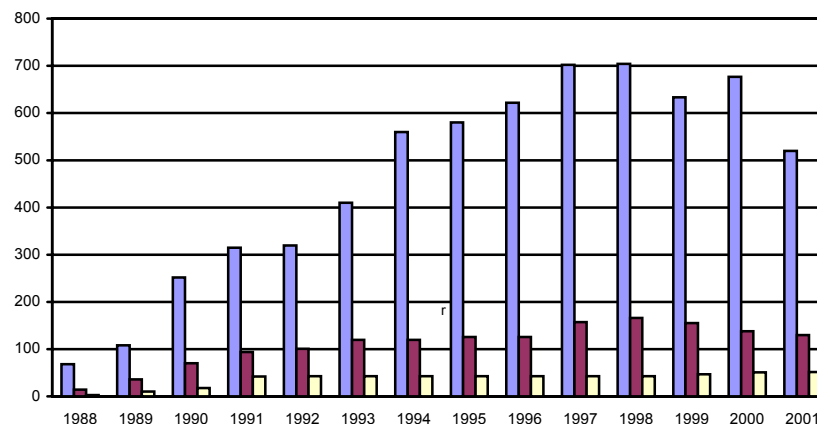
Child Care Choices supports child care centers and home child care providers. . .

Child Care Choices' registered providers and center staff members receive support from Child Care Choices 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 2001 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 "Will I Have a Friend?", a workshop attended by 94 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 520 child care referrals for 725 children.
- Added 29 new home childcare providers for a total of 130 in the Child Care Choices network.
- Registered a total of 52 area childcare centers.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program continued...

- As we assisted 48 providers who serve nutritious meals to children.

Child Care Choices sponsored programs for 2001...

- 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.
- Partners in Parenting newsletter is sent to approximately 2000 families each month
- Distributed over 4,000 children's books to child care providers and the children in their care

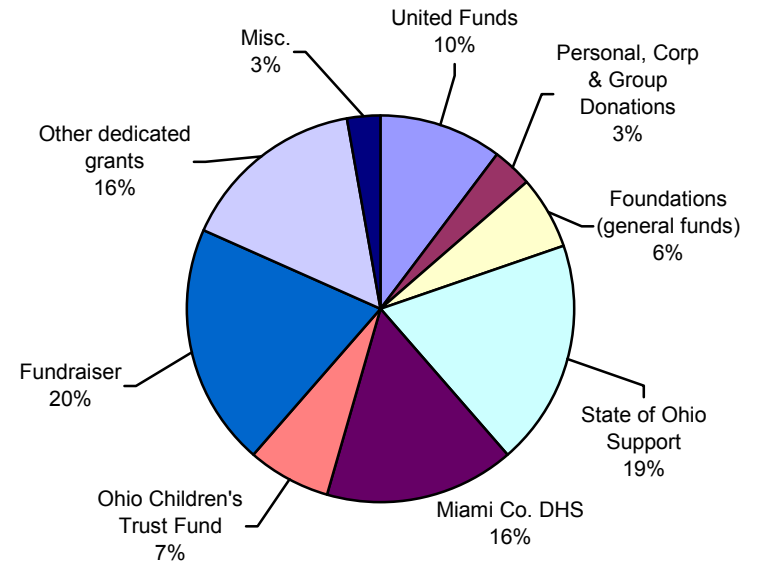
Child Care Choices works with other agencies...

- 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, and Miami County Family and Children First Council

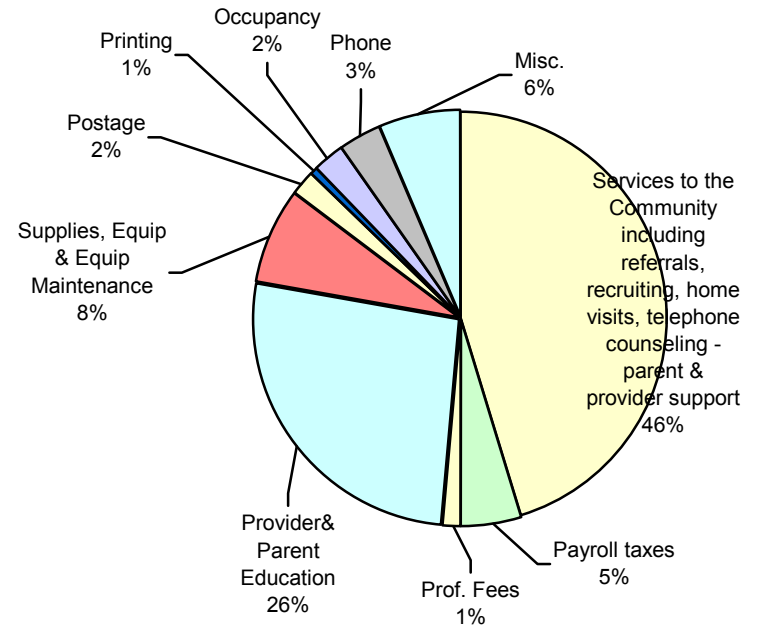
Volunteers help stretch every dollar... Child Care Choices staff, board and community members work many volunteer hours a week including facilitating workshops, presentations to the community, office help, fund-raising, and many other activities

Community volunteers contribute substantially to the services given to Miami County families through Child Care Choices.

2001 Support & Revenue



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