low Springs Community Children's Center

Annual report July 2022 – June 2023



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Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System

5-STAR AWARD WINNER!

Letter from Executive Director- Aillie Turner

When I started here 4 years ago, I would never in my wildest dreams have imagined myself in the position I am in now. The Children's Center being a staple of the community was a huge draw for me when making the decision to leave where I had been for many years. From the day I walked through these doors, I knew there was an understanding of just how important the work we do here is, and I was happy to be surrounded by like-minded people, who not just knew it but acted on it as well.

Fast forward to December 2022, I officially came into my role as Executive Director and suffice it to say, it has been a rollercoaster ride ever since. I am proud to say that in this short time we have been able to increase enrollment while retaining the majority of our staff with the support of the COVID Stabilization grant, we received in September of last year. We have continued to provide a safe and nurturing environment where students look forward to coming each day, and where parents have no doubt that when they leave their children in our care, they will be receiving the best care and early education we can give. As a result of those efforts and the never-ending hard work and perseverance of our teachers and administrators, in June 2023 we were officially renewed for our Step up to Quality 5 stars!

Family involvement is so important to us here at YSCCC. We understand the key role that families play in the growth and development of each student. This year we have made it our goal to focus on family involvement and events. We had our first Trunk or Treat in October of last year which brought out all of our families for a ton of fun! We also put on a Holiday concert in December, held a Spring Dance in March, and a Carnival in April. We have been able to have parent volunteers come into our classrooms and read books with us and facilitate activities, as well as provide family education sessions and workshops with our Early Childhood consultants and specialists. We have also been hosting a book club for parents on effective parenting techniques and strategies. Last Saturday was a bittersweet moment for us as we graduated eleven of our own students, who are now off to kindergarten in just a few short days!

Summer Camp 2023 was an ENORMOUS success! We brought in over ($16,000) in tuition and were able to go exciting trips to the Cincinnati Zoo, Owen's Place Park, Get Air, Round 1 and more! We were visited by employees with John Bryan Community Pottery, did some exploration at the local parks, and enjoyed bike rides on the bike path and hiking in the Glen. Our summer campers even took to becoming mini entrepreneurs by hosting their own art sale, bake sale, and lemonade stand! It has truly been an exhilarating and rewarding summer!

Future projects that we will be focusing on in this next year are #1 Re-applying for USDA funding. Getting approved would assist us in covering costs of each nutritious meal we provide. #2 Having all our teachers become CDA certified. The Child Development Associate is a widely recognized national credential for Early Education. #3 Classroom upgrades and enhancements! We are so passionate about the care we provide and would love to update our classrooms and facilities to reflect that passion. #4 Creating a separate space for infants to have their own playground. Currently, they share the toddler playground, but we would love to provide them with their own space to move their muscles and explore! #5 Working on community projects to better enhance our relationships with our neighbors and community as well as provide opportunities for collaboration.

Thank you all for coming out today and for your continued support as we strive to honor our commitment of providing a nurturing, family-oriented environment to support and enhance the unique social, intellectual, emotional and physical growth of each child. I look forward to sharing our progress with you all!

Achievements:

- ✪ 5 Star Step Up to Quality status renewed!
- ✪ New Infant playground equipment
- ✪ Increased training & ECE related certifications
- ✪ Successful Summer Camp program
- ✪ Ongoing collaboration with Greene County ESC
- ✪ Beginning CDA classes for teachers

Who we serve:

72 children



54 families



Financial reports

Total Program Income: $773, 876.61

Total Program Expenses: $715,122.94

Net Income: $58,753.67

*net income reflects $60,000 in loans, see attachment for more details.

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Leadership – YSCCC Board members and committees

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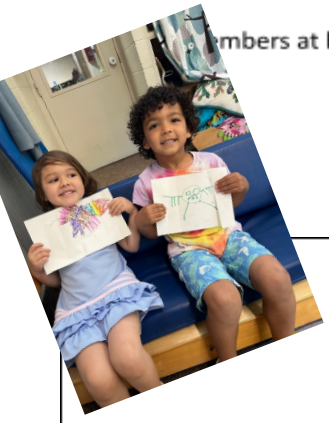
Personnel: Florence Randolph

Facility: Ed Armhein

Parent Liason: Sachi Dixon

Members at large: Jessica Raska, Ethan Harris

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YSCCC Staff members

Executive Director: Aillevrah "Aillie" Turner

Educational Manager: Racheal Ratliff

Administrative Assistant: Leslie Straw

Infant teachers: Sade Martin & Hannah Feasel

Toddler teachers: Haleigh Hall, Gabi Mintchell, Jaclyn Lamb, Jessica Reed

Preschool teachers: Grace Greer

Pre- K teachers: Leslie Straw & Brianne Fowler

School Age teachers: Lillian Matthews, Heather "Lou" Ratliff, Sam Barker

Cook: Jessica Temple

Floaters: Peyton Seagraves, Emma Griever, Jamison Watkins



Our Vision and Goals:

- ✪ Be the regional model for Conscious Discipline in Early Childhood Education
- ✪ Increase enrollment to pre COVID 19 levels
- ✪ Update preschool & toddler playgrounds
- ✪ Begin construction on infant playground
- ✪ Fence painting project for community collaboration
- ✪ Provide Scholarship money for continuing education for teachers & tuition for families
- ✪ Possible addition of a second infant classroom and an additional toddler room





