

Providing leadership in early childhood education for more than **59** years!



**CHILD
CARE**
of Southwest Florida, Inc.

2024-2025 annual report

Dear Friends,

For 59 years, Child Care of Southwest Florida has provided leadership in early childhood education, supporting children, families and the workforce that powers our region. As we reflect on the 2024–2025 fiscal year, we are proud to share the impact made possible through the dedication of our staff, board, partners and supporters.

This past year marked a period of meaningful growth and progress. Child Care of Southwest Florida now serves more than 500 children across 10 centers, including four centers operated in partnership with The School District of Lee County. These partnerships strengthen our ability to meet families where they are and expand access to high-quality early learning throughout the community.

In addition to expanding our footprint, we invested in the people who make our mission possible. Over the past year, we welcomed approximately 30 new staff members, growing our team to better support children, families and early learning professionals. Their passion, professionalism and commitment continue to elevate the quality of care and education we provide every day.

Through our DCF-funded training programs, we reached 28,647 participants, strengthening early childhood education across Southwest Florida. Across our centers, children received safe, nurturing and developmentally appropriate care that supports both their early learning and their long-term success.

Nutrition remained a cornerstone of our mission. Through the Child Care Food Program, our team processed more than 5.6 million meals annually, ensuring children receive the nourishment they need to learn, grow and thrive.

Also during the 2024–2025 year, we awarded \$175,792 in scholarships, supporting 196 students and covering 17,269 days of care. These scholarships help parents remain in the workforce while giving children the strong educational foundation they deserve.

None of this work would be possible without the commitment of our Board of Directors, the leadership of our management team, and the generosity of our community partners and supporters. Their belief in our mission allows us to grow thoughtfully while staying focused on the families we serve.

As we look to the year ahead, we do so with renewed energy, optimism and hope. With your continued partnership, Child Care of Southwest Florida remains committed to strengthening children, families and communities — and building a brighter future, one child at a time.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Chris Hansen

Chief Executive Officer
Child Care of Southwest FL

Mark Wilke

Chairman of the
Board of Directors

Lisa Tortora

Chief Financial Officer

**28,647**

Annual # of
participants in
DCF funded
training program

**400**

Average number of
daily children in our (6)
child care centers

**5,608,291**

Total annual meals processed
through the Child Care
Food Program

**\$175,792**

Total scholarships awarded
at our (6) centers

**196**

Number of
students who
received CCSWFL
scholarships

17,269

Number of days covered
by scholarships

ACCREDITATION

Our Six Centers are Accredited by the National Accreditation Council



Children's Garden of LaBelle
South Main Street, LaBelle
Yadira Lorenzo 863-675-3311



The Children's Learning Center
Barkley Circle, Fort Myers
Martha Kebhart 239-267-1136



Joseph H. Messina Children's Center
Fowler Street, Fort Myers
Yolanda Vargas 239-278-1148



P.A. Geraci Child Development Center
Canal Street, Fort Myers
Lateasha Green 239-337-4995



The Community Children's Center
Wings Way, Lehigh Acres
Megan Greeley-Gibson 239-369-2220



G. Weaver Hipps Early Learning Center
Homestead Road N., Lehigh Acres
Yaima Ramirez 239-600-6314



Corporate Office

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SPECIAL THANKS

We are fortunate to have a devoted Board of Directors, and we thank them for their time and energy.

Board of Directors

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Our Team

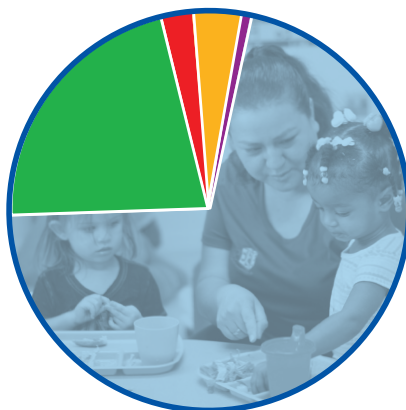
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer
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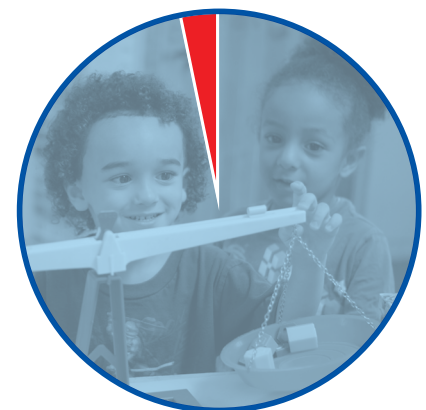
FINANCIALS FOR 2024-2025

REVENUES



FL Dept. of Health/Food Program	\$11,453,161
Child Care Centers.....	\$3,595,876
Service & Consulting Fees	\$230,365
Private Contributions and Grants.....	\$583,280
Other Programs.....	\$161,363
Total Revenues.....	\$16,024,045

EXPENSES



Program Services.....	\$15,454,307
Supporting Services.....	\$504,542
Total Expenses.....	\$15,958,849