



# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2015



**Child Focus, Inc.**  
**Making THE Difference!**  
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# OUR MISSION

The Mission of Child Focus, Inc. is to join with communities in strengthening families and improving the quality of life for children.

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Every day, Child Focus is Making THE Difference with comprehensive and compassionate care for children. From counseling and psychiatry for children struggling with emotional and behavioral issues, to preparing children for a lifetime of school success, to finding loving families for children removed from abusive homes, we are realizing our mission of a community in which every child is safe, learning and healthy – one child at a time.

Child Focus continues to grow and leverage our partnerships with the community to serve families. More importantly, the children and families in our care continue to show progress and positive change that will impact their lives and the community around them.

As we look to a future that includes expansion to new counties and new lines of business with the collaboration of local schools, juvenile court, children's protective services, pediatricians, mental health boards and other community partners we are confident that services to children and families will continue to improve.

Thank you for your support in helping us Make THE Difference,



James L. Carter, CEO  
**Child Focus, Inc.**

# EARLY LEARNING

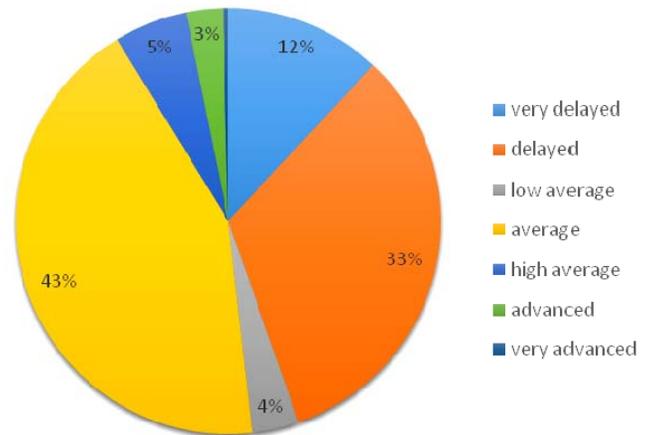
Child Focus Early Learning Programs provide the building blocks for the future success of young children in our community. Our programs are designed to ensure more children are ready to learn and ready to succeed in school.

**School Readiness** is the primary goal of the Child Focus Head Start program. Children enrolled in our center-based and home-based programs participate in educational learning opportunities designed to equip them with the skills they will need to succeed in Kindergarten, including phonological awareness, language and literacy, math and reasoning and social/emotional development. Data and service outcomes are from the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

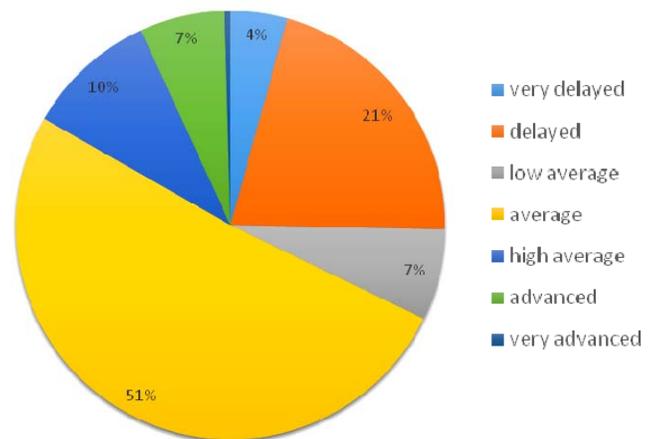
**The Bracken School Readiness Composite** measures receptive skills in identifying colors, letters, numbers, sizes and comparisons, and shapes. This assessment is believed to provide an indicator of school readiness through a normed scoring system which can be converted to percentile ranking and a descriptive classification (Advanced, Average and Delayed) for ease of understanding.

Child Focus has learned from previous assessment results and used the assessment data to improve teaching methods and placed greater attention on small group instruction and individualized interventions this year. The positive effect on child progress has been dramatic. Year end scores for Spring 2015 demonstrate that **75%** of children transitioned to kindergarten with Average or Advanced school readiness skills. At the end of the 2014 Fall program year, that number was only **55%**.

### FALL 2014 BRACKEN



### SPRING 2015 BRACKEN



# COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Child Focus provides community mental health services that parents and caregivers report are helpful and informative, as well as provide meaningful information, such as how to implement treatment recommendations at home and in school.

Child Focus, Inc. believes that a child's mental health is just as important as his or her physical health. Recognized as a leader in the field of children's mental health, Child Focus supports children and families struggling with behavioral or emotional issues in the child care, school, home, community, juvenile court and office setting. Data and service outcomes are from the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

**100%** of parents reported that their question or concern about their child was answered through the diagnostic process.

**97%** of parents whose children utilized Crisis Intervention services reported that they felt more in control following the service.

**90%** of clients receiving Counseling/Psychotherapy services were extremely or moderately satisfied with their counseling service.

**85%** of students enrolled at the Wasserman Youth & Adolescent Center (WYAC) Partial Hospitalization program reported somewhat to great improvement in the behavioral outcome. Improvement was evidenced in school behavioral issues as well as tantrums and acting out.

**72%** of parents with children receiving Juvenile Court Mental Health services reported their child's symptom(s) was better through the outcomes survey.



# OUT OF HOME CARE

Child Focus provides comprehensive out-of-home placement and supportive services to children and their families.

Child Focus, Inc. believes every child deserves a safe, loving home. Through its foster care program, Child Focus Out of Home Care partners with couples and individuals who can provide temporary care for children removed from their birth families because of abuse or neglect. Child Focus offers a range of services to support its foster families, including training in trauma-informed care, therapeutic parenting and 24-hour crisis intervention. Data and service outcomes are from the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

**100%** of Children Safe from Abuse & Neglect. Evaluation of critical incident reports for the period of review evidenced that **100%** of children placed in Child Focus, Inc. foster homes were free from substantiated child abuse and neglect.

**93%** of children in foster care had a single foster home placement during their initial 12 month placement period. **81%** of children had a single placement in agency foster care from placement through discharge. Outcome data for foster home safety and continuity of care yield superior results and serve as concrete indicators of the effectiveness of placement services and safety for children in care.

**90%** of Children in foster care meet School Attendance guidelines and **84%** evidence passing grades. School attendance data reviewed indicate that 100% of school age children met school attendance guidelines once placed in care and 84% were passing academic coursework. Outcome findings indicate that school-age children placed in Child Focus Inc. foster care are well supported to achieve academic success and the majority of children attended school regularly and performed at a satisfactory level.

**100%** of parents completing Family Stability services evidenced improvement in one or more core parenting areas:

- **76%** of parents demonstrated decreased belief in the value of corporal punishment and an improved value for alternatives to physical discipline.
- **59%** of parents demonstrated improvement in empathy responsiveness to their children's needs.
- **41%** of parents evidenced improvement in the knowledge of child growth and development.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Child Focus would also like to thank **Kroger, Channel 9** and all community supporters for the **Channel 9 Toy Drive at Kroger Eastgate**. Child Focus received donated gift cards, cash and toys. Special thanks to WCPO Channel 9 for providing support and helping thank those donating that day. The Giving Tree program provides food, clothing, coats, cleaning supplies and toys for needy families enrolled in Child Focus programs. Overall, **109 families** with **296 children** were helped. Special thanks also goes to **Mt. Moriah Church, Sharefax Credit Union, Cherry Grove United Methodist Church, Newtonsville Methodist Church, Clark Schaefer Consulting LLC, GfK Custom research LLC, Clermont Chamber of Commerce, Lerner Sampson & Rothfuss and Center for Wealth Management** for sponsoring multiple families!

In FY 2015, Child Focus utilized **905 parent and community volunteers**, generating **\$614,940** of inkind.



# OUR FINANCIALS

Federal, state and local government grant funds, Brown and Clermont Mental Health Boards, contracts with other agency and school partners, client fees, insurance and United Way allow us to serve families.

The final, agency-wide audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133. The audit did not contain any non-compliances, any questioned costs, any instances of non-compliance with any funding sources, or reveal any material weaknesses in the agency's internal control system.

## Child Focus, Inc. Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2015

### Support:

Federal Grants	3,205,928
State Subsidies	1,636,262
Title XIX and Other Federal Funds	3,059,480
School District Contracts	742,578
Therapeutic Foster care Funds	891,997
Early Head Start	1,309,591
In-kind Program Revenue	304,048
United Way and Other Contributions	307,109
	268,247

11,725,240

### Revenue:

Day Care Funds	908,764
Fees:	
Self Pay	70,391
Agency	48,711
Miscellaneous Income	92,235
Special Events less Expenses of \$9,067	17,615
Child/Adult Food Care Reimbursement	229,765
Home based Intervention	265,908
Ohio Children's Trust Fund	67,502
Investment Income	89,854
Training	44,467
Insurance Fees	196,022
Rental Income	47,264
Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investment	22,593
Gain on Sale of Property and Equipment	41,698
Release form Restrictions	0

### Total Support and Revenue:

13,868,029

### Expenses:

Program Services	11,848,512
Management and General	2,013,232
Fundraising	13,489

### Total Expenses:

13,875,233

Change in Net Assets

(7, 204)

Net Assets, Beginning of Year

7,300,677

Net Assets, End of Year

7,293,473



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