



The Children's Trust 2023 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

For 35 years, the Massachusetts Children's Trust has worked diligently to prevent child abuse and neglect in our state, supporting nearly 400,000 families in the process. Throughout the past year, we continued to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families across the Commonwealth through strong partnerships, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to progress.

As one recent example of our innovative approach, the Children's Trust invested over \$1M for more than 100 Springfield families in its first Financial Support Program in an effort to reduce child abuse and neglect by decreasing financial stress families face. In addition to our commitment to innovation, we take pride in the training and technical support we provided to thousands of professionals working with children and families across Massachusetts.

We are excited to share that in March 2023 we launched our strategic plan with final Board of Directors approval anticipated in February 2024. This marks a shift in our focus from individuals to the organizations and communities that can drive systemic changes that impact the root causes of child abuse and neglect. We look forward to a future of even stronger partnership and the opportunities that await the children and families of Massachusetts.

We are so grateful for our dedicated partners and supporters who make this critical work possible. Together, we can create a Massachusetts where all children grow up safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Valenzuela
Executive Director

George Atanasov
Chair, Board of Directors
Head of Worldwide Government Affairs & Policy
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Mission Statement

The Children’s Trust is on a mission to end child abuse in Massachusetts. Our programs partner with parents to help them build the skills and confidence they need to make sure kids have safe and healthy childhoods.

Using evidence-based prevention programs and resources provided by the Children’s Trust, our robust network of partners work to strengthen families and communities across Massachusetts.



Children's Trust Funded Programs

Our funded programs are informed by rigorous research and driven by data and evaluation. This work leads to safer children in stable families, reducing the social, health, and education costs for the entire Commonwealth.

Strong partnerships make prevention possible.

All Children's Trust programs work to help parents both build and strengthen protective factors and mitigate risk factors in an effort to prevent child abuse and neglect.



Decreasing Risk Factors

- Parents' mental health
- Substance abuse
- Parental stress
- Family history of abuse



Promoting Protective Factors

- Supportive social connections
- Access to basic needs
- Understanding child development
- Effective parenting skills

"I'm a success. You gave me the opportunity to be a better father, a better man, and the person I am today."

Nurturing Fathers Program Participant

Our Partners

The Children's Trust has deep long-standing partnerships with over one hundred of the most effective family support agencies and organizations across Massachusetts.

Healthy Families Massachusetts

Attleboro/Taunton

Greater Attleboro Taunton Healthy Families
SEMCOA

Boston

Boston Area Healthy Families
Catholic Charities

Brockton

Greater Brockton Healthy Families Programs
SEMCOA

Charlestown

Harbor Area Healthy Families
Bridges Homeward

Fall River

Greater Fall River Healthy Families Collaborative
People, Inc.

Gardner

North Worcester County Healthy Families
Care Central VNA

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Community Action Pioneer Valley

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Healthy Families Melrose/Wakefield
Melrose Wakefield Healthcare In.

Milford

Healthy Families Framingham/Milford
Criterion Child Enrichment, Inc.

New Bedford

Healthy Families New Bedford
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children

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Massachusetts Family Centers

Athol

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Cambridge

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City of Cambridge Department of Human
Service Programs

Greenfield

Community Action Family Center
Community Action Pioneer Valley

Medford

Medford Family Network
Medford Public Schools

North Adams

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Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc.

SAFE Child Communities

Eastham

Cape Cod Children's Place

Fatherhood Initiative, Nurturing Fathers Program

Boston

Smart from the Smart

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Adult & Teen Challenge

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Fatherhood Initiative, Fathers & Family Network

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18 Degrees

Boston Metro Area

The Children's Trust

South Coast Region

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Southeastern Massachusetts

Cape Cod Children's Place

Western Massachusetts

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children

Celebrating our Partners

Faces of Prevention recognizes honors and recognizes family support professionals across Massachusetts who are making a difference in their work to prevent child abuse and support families.

This year's *Faces of Prevention* honorees include:



Bethany Prince-Malloy

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Tony Rizzuto

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Robin Akram

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"The importance of the work is what drives me. Sometimes people just need someone to believe in them and encourage them."

Robin Akram, Greater Lowell Healthy Families Program Coordinator

Impact by Program



Home Visiting

Healthy Families Massachusetts helps young parents build effective parenting skills, understand child development, and set personal goals, like graduating.

23

funded Healthy Families Programs

23,156

home visits completed with

2,218

participants

171

home visitors employed

Family Support Sites

We partner with family support sites across the state to provide caregivers with essential tools, collaborative programs, and a supportive environment for navigating parenthood.

7

Family support sites funded

7,040

concrete supports and referrals provided

1,878

parent education, playgroups, and workshops provided



Training and Professional Development

Through workshops, training series, and technical assistance, the Children's Trust is committed to strengthening the family support workforce and expanding prevention education throughout Massachusetts.

4,747

parents, caregivers, and family support professionals trained

968

training hours completed

250+

training opportunities provided

Includes our *A View from All Sides* annual conference that attracted nearly **600** family support professionals from around the state on November 1-2.

Fatherhood Initiative

Our Fatherhood Initiative works to advance activities and trainings that support fathers, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

734

Fathers and Family
Network meeting
attendees

104

hours of group meetings
provided to Nurturing
Fathers participants

35

Nurturing Fathers
Program Graduates



Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Equipping parents, caregivers, and youth-serving organizations with essential skills and knowledge can prevent child sexual abuse.



156,502

Website users to
SafeKidsThrive.org gained
access to education and resources

828

Training
attendees

2,348

staff reached via
SafeKidsThrive.org

**"Healthy Families is my lifeline and my
support system."**

Healthy Families Program Participant

Innovation. Advocacy. Community.

Commonwealth's First Financial Support Program for Young, First-time Parents in Springfield

A new financial support program launched in June 2023 to support young, first-time parents in Massachusetts who are enrolled in our Healthy Families program in Springfield. The goal of this program is to help families reduce financial stress and create safe, nurturing environments for children.

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Step Up for Kids

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Children's Trust volunteers, supporters, program partners, board members, and legislators joined us for our annual *Step Up for Kids* event at the Massachusetts State House. *Step Up for Kids* recognizes the impact of the evidence-based programs and leaders in Massachusetts that provide critical resources to parents, educators, caregivers, and family support professionals.

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"My Home Visitor and Healthy Families have pushed me every day in ways I never could've imagined ensuring the betterment of my daughter's life and own personal journey of fatherhood."

Healthy Families Program Participant

A View from All Sides Conference

Nearly 600 participants came together both in-person and online to attend our 30th Annual *A View from All Sides* conference November 1, 2022 - November 2, 2022. Both days were filled with engaging and thought-provoking presentations, meaningful connections, and a renewed energy that will power our work forward.

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The Children's Trust Gala

On September 22, 2022 guests from across the state came together to celebrate children and families impacted by the Children's Trust. From honoring the retired Executive Director, Suzin Bartley, to hearing inspiring and powerful stories from our program participants, *The Children's Trust Gala* highlighted the importance of child abuse prevention.

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Celebration Day

On Thursday, June 15, 2023 Children's Trust staff and partners gathered both in-person and virtually for our annual *Celebration Day*. This event celebrates the work and accomplishments of Children's Trust program partners and family support professionals across Massachusetts.

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Honoring Former Children's Trust Board Member, Bill Solfisburg

For nearly two decades, Bill served on the Children's Trust Board of Directors and was a champion for children and families in our community. We are grateful for his work helping to end child abuse in Massachusetts and appreciate your support in honoring Bill's memory.

Our Financials



The Children's Trust (Public)

FY2023

Revenue and Other Support:

Healthy Families (State)	\$17,519,623
Inter-Agency Service Agreements	\$3,143,847
The Children's Trust (State)	\$2,211,219
Federal Grant (Multi-Year)	\$868,556

Total Revenues	\$23,743,245
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Disbursements:

Program Services	\$17,133,173
Non-Program Personnel	\$1,760,501
Management and General Infrastructure	\$705,987

Total Disbursements	\$19,599,661
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The Children's Trust (Private)

FY2023

Revenue and Other Support:

Special Events (Net of Direct Expenses)	\$458,775
Corporate & Private Contributions	\$175,991
Investment (Endowment) and Interest Income	\$122,856
Conferences and Other	\$113,188
In-Kind Contributions	\$37,135

Total Revenues	\$907,944
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Disbursements:

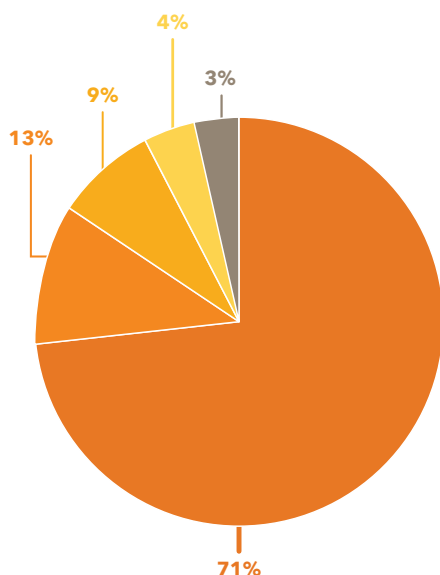
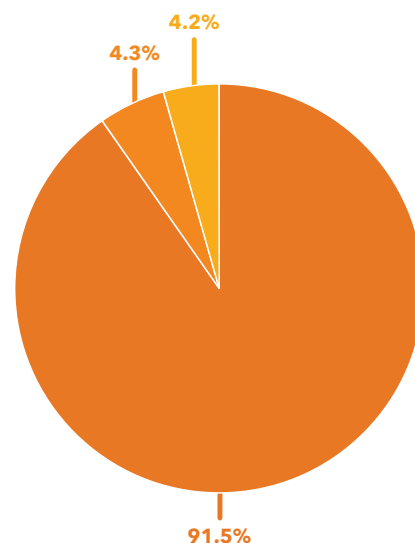
Management and General Infrastructure	\$324,356
Program Services	\$145,784
Non-Program Personnel	\$27,261

Total Disbursements	\$497,401
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Combined Expenses by Category

91.5%	Program Services	\$17,278,957
4.3%	Non-Program Personnel	\$1,787,762
4.2%	Management & General Infrastructure	\$1,030,343

100% Total Spending \$20,097,062



Total Income by Source

71%	Healthy Families (State)	\$17,519,623
13%	Inter-Agency Service Agreements	\$3,143,847
9%	The Children's Trust (State)	\$2,211,219
4%	The Children's Trust (Private)	\$907,944
3%	Federal Grant (Multi-Year)	\$868,556

100% Total Revenue \$24,651,190

Notes:

Unaudited Figures

The Children's Trust 501c3 figures are reported on an accrual basis

Investment Gain / (Loss) remains designated to the endowment therefore it is not considered operating income

90% of all grant (restricted) revenue supports program services

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