



about us

OUR MISSION: Through the cooperative efforts of a professional staff and a network of volunteers and families, The Center provides an environment that fosters the growth of the whole child; encourages expression, exploration, and discovery; and nurtures feelings of confidence and self-worth.

>>> *We believe that every child is unique and has innate strengths, capabilities and potential.*

classrooms and programs

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM: serves birth to age 3 through home-based coaching and classroom programming. An early intervention special education team promotes a child's development and support families' confidence to care for their child.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM: offers fully-inclusive classrooms for children ages 3-6 with and without delays. Classes are play-based to develop children's skills and allow them to gain confidence in learning.

HELP ME GROW SERVICE COORDINATORS: serves families with children birth to age 3 with diagnosed and suspected developmental delays, linking them to early intervention services and providing the parents with support. The Childhood League Center is 1 of 6 providers in Franklin County.

PLAY PROJECT: offers unique intervention for young children with autism. This approach has been designed to promote parent/child engagement and has shown to reduce the severity of autism symptoms. The Center is proud to have two staff members who are certified PLAY Project Consultants.



SINCE 1945

Founded in 1945 by a group of visionary women, The Childhood League Center serves children birth to age 6 with special needs and their families.

While the definition of need continually evolves, our commitment to serving this community does not, and we have a vision for the future: ensuring the best early education and comprehensive support services in an inclusive learning environment for all children.

“It's in the moments of **grand achievement** that we fondly remember our days at The Center and all the **LEAPS AND BOUNDS** that the staff brought about. Our son, now officially a fifth grader, finished out the fourth grade **with straight A's**. Sure puts those early days of fear and frustration **IN PERSPECTIVE**.”

- Parent of a Center Graduate



teamwork IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO EACH CHILD AND FAMILY, WE LEAN ON THE EXPERTISE AND SKILL OF AN ENTIRE TEAM OF DEDICATED PEOPLE.



the numbers

High-quality early education programs are **proven to help** develop critical skills needed for a person's future.

➤➤➤ \$2,778,689
2014 budget

Our Outcomes

With our interventions, 45% of infants and toddlers with diagnosed special needs **met developmental milestones and no longer needed specialized services** by age 3.

With our interventions, 43% of pre-schoolers with special needs **caught up with their peers** by the time they entered kindergarten.

100% of all children made significant improvements.



A return on investment calculation created by Dr. Heckman states that for a community's investment in early childhood education,

\$1 invested now will save
\$7-\$17 in future spending

FUNDING SOURCES

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS MAKE UP 27% OF OUR ANNUAL OPERATING INCOME. OTHER SOURCES INCLUDE: GOVERNMENT GRANTS, FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS

63%

live at or below the poverty line

28%

come from single-parent homes

ENROLLMENT

445

275 served in their home
170 attend The Center

90%

HAVE A DIAGNOSED DEVELOPMENT DELAY

{ 50-70 children }
UNDER THE AGE OF 3 ARE CURRENTLY REFERRED **EACH WEEK** TO TEST FOR SUSPECTED DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

