



Community Report

2023



Dear Friends,

As we enter the new year, I see the beautiful sense of hope and optimism in the faces of the children we serve here at Clayton Early Learning. While the world around us faces significant challenges and uncertainty, Clayton is striving to build the necessary resilience for our children so they have the strongest start possible. And in that vein, Clayton continues to produce exceptional kindergarten readiness results through rigorous academic and social development while the focus on the whole child provides a critical foundation with mental health, nutritious food, and other vital wrap-around services.

This year, we will continue to focus on delivering an exceptional educational experience for our children. This includes rethinking how we provide services and how we can infuse new activities and experiences into their education. Such programs include building a new partnership with Inside the Orchestra to expose our children to music. This program, sponsored by a generous grant from PNC Bank, will allow children to experience classical music first-hand.

With this deliberate focus on our children, I have discovered during my short term at Clayton that the secret sauce for our success is relentless attention to fully support our families. As recent research has shown, educating our children without addressing the trauma and challenges faced by the family reduces the academic and social development of the child. As an organization, we are renewing our focus on the family with new strategic partnerships designed to provide new services on campus for our families. In a few months, we will start to announce these new and exciting services designed to help the families served by Clayton and the larger Park Hill community.

Finally, the transformation of our campus will commence this year. We have selected a highly capable partner to help us create a new and sustainable vision for the campus. We are already starting to move forward with the modernization of our administrative building this spring. In addition, we have secured funding to install solar power at our school. This project will save Clayton more than \$1.2 million while significantly reducing our carbon emissions. It's an exciting time as we begin to dream and realize the full potential of this campus.

We want to thank everyone in our community for supporting Clayton. Together, we can absolutely provide hope and opportunity for children, families, and the community.

Ever forward,

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Healthy Food on Every Table

Seed to Stomach is Clayton's innovative approach to lifelong health and wellness that starts in early childhood. The overarching goal is to fight food insecurity by teaching children and families how to live well by eating well and providing the resources to make it possible.

It starts in our award-winning school kitchen, where hundreds of fresh, made-from-scratch meals are prepared daily as children develop a taste for healthy and delicious dishes served from seasonal menus. Then, the Clayton Cares Market provides access to a wide range of fresh and shelf-stable foods to ensure families can put the same healthy food on their tables at home. And our newly renovated Discovery Garden offers a hands-on and immersive learning experience where children connect with nature and learn about food from the ground up.

From garden to market to table, Seed to Stomach helps children, educators, and families achieve healthy living through healthy eating and establish strong and sustainable connections that will last a lifetime.

Clayton Cares
Market



3,567 visits

by Clayton community members



41 tons

of fresh and shelf-stable food

The Clayton Cares Market extends Clayton's holistic emphasis on health and wellness through good nutrition, beyond the walls of our school, putting healthy food on every table.



Unlocking Potential: The Power of Parent Engagement

Parents are children's first, most enduring, and most important teachers, advocates, and nurturers. Clayton's parent engagement programs provide opportunities to fully immerse in every aspect of their child's early education, leading to school readiness as well as healthy social emotional development.

We invite interested parents to participate in school governance to join the Policy Council, a parent-driven board responsible for overseeing the direction of Clayton's Early Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, and Head Start programs. Each year, representatives share the wisdom of their lived experience to lead school, home-based, and community-based programs.

Clayton's Parent Ambassador Program highlights the importance of parent leadership with opportunities to practice advocacy in local, state, and federal policy. Ambassadors participate in specialized training with community partners, network with professionals, and learn the skills needed to become changemakers within their community. This unique program empowers parents to communicate effectively with lawmakers adding an authentic perspective to conversations that impact children and families in Colorado.

Involved parents extend their child's learning beyond the classroom, ensure they have the support needed to develop to their full potential and establish a family norm that values education at every level.



Clayton by the Numbers

Total Children in Clayton's Early Head Start, Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, and Head Start Programs

267

Early Head Start
Children Served

120

Early Head Start Child Care
Partnership Children Served

241

Head Start Children
Served

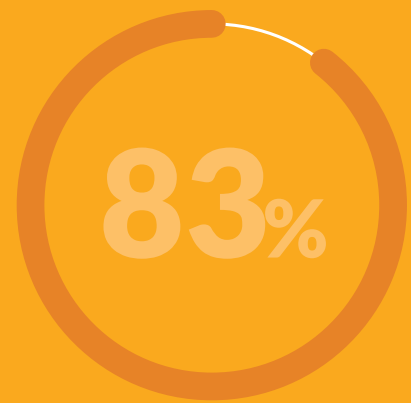
Total Early Head Start, Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, and Head Start Children as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment



Early Head Start



Early Head Start Child
Care Partnership



Head Start

100%

Children at Clayton Who Qualified for Early
Head Start, Early Head Start Child Care
Partnership, and Head Start Services



See Right for Clayton Demographics Information:



Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in early childhood education starts with excellent teachers. This year, Clayton proudly celebrated its superb team of educators and recognized lead teacher Stephany Hurst as the first recipient of the Charlotte M. Brantley Teacher of the Year Award.

Stephany's nurturing spirit and boundless optimism working with toddlers as a lead teacher have earned the admiration and respect of parents and colleagues alike. "I love working with children and families," commented Hurst. "Working with children is rewarding and the best job in the world."

"This award recognizes the extraordinary work of Stephany and all of our hard-working teachers," said William Browning, Clayton's president and CEO. "It's an opportunity to elevate the importance of teachers and inspire other educators and stakeholders in our community to prioritize and invest in the early development of our youngest learners."

Demographics of Clayton Enrolled Children:

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino origin: **64%**

Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino origin: **36%**

Race

American Indian or Alaskan Native: **2%**

Asian: **1%**

Black or African American: **28%**

Pacific Islander: **0%**

White: **57%**

Biracial/Multiracial: **9%**

Other or unspecified: **3%**

Language

English: **64%**

Spanish: **34%**

African languages: **1%**

Other: **1%**



Health and Wellness:



100% of children have nutrition assessments



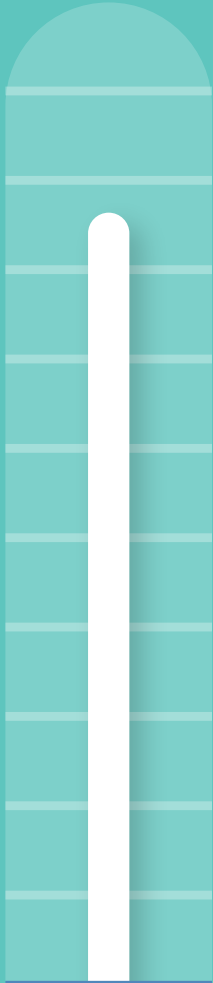
75% of children maintain a healthy weight



93% of children received a medical exam



79% of children received a dental exam



86%

of children have up-to-date immunizations



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Clayton Early Learning Statement of Financial Position

6/30/2023 (With Summarized Information for June 30, 2022)

Assets	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,301,724	\$851,340
Grants and contributions receivable (note 3)	1,256,705	2,258,159
Accounts receivable	1,106,253	361,671
Prepaid expenses and other assets	133,182	56,981
Investments (note 4)	42,094,416	42,211,097
Property and equipment, net (note 5)	9,623,078	9,718,209
Total Assets	\$56,515,358	\$55,457,457

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$483,808	\$754,554
Accrued payroll and other liabilities	803,417	623,519
Line of credit (note 8)	-	610,000
Deferred revenue	57,136	6,995
Total Liabilities	\$1,344,361	\$1,995,068

Net Assets (note 6)

Without donor restrictions

Undesignated	\$13,339,964	\$11,655,005
Board designated	21,735,424	22,188,233
Net assets without donor restrictions	35,075,388	33,843,238
With donor restrictions	20,095,609	19,619,151
Total Net Assets	\$55,170,997	\$53,462,389

Commitments (note 7)

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$56,515,358	\$55,457,457
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The financial audit for FY 2022-23 of Clayton Early Learning, done in compliance with the OMB Compliance Supplement, resulted in a clean audit (unqualified opinion) with no findings.

Clayton Early Learning Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2023 (With Summarized Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2023	Total 2022
Revenue and Support				
Program revenue				
Federal government grants	\$7,983,157	–	\$7,983,157	\$7,571,228
Private grants and contributions	994,658	2,400,432	3,395,090	1,664,539
State and local government funding	5,657,974	–	5,657,974	4,400,213
Contract revenue	176,018	–	176,018	1,045,460
Tuition and fee revenue	57,362	–	57,362	26,079
Total Program Revenue	\$14,869,169	\$2,400,432	\$17,269,601	\$14,707,519
Rental income	\$445,944	–	\$445,944	\$283,692
Special events revenue	22,791	–	22,791	178,469
Less direct expenses	(28,531)	–	(28,531)	(143,404)
Other income	66,101	–	66,101	31,792
Net assets released due to:				
Spending policy appropriation	1,014,516	(1,014,516)	–	–
Satisfaction of donor restrictions	2,244,968	(2,244,968)	–	–
Total operating revenue and support	\$18,634,958	(\$859,052)	\$17,775,906	\$15,058,068
Expenditures				
Program	\$13,977,403	–	\$13,977,403	\$13,207,707
Campus facilities	1,084,660	–	1,084,660	1,103,667
Administrative	3,004,715	–	3,004,715	3,486,643
Fundraising	884,548	–	884,548	822,910
Total Expenditures	\$18,951,326	–	\$18,951,326	\$18,620,927
Net loss from operations	(\$316,368)	(\$859,052)	(\$1,175,420)	(\$3,562,859)
Non-operating Activities				
Investment return, net	\$1,548,518	\$1,335,510	\$2,884,028	(\$6,615,253)
Change in net assets	\$1,232,150	\$476,458	\$1,708,608	(\$10,178,112)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$33,843,238	\$19,619,151	\$53,462,389	\$63,640,501
Net assets, end of year	\$35,075,388	\$20,095,609	\$55,170,997	\$53,462,389



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