



The Resource Center for
**Children, Youth
& Families**

CORA SERVICES 2018 COMMUNITY REPORT



Message from CORA's CEO

The defining characteristic of CORA Services is that as an agency, we walk alongside families and provide them with the tools they need to be successful. CORA is a resource center that serves children and families; in fact, I believe it's the only agency of its kind in the Philadelphia area because of its broad scope and service array. Other similar organizations specialize in one area, but because families are never only facing just one challenge, CORA guides them through a variety of different interlocking concerns and challenges. CORA prides itself on being a quality provider, bridging gaps where services do not exist.

Since 1971, CORA has persisted to help children and families experience success at every angle. From parenting and early childhood supports, to our group and individual counseling, and everything in between, CORA's continuum of care model is there for families through all stages of life. We are constantly adding and adjusting services as needed, because the needs of our children, families and communities are never static in this in this fast-paced world.

Our ultimate goal is to do whatever it takes to address the unmet needs of the children and families who need us, and provide warm handoffs and referral assistance for appropriate services to support them fully. In order to enhance and grow many of our programs and services, CORA depends on philanthropic support as well as our partnerships with government and private entities.

To this end, we will be intentional about forging strategic partnerships with individuals, organizations, communities and corporations to ensure our future sustainability. To CORA's caring and compassionate community of staff, funders, volunteers, and all other collaborators, know that your part in ensuring that CORA can carry the mission of Sr. Charity for another 47 years is crucial, and I am truly grateful!

AnnMarie Schultz

President and Chief Executive Officer

Photo (above): CORA's BOARD supporting YouthCOR's Star Wars summer program.

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"We are a CORA family! All three of our children have attended Early Years and my husband and sister-in-law volunteer for CORA too. I love being a part of CORA's board because every decision made at this level is evaluated with regard to the mission - I think this is really important. Sr. Charity would be proud of this team!" **Mary McGettigan, CORA Board Member**

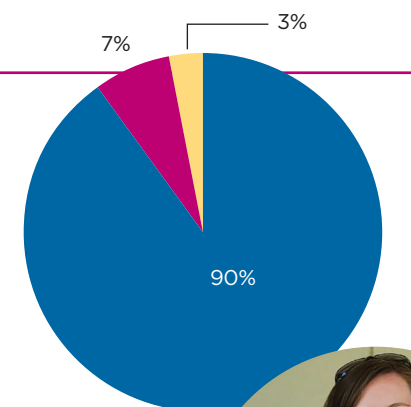


Strategic Planning Update

- ▶ Prepared and distributed a comprehensive community strengths and needs survey.
- ▶ Completed a professional compensation study.
- ▶ Launched quarterly State of the Agency and New Hire Gatherings.
- ▶ Completed foundational work and implemented pilot program for Exponent Case Management, CORA's new data management system.
- ▶ Implemented fund development plan, prospect campaign and branding initiative to increase awareness of and support for CORA.

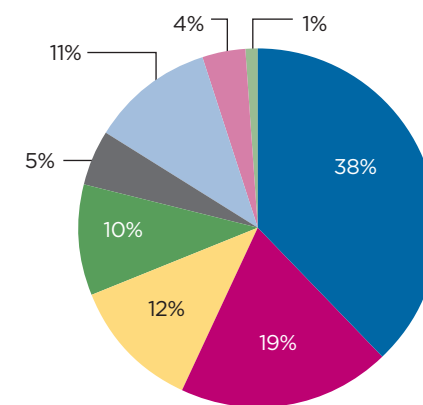
FY 18 REVENUE

Grants & Contracts	\$16,481,419
Fees-for-Service	\$1,279,827
Giving & Other	\$607,721
Total	\$18,368,967



FY 18 EXPENSES

Auxiliary Services at Non-Public Schools	\$6,867,679
Services at Charter & Other Schools	\$3,528,609
Prevention, Intervention & Counseling Services	\$2,221,941
Early Childhood Education & Intervention Services	\$1,858,929
After School Enrichment Programs	\$928,036
Leadership & Administration	\$1,934,140
Building Maintenance	\$776,424
Promotion & Fundraising	\$237,009
Total	\$18,352,767



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Chief Operating Officer



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**NEW
DIVISION!**

Clinical SERVICES

Recently, the agency formed a new **Clinical Services Division**. Now distinct from the Community Services Division, this service is staffed with therapists and case managers specifically focused on meeting the behavioral health service needs of our client base.

Intervention Counseling and Treatment - CLSD staff provide an array of family focused and goal oriented client services to intervene early in a client/family's distress to prevent escalation of issues and concerns. CORA counselors provide solution oriented treatment and intervention addressing root causes, triggers and healthier living skills. Staff provided mental health intervention and treatment services to **412 clients and families**, substance use intervention to **153 adolescents and families** and substance use treatment to another **165 clients and families**.

14,287 Services
21,289 Contacts
1,200 Clients
1,777 Callers for resource assistance

2,977 SERVED

"My passion has always been to work with children and families. I assist families whose children are struggling with a variety of behavioral and emotional problems by providing counseling, referrals and psychoeducation to increase their level of functioning and improve the quality of their relationships." **Krista McDemus, MS, SAP Assessor and Family Advocate Counselor**

The Family Intervention Program is CORA's oldest service program!

Our licensed, clinically trained staff support clients who present with issues such as parenting challenges, distressed or disrupted family life and structure, mental health concerns, exposure to violence or traumatic events and histories of or exposure to substance abuse.



Intensive Prevention Services is an early intervention program that offers group activities, case management and individual and family counseling for risk-prone youth aged 10-17 years. Our clinical staff helped 100 such adolescents and their families address the real issues behind delinquent behaviors in 2018.

The **Student Assistance Program** provides behavioral health and strength assessments, consultations and referrals for students experiencing obstacles to learning.

110 SCHOOLS

in Philadelphia's public, non-public and charter systems received SAP services for

1,292 STUDENTS

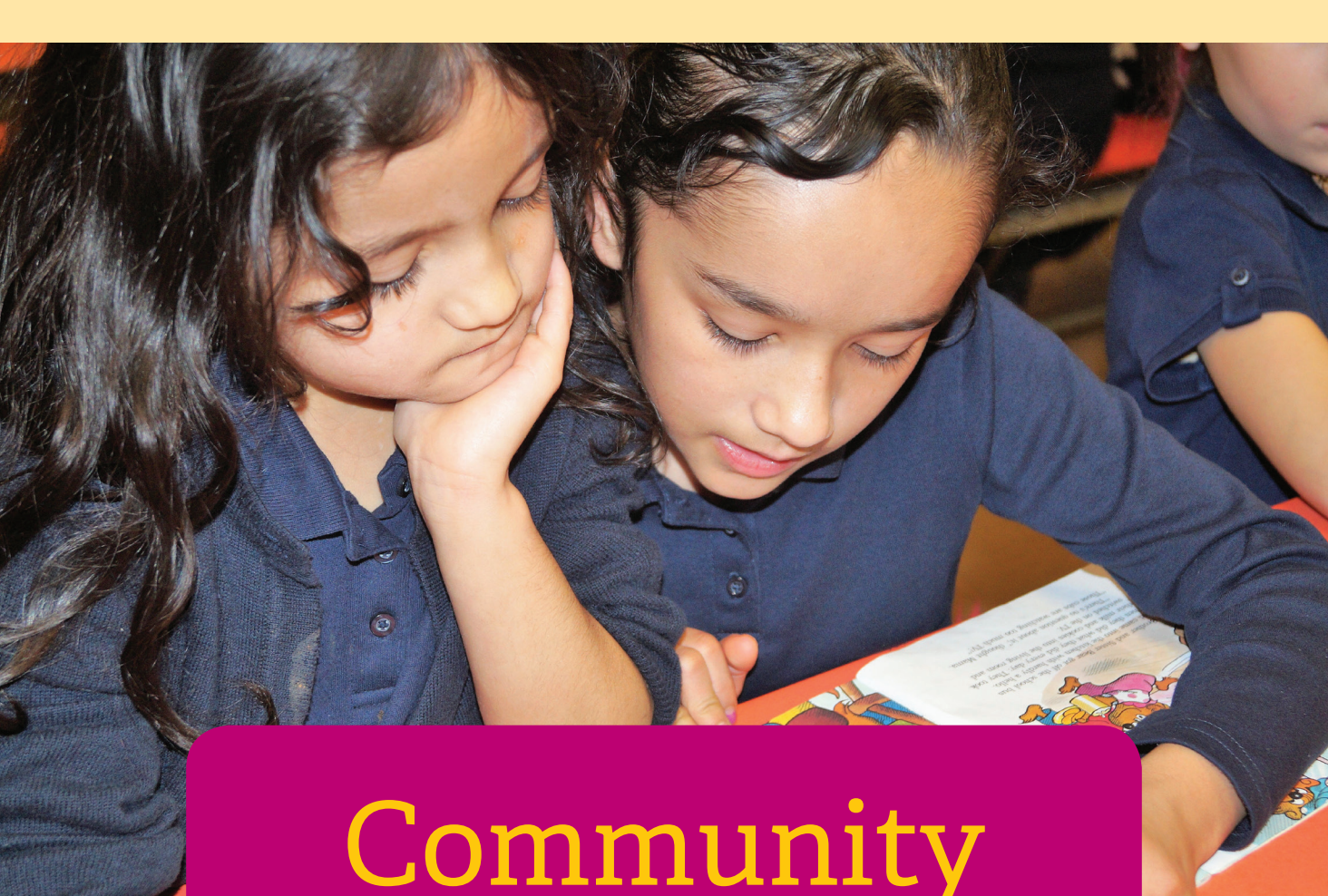
in 2018—almost 100 more than in 2017.



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Community SERVICES



149 KIDS
Thurgood Marshall Elementary

125 KIDS
Loesche Elementary

122 KIDS
Spruance Elementary

227 KIDS
Northwood Academy Charter

77 KIDS
Pollock Elementary

78 KIDS
George Washington High School

YouthCOR, CORA's Outside-of-School-Time program, operates high quality before and after school care options, and summer camps, at 6 partner schools in Philadelphia. YouthCOR **nearly doubled** in size in 2017, serving almost...

800 CHILDREN (in grades K-12)

CORA was awarded a **United Way Impact Fund Grant** which recognized CORA's success in assisting children and parents in being "school ready" while also keeping older youth "connected to school." Additionally, acquisition of **21st Century Community Learning Center** funding enhanced services at one of CORA's existing sites this past year, Thurgood Marshall, and allowed service at a new Northeast Philadelphia site, Gilbert Spruance.

Our **Truancy Intervention and Prevention Services Program** was able to serve...

379 STUDENTS

...in 2018, an increase over 2017. TIPS collaborates with Philadelphia's Department of Human Services, School District, Family Court, and the Police Department to increase school attendance and reduce truancy through family and school-based case management and consultation services.

CORA's Career Development Resource Center provides students with hands-on career exposure experiences. Formerly a School Services Division program, CDRC recently shifted to the agency's Community Services Division. The staff have worked in collaboration with IT to develop and enhance career workstations that highlight 21st century workforce opportunities.



CDRC is looking for workstation sponsors! Connect with CORA to learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business and support students in their career exploration.

LIFELINE is a community program that provides emotional support, education and resources to teen and young adult parents. The program helps males and females, 21 and younger, navigate the journey of early parenthood.



***Sr. Nora Dennehy**, RGS initiated Lifeline at CORA in 1983 and described the program as "women helping women", supporting mothers and helping them to grow as individuals and parents.



YouthCOR's Summer Camp challenged the hearts, minds, and bodies of 255 young superheroes in training and 45 WorkReady students last summer as they embarked on a six-week adventure to become peacemakers in their communities. Super-hero-themed camp activities included STEM/STEAM, literacy, dance, instrumental music, drama, culinary arts, sports, and of course water play!

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School SERVICES

CORA provides support to students who are experiencing any academic, emotional or social challenges, in **91 Elementary schools and high schools** in the Philadelphia area:

SCHOOLS	Act 89	65
	Mastery Charter Phila.	18
	Mastery Charter Camden	5
	PACS Charter	2
	Deep Roots Charter	1
TOTAL	91	

43,130 Academic support, counseling, speech/language and psychology services were provided to **18,150** students!

Gianna Galanti (pictured above, center), St. Anselm's School, Class of 2018 was CORA's Peer Helper Award winner and received a \$1,000 scholarship to Archbishop Ryan. Gianna also sang the national anthem and gave the welcome speech at the **10th Annual Golf for Kids Classic** in June 2018 and hung out with **Rob McElhenney** from *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia!*



CORA provides **Charter Schools** in Philadelphia, PA and Camden, NJ with related services; Speech/Language services, Occupational Therapy, Psychology and Physical Therapy (PT just added in 2018).

3,410 RELATED SERVICES

were provided to

1,610 CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS



Early Intervention services, such as Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language and Special Instruction, are provided by CORA to children to assist them in reaching appropriate developmental milestones. CORA's Early Intervention team hosted summer 2018 workshops for children ages 3-5, promoting social interaction among attendees, while targeting specific goals for children who are currently enrolled in Early Intervention Services.

Early Years Preschool programs are located in Northeast and Northwest Philadelphia, serving children ages 2.5 to 5 with hands-on learning experiences, social interaction and purposeful play through an enriching curriculum. Both facilities are Keystone STAR 4 Sites with full time and part time opportunities as well as before and aftercare. Early Years La Salle, in partnership with Pre-K Counts now has tuition free spots for 35 qualifying families!

COMING SOON: Early Years Huntingdon Mills!

CORA will be opening a third early childhood education center in January of 2020 for approximately 130 students! The new location will be in the Olde Richmond (19125) section of Philadelphia and will feature an inclusion model accommodating children on the Autism spectrum.

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Seussville

Seussville at CORA focused on early literacy and family fun. Families with young children enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by interacting with Seussville characters and CORA staff, winning awesome prizes like books and reading games, and participating in educational arts and crafts activities. All proceeds benefitted the ongoing work of CORA to help children and families.

Early Literacy Workshops

Eric Smith, M.A., CORA's Speech Therapist at Philadelphia Academy Charter School, was chosen to be a participant in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Leadership Development Program for School Based SLPs. He chose literacy as his area of focus and designed and facilitated **Early Literacy Workshops** for PACS families. Eric will continue to host this highly popular program for CORA families over the next year.



CORA's Champions for Children Celebration

... honors individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing CORA and supporting children and families in the Philadelphia area. The following awardees were recognized for their significant accomplishments or contributions to the CORA community.

James F. Harron Classroom Champion
Nichole Berntsen, Temple University,
 Class of 2021

Corporate Champion
Herbert Bass, Esq. & Fox Rothschild, LLP, First Lay Board Chair and long-time Leadership Volunteer of CORA Services

Civic Champion
Arthur Evans Ph.D., President of the American Psychological Assoc. and former Commissioner of the Phila. Department of Behavioral Health

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CORA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



WorkReady Youth

Realizing the importance of workforce development, CSD facilitated the employment of 52 WorkReady youth throughout CORA departments last summer.

Community Conversations

- ▶ **Social Media 101** for Parents and Educators
- ▶ **KNOW** Drugs in the Northeast
- ▶ Narcan Education
- ▶ Community Update from the Mayor's Task Force on Opioid Deaths

The Bridge Way School

CORA announces its official partnership with **The Bridge Way School**, PA's first and only Recovery High School. After leasing space in CORA's building for most of the school year, Bridge Way found a permanent home in the Holmesburg section of Northeast Philadelphia at 7360 Jackson Street. CORA is proud to help support students on the Road of Recovery!



THANK YOU!



CORA's Mission

Rooted in a tradition of care and compassion, CORA Services assists children, youth and families experiencing academic, emotional and social challenges, which impede their development and productivity.

Save These Dates

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Seussville at CORA

Monday, July 15, 2019
GOLF for KIDS Classic
The Philadelphia Cricket Club



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