

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



Community
Options

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Community Options has provided services to children and their families in Edmonton and surrounding areas since 1976.

Our mandate is to support the well-being of young children through the provision of high quality, inclusive early childhood education and child care. We believe every child deserves a great start.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2021-2022 year saw us transition out of the pandemic and back to what might be considered more normal operations. After a couple years of reduced numbers across all our programs, we saw an increase in the number of children and families we served. With that context, we worked very hard to streamline programming operations and manage our limited budget and resources effectively. We finished the year with an incredible team of dedicated professionals, a culture that embraces the best of diversity, inclusiveness and respect for others and a strong financial foundation. We appreciate and acknowledge the support of our Board of Directors, our donors, volunteers and community partners without whom we would not be successful. As we look to the new year, we are very excited to embark on a strategy to grow our programs to be able to support more children and families in our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Fredin'.

Wayne Fredin

MISSION

Community Options supports the diverse learning needs of children and families through inclusive early childhood education and community initiatives.



VISION

Empowered families building inclusive communities.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The past year has been exciting for Community Options. We are proud of the number of children and families we have been able to work with and we hope to continue to serve even more in the years to come.

Our phenomenal staff continues to deliver outstanding care and the Board has been very proud how they engaged with our core values of diversity, inclusiveness, and respect for all.

The work we do is not without its challenges, whether financial in terms of grant reductions and inflation, or normal operational struggles associated with the work that we do. That said, we are in a strong position and excited about the opportunities for growth and continued excellence in the delivery of our many programs.

The Board would like to thank our donors, volunteers, and community partners who make our work possible, our staff for their dedication and passion, and every family we serve for your continued trust.

Ryan McKenna



OUR PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

An early intervention program for preschool-aged children, with diagnosed developmental delays, disorders and medical diagnoses that impact their ability to successfully participate in their classroom and community settings.

THE APRAXIA PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Our new preschool program to assist children diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech. This preschool program is the first of its kind in Alberta and will focus on the unique and specific needs of children with apraxia.

EDMONTON NORTHWEST OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

An Out Of School Care that provides before-school, lunchtime, and after-school care for children aged 5 -12 years old.

EDMONTON NORTHWEST PRESCHOOL

A non-profit preschool located in the Inglewood neighbourhood of Edmonton for children aged 3-5 years old.

WESTMOUNT EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE CENTRE

Our newest Community Options Early Learning & Child Care Centre located in the Westmount area for children aged 12 months to 6 years old

EDMONTON NORTHWEST EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE CENTRE

Our Centre is located in the heart of the Inglewood community and provides quality care for children aged 12 months to 6 years old.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

A program dedicated to serving the community, family support services, fundraising, and volunteering.

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

The Community Preschool Education team is made up of compassionate and committed staff who are dedicated to supporting children.

Speech Language Pathologists

Speech & Language Pathologists work with children to grow their receptive & expressive language skills.

Occupational Therapists

Occupational Therapists support the child's fine motor development and daily living skills that they require to be successful.

Physical Therapists

Physical Therapists support the child's gross motor development, allowing them to move and play with their peers.

Certified Teachers & Educational Assistants

Certified Teachers & Educational Assistants provide programming that meets the unique needs of each child while ensuring they are valued members of the inclusive classroom.



COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

Services Breakdown

- 99% of children received Speech and Language Services
- 82% of children received Occupational Therapy support
- 20% of children received Physical Therapy Support

Number of Children by Age

Age 3 - 73 Children

Age 4 - 110 Children

Age 5 - 29 Children

Community Programs

Our CPE Program partners with 121 community preschool and daycares sites.

212

Children &
Families Served



Community Options is excited to offer a first of its kind, preschool program to assist children diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

What is Apraxia?

Apraxia or Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that impacts the ability to speak clearly. In general, these children have a good understanding of what they want to say; however, the brain has difficulty sending the correct signals to the mouth to make the movements necessary for clear speech.

Apraxia - Centered

The Apraxia Preschool Program is a classroom for up to 14 children. Our program uses an intensive therapeutic model as well as other evidence-based best practices and classroom supports. We aim to provide a safe, fun, and supportive environment where children and their families have the opportunity to build the skills they need to be successful in future academic and community environments.

Multidisciplinary Team

The classroom team includes a certified Teacher, a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), and a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA). Children are immersed in daily opportunities to practice their individual speech goals, in a supportive and play-based environment. They have access to weekly individual and group therapy sessions with the SLP and SLPA, as well as classroom programming that targets preliteracy and social-emotional skills. Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physical Therapists (PT) provide consultative services for children who need extra support in these areas.

THE APRAXIA PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

EDMONTON NORTHWEST OUT OF SCHOOL CARE



Edmonton Northwest Out Of School Care provides before-school, lunchtime, and after-school care for children who attend Inglewood Elementary School. The Centre is licensed to serve 40 children from 5 to 12 years.

Learning Through Play

Edmonton Northwest OOSC is a recreational program centered around Learning Through Play. Through educational field trips, planned activities, and free play, we give children the chance to learn more about themselves and the world around them. .

Serving more than the Inglewood Community

Edmonton Public School Board has permitted Edmonton Northwest OOSC to have children from outside of Inglewood School. We currently partner with 3 other community schools for after school care.

Encourage. Educate. Inspire.

Our educators support the development of friendships, gaining problem-solving skills, and exploring opportunities for self-awareness and self-expression. Each child creates a positive sense of self and others.

We strive to create an environment where learning is ongoing and a joyous experience.

Growth and Development

Children learn best through their senses and exploring. Our educators implement the FLIGHT curriculum, which address all areas of development, including Social, Physical, Intellectual, Creative, and Emotional Development.



EDMONTON
NORTHWEST
PRESCHOOL

WESTMOUNT EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE CENTRE



Est. 2021

The Centre is now two years old and has proven to be a very important and needed service in the Westmount Community.

Children in our centre also utilize services from our TAPP Preschool, as well as our community partner, ABC HeadStart.

Our educators are implementing the FLIGHT curriculum and love celebrating our Mighty Learners.

Serving 51 families.

Our Inglewood centre has become a showcase for quality childcare across the province.

Our educators continue to advocate for higher standards of education for the early childhood field as an important component of quality care.

The GRASP project, which enables us to do the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 online, has been a great success. The process has helped us to support children in their group, as well as in their development.

We continue to provide extracurricular experiences for the children through music, storytelling, and drama.

EDMONTON NORTHWEST EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE CENTRE



Community Outreach & Volunteer Engagement

As we navigated through the year, we held a few fundraisers and community initiatives. We would like to thank all of our outstanding volunteers, donors, and community members for making this year a successful one!

Events

Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink partnership
On the Rocks 2022
On the Rocks 50/50 Raffle 2022
Love Local Outdoor Market 2022
Center for Community Inclusion Block Party 2022
Sip & Bid 2022
WestJet Gift of Flight Raffle 2022
Festive Meal 2022

1074

volunteer hours

BOARD MEMBERS

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STAFF RECOGNITION

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ilona Bosscha

Harsha Gadhia

Eileen Buhler

Carly Olsen

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Victoria Rocki

3 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elizabeth Staelens

Kristina Place

Valentyna Taraday

Eman Elmaghrabi

Tara Paudel

Ana-Maria Stroia

Giselle Boceta

2021-2022

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



\$6,571,909
**Operational
Revenue**

REVENUE BREAKDOWN

- GOA- 86.72%
- Parents fees- 8.29 %
- City of Edmonton- 2.39 %
- Fundraising- 1.27%
- Other- 1.33%

\$7,032,694
**Overall
Expenses**

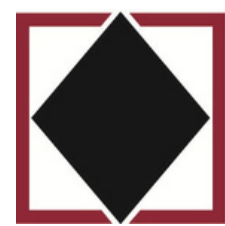
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

- Staff salary- 80.11%
- Admin salary- 5.32 %
- Rent- 2.37 %
- Fundraising- 0.16 %
- Other- 12.04 %

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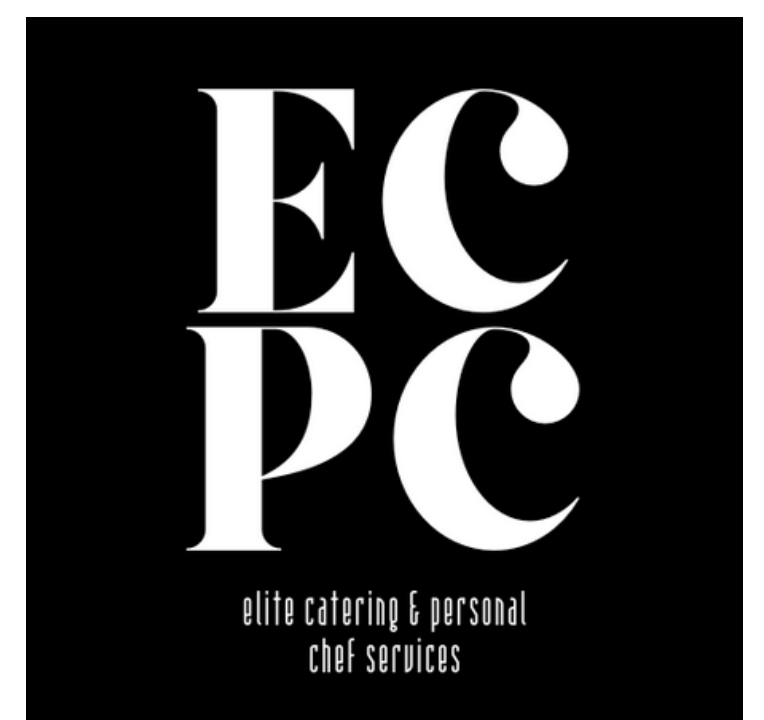
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