



# THE HEARING & SPEECH CENTER



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I read through the following annual report, I continue to be incredibly proud of all that has been achieved this past year. While we continue to navigate these uncertain waters, with the generosity and support from our community and the passion and innovativeness of the HSC team, our mission and vision of providing sound beginnings is soaring.



In 2021, our sixty-first year, The Hearing & Speech Center continued to grow while embracing the “golden nuggets” that were identified throughout 2020. A few of special mention are the continuation of our tele-intervention in the Speech Therapy Clinic for individual therapy and family education, as well as our curbside hearing healthcare services within The Family Hearing Center. Throughout the year, we live our core values of Quality Care, Empowerment, Family, Leadership and Collaboration. And while the pandemic challenged us, the HSC team has been committed to living the most important goal from our strategic plan-- “being a center of excellence providing programs and services that are outcome-focused and accessible to all Kentuckians.”

I’m proud of our strong history and successes, and even more excited about the bright future of The Hearing & Speech Center.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcey Ansley".

Marcey Ansley  
HSC Executive Director

# THE FAMILY HEARING CENTER

The Family Hearing Center at The Hearing & Speech Center provides comprehensive hearing healthcare for all ages, "twinkle to wrinkle", ensuring our clients have the tools to connect with the people and the activities in their lives.

**3,826 Completed Appointments**

**59** Auditory Brainstem Response

**124** Cochlear Implant Services

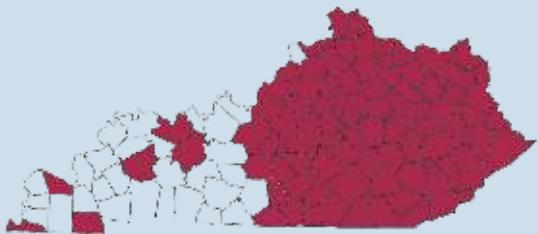
**782** Hearing Evaluations

**863** Curbside Services

**1,998** Hearing Aid Services

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Over 65  
Kentucky Counties Served

**> 1,414 <**  
Clients

**38%** 0-18      **24%** 19-64      **38%** 65+



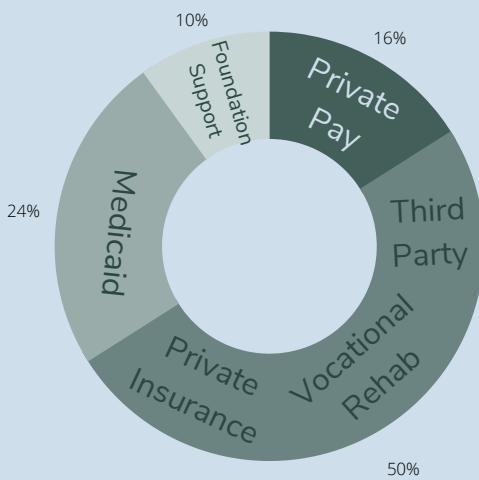
The Family Hearing  
Center's completed  
appointments  
increased by 41% in  
2021



Hired a full-time  
Pediatric  
Audiologist



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# SPEECH- LANGUAGE THERAPY

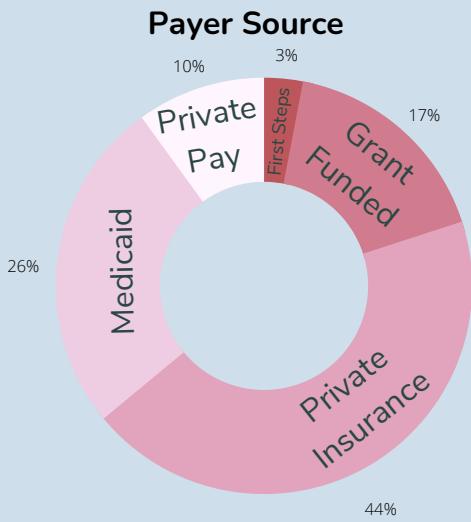
The Hearing & Speech Center provides speech-language pathology services to infants, preschool and school-aged children. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) provide diagnostic assessments, family education and treatment for children with language and speech disorders due to a variety of causes.

All of the SLPs at HSC have master's degrees in speech-language pathology, a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) granted by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and a license from the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the State of Kentucky. In addition, one HSC SLP holds a specialized certification as a certified Listening & Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS). Only four individuals in the state of Kentucky hold this specialized certification.

## **Speech and language services include:**

- Speech and language evaluations.
- Speech and language screenings for local daycare providers.
- Individual speech and language therapy.
- Listening and spoken language therapy.
- Early intervention services.

4,422  
Completed  
Appointments



Hired A New  
Full-Time Speech  
Pathologist

101 New Patient  
Evaluations



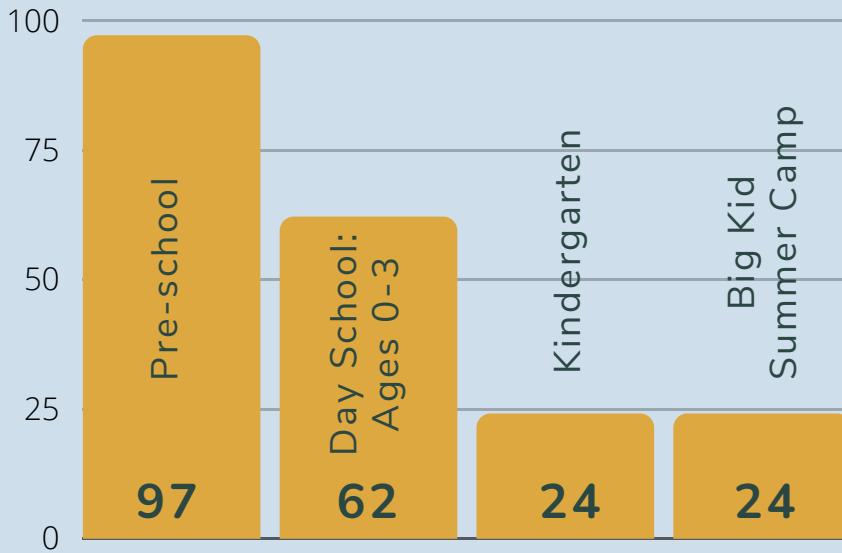
# EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Early Learning Center at The Hearing & Speech Center (HSC) offers a variety of early educational programming:

- Day School for children as young as six weeks
- Preschool
- Full-Day Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten program
- Summer programs, including camps for children through second grade

Children with and without hearing loss or speech/language delays can benefit from our inclusive classroom settings. All classrooms and activities at the Early Learning Center feature language and literacy enriched curriculum with small student to teacher ratios. The listening and spoken language based programs provide a superior educational foundation for all children.

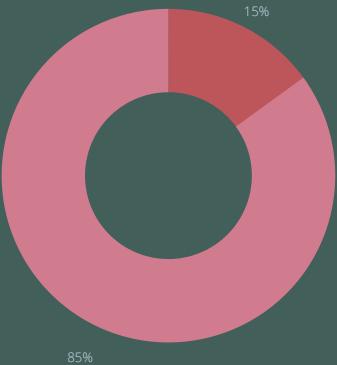
## 207 Enrolled Children



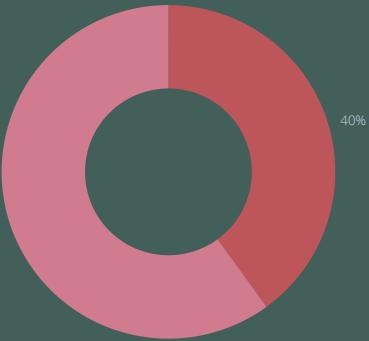
\$86,722 in  
scholarship funding



**Day School:  
Ages 0-3**



**Preschool &  
Kinderdarten**

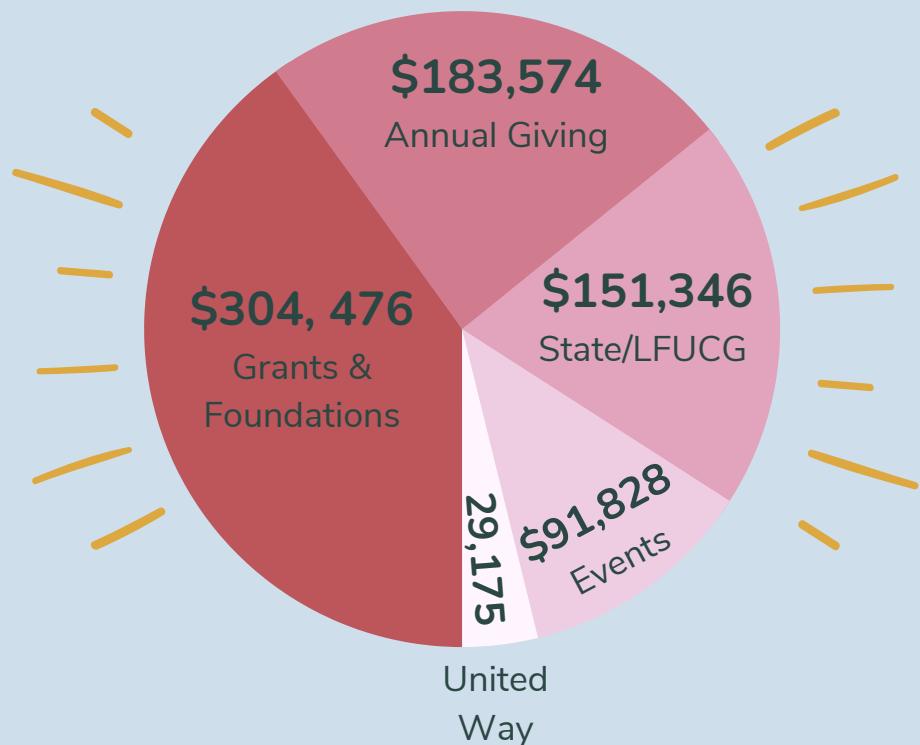


Children  
Receiving  
Services

Children Not  
Receiving  
Services

# FUNDRAISING

As a private nonprofit organization, HSC relies on the generous financial support of donors to support our high quality programming. HSC is grateful to all our friends who donate to continue the mission for a “sound beginning.” Support from foundations, corporations and individuals ensures we will achieve client/family goals, and make a lasting community impact.





# THANK YOU 2021 GRANT AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

Caller Family Foundation  
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Lexington Fayette Urban County Government  
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Oberkotter Foundation  
Orphan's Society  
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Rosenthal Family Foundation  
Rotary Club Foundation  
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WHAS Crusade for Children

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# 2021 SPOTLIGHT

## ELC'S READING INTERVENTION PROGRAM

HSC's Early Learning Center's reading intervention program hosted a wedding for Q and U, this is one of the many literacy experiences the Kindergarten class does to help understand rules of language and literacy. This program, led by kindergarten teacher, Ms. Holly Polk and speech language pathologist, Ms. Holly Cooper provides the children multi-sensory curriculum in small group and individualized instruction. Many of the children participating in the program have a history of hearing loss and/or developmental delays. We have found this intervention program provides our students the solid foundation they need to be successful with reading and spelling in the higher grade levels.



## THE SOUND BEGINNING GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING



After a construction delay due to COVID-19 and some rain outs, The Hearing & Speech Center was finally able to celebrate the Sound Beginning Garden Ribbon Cutting in June. This project, which supports the HSC mission while honoring graduates, families, clients, friends, donors, and neighbors, has been in the works for over 3 years. We couldn't be more excited for it to finally come to life!