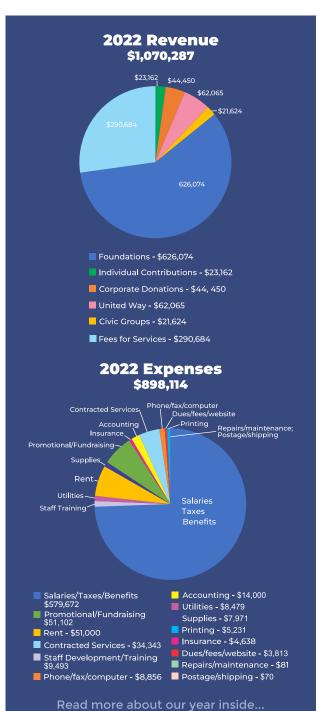
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends,

In 1996, an amazing group of community leaders banded together to prioritize the needs of young children and their families in East Texas-Champions for Children was the result of their commitment to provide every child with the opportunity to reach their full potential. Today, Champions for Children continues that commitment by providing education, mentoring, tools, and support to caregivers, teachers, and families throughout the state of Texas.

Joining the Champions team in 2019 opened my eyes to the challenges of providing high quality care and services to the young children of East Texas, and the greater economic impact of not being able to meet those needs appropriately. When parents are unable to find adequate care for their young children, they have to make a choice between inadequate care or losing their job -- neither of which are a good option for families.

Champions recently asked a group of caregivers of children with special needs about their ability to find services for their child. Less than half were able to find local resources. One-in-five families never found the help they needed for their child. This must be addressed and Champions is leading the way by giving parents the right level of care at just the right time. Initiatives like **Bright by Text, Brain Gym®**, counseling services for children and adolescents, and conferences that address early childhood issues are just the start.

With our renewed strategic plan and program structure that focuses on **PROMOTION** of healthy caregiver relationships, **PREVENTION** of **Adverse Childhood Experiences**, and **INTERVENTION** as needed, Champions is ready to embrace the challenges of early childhood and develop creative solutions to serve caregivers, teachers, and families throughout our region and state. We hope you will join us for the journey...because children matter!

Maria Horton Executive Director

OUR MISSION:

Champions for Children empowers children to achieve their full potential by providing education, mentoring, tools and support to caregivers, teachers, and families.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN training & mentoring

Well-trained, competent, and confident childcare teachers lay the foundation for the academic and social success of the children in their care.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN specialized services

Champions' specialized services for caregivers, parents and teachers provide the tools to help children of all ages succeed in school and in life.

BRAIN GYMS

Champions offers Brain Gym® for children and/or families. Our licensed Brain Gym® Instructor is also a consultant and offers trainings to childcare centers allowing the teachers to utilize the techniques in the classroom.

Bright by Text

Champions for Children and Texas Home Visiting are collaborating to provide Bright by Text to East Texas. This is a free texting program that promotes healthy child development, agespecific reminders and local family and kidfriendly events.

> **Text TEXASKIDS** to 274448



August 8

June 7 July 18

Lunches are from noon-1 pm Reserve your seat today - call 903-592-1454 or email michelle @championsforchildren.org. JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

SPECIALIZED

SERVICES

Unduplicated Clients

Counseling Brain Gym®

Child Observations

Autism Education

2023 Preview

Lunches

April 26

May 24

Social Skills

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

Camp Titus W000 Bowie Denton W000 Cass Van Zandt Upshur Kaufman Smith Harrison Gregg Henderson Rusk Panola Anderson Cherokee **Angelina** Freestone Travis Leon

Proud to train early childhood educators from all over Texas.



2023 CONFERENCES

Brighter Future Symposium

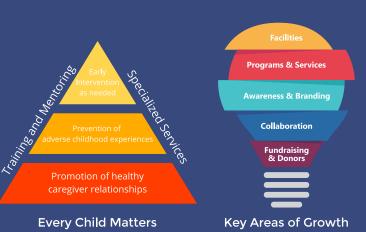
4/29/23 School-Age Conference

8/05/23 **Teacher/Director Tune-Up**

10/14/23 Conference of Champions

We are planning for tomorrow by expanding training for early educators with not only the courses they require, but with new, topical trainings and conferences that reflect childcare trends and issues that are important to parents and caregivers.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN STRATEGIC PLAN





training hours.





















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A NEW LOOK

As we expand and evolve for an exciting future of training the early educators of tomorrow and meeting the growing needs of the children of this community, it was decided that a forward-looking logo for the organization was in order.

Thanks to Cause Creative, the new look reflects our enthusiasm for the future - a bright and optimistic time of growth, hard work and ultimately, successes for children and families and early educators in our region.





BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS

Breakfast for Champions is a fundraiser and celebration of East Texas early childhood educators. Held in the fall each year, we invite the public to join us for this wonderful event when we raise money for Champions' programs, present awards for outstanding childcare advocates, announce new board members along with important dates and plans. More information about the 2023 Breakfast for Champions is coming soon.









