



HopeSparks
family services

**2021
ANNUAL
REPORT**

OUR VISION

We envision a world where all children and families are safe, secure, and stable.

OUR MISSION

We strengthen families by inspiring courage and confidence to make a lasting change.

HopeSparks programs serve children and families in Pierce County who face trauma, abuse, and overwhelming life challenges.

Since 1895, HopeSparks has been providing behavioral health, family services, and basic needs to children and families in Tacoma and Pierce County.

Each year, thousands of children and families turn to HopeSparks for critical and life-changing support.

Dear Friends of HopeSparks,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support we have received from our community in 2021. The last several years have not been easy for Pierce County families as we continue to face the health, economic, social, and emotional impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has openly exposed fragility, insufficiency, systemic racism and inequity embedded into the many systems that families, particularly those with young children, depend on for support during the critical early years of life and development.

Looking ahead, we are seeing the long-term effects that the pandemic has had on our families and community. In many cases, there are not enough high-quality, accessible services to go around, and families are desperate to find help. Compounded by workforce shortages, both families and organizations are, again, having to navigate a rapidly changing world. Despite these challenges, in 2021 we provided 25,580 in-person and virtual counseling sessions and home visits to 4,389 children. Additionally, we supplied 26,839 clothing and household items to 1,670 individuals through our HopesCloset basic needs bank.

As we face these challenges together, our mission to strengthen families by inspiring courage and confidence to make a lasting change has never been more important. HopeSparks programs continue to focus on prevention and early life, changing the trajectory for families in need. In the following pages, we share a glimpse of the positive and powerful impact we are making in our community. Please enjoy reading our 2021 Annual Report, and thank you for being a part of creating lasting change with us.



Joe Le Roy, LICSW
President & CEO



Veronica Hinojosa, LSWAIC
Board Chair



2021 PROGRAM REACH

During 2021, we served **4,389 children and families** and provided **25,580 counseling sessions** and home visits.

HopesCloset



In addition, we distributed **26,839 items** through our HopesCloset.

OUR PROGRAMS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

provided crucial, preventive, and evidence-based behavioral healthcare to **584** children and families.

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

provided Early Intervention in the natural environment to **1,067** children from birth to three years old.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

provided home-visiting and community-based programs to **272** families that helped promote safety and stability.

HOPESCLOSET

our basic needs boutique distribute **26,839** items.

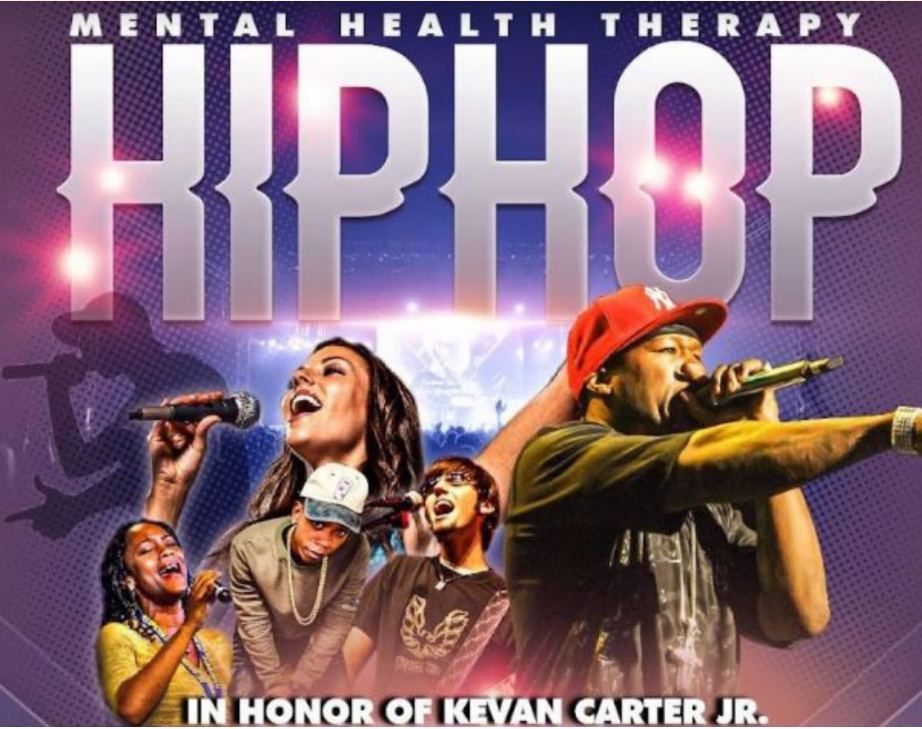
PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION

provided collaborative care to **259** children and their families in the pediatric primary care setting.

RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN

helped **121** families who are raising children not theirs by birth with the resources and support they need to stay together.





HEALING WITH MUSIC

Created in honor of Kevan Carter Jr., The Kevan Carter Jr. Hip Hop Therapy program is currently offered to students at Keithley Middle School in the Franklin Pierce School District.

This fun interactive program will guide students through the process of expressing their feelings and ideas through hip hop music.

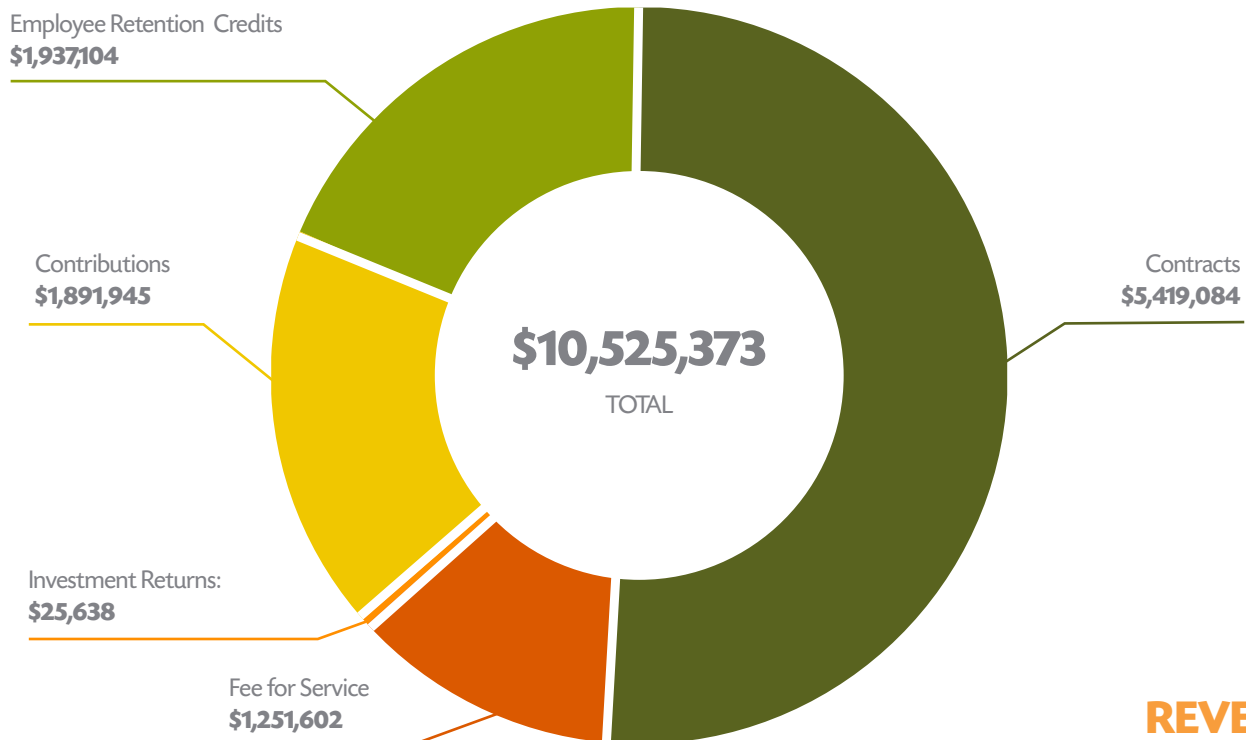
This curriculum empowers students to find their voices and to work through life's challenges using hip hop culture and theories to inspire. While learning life skills and strategies for handling peer pressure and the many challenges they face at home, in their communities, or in school, students work with a counselor to overcome trauma and find hope in an engaging and accessible environment.

The impact of this program is that students feel connected with their peers, have a safe space to express themselves authentically, and talk about difficult personal experiences. It also provides access for students to build a trusting and healthy relationship with a mental health counselor.

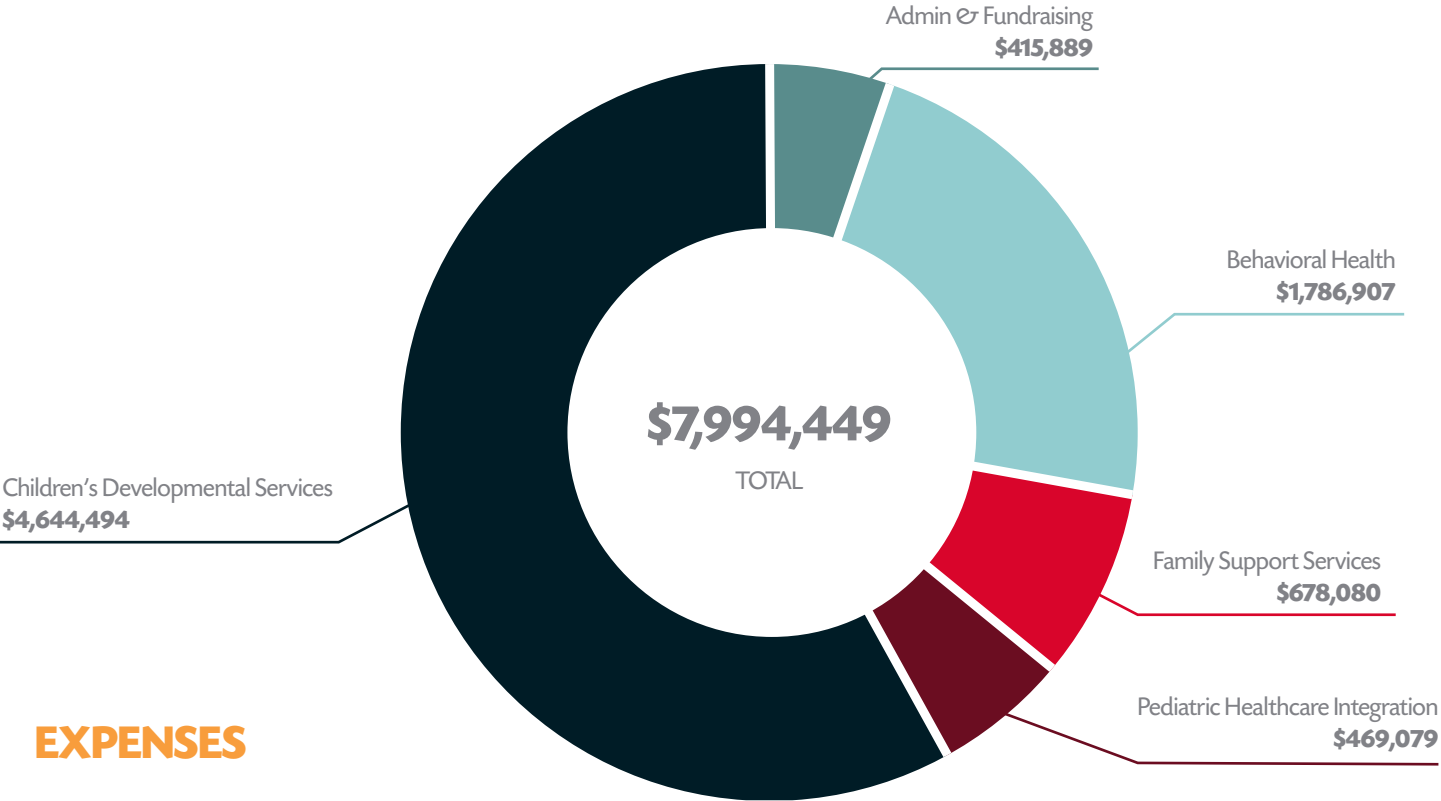
Born and raised in Pierce County, Kevan Carter Jr. was a young man who was inspired by hip hop music. He wrote and performed locally as a way to express himself and connect with the community. Kevan's legacy lives on through this innovative program by connecting youth with music and raising awareness about mental health and prevention.



2021 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



REVENUE



EXPENSES

MEET THE ODA FAMILY



When they first came to HopeSparks, they weren't sure what the future would hold for their daughter Sunny, as she has a variety of special needs.

Additionally, the family found themselves navigating homelessness and were going without basic needs. Connecting with the family services array at HopeSparks changed everything for them. Through physical, occupational, vision, and mental health therapy, Sunny and her sister Luna are thriving. The family has felt a sense of pride in being able to navigate life with their needs being addressed and being supported as their family has grown and changed.

Please click the link to hear the Oda Family share their HopeSparks story and to learn about where they are now.

[See the Oda Family story](#)

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