



Northland Area Family Service Center Annual Report 2022



Mission: "We provide education, mentoring and support services that build strong individuals and families in the Northland Community Schools District."

Vision: "As a result of our work, we are breaking the cycle of generational poverty one family at a time."

Northland Area Family Service Center is an independent non-profit agency physically located in Remer, Minnesota serving residents living in the entire Northland School District. Begun by a group of concerned citizens whose goal was to support families in our area by making them stronger, the Family Center has continued to serve area residents through the collaborative efforts of public and private agencies, community members and Northland Community Schools. The Family Center continues to reach out to the community by developing programs that build on the strengths of all participants.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have partnered with us on our work during 2022. The board of Directors continue to be instrumental in leading our organization during this past year, with continued virtual monthly meetings and leadership. We appreciate the gifts of money from donors in helping us provide education, mentoring and support services that build strong individuals and families in the Northland Community.

If you would like to learn more check out our website:

www.northlandfamilycenter.org

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Family Support

Staff: Linda Leverty



Who we served in 1591 open hours: 381 total connections:



Resource and Referral

- 100 clients were referred to outside sources (BiCAP, Food Shelf, HHVS (and other services))
- 7 clients accessed Family Center computer for unemployment services, job searches and forms that we have available.
- 8 clients received assistance from Family Center staff to complete application forms for Bi-CAP & Cass County Health Human & Veterans Services.
- 20 clients received assistance regarding MNSure, for applications or had questions.
- 48 persons faxed paper
- 107 people were provided with other "in-house" assistance
- 90 people accessed copies

MN Legal Kiosk Project (computer use)

- The Family Center has obtained 2 Legal kiosks computers, which provide access to legal aid services to individuals without access to wifi or technology. These Legal Kiosks offer the public the ability to apply for civil legal aid services, access legal resources, and, in some cases, attend online meetings and remote court hearings in privacy.
- 1 person accessed the legal kiosk





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Program: Family Center Home Visiting

Staff: Lee Anne Bettenberg – Family Support Specialist

Program Goals: Build and sustain community partnerships to systematically engage overburdened families in home visiting services prenatally or at birth, cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships, promote healthy childhood development and growth, and enhance family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.

- The Northland site completed 217 visits during 2022 with 8 families.
- The program is guided by an Advisory Board, which meets quarterly.
- Northland Family Center and Pine River-Backus each have a Family Support Specialist and work as a team with two Family Center Directors to provide this program.
- Retention rates are very high for the families currently involved.

Family Center Home Visiting



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- Working together to build a secure foundation for newborn babies and their parents
- Family home visiting provides voluntary stabilizing support for families, experiencing high-risk factors where they are most comfortable – at home and in their community.

In 2022, the Family Center Home Visiting provided 583 visits to 22 families

Serving the communities of Northland, Pillager and Pine River-Backus



ParentChild+

Equal Possibilities From The Start

Program: ParentChild+

Parent Child+ , is a program of Northland Area Family Service Center and Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. Our service area covers the Northland and Pine River/Backus school districts.

Staff: Ashley Hesse, Renee Bettenberg and Andria Strenge – Early Learning Specialists

ParentChild+ is a free home-visiting program that works to strengthen families and empower parents by providing them with the skills and resources they need to prepare their children for school success. The program is built around an intensive two-year home-visiting model that builds school readiness, child development and parenting skills. ParentChild+ helps the whole family address challenges and prepare for the future.

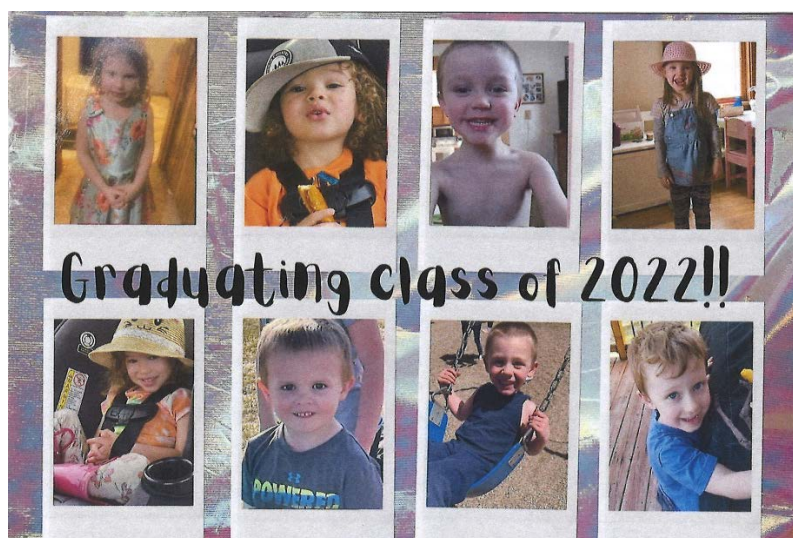
- Participating families receive free educational books and toys
- Families begin the program when their child is 18 months to 2.5 years old
- Trained early learning specialists work with families in their homes two times a week for two years

Our specialists model engaging and educational activities for parents and children together, and then support parents as they take on the role of their children's first teachers. Children who participated in the ParentChild+ program are 50% more likely to be ready for kindergarten and graduated high school at a rate of 30% higher than their socio-economic peers.

In 2022, 717 visits were completed with 27 families. In May of 2022, 8 children graduated from the 2nd year program. Program runs September to the end of May.

This is a 2-year program.

ParentChild+ 2022 graduating children



Family Center Preschool

The Family Center Preschool is a program of the Northland Area Family Center (Nonprofit Organization) and provides a center-based program to children in the Northland Community. We are also part of the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative, and our mission is to have all children ready to learn as they enter kindergarten, and be successful learners through their educational year, regardless of any perceived or real barriers such as economic status, culture or level of ability or disability.

Staff: Stacey Barrick –Teacher and Randi Robison - Assistant

January 2022 - May 2022

12 students were enrolled in this session of preschool.



Family Center Preschool

Philosophy and Goals

We believe that children learn best through play and we try to provide many opportunities to do so. Our environment and curriculum meet each child's developmental needs including social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth.

Our goals:

- Provide experiences that stimulate higher levels of thinking
- Develop and nurture friendships
- Foster each child's sense of wonder
- Provide multicultural experiences and perspectives
- Maintain a warm, safe and friendly environment
- Focus on the beauty and wonder of nature
- Encourage problem solving and cooperative play
- Respect for each other, the world and our things and ourselves

We believe that a child's development is greatly enhanced through parental involvement in his or her care and education. We encourage parental participation throughout the year.

Staff: Stacey Barrick –Teacher, Randi Robison – Assistant

September 2022 – December 2022

Fall of 2022, 12 children attended preschool.





Child and Teen Check Ups (C&TC) Outreach

Staff: Linda Leverty

Outreach efforts

- Mailed reminder letters to families in Northland School District who are on Medical Assistance for health checkups.

Toys For Kids

Staff: Volunteers

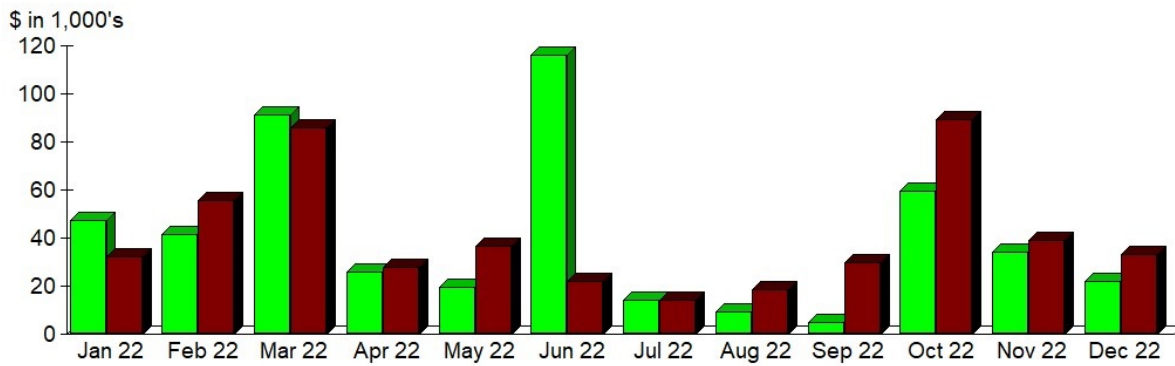
This is the seventh year the Family Center collaborated with volunteers to help area children have a brighter holiday. The Family Center served as the fiscal host for donations. Volunteers coordinated the program and distributed the gifts to families before the Holidays.

Served 45 Families – 113 children

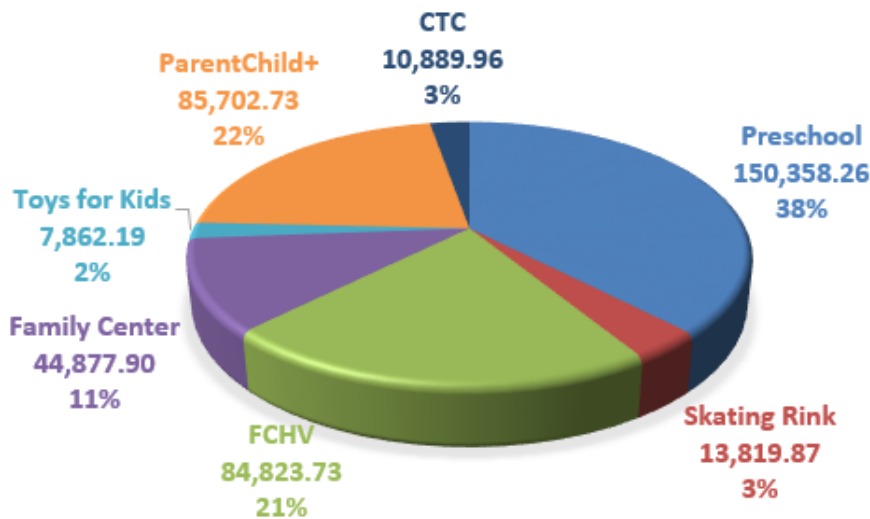


Income and Expense by Month
January through December 2022

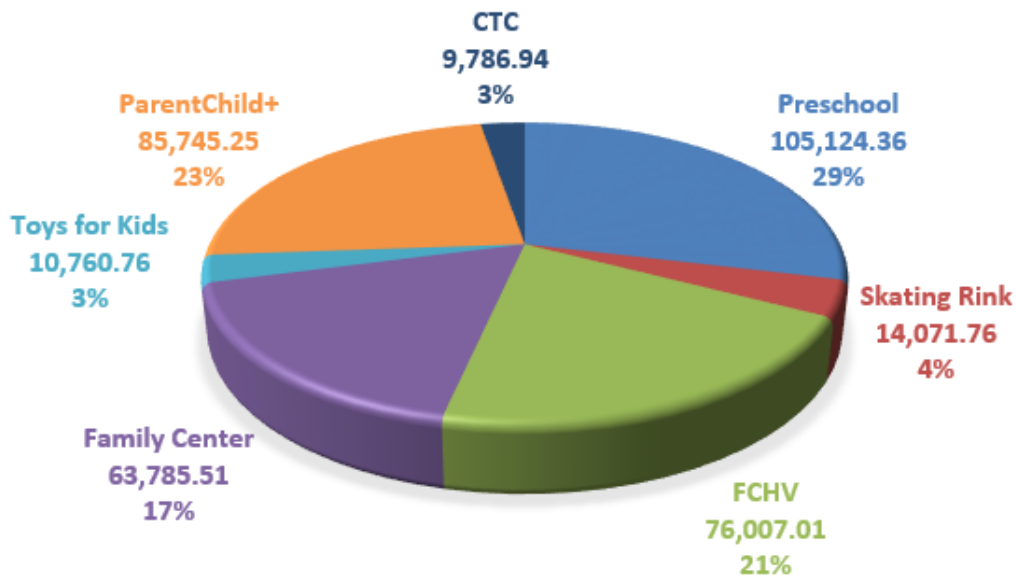
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PROGRAM INCOME SUMMARY JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2022



PROGRAM EXPENSE SUMMARY JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2022



Northland Area Family Service Center
Summary Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

Accrual Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	262,296.49
Accounts Receivable	240,670.34
Other Current Assets	595.14
Total Current Assets	<u>503,561.97</u>
Fixed Assets	428,746.74
Other Assets	-109,498.28
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>822,810.43</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	5,038.63
Other Current Liabilities	49,562.10
Total Current Liabilities	<u>54,600.73</u>
Long Term Liabilities	228,054.97
Total Liabilities	<u>282,655.70</u>
Equity	540,154.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>822,810.43</u></u>



Northland Area Family Service Center

Family Council

Officers

President: Barbara Anderson
Treasurer: Cheryl Desoto
Secretary: Kit Arnquist

Directors

Marlyn Holman
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Faye Zorman

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we are:

Staff

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Lee Anne Bettenberg
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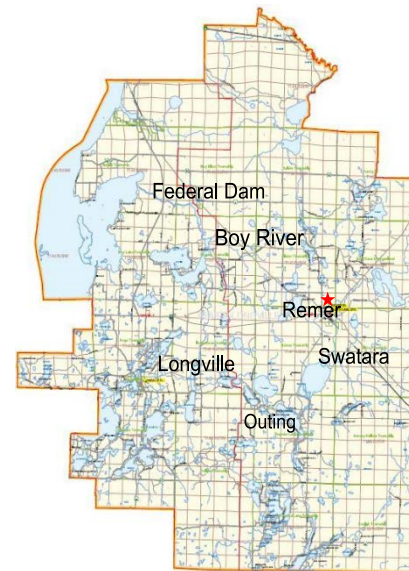
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