



JOINT COUNCIL FOR
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT



Joint Council for Economic Opportunity
of Clinton and Franklin Counties, Inc.

2022

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OUR MISSION

JCEO IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT ENHANCE PEOPLE'S DIGNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE.

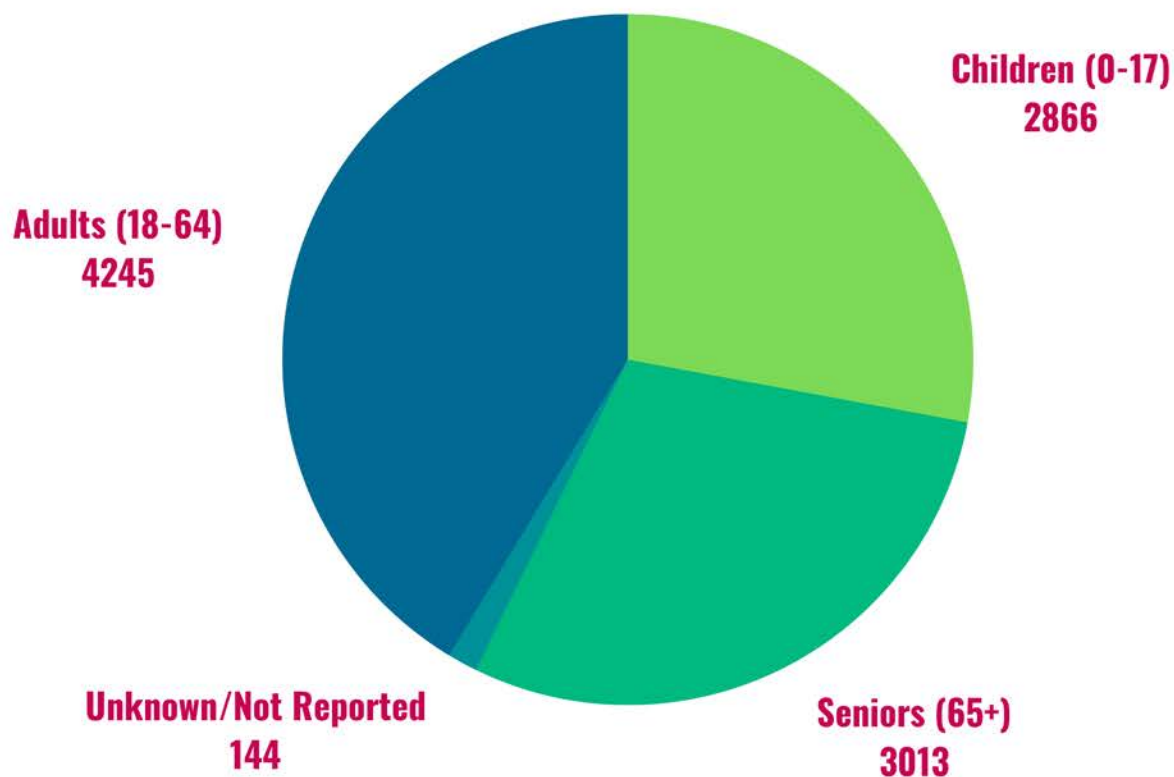
OUR IMPACT

56 Years of Serving the Community

4,803 households served

10,268 individuals served

1,395,068 lbs of food recovered



2022 IN REVIEW

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1,395,068

Pounds of food recovered from local grocery stores and Feed the Children



Rides to medical appointments
(equal to 25,444 volunteer hours!)

15,907

1,605

Households received household goods, clothing, or furniture



Information and referrals to community resources

2,515

325

Backpacks of school supplies distributed



Individuals received Thanksgiving baskets

2,405

601

Children and their families benefitted from Head Start outcomes



Homes weatherized to ensure safety and
reduce energy costs**

95

78

Daycare providers provided care to 753
children on a monthly basis



FRESH & NEW

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Have you been to the Margaret Street office recently? We've been under construction for most of the year, renovating the offices, replacing the old carpets with easy-to-clean tile, and reimagining our food pantry.

The pantry is now a Choice Pantry. Choice pantries allow consumers to select their own foods, instead of receiving a pre-packed bag of products. This method of operation not only increases consumer dignity - by giving them some normalcy and allowing them to "shop" for their food - but also reduces waste by eliminating the chance that they will receive food they can't or won't eat.



Improves consumer dignity

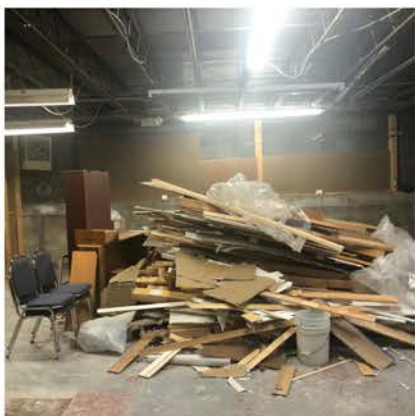
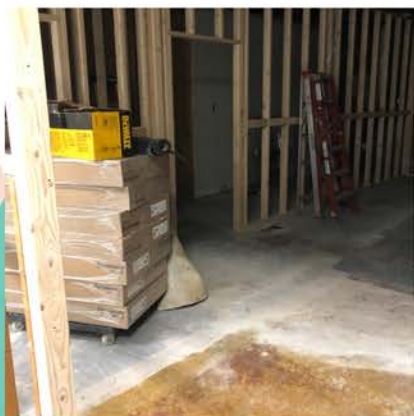
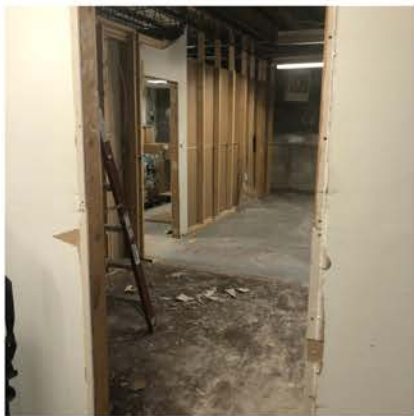
Gives participating families a sense of normalcy

Reduces food waste

**CHOICE
PANTRY**

RENOVATIONS

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Stay tuned for next year's report to see the final product!

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Learn more about...

ENERGY SERVICES

JCEO's Energy Services Program works to reduce energy expenses for households, by making their homes more energy efficient. The program administers the Weatherization Assistance and EmPower NY programs. **Both homeowners and renters can apply for these no-cost, income-based programs.** Solutions can include repair or replacement of heating systems; distribution of insulation; ventilation; smoke alarm installation; water tank wraps, and replacement refrigerators and freezers.

Learn more online at www.jceo.org/energy-services.



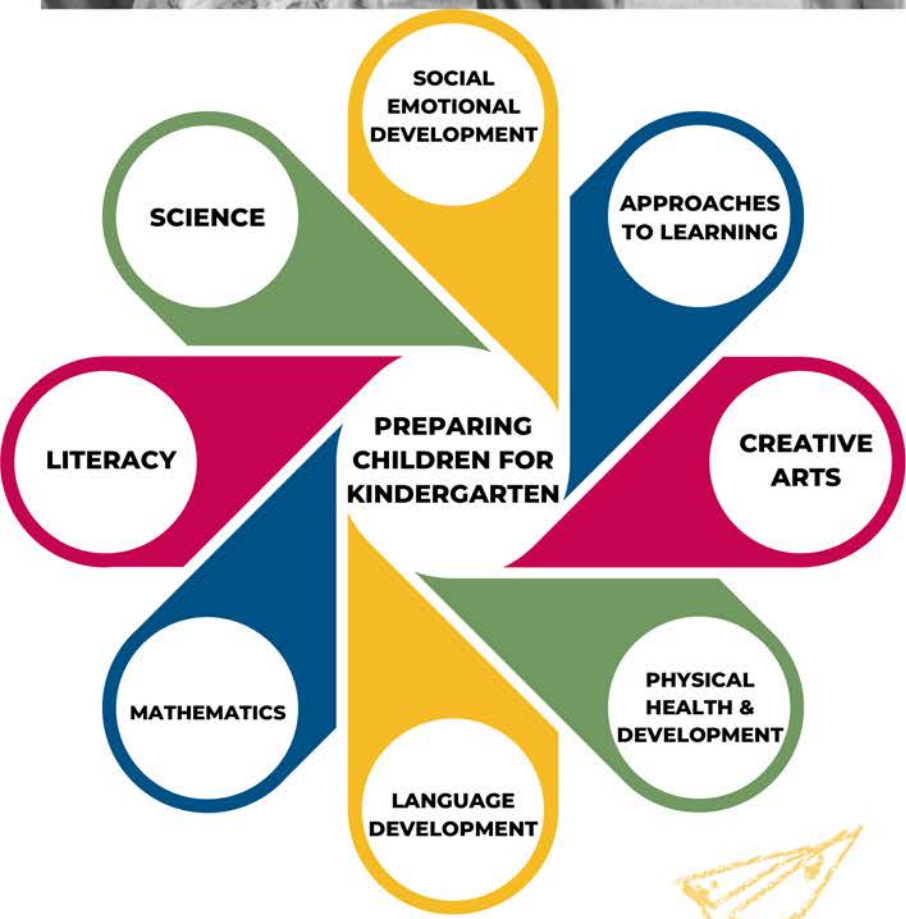


HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START

JCEO's Head Start/Early Head Start programs use Creative Curriculum, a research-based curriculum that promotes hands-on exploration and discovery as a way of learning. JCEO's Early Head Start Home Base Visitor program follows the Growing Great Kids curriculum during weekly visits to the family's home. TSGold observation assessments are used to measure the progress of all children in eight domains: approaches to learning, mathematics, creative arts, physical health and development, language development, science, literacy, and social emotional development. Portfolios maintained on each child include examples of their work, notes about their development, and indicators or progress toward the completion of individual objectives.

Head Start recognizes that parents are their child's first teacher. Therefore, there are many activities arranged throughout the year to emphasize the importance of the family being involved in their children's education. All parents are encouraged to participate in Policy Council and committees, parent trainings and workshops, parent curriculum activities, parent/teacher conferences, MICE/Male Involvement, and Individualizing Education Plans.





JCEO's Head Start/Early Head Start had an OHS Monitoring Review, October 19, 2020, with the next review being scheduled for 2024. It was found that the program meets the requirements of all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. All systems are in place as per Program Performance Standards.

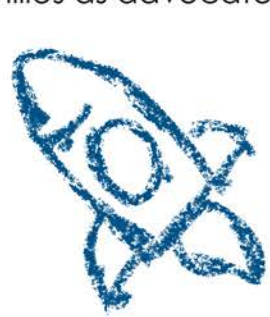
The most recent external audit was conducted by EFPR Group, Certified Public Accountants and the program was in compliance. The audit is available upon request. CLASS scores were within the mean in all areas. The report is available upon request.

Funded Enrollment

Head Start	205
Early Head Start	88
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED.....	293
Number of applications completed.....	198
Number of initial home visits completed.....	161

Family Outcomes

Family well-being.....	82
Positive parent-child relationships.....	83
Families as lifelong educators.....	76
Families as learners.....	55
Family engagement in transitions.....	150
Family connections to peers & community.....	74
Families as advocates and leaders.....	81



Celebrate

Staff Anniversaries and Retirements in 2022!

09

5 Years

Amanda Buck
Maria Cadieux
Vanessa Desrochers
Sandra Fairchild
Marci King

10 Years

Lisa Legacy
Christal Russell
Tina Silver
Robin VanWeort

15 Years

Chantelle Latour
Danielle Thompson

20 Years

Tracy Gardner

30 Years

Jane Donahue

40 Years

Debra Ciccone

Retirement **HAPPY**

Ellen Montgomery - after 43
years with JCEO

Dick LaVigne - after 10
years with JCEO

Board of Directors

Public Sector

Mark Hamilton
James King
Janet McFetridge
Rick Wilburn
Barbara Zelinski
Wendy Baker

Consumer Sector

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Deborah Coryer
Rich Holcomb
Matthew Maguire
Becky Preve
Hannah Provost
Krista Marshall

Private Sector

Meghan Zedick
Father David Ousley
Sonny Giroux
Thomas Gosrich
Mark Kaiser, CPA
Darlene Trombley
Erika Bezio

Certifications, Trainings, and Awards...



Chris Danussi - Certified Trainer for Core Business
Julie Stalker - Aging in Place Specialist Certification
Raelyn Longtemps - Aging in Place Specialist Certification
Belinda Soucia - Appointed to the NYS Homes and Community Renewal's
Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Advisory Council
Lisa Defayette - Certified in Person Centered Training
Nichole Lee - Certified in Case Management





Return to in-person
ALL-STAFF MEETING



For the first time in 2.5 years, JCEO staff were able to get together for an in-person meeting! Fun team building and group activities followed educational lectures.

RETURN OF THE HOLIDAY TRAIN!

2022



AFTER A TWO YEAR HIATUS OVER COVID, CANADIAN PACIFIC HOLIDAY TRAIN RETURNED!

\$4,500

Donated by Canadian Pacific.



\$884

Donated by the Plattsburgh community.



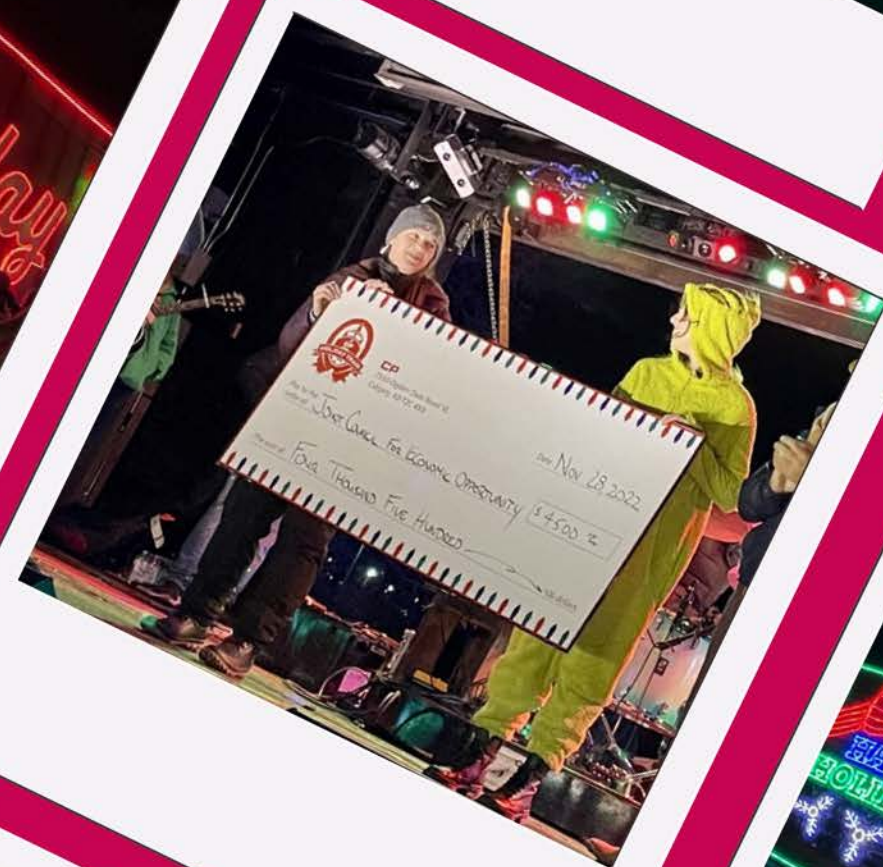
1,000 LBS

Donated by the Plattsburgh community.

After a two year hiatus over Covid (during which time they continued to make their annual donation to JCEO), the Holiday Train returned to Plattsburgh and to a huge crowd.

\$5,384 and 1,000lbs of food were donated.

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!





“I have heard of JCEO and that they help a lot of people, but I don’t really know what they do.”

A word from our CEO

Nicole Laurin

I often hear people say “I have heard of JCEO and that they help a lot of people, but I don’t really know what they do.” Or I hear how surprised they are to learn that we have over 25 locations in our two county region.

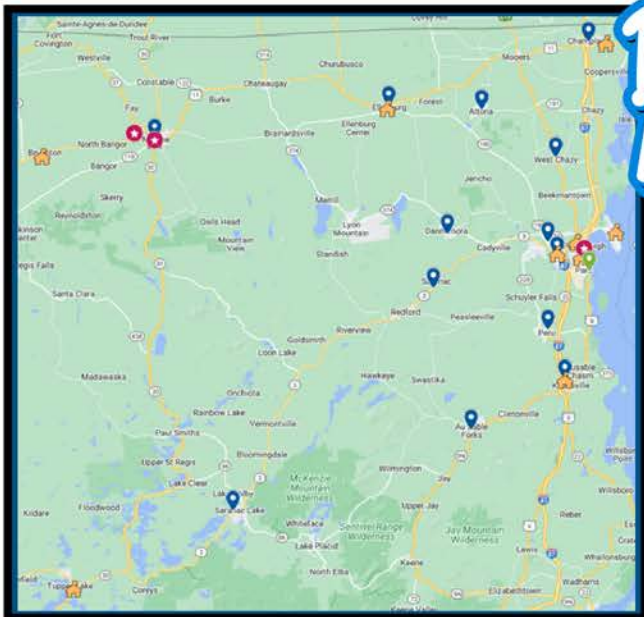
Our Head Start and Early Head Start programs help infants and children prepare for school while helping their parents and caregivers with life skills for their families to thrive. Our Energy Services Department assists households to be more energy efficient and further stretch limited resources. We help seniors stay in their homes, address health and safety concerns and assist with signing up for and answering questions about Medicare, food access and more. We help new daycare providers get registered, trained and navigate the rules and regulations to be able to operate safely. We help families keep lights on, homes warm and food in bellies.

We can’t help in every situation, but we try our best with the resources we have. If we can’t help, our staff work diligently to connect individuals with other valuable resources in our community. To learn more about what we do, where we are and how you can help, please visit www.jceo.org.

Did You Know?

JCEO operates out of 25 locations!

Find out more at jceo.org/contact



Community Outreach Centers

Altona - 3124 Miner Farm Road
 Ausable - 1908 Route 22
 Black Brook - 18 North Main Street
 Champlain - 1104 Route 9
 Chazy - 9631 State Route 22
 Dannemora - 40 Emmons Street
 Ellenburg - 16 Edmunds Way
 Peru - 3036 Main Street
 Plattsburgh, Town - 1349 Military Turnpike
 Saranac - 3668 Route 3
 Saranac Lake - 79 Canaras Drive
 Schuyler Falls - 997 Mason Street

Primary Administrative Offices

Plattsburgh - 54 Margaret Street
 Malone - 43 Valco Drive

Head Start Centers

Beekman
 Brushton
 Champlain
 Cumberland Head
 Keeseville
 Malone
 NAC
 Peru & Saranac
 Plattsburgh City South
 Tupper Lake

Financial Report 2022

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 - JANUARY 31, 2022

The following illustrates the sources of JCEO revenue and expenditures through January 31, 2022

FEDERAL AWARDS 2021 - 2022

Head Start / Early Head Start	\$3,740,987
Child Care & Development (CCR&R)	\$75,178
Community Services Block Grant	\$1,208,312
LIHEAP Weatherization Assistance	\$350,323
Child and Adult Food Care Program	\$349,473
Weatherization Assistance Program	\$419,503
Emergency Food & Shelter Program	\$19,242
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS:	\$6,163,018

Total State and Local Funding	\$1,644,215
Total contributions	\$283,328
Other Income	\$2,032,708
In-Kind	\$738,800

TOTAL REVENUES	\$10,862,069
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,865,524
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,996,545

Management and general expenses was \$667,822, representing 7.5% of total expenses. This means that over 92 cents of each dollar received goes to program costs, providing services to our community.



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