

2019 update on ICDP activities in USA

Taken from the CCWF annual report 2019:

Vision, Highlights, and History

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“Everything that was discussed gave me a sense of positivity and a brighter future.”

- Parent from U-46 Century Oaks Elementary School Program

CCWF Readers,

The year 2019 was an extremely strong year for the Changing Children’s Worlds Foundation. Hundreds of Parents flourished along with their Children as they participated in “Best Start for Families-A Health Equity Approach” programming.

Parents improved in expressing empathy, in positive communications with children and other family members, and family relationships were strengthened. These are protective factors” for children, helping them thrive in family, and then in their communities and greater society context.

Our intergenerational, public health approach helps families attain critical well-being, which supports their positive mental and physical health.

Partner schools also realized important increases in Parent engagement and stronger relationships with school professionals, which ultimately supports children for stronger social/emotional and academic achievement at school

2019 Highlights:

In 2019, the Kempe Center, Denver Colorado obtained a \$100,000 grant to bring CCWF’s “The Best Start for Families-A Health Equity Approach” to Colorado!

We began with partner meetings.

In September 2019, a Kempe Center/ECPAC Team came to Chicago to attend the “Best Start” Facilitator Training Workshop hosted at the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center.

In October, 2019, the trained Kempe Center “Best Start” Facilitators launched the first “Best Start for Families” Parenting Group in Colorado.

The Best Start “All About YOUth” program was developed and launched, targeted at children 12-24 years.

The program focus: 1) Youth develop confidence and agency; 2) Youth understand and develop strong family life skills and relationships; 3) Youth learn Restorative Practice skills they can apply with friends, family, community and their own children.

First project hosts were: School District U-46 Larkin High School's Summer Orientation, Elgin (60 youth) and St. Titus M.B. Church Youth Violence Prevention Program, West Pullman (10 youth).

CCWF was honoured that Kane County Sheriff Hain increased our CCWF services for Parents/Caregivers at the KC Jail to serve 8 Pods of fathers and mothers over the year, totalling nearly 130 Parents.

Evaluation results show important improvements in this population. CCWF also had our first 2 projects at the Department of Corrections Fox Valley Adult Transition Center (women in the last 2 years of their prison sentence, who will transition back to their children and families after many years of separation). Again, the program provided important support to participating mothers.

Also in 2019, CCWF's formal contract with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), was extended and continued to expand to more parents in multiple counties, now including Kane, Dekalb, McHenry, Dupage and Kendall Counties. These services are provided to DCFS families through community-based Parenting Learning Groups, as well as with intensive parenting coaching (one-on-one).

History and Mission:

Founded in 2011, incorporated with tax exempt status in February 2012, the Changing Children's World Foundation (CCWF) envisions a world where adult caregivers and professionals employ empathy-based, trauma-informed caring and support to children, youth and their parents - through a universal public health approach which ensures that families receive child-rearing support as a natural part of our society.

Parents' Testimonials

<p>"We show a lot more emotions with each other - laughing, hugging, smiling, at each other. We cook together more. This program taught me how to set the time aside to do these things instead of making excuses. Because that's my future and I want him and all kids to blossom."</p>		<p>"ICDP is a very simple program, but it has helped me a lot in being able to identify things that help me to be a better parent."</p> 	 <p>"This program has been very positive experience. Being able to talk to other parents, who are maybe in the same shoes as we are has really helped. It's made us be more aware and more mindful of where we are emotionally, and how that relates in response to our children."</p>	 <p>"I don't want them to be in an environment where they feel scared for their life when they walk out the door... I have to keep them close to me. I'm learning more about them and they're learning more about me and they are beginning to be good kids."</p>
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2019 Program Statistics



2019 CCWF Program Summary <i>The Best Start for Families: A Health Equity Approach</i>	
Number of Professional Trained	64
Number of Parents/Caregivers Served	334
Number of Children Supported	821
Total Persons	1,219

2019 The BEST START- All About YOUTH Projects for Youth 12-25 years	# Projects	# Youth
West Pullman (Chicago)	1	5
U-46 School District- Larkin High School (Elgin)	1	60
TOTAL	2	65



The Best Start for Families - A Health Equity Approach 2019 CCWF Parenting Projects	# Projects	# Parent & Caregivers	# Children Impacted	# Parents & Caregivers Certified
School District D-93 (Bloomingdale)	2	6	6	0
Kane County Adult Justice Center (St. Charles)	8	126	236	82
Chicago Youth Centers (Chicago)	3	25	46	21
Mutual Ground (Aurora)	1	5	10	5
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (Chicago)	1	23	51	15
Lazarus House (St. Charles)	1	1	1	1
Juvenile Protective Association (Chicago)	1	7	7	0
School District U-46 (Elgin)	2	42	57	TBD
Illinois Department of Corrections: Fox Valley Adult Transition Center (Aurora)	1	35	63	10
West Pullman (Chicago)	1	4	4	4
Erie Neighborhood House (Chicago)	2	11	20	8
Changing Childrens Worlds Foundation (Elgin, DeKalb, Geneva)	3	7	9	TBD
Project Help with CCWF (Aurora)	1	9	17	7
Kempe Center/ECPAC (Colorado)	1	5	12	2
Association for Individual Development (Aurora)	1	7	14	TBD
Simply Destinee (Aurora)	1	18	32	6
Albany Park Community Center (Chicago)	1	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pioneer Center for Human Services (McHenry)	1	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL	32	331	585	161

2019 Facilitator Training Workshop	Workshop Level	# of Professionals	Minimum # Children Supported	Interns/ College Students
St. Charles Veteran Center (Jan. 2019)	Workshop 1	19	52	7
St. Charles Veteran Center (May 2019)	Workshop 1	11	28	3
St. Charles Veteran Center (Aug 2019)	Workshop 2	N/A	12	6
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (Sep 2019)	Workshop 1	23	46	0
St. Charles Veteran Center (Oct 2019)	Workshop 1	11	30	4
TOTAL		64	168	20