



CORNERSTONES
OF CARE

Impact
Report

2025

A Message From Our CEO

Throughout 2025, we embarked on a clear-eyed analysis of our business model as we prepare for Cornerstones of Care's next phase in serving children, families, and our community.

As the first quarter of 2025 began with concerns about federal policy changes and their impact on state funding, Cornerstones of Care's leadership was already moving forward on taking a fresh look at our structure, plans, and processes.

We understand that our work must be reimagined to continue to serve children and families as they work through trauma and as we partner with entities to build safe, healthy communities.

Last year, we engaged consultants to conduct in-depth analysis of our nonprofit business and fundraising models to maximize our strengths, minimize our weaknesses, be cognizant of threats, and take advantage of opportunities. That analysis will continue into 2026 as we begin to lay a foundation that will lead us to 2030 and into the future.

As many of you who have supported us over the years know, your generous support fills the financial gap between what we receive from government-funded programs and the actual costs of programs that helps families thrive. You also know that some of our successful programs, such as Build Trybe and Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST), receive no government funding.

As you will read in these pages, we continue to serve children and families through mental health and family wellness, education and skill building, and foster and kinship support. You will also read about our new Education Campus, at the site of the former Archbishop O'Hara High School, which will open at the beginning of the 2026-27 academic year in August and provide enhanced collaboration for students, teachers, and our educational programs.

In 2025, we bid farewell to two important people in our organization, as Randy Smith retired after 51 years on the Ozanam Campus and Sally Hornstra retired as our Director of Grants. We appreciate their extraordinary work.

Most importantly, thanks to our donors, volunteers, team members, and others committed to supporting families, we were able to help thousands of children and families in Missouri, Kansas, and beyond.



Merideth Rose, President & CEO

In 2025, Cornerstones of Care served more than 14,000 children and families in Missouri, Kansas, and beyond through our programs.

Cornerstones of Care serves families in three ways:



Mental Health Support

Providing care through programs including Functional Family Therapy, Family Focus, and other outpatient counseling services to ensure children and families live in a safe, healthy environment.



Foster & Kinship Care

We provide foster care in Kansas and Missouri as well as providing support to relatives and non-relative kin who care for children as their families work through trauma.



Education & Skill Building

Education remains the fabric of our support of youth and families. We provide education through our Day Treatment Schools, Collaborative Learning, and skill-building programs such as Pathways, which provides life skills, and Build Trybe, which offers workforce development.



Our Leadership Team

Cornerstones of Care is accredited by the Council on Accreditation as a behavioral health agency and is certified in trauma-informed care by the Sanctuary Institute. As an organization, we are committed to ongoing growth and excellence, striving to provide the highest standards of care for the communities we serve by being dedicated to the principles of being welcoming and inclusive for diverse families and individuals through our Welcoming, Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable (WIDE) commitment.



Cornerstones of Care is a 501c3 nonprofit registered in Missouri. In 2025, Cornerstones of Care was led by President and CEO Merideth Rose and our Executive Leadership Team:

- Jamie Stevens**, Chief People Officer
- Jill Beck**, Chief Financial Officer
- Sarah Scharinger**, Chief Administrative Officer
- Justin Horton**, Chief Programs and Innovation Officer

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Our Mission

Partnering for safe and healthy communities.

We believe that children thrive within families, and families flourish within caring communities.



Grants & Donations

Much of our work would not be possible without the support of donors and organizations like these who provided grants in 2025:

Donor	Awarded Amount
15 and the Mahomies Foundation	\$15,000
Advisors Excel	\$3,000
Children's Services Fund of Jackson County	\$744,812
Children's Services Fund of Clay County	\$85,000
Clay, Platte, Ray Mental Health Levy	\$125,758
Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas/Fort Scott Area Community Foundation/Knights of Columbus Endowment Fund	\$5,200
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (Board Discretionary Fund)	\$50,000
Health Forward Foundation	\$50,000
Hunt Family Foundation	\$20,000
Jackson County COMBAT	\$276,000
Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund	\$1,870,482
Jackson County Legislature	\$260,000
Missouri Department of Conservation	\$200,000
Missouri Department of Economic Development (Neighborhood Assistance Program)	\$150,000
Sherman Family Foundation / John & Marny Sherman	\$200,000
United Way	\$75,000
Wyandotte Health Foundation	\$30,000

Our Program Highlights

In 2025, we served our community through the following programs:

- Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST)
- Build Trybe Vocational Apprenticeship
- Community-Based Training
- Continuing Education Classes
- Day Treatment Schools
- Family Focus Treatment
- Family Preservation Services
- Family Resiliency Initiative
- Foster Care Case Management
- Functional Family Therapy
- Independent Living Services
- Intensive Family Reunification Services
- Intensive In-Home Services
- Outpatient Counseling
- Parent Management Training—Oregon
- Pathways Transitional Living Program
- Residential Treatment
- Resource Development—Recruitment & Licensing
- School-Based Counseling & Case Management
- ShowMe Healthy Relationships
- Treatment/Therapeutic Foster Care
- Wendy’s Wonderful Kids
- Youth Education Success



Build Trybe

85% of youth engaged in Build Trybe’s program completed it.

61% advanced into employment to gain further experience.

In-Home Family Services

826 families received in-home services focused on crisis prevention and strengthening protective factors within the home.

93% of families remained safely together, highlighting the success of trauma-informed relationship-centered supports.

70% of clients report positive change following counseling.

Day Treatment Schools

82% of students made progress on Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals across academic, behavioral, and therapeutic categories.

Residential Treatment

63% of our youth successfully transitioned to a less restrictive level of care.

86% of Aftercare families report active involvement in treatment and transition planning.

Transitional Living

100% of youth in Independent Living gained life skills.

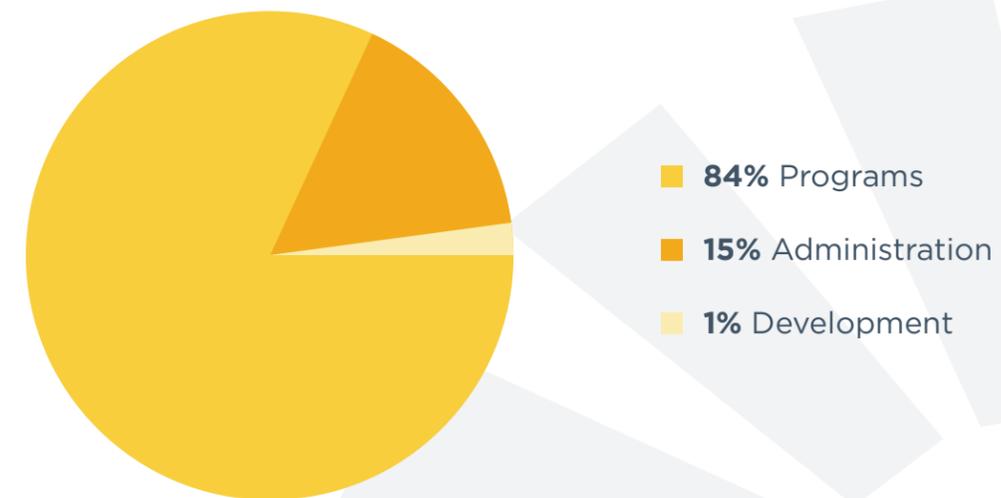
73% felt empowered in decision-making and planning for the future.

Financial Overview

We are grateful to our donors and other funders who support our work with children and families. In 2025, our administrative expenses were below the industry benchmark, and 84% of our revenue went toward our programs.

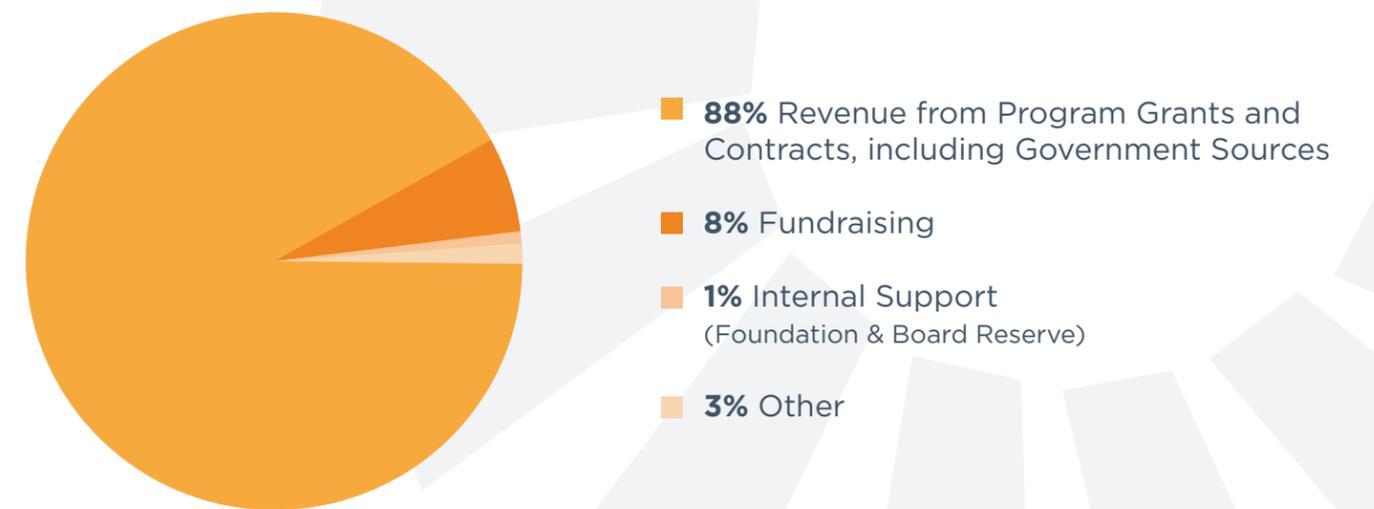
Expenses: In 2025, we reduced non-program expenses to provide more support to the children and families we serve.

Source: 2025 Approved Audit*



Revenue: In 2025, we achieved a steady increase in fundraising over 2023 and 2024 levels.

Source: 2025 Financial Statements*



* Financials in this report are those we provided to auditors. Final numbers will be provided upon request when the audit is complete in second quarter, 2026.



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