



Variety Child LEARNING CENTER

INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1966

2016 Annual Report

Highlights from the 2015-2016 School Year

The 2015-2016 school year was a time of exceptional growth and accomplishment for Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC):

New Location: In September 2014, a new site was opened at the Gallow School in Levittown—a modern, spacious 39,000 square foot facility. The school hosts a new **Child Care** program for children ages six weeks to five years; a **School Age Program** for children with disabilities ages five to eight years; and a **Preschool Special Education Program** for children ages three to five years including a **Preschool Special Class in an Integrated Setting (SCIS)**. Since opening, the school has grown in size from 36 to 113 students.



New Programs: A **Preschool Class** for children with disabilities opened in both Levittown and Syosset sites. An additional **School Age class** for children with disabilities opened in Levittown as well. We are happy to report that enrollment in our early intervention and preschool classes were again at full capacity for the school year.

Renovations: Donations and funds raised through events were applied towards renovating the smaller building on site utilized for offices of the occupational and physical therapists; parking lot repairs; playground equipment; and miscellaneous building repairs & improvements.



Fundraising: A series of successful fundraising events were held including our **50th Anniversary Celebration** in April that raised over \$171,000; our annual **Casino Night** in October that raised \$19,000; and the **3K Walk for Children** in Bethpage State Park in June that raised awareness of VCLC. **The Family of William Entenmann, Beech Fund Trust** generously donated \$250,000 to help support programs and renovation projects and **Astoria Bank** pledged \$100,000 for building projects as well. In addition, our Youth Action Council held their annual car wash and other fundraising events throughout the year. Volunteers from Neuberger Berman assisted in building a safe outdoor play area with a fence, painted shed, and planters. Throughout the year, other volunteers regularly visited the school as readers and aides.



Staff Training: We provided college level courses to teacher assistants to enhance their certification levels. Teachers, speech pathologists and social workers participated in a two-day on-site workshop on PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) with the students. These courses were provided at no cost to staff as part of our commitment to continual employee education and training.



The Mission of Variety Child Learning Center is to:

- Promote the development, education, and inclusion into the community of children with or at risk of disabilities
- Increase the capabilities of families whose children have or are at risk of disabilities and reduce the stresses on those families.
- Initiate improvements in the delivery of services to children and their families.
- Provide training and technical assistance to early childhood personnel.
- Promote programs, research, policies, and collaborations that improve child development and family life.

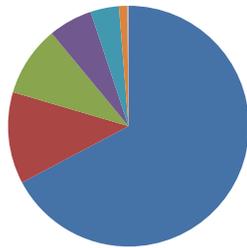


Revenue & Expenses for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

VCLC was proactive in securing additional revenue sources so that we can continue to add new programs and services, despite the decrease in government funding. These include:

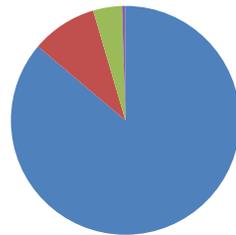
- \$250,000 Entenmann Family Grant (subsidizing childcare program and building renovations and repairs)
- \$100,000 pledge from Astoria Bank for building renovations and repairs
- \$195,000 from our three major fundraisign events (50th Anniversary Celebration, Casino Night, Walk for Children)
- \$7,155 Capacity Building Grant from the United Way

2015-2016 Revenue: \$17,252,514



- Preschool: 68.78%
- School Age: 12.59%
- Early Intervention: 9.67%
- Grants/Fees/Other: 6.02%
- Contributions & Special Events: 3.91%
- Other Non-Operating Revenue: (1.14)%
- Interest: 0.09%
- United Way: 0.08%

2015-2016 Expenses: \$18,001,712



- Education: 86.17%
- Management: 9.27%
- Other Programs: 4.09%
- Fundraising: 0.47%



About Variety Child Learning Center

Each year, VCLC serves over 750 children and their families with a staff of 400. Program and services, provided both on-site and off-site, include:

- Applied Behavioral Analysis Home Program
- Early Intervention for infants and toddlers
- Evaluation Center to determine if children have disabilities
- Special Classes in an Integrated Setting (SCIS)
- Special Education preschool and kingergarten through 2nd grade
- Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIS) provided at home and at nursery school and child care locations
- Social Skills Training Groups
- Lufrano Training Program for early childhood personnel
- Training for pediatric residents in collaboration with Winthrop University Hospital
- Family Center Respite/Recreation Program for children ages 3-10
- Saturday Enrichment Programs
- Childcare for infants (6 weeks) to 5 years

