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INTENSIVE FOSTER CARE finds children homes with families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

EARLY INTERVENTION serves children, birth to 36 months, at home who have or are at risk of development delays.

EARLY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP serves pregnant women whose children are at risk of poor health outcomes and delays.

HEALTHY FAMILIES serves first-time parents age 21 or younger, until the child's third birthday.

CHAPTER 766 SCHOOL serves students 3 to 22 years of age with multiple disabilities.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESPITE SERVICES supports individuals living with their families in receiving tailored services.

TRANSITIONAL JOB SUPPORT assists adults in finding and maintaining meaningful paid employment.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT serves adults living on their own in the community by providing drop-in support for daily life management.

SHARED LIVING finds adults homes with families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

ADULT FAMILY CARE finds adults with medical needs homes with families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

SUPPORTED LIVING provides direct ongoing services and supports to adults with disabilities living independently in their own homes.

SUPERVISED LIVING provides 24/7 support to adults living in groups of two to four in neighborhood homes.

DAY HABILITATION provides high needs adults a comprehensive managed program of services in a supportive and caring environment.



Our Vision

Kennedy-Donovan Center is committed to the full continuum of care for individuals and families of all ages with developmental disabilities and similar needs in our region. We strive to provide this either by offering services directly or by collaborating closely with community partners. Our growth will target programs that:

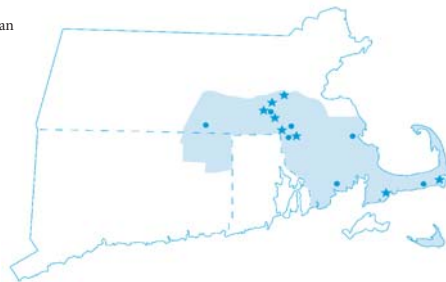
- Fill service gaps in the continuum of care for our clients
- Are needed in our current service area or adjacent regions
- Build on our current expertise
- Respond to a need for innovative and flexible programming
- Focus on individualized one-on-one services.

KDC Connections is published by Kennedy-Donovan Center for the agency's volunteers, families, supporters and those whom we work to provide services and supports of the highest quality.

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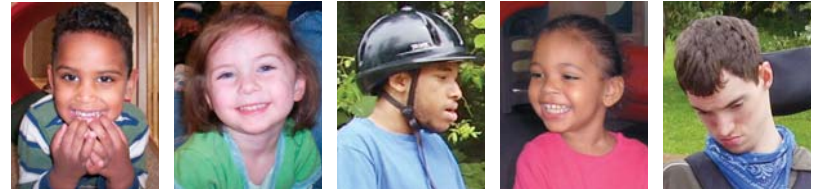
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KDC connections

New Pilot Program Serves Children with Autism Grant from John Alden Trust to provide new services in New Bedford

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Watch our New Commercial!

Visit kdc.org to see the commercial for KDC's Day Habilitation program. It aired in the New Bedford area on networks such as TNT, Lifetime, Oxygen and on Comcast cable from mid-December to mid-January. From our website, go to the Services page and click on the icon.

Kennedy-Donovan Center will implement a pilot project to meet the needs of the autistic children we serve by providing support for parents who are dealing with an autism diagnosis for their child, and/or those who suspect but are waiting for a formal diagnosis; as well as support for families' other (non-autistic) children. A \$10,000 grant from the John W. Alden Trust will assist us in the start-up of this program, scheduled to begin in March.

KDC's Families with Autism Support Network (FASN) will provide a family-centered and family-driven program assisting families who need support in caring for their children age 30-60 months who have autism spectrum disorder, through direct family support, recreational programs, social skills training, and other opportunities that will improve the quality of their lives. In addition FASN will build the social skills of the toddlers and preschool-age children with autism and provide family members advocacy and educational opportunities that provide practical experience.

FASN staff will run three concurrent group sessions for the children with autism (or suspected diagnosis), parent groups and a siblings group. In addition to information on community resources provided within Group Sessions, staff will provide individual information and referral to parents for diverse needs on a continuous basis.

Trained EI staff from our New Bedford Early Intervention program will be implementing this new service. Participants will be identified and referred by Kennedy-Donovan Center's EI and Pre-School programs, as well as by other agencies or individuals (e.g., pediatricians, self-referral).

For more information on FASN, contact New Bedford Early Intervention program director, Tammy Wunschel at 508-997-1570.



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Save the Date

Our 23rd Annual Charity Auction and Founder's Awards

Please join us for a fun evening with friends at the 23rd Annual Charity Auction and Founder's Awards. This is KDC's premier fundraiser and your support goes directly to programs that serve more than 5,000 families and individuals.

This year's event will take place on Thursday, May 6 at the lovely Lake View Pavilion in Foxboro. Please bring a friend! For more information, contact Jill Bopf at jbopf@kdc.org.



Joan Gagnon and Harold Cohen at last year's event.



Gija Silva and her mother Patricia at last year's event.

KDC Breaks Ground In Kingston

Greater Plymouth Program Center will move to Kingston

The Greater Plymouth Early Intervention and Healthy Families programs will soon have a new home. In December, KDC broke ground on land purchased at 32 Crescent Street, Kingston for a new 7,800 square foot program center. The center will feature space for parent groups, play groups, therapies, conference space as well as offices for the 38 employees of the programs.

Healthy Families is a home visiting program for first-time parents under 21 providing parent education and support. Healthy Families serves the towns of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton and Rockland.



Early Intervention provides therapies for children birth to three who have or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities. The Greater Plymouth Early Intervention program serves families in the towns of: Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth and Plympton.

Construction is scheduled to be finished in August, with occupancy in September. For information on how you can help with this important project for KDC, contact Ann Buono, V.P. of Development and Public Relations at abuono@kdc.org.



Kevin Rodman Conare Elected to Board of ADDP

Kennedy-Donovan Center's President & CEO was recently elected to the Board of ADDP, the Association of Developmental Disability Providers.

ADDP consists of over 100 community organizations across Massachusetts that provide services to individuals with disabilities including developmental disabilities. In his new capacity, CEO Kevin Rodman Conare will continue his work on the Legislative Committee and now work with the broader

network of KDC's peers to advocate for services in our communities. "I am honored to work with and learn from our sister organizations and to join our voice with theirs to improve the lives of the individuals and families we support," said Kevin Rodman Conare. "Community involvement and partnerships is one of KDC's Core Values. This work enhances our mission."

For more information on ADDP, visit their website at addp.org.

Generous Grants to Kennedy-Donovan Center

KDC School, New Bedford Playground and Autism Program Benefit

The John Alden Trust provided a grant of \$10,000 to Kennedy-Donovan Center's new pilot program in New Bedford called FASN or Families with Autism Support Network. FASN will work with families of children with Autism ages two-and-a-half to five years of age. Services will include: parent support groups and resource and referral information; sibling groups; and direct services to the child with Autism.

Kennedy-Donovan Center received a \$5,000

grant from the Henry Crapo Foundation to help with renovations and new equipment to the New Bedford Program Center's existing playground.

The Sean McDonough Foundation gave \$7,500 to the KDC School which will be used to support student activities and materials for the classrooms. KDC is still looking for private donations and other foundation grant money for the playground renovations and the FASN pilot program.

FEBRUARY-JUNE events

February 12

Annual Staff Appreciation event being held at The Chateau Restaurant in Norton.

March 13

Visions of Community Conference held at the World Trade Center, Boston. Co-sponsored by the Federation for Children with Special Needs and many others. Visit fcsn.org for more information.

March 26

ADDP Annual Expo and Conference, Worcester, MA

March 31

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro, MA

April 23

Annual Comedy Night fundraiser at Raffaels in Walpole to benefit the Milford office programs through the Rodman Ride for Kids. For more information, call 508-473-5700.

May 6

Annual Founder's Charity Auction, held at Lakeview Pavilion, Foxboro. For more information call 508-543-2542, ext. 112.

May 26

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro, MA



Sign up now for KDC e-news, our new quarterly e-newsletter. Get the most current information on news and happenings at KDC. Go to kdc.org and look for the icon shown above.

Our Mission

We support individuals and families with disabilities and other similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services.

Alumni Parents' Plan to Give Back

First-time Ironman Competitor Raising Money for KDC

Shawn Stanghellini is a champion. His desire to push his mind and body to the extreme by competing in the Lake Placid Ironman makes it so, as does his desire to give back to KDC. Shawn is an alumnus parent whose son, Shane, recently graduated from KDC's Greater Plymouth Early Intervention program. Shawn speaks about how Shane, who has autism, benefited from Early Intervention services and the dedication and professionalism of the staff who helped Shane.

Shawn states, "Through KDC's services, Shane went from being unable to communicate his needs to gaining functional social skills. He is now in pre-school and is able to communicate with peers from the community. Staff members were professional, committed, resourceful and compassionate."

The Ironman, which takes place in July, consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike, and a 26.2-mile run. All must be completed in 17 hours for athletes to earn the coveted title of Ironman. Shawn is raising money for KDC online through the Janus Charity Challenge. If you are interested in learning more, you can visit his website at snipurl.com/shawns.



We Did It!

A very special thank you to everyone who participated in the 2009 Rodman Ride for Kids. Riders, event participants, volunteers and donors combined to raise over \$155,000 including our 15% match from the Ride! Your support provides for equipment, staff training, respite care and emergency funds for families and for additional critical necessities. Supporters of the 2009 Rodman Ride for Kids will appear in our next issue of *KDC Connections*.

A D V O C A C Y C O R N E R

Advocating for Children Birth to Three

These are challenging times for everyone financially. Like most other community agencies, we have had to "tighten our belts" and limit or even eliminate some services. We acknowledge our responsibility in helping with this global crisis. At the same time, we have an obligation to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens do not get left behind during the economic downturn.

One such example is Early Intervention, serving children birth to three with developmental delays. These children cannot wait for the economy to turn around to receive life-changing services. KDC, therefore, has been working with the Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium (MEIC) to limit the cuts that have already been made to services for these children and their families.

On November 18th, staff and families from KDC's Early Intervention program serving the greater Plymouth area spent the morning on Beacon Hill. We met with several legislators and/or their aides and left materials with others. Offices that were contacted included Senate President Therese Murray, State Senators Thomas P. Kennedy and Marc R. Pacheco and State Representatives Thomas Calter, James Cantwell, Vinny deMacco, Susan Williams Gifford, Robert Nyman and Daniel Webster.

For more information on MEIC, visit their website at maeic.org.

Each issue, Advocacy Corner will focus on legislative issues related to the disabilities field.

Annual Report

Information from the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Government Contracts	\$16,801,415	72.56%
Medicaid/Third Party Billing	5,556,890	24.00%
Other Income	462,900	2.00%
Private Contributions	334,912	1.45%
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	23,156,117	100.00%

EXPENSES

Salaries/Benefits and Related Costs	20,222,347	88.08%
Direct Programs	698,494	3.04%
Total Occupancy	1,173,847	5.11%
Total all other Expenses	633,510	2.76%
Depreciation and Amortization	231,674	1.01%

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,959,872	100.00%
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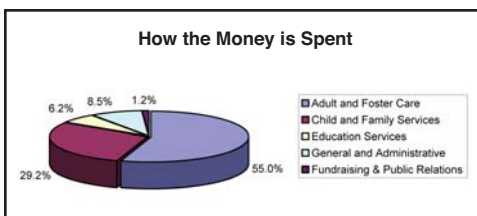
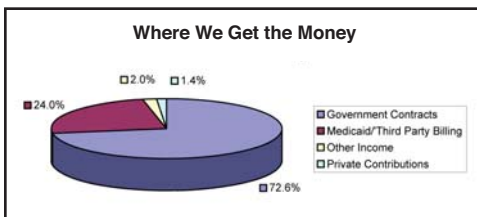
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$196,245
NET LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	(\$28,380)

FINAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$167,865
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EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Adult and Foster Care	\$12,627,063	55.00%
Child and Family Services	6,693,988	29.16%
Education Services	1,429,937	6.23%
General and Administrative	1,943,949	8.47%
Fundraising & Public Relations	264,935	1.15%

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$22,959,872	100.00%
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We at Kennedy-Donovan Center know we must be accountable to the community and to our funders. This year's audited financial statements were completed in September and submitted to the State by the November 15th deadline.

In 2009, our administrative and fundraising costs combined accounted for 9.6% of our total costs with over 90 cents of every dollar going directly to services. Change in net assets was \$167,865 or 1% of the budget. This was essentially a break-even fiscal year.

In spite of some funding cuts, we witnessed modest growth in our programs and revenues from \$22 to \$23 million due largely to the opening of our New Bedford Day Hab and Connecticut Early Intervention services. For a fuller financial statement, go to kdc.org. We post our annual 990 Federal report online for public review.

We are grateful for the generous and continued support of hundreds of people in the community who make it possible for Kennedy-Donovan Center to do this important work.

THANK YOU

Kennedy-Donovan Center thanks everyone who generously donated gifts in fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Your support has allowed us to expand our Intensive Foster Care services from New Bedford to include Cape Cod, the Blackstone Valley and Metro West regions. In addition, with your support KDC opened an interactive Day

Habilitation "Life-long learning" program in New Bedford to better serve our existing clients and new participants as well.

Your gifts have made it possible to serve more children and adults through expanded programs and services, and for that we are grateful.

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