



Kentucky's **Independent** voice for **Kids**



# Thank you to our **Champions** for **Children** who ensure that every Kentucky kid has a voice!

## **\$100,000+**

Annie E. Casey Foundation  
Berea College Partners for Education  
Delta Dental of Kentucky  
DentaQuest Foundation  
Kosair Charities®  
Public Welfare Foundation

## **\$20,000-\$99,999**

Casey Family Programs  
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky  
Frank and Paula Harshaw  
Metro United Way  
Passport Health Plan

## **\$5,000-\$19,999**

Anonymous  
Randy and Christe Coe  
First Focus  
The Kidz Club  
Laurence and Augusta Hager Educational Foundation  
Metro United Way Council of Agency Executives  
Porcini/Farmer Children's Foundation  
Bill Stewart

## **\$1,000-\$4,999**

Anonymous  
Child Care Advocates  
of Kentucky  
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Elizabeth Deknatel  
Phyllis DeMark  
Barry and Julie Denton  
Joseph and Marjorie Grieshop  
Harshaw-Trane  
John and Ginny Heyburn  
Dr. Leon and Carol  
Beth Mooneyhan  
Nancy Peterson  
Ken Potish and Gail Russell  
Dr. Bill and Dawn Smithwick

“ I support Kentucky Youth Advocates because they reject any government money, which allows them to be a truly independent voice. They have been effective in working with a lot of different entities to get better results for Kentucky kids.

**—Frank Harshaw**  
*President and CEO  
of Harshaw Trane*



# Financials

## Revenue

Contributions: \$140,533

Fee for service: \$1,133,392

Foundation and organizational grants: \$906,052

In-kind revenue: \$4,400

Program revenue: \$66,250

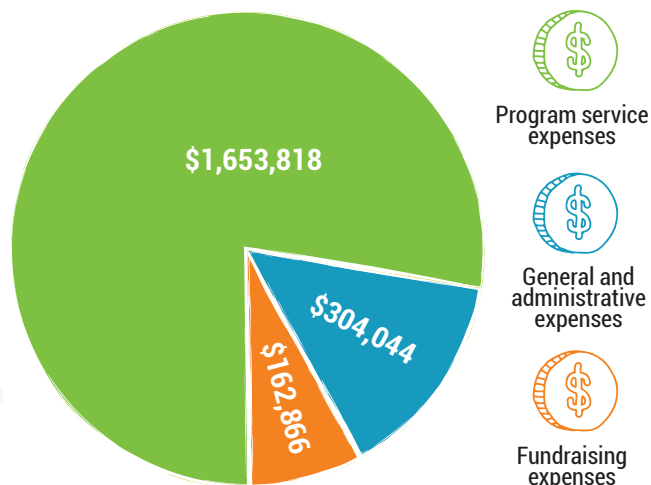
Other revenue: \$2,548

**Total Revenue: \$2,253,175**

**Increase in  
net assets:**

**\$132,447**

## Expenses



**Total Expenses: \$2,120,728**

**Final Net Assets: \$578,328**

## Board of Directors

### Breckinridge County

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# Making Kentucky the best place to be a kid!

We are the leading voice for kids in the media!

We use traditional and social media to raise awareness of pressing children's issues among diverse audiences across the state.



347 quotes in the media



82 stories about KIDS COUNT, a project using data to track child well-being



17,291 interactions with us on Facebook and Twitter



over 1 million social media impressions



over 2,500 views of our new online bill tracker which helps advocates stay up-to-date during the legislative session

## Research to Transform the Child Welfare System

Kentucky Youth Advocates has undertaken **one of our largest research endeavors yet** — a comprehensive review of Kentucky's child welfare system. KYA has analyzed data and spoken with hundreds of Kentuckians, including social workers, judges, attorneys, foster parents, birth parents, young people who grew up in the child welfare system, and state leaders so that we can **develop recommendations** on how the system can keep kids safe and connected to a family.

National and local organizations, such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs, and Kosair Charities®, have supported KYA's work in the child welfare system for many years. And now, with the generous support of a private donor, we can serve as a **megaphone for the Kentucky kids and families** who face some of the biggest barriers to a bright future. We look forward to sharing the findings and recommendations from this research soon.

— Tessa Bowling

College Freshman, Covington  
Member of the First Lady's  
Youth Leadership Council



"Kentucky Youth Advocates is a trusted independent voice for children across our Commonwealth. They assist me and other legislators as we work to develop policy solutions to ensure Kentucky kids are safe and healthy."

— Representative Addia Kathryn Wuchner  
Chair, House Health and Family Services Committee

"I rely on the expertise of Kentucky Youth Advocates because they equip me with the research and data I need to make the best decisions for Kentucky kids and their families."

— Representative Joni Jenkins  
Co-Chair, House Working Group on Adoption

## Legislative Wins



SB 236

Senate Bill 236 helps keep kids safe from abuse by closing gaps in background checks for public schools, youth camps, and in-home babysitters.



SB 195

Senate Bill 195 helps kids who get back on track more easily expunge their records and not be held back from a brighter future.

SB 120

Senate Bill 120 helps parents leaving incarceration more easily get back to work and start supporting their families.

HB 180

House Bill 180 allows close family friends to serve as kinship caregivers when kids are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

## Kentucky Youth Advocates Turns 40

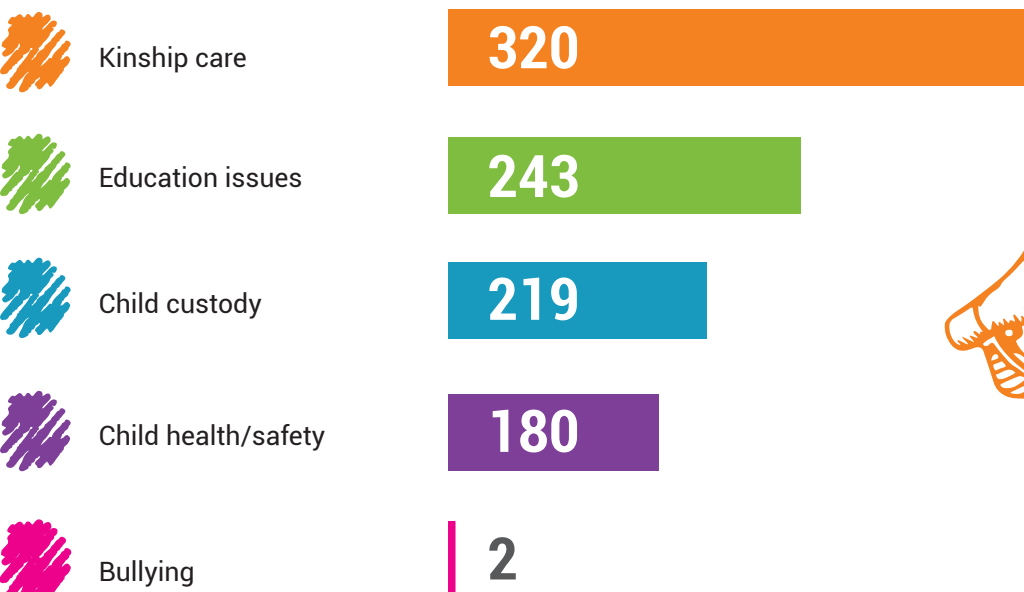
We are celebrating a big milestone this year — **our 40th birthday!** Forty years ago, we at Kentucky Youth Advocates launched our efforts to be the loudest voice for kids in Frankfort and hold leaders accountable for decisions affecting the future of our youngest citizens.

**We've made groundbreaking strides over the years**, and there is still much ambitious work left to do. Kids are counting on all of us — policymakers, advocates, and community leaders — to enact solutions that will make Kentucky the best place in America to be a kid. **Because of advocates like you**, we will still be the independent voice for Kentucky's children 40 years from now.

## Case Advocacy Concerns

Through our case advocacy program, we help families in crisis situations. We serve as their guide when they don't know where else to turn.

### Issue Areas



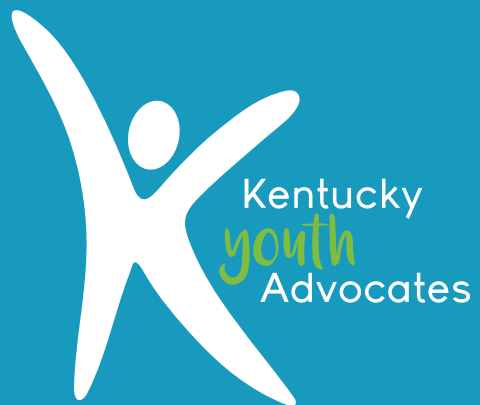
This year we served

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clients across the state in our case advocacy program.

Visit [kyyouth.org](http://kyyouth.org) to learn more!





Kentucky Youth Advocates is the independent voice for Kentucky kids. We advocate for policies that give children the best possible opportunities for a brighter future and are making Kentucky the best place in America to be young.

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