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Financials

Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Revenue

- Contributions: $543,242
- Fee for service: $537,901
- Foundation and organizational grants: $2,038,007
- Program revenue: $131,085
- Other revenue: $209

Total Revenue: $3,250,444
Decrease in net assets: ($172,560)

Expenses

- Program Expenses: $2,877,517
- General/Administrative: $425,759
- Fundraising: $119,728

Total expenses: $3,423,004
Final net assets: $2,864,208

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Advocates,

With the generous support of donors like you, over the past year Kentucky Youth Advocates has not only strengthened our reach across the Commonwealth but also our engagement with young people and families with lived experiences within the systems we are working to improve.

We’ve worked with Kentuckians of diverse backgrounds, including young adults with juvenile justice or institutional foster care experience, parents who have had a child welfare case, and high school students hoping to improve the health of their peers and communities.

The challenging climate of Frankfort and Washington only deepens our call to speak up for the most vulnerable as the independent voice for all Kentucky kids.

We hope you will continue to join us in our mission to make Kentucky the best place to be young.

With gratitude,
Dr. Terry Brooks
**Legislative Wins**

**Senate Bill 48** increases transparency and accountability within child welfare cases by establishing a more independent Ombudsman’s office.

**Senate Bill 135** supports the health and well-being of new moms and their babies by promoting information and an assessment tool on postpartum depression and other related mental health disorders.

**Senate Bill 162** strengthens data tracking of the Department of Juvenile Justice, access to mental health treatments for youth in detention, training of staff, and funds to support changes, among other things.

**Senate Bill 229** continues efforts to prevent child maltreatment by closing gaps in child abuse reporting laws and strengthening how we support families at risk.

**Senate Bill 21** ensures access to an ID for unaccompanied youth facing homelessness by allowing them to obtain the essential document without parental permission.

The updated **Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) regulations** will benefit families in poverty and kinship families by doubling the benefit amount, increasing eligibility levels, and mitigating the benefits cliff.

Social media posts from Kentucky Youth Advocates about the 2023 Kentucky General Assembly and policy priorities received:

- **Over 173,000 views**
- **Nearly 15,000 interactions**

During the session, Kentucky Youth Advocates secured more than **65 media mentions** by news outlets across the Commonwealth, helping lift up our support for good bills for kids and our concerns about harmful bill proposals.
CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY WEEK
at the Capitol

Nearly **1,000** advocates, including **200** youth, from across the state came together to rally on behalf of Kentucky kids during this year’s Children’s Advocacy Week.

We hosted **9 live virtual events**, including Q&A sessions with legislators, a data lunch-and-learn, policy information sessions for advocates to learn more about the Blueprint for Kentucky’s Children policy priorities, and networking coffee breaks that offered advocates around the state space and time to connect with one another.
In 2022, Kentucky Youth Advocates and True Up Kentucky, with the support of Casey Family Programs, conducted interviews with dozens of young adults to better understand their experience within institutional and residential foster care settings in Kentucky.

Key findings from the Residential Foster Care Analysis Report, which highlighted and lifted up the lived experiences of young people, included themes of systematic failures.

The findings encouraged participating youth to explore and propose policy and practice recommendations; this, in turn, became a springboard for even more youth-centered work around the foster care experience in Kentucky.

Last year, the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) partnered with Kentucky Youth Advocates to launch an initiative that became KY SEAT (Kentucky System Experience At the Table), a diverse group of parents from across the state.

Unlike typical decision makers for policies and services that affect families, this group has something extra to contribute — personal lived expertise as parents who have interacted with DCBS.

With a mission to empower parents to advocate for themselves and for a child welfare system that accommodates families in an accountable, transparent, and supportive way, KY SEAT and its members have already made great strides in helping all Kentucky parents be seen, heard, protected, and supported.

Youth expertise and experience were also lifted up in the 2022 Kentucky KIDS COUNT County Data Book.

For more than 30 years, this in-depth publication has enabled readers and leaders to determine which Kentucky communities are making progress and which areas in the state need additional resources and assistance. The most recent edition of the County Data Book shined a spotlight on Kentucky youth, lifting up their voices and thoughts about what Kentucky kids need to succeed and thrive.

"KYA has taught me how to narrow down problems to the root and address these situations with my state representatives and senators."
— Isaac Lewis, Health Youth Ambassador; Bullitt County
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