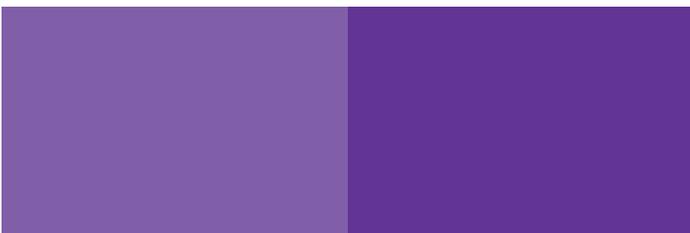
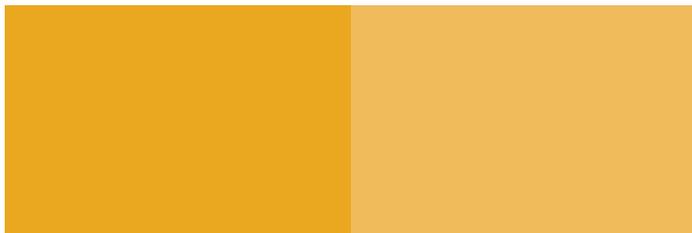
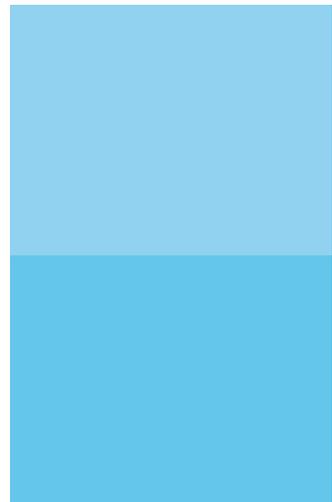
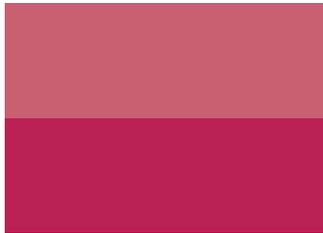




**LKLP**  
Community Action

2022-2023  
ANNUAL REPORT



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### DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

LKLP changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



### LKLP MISSION STATEMENT

To empower individuals and families, improve quality of life in our communities, and combat poverty by providing necessary knowledge, skills, and resources.



## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



**RICKY L. BAKER**  
LKLP Community Action Executive Director



**CORBETT MULLINS**  
LKLP Community Action Board Chair

Each year presents us with a new set of challenges and opportunities. This year's defining challenge came at the start of our fiscal year. In July 2022, Eastern Kentucky was devastated by catastrophic flooding. Torrential rains wreaked havoc on our communities. Lives were lost, homes were destroyed, families were displaced and life as we know it came to a halt. It was in this time of crisis that our LKLP team members rose to the challenge, providing relief services to hundreds of impacted families.

Each program area supported the rebuilding process in unique ways. From cleaning up debris and helping to rebuild homes to providing emotional and physical support throughout the healing process. Often times, it was just being able to create a sense of normalcy, such as attending Head Start classes, that helped provide a sense of relief. It is sometimes through dark times that we see the brightest light emerging. We have witnessed Eastern Kentucky's strength and resilience and are proud to play a role in the recovery process.

Today, we continue to provide Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) case management services to help families still in need. Through our newly created Disaster Relief program, we have an ongoing support system for those navigating the hurdles of rebuilding. During this fiscal year, the program has helped residents access more than \$2.2 million in non-FEMA funds and made more than 900 referrals to partner agencies and resources. Our work has and will continue to assist hundreds of individuals and families.

While flood relief was front and center of our efforts this year, our normal activities and program support also remained strong. Thousands of individuals and families benefited from the services provided through LKLP. We are incredibly grateful for our team's dedication and unwavering desire to do good in the community. As we reflect on all that has taken place this past year, we know that together we can get through anything.

**"It is sometimes through dark times that we see the brightest light emerging... As we reflect on all that has taken place this past year, we know that together we can get through anything."**

## OUR TEAM

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- RICKY L. BAKER**  
Executive Director
- ROBIN GABBARD**  
Chief Operating Officer
- CENA WHITAKER**  
Chief Financial Officer
- ERIC SIMS**  
Chief of Staff
- BRAD HOSKIN**  
Chief Information Technology Officer
- CINDY GROSS**  
Human Resources Director
- ABBY LITTLE**  
Director of Compliance
- TAWNY ACKER**  
Program Development Director
- DARRELL GRIGSBY**  
Property Management Director
- MATT HANSEN**  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- LESLIE COUNTY**  
Cheryl Lewis - Elected Official  
William Lewis - Elected Official  
James Caudill - Target Group  
Carol Joseph - Target Group  
Marilyn Osborne - Private Sector  
Tommy Roberts - Private Sector \*Vice Chair
- KNOTT COUNTY**  
Jeff Dobson - Elected Official  
Zach Sandlin - Elected Official  
Corbett Mullins - Target Group \*Chair

### PROGRAM DIRECTORS

- JUSTIN COLLETT**  
Head Start
- ALBERT SMITH**  
CSBG
- ANNIE THOMPSON**  
Housing and Weatherization
- ALLISON BROWN**  
WIOA
- VACANT**  
Transportation
- ALINE ROSE**  
Domestic Violence
- TERRAH COMBS**  
Victims of Crime Assistance
- PAMELA BREWER**  
Parent Self-Help Education and CCC
- SANDY BOWLING**  
Adult Day Health Director/Nurse Administrator



**CENA WHITAKER, CFO**, received the Certified Community Action Professionals (CCAP) credential. The CCAP designation is a nationally recognized credential earned from the Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C., and is designed for current and emerging managers or leaders in the community action profession.

- Becky Pigman - Target Group
- Ola Pigman - Private Sector
- Wilma Jean Reynolds - Private Sector

- LETCHER COUNTY**  
Terry Adams - Elected Official  
William "Cheddy" Smith - Elected Official  
Todd Depriest - Target Group  
Michael Watts - Target Group \*Treasurer  
Benny Bentley - Private Sector  
Eddie Bentley - Private Sector

- PERRY COUNTY**  
Scott Alexander - Elected Official \*Secretary  
Jimmy Spencer - Elected Official  
Steve Eversole - Target Group  
Walter Nixon - Target Group  
Melissa Brashear - Private Sector  
Rick King - Private Sector

# LKLP COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.

## FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023

Program	Funding Source	State	Federal	Local	Other	In-kind
Community Services Block Grant	Cabinet for Families & Children		\$1,062,804.00			\$244,672.00
Compassionate Hearts - Adult Day Healthcare	Medicaid / CACFP	\$177,830.00	\$8,928.00		\$5,700.00	
Community Collaboration for Children	Cabinet for Families & Children		\$217,074.00			\$43,618.00
CSBG	KRADD		\$33,825.00			
Head Start	Health & Human Services / KERA	\$169,889.00	\$8,791,342.00	\$500.00	\$31,500.00	\$1,663,278.00
Housing	DSM / KHC / Misc. Grants	\$169,860.00	\$17,009.00		\$100,000.00	
Income Tax	Berea College		\$6,604.00			
LIHEAP	Community Action Kentucky		\$3,195,603.00			
Parent Self-Help Education	Kentucky Division of Child Abuse	\$32,130.00				
Domestic Violence	Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$621,021.00	\$267,946.00		\$7,500.00	\$23,872.00
Disaster Case Management	FEMA		\$255,531			
Transportation (HSTD/Public)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	\$34,899,227.00	\$355,741.00	\$64,823.00		
Victims of Crime Assistance	Kentucky Justice Cabinet		\$206,396.00			
Weatherization	Kentucky Housing Corporation		\$940,253.00			
Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act	Eastern Kentucky C.E.P.		\$1,567,371.00	\$89,068		
Disaster Assistance	FEMA		\$104,581			
<b>Total By Funding Source</b>		<b>\$36,069,956.00</b>	<b>\$17,031,008.00</b>	<b>\$153,891.00</b>	<b>\$144,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,975,440.00</b>
<b>Total Agency Budget</b>		<b>\$55,374,994</b>				

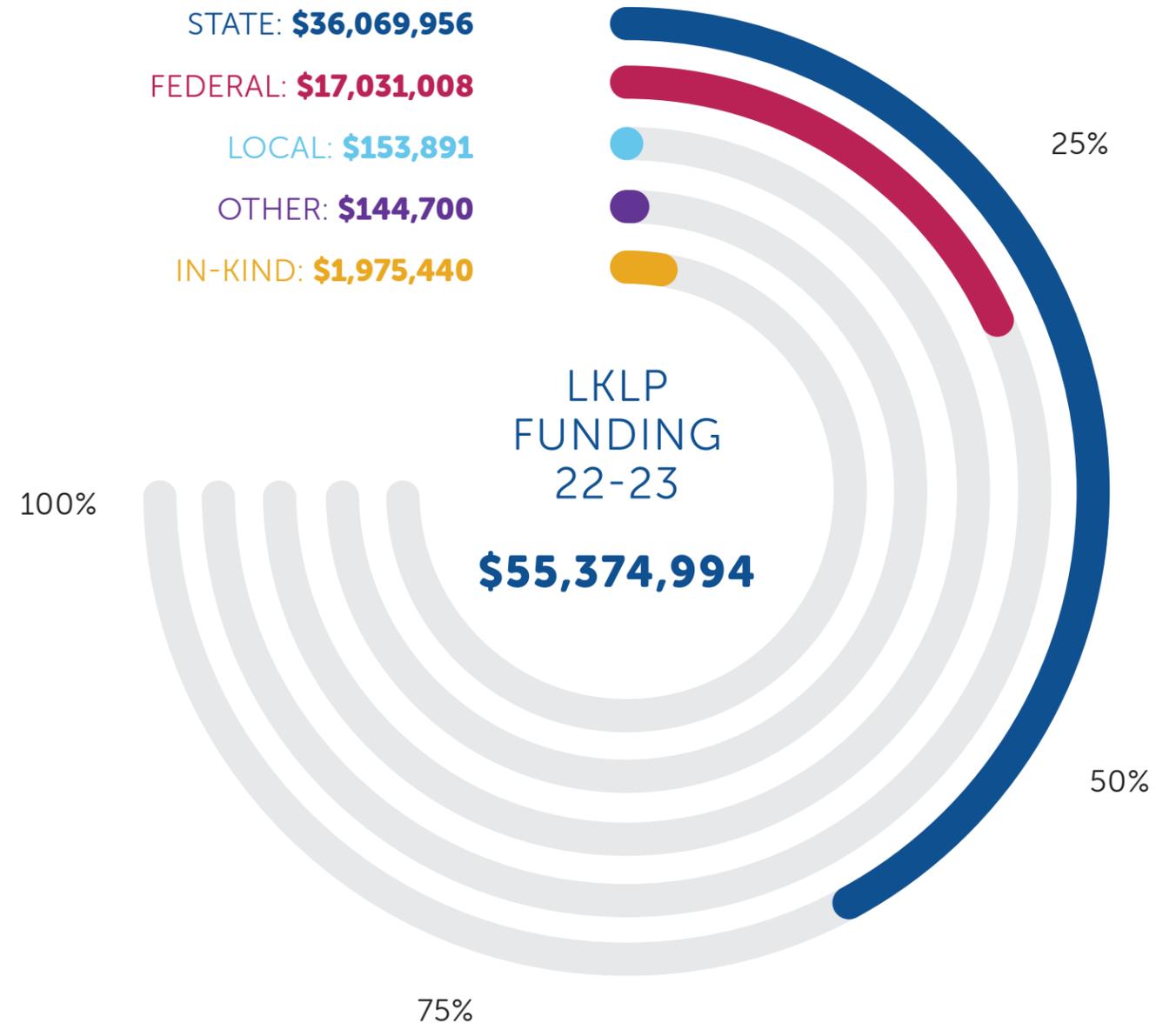
# FINANCIALS

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LKLP is funded by federal, state, local and other resources which must be accounted for in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and expended in accordance with set stipulations under each award. All funds and expenses are maintained through Grants Management Accounting Software, allowing funds and expenditures to be segregated from each other.

Throughout Fiscal Year 2023, LKLP's Finance Department prepared and submitted budgets for funding, administered grants, maintained records and processed transactions accounting for more than \$55 million.

The Finance Department includes all aspects of accounting including that of purchasing, payment of all invoices, receipt of funds, budgeting and financial reporting. The department is responsible for obtaining an annual audit based on government auditing standards from an independent auditing firm. The audit not only reports on the finances, but on compliance with rules and regulations, and the effectiveness of internal controls.



## COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

### A TIME TO SHINE

The month of May is a little extra special for LKLP and the entire Community Action family. It's a time to celebrate the work of Community Action Agencies on the local, state and national level. Our goal is to raise awareness of the life-enhancing programs Community Action provides

to individuals and families in need and to celebrate our accomplishments. We are grateful for all of the continued support our agency receives from state and local leaders, community partners, our Board of Directors and amazing LKLP staff. #CommunityActionMonth



## BY THE NUMBERS

**\$2.6M**  
in LIHEAP and LIHWAP Assistance Awarded

**717**  
Children Educated at LKLP Head Start and Early Head Start Centers

**70,891**  
Trips Provided via LKLP Transportation Services

**990**  
Clients Pursued Workforce Services and Assistance

**2022**  
-  
**2023**

**628** Children Directly Impacted through CCC and Parent Self-Help Education Programs

**4,861** Households Benefited through CSBG Programs and Services

**259** Households Provided Disaster Relief Assistance

**47** Homes Weatherized

**481** Individuals Received VOCA Services

**81** Women and Children Provided Shelter at LKLP's Safe House

**17** Compassionate Hearts Participants Gained Emotional, Social and Physical Support

## DISASTER RELIEF

### RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY

Just as we began a new fiscal year, disaster struck. In July 2022, a historic flooding event devastated Eastern Kentucky communities. A series of storms brought heavy rainfall over a five-day period, causing catastrophic flooding and landslides. Dozens of lives were lost, thousands of homes, as well as schools, businesses and churches were damaged or destroyed. Countless personal belongings were ruined or lost. Life as many knew it came to a halt. Despite the pain of the experience, Eastern Kentuckians are resilient and have begun the daunting task of rebuilding.

LKLP Community Action has played a key role in rebuilding communities affected by this horrific natural disaster. All of our program areas have been part of the recovery process in a variety of ways. This page is dedicated to highlighting just a few of the many ways we are helping people get back on their feet.

### OFFICIAL VISIT

Dr. Lanikue Howard, Director of the Office of Community Service in the US Department of Health & Human Services visited Eastern Kentucky to assess the flood damage. LKLP Executive Director Ricky Baker toured local areas with Dr. Howard and provided updates on the support provided and still needed. Governor Andy Beshear also made a visit to impacted communities and spoke with our Head Start team.



### DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

LKLP launched a new Disaster Relief Program to be able to assist flood victims. The program is available to any flood survivor residing in Leslie, Knott, Letcher or Perry county, regardless of income. Through the program, we are able to assess needs and develop recovery plans, assist with FEMA appeals, advocate on residents' behalf to gain access to critical resources, and help refine funding applications. Additionally, we assign a Disaster Case Manager to be the go-to point of contact and help connect clients with valuable resources.

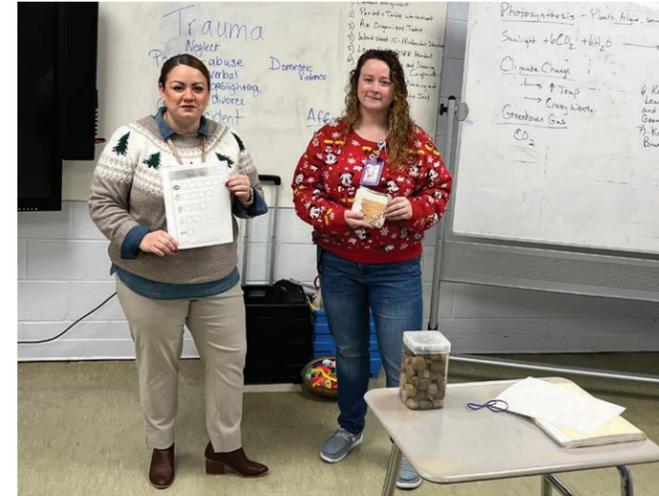
Since the program's inception in October 2022, LKLP has:

Assisted **259** Households

Made More Than **900** Referrals

Accessed More Than **\$2.2 M** in No-FEMA Funds

Approved **8** New Homes to be Rebuilt



### I'M WORTH IT

VOCA staff participated in an event for students from Buckhorn Elementary School, Buckhorn High School and Robinson Elementary School. Due to the damage and destruction of all three schools, students are now consolidated in the old A.B. Combs Elementary School. The purpose of the event, titled "I'm Worth It: Protective Factors for All," was to acknowledge the trauma experienced by both students and staff following the catastrophic flood. During the event, we explored how traumatic events can impact one's life and discussed building protective factors to help withstand trauma. Consequently, students were able to process their experiences, engage in meaningful conversations about self-care, and practice the skills they learned to apply in their daily lives.



### BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Parent Self-Help staff had been successfully working with Addiction Recovery Care, a female rehab facility located in Knott County. When the floods caused the facility to be relocated to Martin County, our team requested and were approved to continue providing its services via Zoom. Because of this partnership, Parent Self-Help has experienced a significant increase in self referrals from individuals seeking help.

### CAMP NOAH

CSBG staff hosted Camp Noah in June 2023, in Letcher County, which was heavily impacted by the flood. Camp Noah's goal was to bring hope and healing to the children impacted by the flood, most of which had lost their home, treasures, daily routine and sense of normalcy. Many even had friends and family members move to other communities leaving an emotional impact long after life returned to somewhat of a normal pace. Children enjoyed numerous activities and had a chance to share stories and support one another. Through laughter and tears, each child was provided comfort, joy and hope.



### HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY ACTION FAMILY

Our friends from the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission made the 3-hour trip down to help us clean out debris in and around resident homes in the Buckhorn area. We are so grateful to have the support of our Community Action Network.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT



### COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Thanks to a federally funded Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), LKLP is able to offer even more diverse programs and services to help alleviate the cause and conditions of poverty. Our internal CSBG team wears many hats and serves as the first point of contact for many of our programs. This year, the number of individuals served through CSBG nearly doubled from the prior year, benefiting almost 10,000 people.



**9,862**  
Individuals Served  
Through CSBG  
Programs



**4,800**  
Senior Commodity  
Boxes Provided



**259**  
Flood Victims  
Assisted Through  
Disaster Relief



**\$2.4M**  
in LIHEAP  
Funds Approved



**2,540**  
Applications  
Processed for  
KY Power's HEART  
& THAW Programs,  
Resulting in  
\$66,411 in Heating  
Cost Relief.



**\$12,050**  
in Goodwill  
Vouchers Provided  
to Families in Need

### LIHEAP & LIHWAP ASSISTANCE

LIHEAP was utilized to meet the continued high demand for utility bill assistance. LKLP's CSBG staff, located in each of our county outreach offices, served as the administrative support for both the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). In all, staff processed more than 10,000 LIHEAP applications benefiting nearly 9,800 households, as well as approved 736 LIHWAP applications. Below is a recap of applications and funds approved for both programs.

LIHEAP Summer Cooling  
**\$301,900 / 808 Applications**

LIHEAP Summer Crisis  
**\$109,651 / 325 Applications**

LIHEAP Winter Crisis  
**\$1,428,248 / 5,349 Applications**

LIHEAP Fall Subsidy  
**\$568,010 / 3,630 Applications**

LIHWAP  
**\$213,450 / 736 Applications**

### SUMMER CAMP SERIES

Each year, the LKLP team hosts a series of one-day summer camps for low-income children that meet CSBG eligibility requirements. Activities and locations vary, but each camp is unique and packed with fun. This year participants experienced a theatrical performance and an out-of-this-world visit to the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky.



### APPALACHIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Campers enjoyed lunch at Texas Roadhouse prior to taking in a production of 101 Dalmatians in Pikeville.



### CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER OF KENTUCKY

This camp brought the wow factor! Kids got to tour mission control and a space shuttle on Mars, experiencing what it feels like to be an astronaut. The activity-packed visit also taught the kids about gravity and trajectory. They even got to make and launch their own rockets.





**WEATHERIZATION  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

LKLP's Weatherization team has been hard at work making big improvements in the homes and lives of area residents. We know that weatherized homes are healthier homes, improving quality of life and reducing home energy costs for families. This year we partnered with the Housing Development Alliance to do repair work on flooded homes, such as new belly pans and fresh insulation. We also partnered with American Electric Power to install new energy efficient heat pumps to weatherized homes. LKLP was one of the first agencies to utilize Weatherization Ready Funds to help repair homes with deferral issues.

**47**  
Homes were weatherized

**250**  
Individuals benefited from weatherization services

**\$100-\$200**  
Average monthly savings from weatherized homes

**60**  
Homes remain on waiting list for next fiscal year

“The workers with LKLP did such an amazing job repairing my crawl space. They repaired anything that wasn't energy efficient...After all of their work, my electric bill has already been cut in half. My home now has quality, clean, dry air making our home more comfortable and healthier.”

- Jonathan Johnson

**IN MEMORIAM**

We were very saddened by the sudden loss of Darren McQueen in November 2022. Darren was a valued member of the Weatherization team, and served as Weatherization Coordinator since 2018.



**GROWING DEMAND**

LKLP Transportation rose above pre-COVID levels this fiscal year, continuing to provide both public transportation and non-emergency medical transportation options. We were able to add 10 new vehicles to our fleet bringing our total to 66 vehicles to meet our growing demand. We were also thrilled to officially open our new Knott County Transit Facility, which was celebrated with a ribbon cutting in July.

Our community partnerships also thrived. LKLP was pleased to provide clients of Kentucky Regional Community Care, Kentucky River Area Development District and Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation rides to appointments and special events. We also worked with Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) to provide numerous employees transportation to and from work. We're proud of the continued dedication of our drivers, transit and dispatch staff.



**CONGRATS!**



**HOLLY MORRIS**  
Dispatcher of the Year  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



**LKLP TRANSPORTATION**  
Outstanding Grants Administration Award  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



Vehicle Maintenance Management & Compliance Certification  
**ORIA SMITH, BRIAN BENTLEY, FRENCHMON SUMNER, WORLEY WOODS**



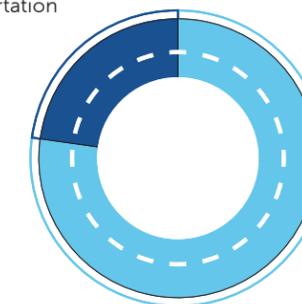
FTA Supervisor Training  
**KIM POLLY, MICHAEL WOODS**



Certified Community Transit Supervisor  
**HOLLY MORRIS**

**70,891 Total Trips**

Public Transportation  
**16,099 Trips**



Non-Emergency Medical Transportation  
**54,792 Trips**

**1,057,864 Total Miles Traveled**

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Miles



Public Transportation Miles  
**227,641**



**IN MEMORIAM**

Our hearts were heavy at the loss of our Director of Transportation, Lisa Combs, in March 2023. She will forever be remembered for her invaluable service to LKLP.



# 17 WORKFORCE



## FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE

LKLP's Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) team sprung into action following the flooding disaster. A significant amount of effort was shifted to focus on disaster relief with many of our work experience placements helping with flood cleanup and at our distribution centers. In May 2023, WIOA began assisting with the National Emergency Grant for the EKY Flood Disaster Relief Employment. Through the grant we have placed over 100 people in temporary paid employment.

## JOB FAIRS FOR ALL

LKLP's WIOA team held several job fairs and hiring events throughout the year. In an effort to connect potential employees with

hiring employers, WIOA tailored each event to support mutual goals. Our largest event of the year was our Multi-Employer Job Fair held in May at Perry Central High School. With over 50 participating employers, we targeted high school seniors from local public schools and their families. It was also open to the general public. Job openings ranged from healthcare and retail to construction and remote work. Outside of job fairs, WIOA also continued its work to help individuals prepare for job opportunities. Our most requested services were interview prep and resume writing. We were able to provide these and numerous other helpful resources at the dozens of WorkSense Workshops held this year.



## YOUTH INITIATIVES

Youth-focused career development opportunities are a big part of WIOA's efforts. This year, we were encouraged by the number of young people that were able to benefit from a variety of our programs. Through the privately-funded Prosper Appalachia initiative, WIOA was able to place 34 high school students with summer internships. These summer-long paid internships helped students who normally would not qualify for regular WIOA funding.

Our Opportunity Youth program, which is designed to provide work experience to disadvantaged and disengaged youth, was able to connect 82 individuals with employers throughout Leslie, Knott, Letcher and Perry counties. Additionally, 25 young adults were assisted with tuition and training assistance.

Lastly, we partnered with Leslie County Schools to provide a privately funded internship co-op for 16 students through Partners for Rural Impact. Participants received 80 hours of paid work experience in career fields such as education, pharmacy and dentistry.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

We are grateful for the numerous businesses that put their trust in our team to help them find much-needed employees to support their ongoing operations. We've been able to support a variety of industries, including healthcare, skilled trades, information technology, business services, construction, retail and so many more. Here are just some of the companies we supported this year:

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

CORE

CAJUN NAVY

MERIDZO

CALVARY CAMPUS

HOMETOWN PHARMACY

NC BAILEY LLC

APPALACHIAN PHYSICAL THERAPY

WELLS MOTORSPORTS

ISOM IGA

LESLIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPALACHIAN APPAREL COMPANY

SIMPLE THING BOUTIQUE

FARMER PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

THE MEDICINE SHOPPE

1842 BOUTIQUE

LETCHER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

KNOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT

EKCEP

NO LIMITS FITNESS

SPORTS R US

MOUNTAIN OF SCRAPS

DION'S

SLONE'S HEATING AND COOLING



990

WIOA Clients Served



57

Clients were Helped with Resume Writing



179

Clients Obtained Employment with WIOA Assistance



78

Employers Worked with WIOA to Place Job Seekers



32

Workshops Held in Support of Career Development



82

Youth Placed in Summer Internships



678

Clients Received Career Advising



97

Individuals Provided Training & Specialized Skills Training

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION FOR CHILDREN

“Education is a critical part of prevention and CCC strives to be a catalyst for positive outcomes throughout our eight-county region.”

## PREVENTION IS OUR MISSION

Prevention is critical when it comes to child abuse and neglect. As a proactive community partner, Community Collaboration for Children (CCC) works to raise awareness, provide support and connect families to resources that help them become stronger family units. Our support takes on many forms. We provide food boxes, clothing, furniture and other daily necessities to families in need. We also provide one-on-one, in-home education and guidance on how to become self-sufficient.



**115** children benefited from our services this year

## A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Leveraging the knowledge and resources of our community partners allowed us to carry out our mission. We received referrals from numerous sources, including social workers, Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, the Department of Child Based Services, Parent Self-Help, family resource centers and our own CCC Network group.

In April, we were excited to host our second annual CCC Eastern Mountain Conference, a one-day event designed to bring community partners and engaged citizens together to share resources and learn from one another about ways to prevent child abuse. Held at Jenny Wiley Lodge in Prestonsburg, the event was open to the public and was well attended.



# PARENT SELF-HELP EDUCATION

## FINDING A NEW WAY FORWARD

Our goal through Parent Self-Help Education is to empower nurturing parents. Utilizing proven curriculum over a 12-week course, we educate struggling parents by helping them learn positive and nurturing parenting skills. By doing so, we can help parents understand the need to shift away from past repetitive lifestyles. This year, many of our referrals were generated from the Department of Child Based Services. However, we also partnered extensively with the Community Collaboration for Children Network and received numerous self-referrals as well.

One notable source of participants was the result of a partnership with Addiction Recovery Care (ARC). At their request, we worked with a female rehab facility in Knott County. Following the flood of July 2022, they had to relocate to Martin County. We were able to continue our services via Zoom and have received a significant increase in self-referrals from this facility.

 **171** Clients Served

 **513** Children Impacted

## CLASS TOPICS

- Nurturing Parent as a Lifestyle
- Making Good Choices
- Growth and Development of Children
- The Importance of Touch
- Developing Empathy
- Recognizing and Understanding Feelings/Managing and Communication Feelings
- Understanding Discipline
- Rewards and Punishment
- Punishing Children’s Inappropriate Behavior
- Developing Nurturing Parenting Routines
- Prenatal Parenting
- Foster and Adoptive Parents

“Parent-Self Help classes are designed to help mothers and fathers that are in a difficult place in their lives. They help them see the cultural, repetitive lifestyles that they have lived up until this point. Our 12-week curriculum allows parents to develop positive and nurturing parenting skills to use and encourages them to nurture themselves as well.”

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

## SAFETY AND STABILITY

Our focus remained on providing safety and stability to survivors of Domestic Violence. We provided immediate protection services such as emergency shelter, help with seeking emergency protective orders and providing court advocacy. We also worked with survivors to develop long-term stability plans for things such as housing, childcare and ongoing safety plans. The volume of calls received on our crisis hotline increased by more than 60 percent this fiscal year. It is a harsh reminder that the need for our services remains higher than ever. To raise awareness of our services, as well as how to identify and take action on interpersonal violence, staff participated in numerous outreach events.

**194** Domestic Violence Victims Assisted

**55** Women & **26** Children Provided Shelter at LKLP's Safe House

**242** Crisis Calls Received



### THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT

In October 2022, LKLP was honored to welcome Kentucky First Lady Britany Beshear to the shelter in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She

toured the facility, learning more about our services and speaking to residents about their experiences and needs. The First Lady gave the shelter high praise for its continued dedication to the community.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

We were thrilled to launch a new partnership with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE). PIRE reached out to domestic violence shelters across the state evaluating the affect of the COVID pandemic on both domestic violence survivors and shelter staff. Soon after research began, PIRE implemented a second study that aimed to streamline the connections between domestic violence shelters, community mental health agencies and substance use disorder treatment programs. Known as KY Women Focus on Integrating Response, Screening and Staff Training (FIRST), the program awarded LKLP more than \$15,000. The funding was used to provide more intensive training for staff, as well as direct cash assistance to domestic violence survivors.

## SHOP AND SHARE

This year's Shop and Share was held at Food City in Perry County, collecting more than \$300 in food and hygiene items for the domestic violence shelter.



**"You all have saved my life ...I've made a start for myself and I'm not looking back. I'm strong. I know that now and I can keep going."**

- Shelter Resident

# VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## EMPOWERING AND SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

Our VOCA team experienced a significant increase in the volume of services provided to victims of crime this year. The numbers of individual counseling sessions conducted rose by 48 percent while clinical trauma therapy sessions increased by more than 63 percent. Nearly 150 crisis calls were answered, a 32 percent increase and we provided 525 instances of comprehensive case management services. Other notable services include the number of people receiving civil legal assistance to obtain protection orders, which totaled 152, a 200-plus percent increase. Additionally, just under 1,100 people received information about victims' rights.

Here's a look at the breakdown of victimization categories we served this fiscal year.

## CATEGORIES OF VICTIMIZATION

<b>131 (+19%)</b> Adult Physical Assault	<b>3 (-50%)</b> Human Trafficking
<b>116 (+12%)</b> Adult Sexual Assault	<b>32 (+146%)</b> Survivors of Homicide Victims
<b>69 (+82%)</b> Adults Sexually Abused/ Assaulted as Children	<b>165 (-24%)</b> Stalking Harassment
<b>115 (+67%)</b> Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	<b>6 (+200%)</b> Elder Abuse
<b>57 (+1040%)</b> Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	<b>2 (+100%)</b> Attempted Murder Survivor
<b>384 (-52%)</b> Domestic &/or Family Violence	<b>375</b> Survivors who experienced more than one type of victimization

## CERTIFIED RECOVERY READY COMMUNITY

As a result of our participation in this year's Situation Table training, we joined the Quick Response Team for Perry County in the application process to become a Certified Recovery Ready Community. LKLP's programs met criteria in the prevention, intervention and recovery requirement areas. We were 15 points away from a perfect score and it was a unanimous vote to receive the certification. Perry County is the second county in Kentucky to receive this certification, making us more competitive for other grants.



## OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

VOCA participated in and organized several community outreach, educational events and trainings this year, including the following:

- I'm Worth It: Protective Factors for All -**  
A training consortium that works to identify and mitigate the effects of trauma within classrooms of children impacted by the flood.
- Trauma Informed Practices for Court-Related Professionals -**  
Provided recurring training to attorneys, social workers, counselors, psychologists and other court-related professionals in multiple counties.
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 23-29, 2023) -**  
Participated in a national awareness campaign utilizing the theme "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change."
- Christmas Party -**  
Organized for children served by VOCA
- Appalachian Advocates Alliance -**  
A membership-driven initiative developed by VOCA Victim Advocate, Jennifer Lewis, the Alliance was created to train, educate and bring together victim advocates throughout an eight-county region.

## HEAD START



### A FULL HOUSE

We're proud to report another successful year of our Head Start and Early Head Start programs. In all, more than 700 students benefited from LKLP's Early Head Start and Head Start programs. Our KY All STAR rated centers were bursting with activity, learning and growing. From field trips and family educational events to hosting special guests and holiday celebrations, our students and staff had a full calendar of learning fun.

Head Start – **487** | Early Head Start – **230**



**77%** of Centers scored 95% or higher on their program evaluation



**86%** of staff completed training in Relationship-Based Competencies



**72%** of children birth to five years old met or exceeded language domain expectations, a 15% year-over-year increase



### COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES



Oral Health Award Recipient  
**REGION IV AND KENTUCKY  
HEAD START ASSOCIATION WINNER**

**568** Hearing Screenings

**569** Vision Screenings/Exams

**512** Physical Exams/Prevention Health

**584** Immunizations

**160** Individual Education Plans

**44** Mental Health Services

### A PLACE FOR ALL

**42** Developmental Delay

**52** Speech/Language Delay

**6** Autism

**65** Hearing Impairment

**1** Intellectual Disability



### WELCOME JUSTIN

LKLP was pleased to welcome long-time Head Start employee as its new Director in July. Justin brings a wealth of knowledge, passion and vision to his new role. In his first full year as Director, Justin was the Region IV and Kentucky Head Start Association Winner of the Vanessa Rich Leadership Award.



### CENTER ENHANCEMENTS

We were excited to add new features and make improvements at several of our centers. Tricycle tracks were added at Mayking, Jenkins, Mountain Heritage and Carr Creek centers, while new playground equipment was installed at Leslie County Early Head Start. Mountain Heritage Head Start got a new roof and a fresh coat of paint. Leslie County Early Head Start also got a new paint job.

# COMPASSIONATE HEARTS ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE



"I love coming to the adult day and love all the workers. I am unable to stay at home by myself and this allows me to remain as independent as possible. It also allows my daughter to continue working."

- Regina Howard  
Compassionate Hearts Participant

## AN ENGAGING COMMUNITY

The highlights of the year for both participants and staff were the fun outings and visits from community members. The most popular trip was to Carr Fork Lake where everyone got to fish and have a cookout thanks to assistance from Fish & Wildlife. We were also thrilled to welcome several individuals and groups back to the Compassionate Hearts Center. From church groups and the bookmobile to the Health Department, UK Center for Excellence and Landon Smith playing guitar and singing. We are so grateful to have the support of our community.

## SPEND A DAY WITH US

Compassionate Hearts staff offered tours to families considering enrollment in the program. Potential participants came and spent the day joining in activities, meeting other participants and getting to know the staff. As a result, five new participants joined our Compassionate Hearts family this year.



# LOCATIONS

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

398 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 436-8853

### OUTREACH OFFICES

#### LESLIE COUNTY

121 Maple Street  
Hyden, KY 41749  
(606) 672-2155

#### KNOTT COUNTY

1622 Highway 160 South  
Hindman, KY 41822  
(606) 785-3322

#### LETCHER COUNTY

726 Highway 2034  
Whitesburg, KY 41858  
(606) 633-4458

#### PERRY COUNTY

412 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 439-1362

### PROGRAM OFFICES

#### CSBG/HOUSING/WEATHERIZATION

398 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 436-8853

#### TRANSPORTATION

398 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 436-8853

#### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION FOR CHILDREN/PARENT SELF-HELP

412 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 436-3161

#### WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

412 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 439-1362

### COMPASSIONATE HEARTS ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE

145 Citizens Lane, Suite 102  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 436-8700

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PO Box 1867  
Hazard, KY 41702  
(606) 439-1552

### VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE

PO Box 1867  
Hazard, KY 41702  
(606) 439-3961

### HEAD START

412 Roy Campbell Drive  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 435-7962

### PERRY COUNTY HEAD START LOCATIONS

#### PERRY COUNTY HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START CENTER

145 Citizens Lane, Suite 103  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 435-1888

### LESLIE COUNTY HEAD START LOCATIONS

#### HAYES LEWIS HEAD START

10130 Cutshin Road  
Yeaddiss, KY 41777  
(606) 279-3843

#### LESLIE EARLY HEAD START

22728 Highway 421, Apartment 34  
Hyden, KY 41749  
(606) 672-3990

#### STINNETT HEAD START

12975 Highway 421  
Hoskinston, KY 40844  
(606) 374-7710

#### W.B. MUNCY HEAD START

142 Pirate Drive  
Wooton, KY 41776  
(606) 279-3762

### MOUNTAIN VIEW HEAD START

170 Bears Trail  
Hyden, KY 41749  
(606) 672-1637

### LETCHER COUNTY HEAD START LOCATIONS

#### COWAN HEAD START

81 Sturgill Branch  
Whitesburg, KY 41858  
(606) 633-0718

#### JENKINS HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

571 Dairy Hollow Road  
Jenkins, KY 41537  
(606) 832-4012

#### MAYKING HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

15 Highway 3410  
Mayking, KY 41837  
(606) 633-5043

#### MOUNTAIN HERITAGE HEAD START

13315 Highway 588  
Blackey, KY 41804  
(606) 633-3376

### KNOTT COUNTY HEAD START LOCATIONS

#### BEAVER HEAD START

8022 South Highway 7  
Topmost, KY 41862  
(606) 447-2111

#### CARR CREEK HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

8596 Highway 160  
Litt Carr, KY 41834  
(606) 642-3690

#### PERKINS HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

238 Highway 160  
Hindman, KY 41822  
(606) 785-4604

