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Sierra Nevada Children's Services is a private, community-based nonprofit child care resource and referral agency that has served families, early care and education professionals and the community since 1978.



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SIERRA NEVADA CHILDREN'S SERVICES BEGAN IN 1978

and has thrived because of continued commitment to our mission of enriching the community by supporting quality child care and empowering families to aspire to lifelong success.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

SNCS is funded by the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide Resource & Referral services to Nevada and Sierra counties. SNCS provides free child care referrals to anyone in the community, regardless of income. SNCS maintains current information on all licensed family child care providers and licensed child care centers in Nevada and Sierra counties.

When a parent calls looking for child care, SNCS gathers some basic information from the parent to best match the family's needs to a list of child care providers. Our staff is available to answer questions about how to find quality child care. SNCS believes the parent is the best person to choose the care for the child. Our goal is to help parents make informed choices from a broad range of child care options that meet the family's needs.

SNCS has child development resources available for both parents and child care providers. All 3 of our offices have a Child Development Lending Library that includes developmentally appropriate toys, books, and games for children of different ages. The Lending Library also contains educational books and videos to assist both parents and child care providers in caring for and raising children. The resources range from parenting guidance to information on how to successfully operate a family child care home or child care center.

ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) helps pay child care costs for income-eligible families. Families are enrolled in CAPP funding from the Child Care Eligibility List (CEL), in order of priority, when funding is available. Families may select the child care provider of their choice.

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES NETWORK

Families are enrolled in the Family Child Care Homes Education Network (CFCC) program from the CEL, in order of priority, when funding is available. Families enrolled in the Network program must select a child care provider on the Network list.

Children enrolled under Network funding are assessed through the Desired Results for Children and Families system. This assessment system is designed to encour-

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Thank you for making a difference in a child's life!

SUCCESS STORY



To Sierra Nevada Children's Services:

Thanks so much for helping us care for Mark as we get back on track. He has really thrived at our childcare provider as you can see from the enclosed Developmental Progress Summary.

We could not have done this without SNCS compassionate support!

P.S. Congrats on the wonderful new office! Here are some office warming treats!

*Your friends,
M. M. & D.*

COMMUNITY IMPACT 2013-2014

Technical **assistance** for child development was received by **1,757** individuals

Quality **child care** was financially supported for **805** children,
Representing **515** families

A total of **137 site visits** were conducted to enhance learning
environments for children

A total of **638 visits** were made to the three Sierra Nevada
Children's Services Resource Libraries

OUR CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHEST

Provided the following to individuals in need:

Emergency rental and utility assistance (water, PG&E, propane)
Parenting classes, Baby car seat, Prenatal Dr. appointment
Van repairs and car registration for work transportation



Distributed **200** Caps donated by **Caps for Kids**
Distributed holiday gifts to **27** children in need donated by the
Retired L.A. Fire Fighters



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age progress toward the achievement of desired outcomes by providing information and technical assistance to improve program quality.

One major goal of the Network is to train and support family child care providers in providing professional care in a quality environment. Network child care providers receive training on working with infants, toddlers, and young children. They also provide ongoing support to parents who have concerns re: feeding, sleeping, and issues surrounding general development. The quality of child care is maintained by the child care providers through annual program assessments that focus on the environment, child care routines, nutrition, and activities to support child development and the quality of the relationship with the families that are served. This assessment is completed by the child care provider and SNCS staff.

Another important goal is to ensure that parents are provided information on the development of their child or children and are afforded an effective method of communication between themselves, providers, and SNCS staff. Parents complete an annual survey, and have a conference with SNCS staff at least twice a year. Developmental profiles are completed on each child twice a year to assure they are meeting developmental milestones. A progress report is generated from the information gathered and shared with parents and providers to ensure that developmental needs are being met.

CALWORKS STAGE 1, 2, & 3

California's version of welfare reform is the CalWORKs (California Work Oppportunity and Responsibility to Kids) program. CalWORKs has many family support services including child care. Child care through CalWORKs is a 3-stage program that pays child care expenses for eligible CalWORKs participants. Families eligible for CalWORKs funding must be referred to SNCS by the CalWORKs office.

Stage 1

Eligibility for Stage 1 child care is determined by staff at CalWORKs. A referral is faxed to SNCS authorizing child care services. When it is determined by the CalWORKs office that the family's situation is stable, a referral is made to SNCS to transfer child care funding from Stage 1 to Stage 2.

Stage 2 (C2AP)

CalWORKs Stage 2 is available for 24 months after the family becomes ineligible for cash aid; however, eligibility requirements must be met. Eligibility is determined by SNCS staff.

Stage 3 (C3AP)

After the 24 months on Stage 2 has passed a family's child care funding is transitioned to Stage 3, which may continue as long as the family maintains eligibility for services.

Revenue

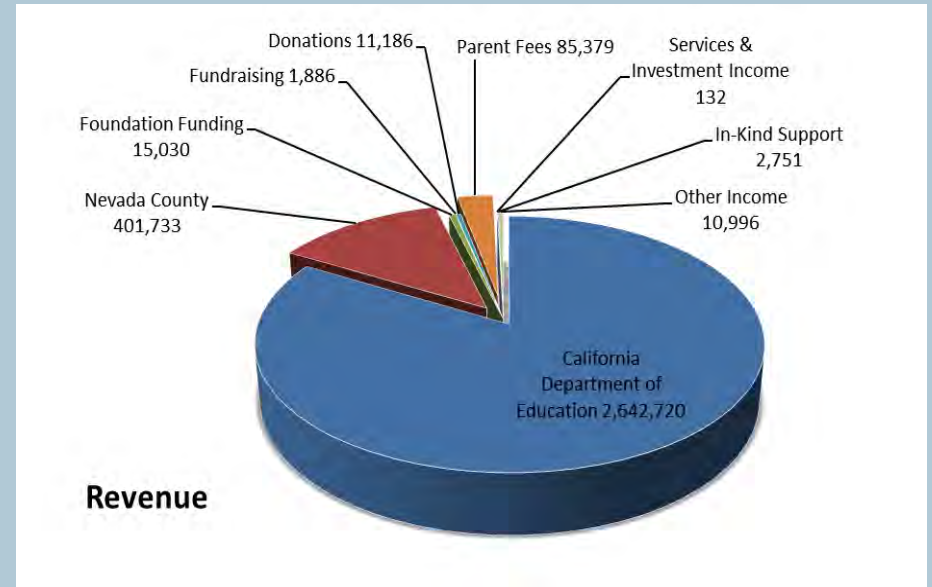
Public Support

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| California Department of Education | \$ 2,642,720 | 86.38% |
| Nevada County | \$ 401,733 | 13.13% |
| Foundation Funding | \$ 15,030 | 0.49% |
| Subtotal | \$ 3,059,484 | 100.00% |

Private Support

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Fundraising | \$ 1,886 | 1.68% |
| Donations | \$ 11,186 | 9.96% |
| Parent Fees | \$ 85,379 | 76.01% |
| Services and Investment Income | \$ 132 | 0.12% |
| In-Kind Support | \$ 2,751 | 2.45% |
| Other Income | \$ 10,996 | 9.79% |
| Subtotal | \$ 112,330 | 100.00% |

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| Total Revenue | \$ 3,171,813 | 100.00% |
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Expenses

Program Services

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| Child Care Subsidy Programs | \$ 2,500,786 | |
| Resource and Referral Programs | \$ 197,009 | |
| Early Educator and Parent Education | \$ 32,815 | |
| Subtotal | \$ 2,730,610 | 86.72% |

Supporting Services

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| Operating and Administrative | \$ 417,368 | |
| Fundraising Costs | \$ 723 | |
| Subtotal | \$ 418,091 | 13.28% |

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| Total Expenses | \$ 3,148,701 | 100.00% |
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Change in Net Assets: \$ 23,112

Depreciation Disposals, and Additions to Equipment: \$ (4,323)

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$ 372,505

Net Assets, End of Year \$ 391,294

