

THE HEARING & SPEECH CENTER

2022 Annual Report

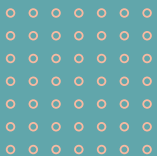




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A Letter From the Executive Director



DEAR FRIENDS,

Over the past year, the staff and board have been revisiting our core values. One of the activities to help uncover who/what The Hearing & Speech Center (HSC) is at our core was asking, “what type of fictional character would represent HSC?”. There were several creative answers, but the one that stood out the most was Gandalf the Grey from Lord of the Rings. The reasoning was that HSC represents a compassionate leader, filled with years of wisdom and passion. At the end of our retreat, we solidified the following values: Compassionate, Invested, Supportive, Collaborative, and Inclusive.

Throughout 2022, our sixty-second year, HSC continued to grow and work relentlessly for Kentucky’s children, adults, and families. I’m proud to share that we served a record number of infants, children, adults, and families in all three core programs: Family Hearing Center, Speech Language Therapy Program, and the Early Learning Center. In addition, we are overwhelmingly grateful for our donors, volunteers and friends of the Center who ensure HSC will always be there to provide sound beginnings for all!

Thank you for being part of our successes, and even more importantly part of our future at The Hearing & Speech Center.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcey Ansley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Marcey Ansley

THE FAMILY HEARING CENTER

The Family Hearing Center at The Hearing & Speech Center provides comprehensive hearing healthcare for all ages, "twinkle to wrinkle", to ensure an improvement of quality of life for our clients.

3,933 Completed Appointments

59 Auditory Brainstem Response

125 Cochlear Implant Services

760 Hearing Evaluations

839 Curbside or Tele Services

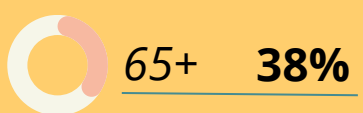
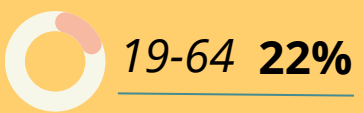
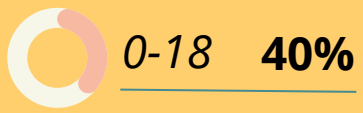
2,150 Hearing Aid Services

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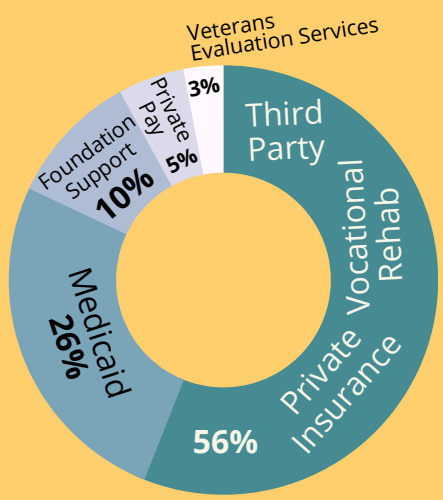
1,470 Clients



Serving 68
Kentucky Counties



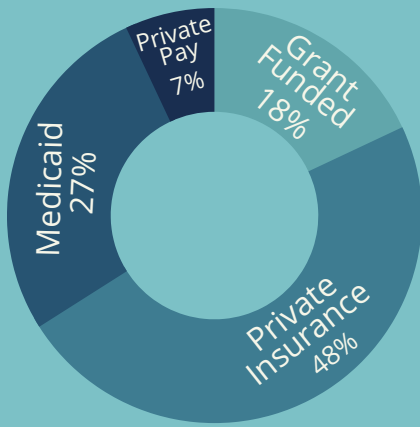
Payer Source



Speech Language Therapy

The Hearing & Speech Center provides speech-language pathology services to infants, preschool and school-aged children. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) provide diagnostic assessments, family education and treatment for children with language and speech disorders due to a variety of causes.

Payer Source



4,483
Sessions to
280 Children

- 3,236 Individual Therapy Sessions
- 968 Listening & Spoken Language Sessions
- 137 Tele- Health Sessions
- 142 Group Session

Tiny Tots Talking Intervention Program



In late 2022, The Hearing & Speech Center implemented a pilot program, “Tiny Tots Talking Intervention Program”. This program, led by Shelby Rutledge HSC’s Speech/Language Therapy Program Director, primarily works with children ages 0 to 2 years, developing a foundation for early literacy skills. Every week, Ms. Shelby dedicates time in seven classrooms (infant, toddler and early preschool) providing activities that stimulate and increase auditory pathways of the brain for children with and without hearing loss to provide the foundation for literacy and school readiness skills.



Shelby uses lots of singing, repetition of sounds and words, focusing on first 100 words for children 0-18



months and then the next 150-300 words for 18-36 months. Ultimately, the earlier young children are exposed to and use oral vocabulary, the greater their literacy success. By the time a child reaches kindergarten, this can mean the difference between being on track to succeed or falling behind academically. Language provides the foundation for the development of literacy skills.

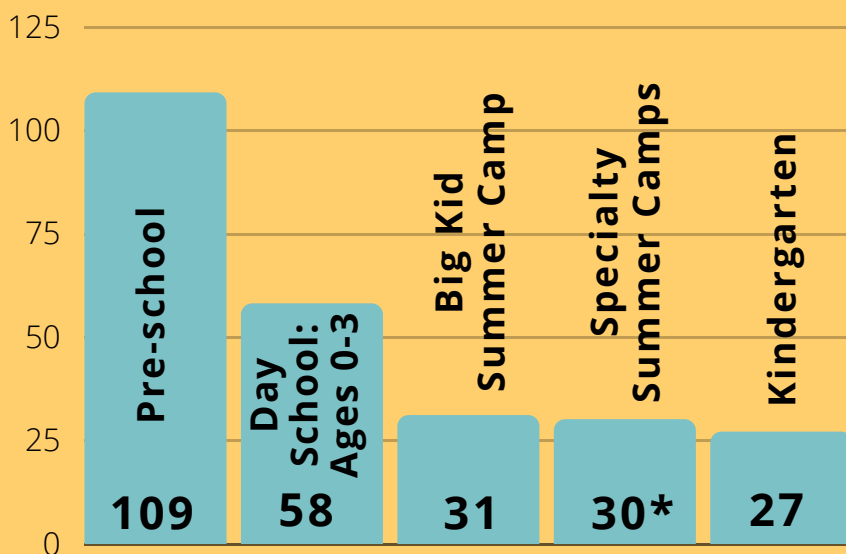
Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center at The Hearing & Speech Center offers a variety of early educational programming:

- Day School for children as young as six weeks
- Preschool
- Full-Day Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten program
- Summer programs, including camps for children through second grade

Children with and without hearing loss or speech/language delays can benefit from our inclusive classroom settings. All classrooms and activities at the Early Learning Center feature language and literacy enriched curriculum with small student to teacher ratios. The listening and spoken language based programs provide a superior educational foundation for all children.

231 Enrolled Children



**24 of these children were also enrolled in Big Kid Camp or Preschool*



Children Receiving Our Services

Day School: 10%



Preschool: 42%



Kindergarten: 63%



Celebrated
Kim Smart's
20 Years as HSC's
Education Director

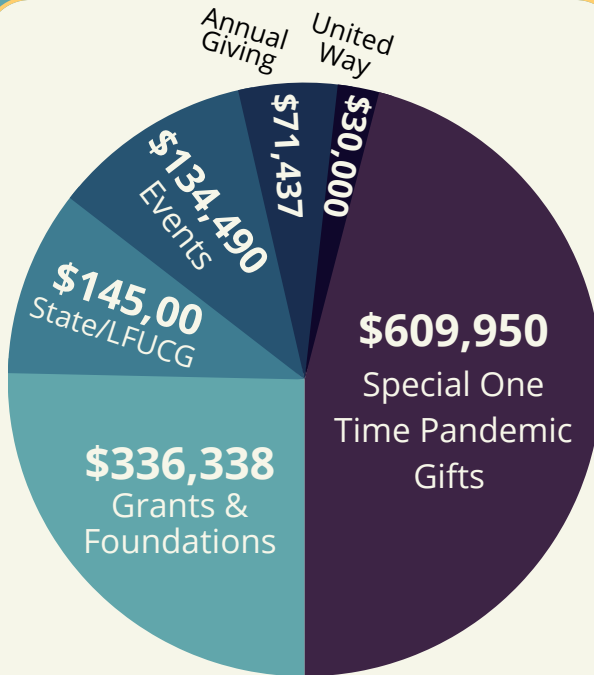


\$81,000 in Scholarship Funding



Fundraising

As a private nonprofit organization, HSC relies on the generous financial support of donors to support our high quality programming. HSC is grateful to all our friends who donate to continue the mission for a "sound beginning." Support from foundations, corporations and individuals ensures we will achieve client/family goals, and make a lasting community impact.



Thank You 2022 Grant and Foundation Supporters



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	WHAS Crusade for Children

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2022 In Pictures



**HEARietta, our
LexArts Horse
Mania Foal**



Many Volunteer Projects



**Community Helper
Visits**



**Attended health fairs
all over the state**



Ice Cream Days!



**Honored as a "Bronze" level member
of LFUCG's Green Check Program**

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keep up throughout the year!**



**Enjoyed our Sound
Beginning Garden**