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An Initiative of the Boston Foundation

Federation for Children with Special Needs, Inc.

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Incorporation Year: 1975

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FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Current

Mission Statement: The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.

Needs Statement: 1. In order to maintain our infrastructure and current programming and continue to expand our capacity to reach underserved populations, the Federation, as part of its current strategic plan plans to build and diversify its funding base. We are seeking general operating support to assist us in this goal.

2. The Federation's Community Outreach and Empowerment Project was developed to assist underserved families in finding information, locating and accessing services, and navigating state agency services. General operating support and program support will help us to sustain this work.

3. The Federation presents approximately 75 trainings onsite annually. We would like to acquire the equipment necessary to outfit our 2 training rooms with podiums, ceiling mounted LCD projectors/Flat screen LCD monitors, presentation quality laptops and independent sound systems.

4. In addition to onsite trainings, the Federation would like to enhance its capabilities in the areas of webinars and podcasts. The organization would like to upgrade its presentation equipment for future broadcasts, including podcasts, by purchasing newer recording equipment (microphones, headsets, laptops).

5. The Federation plans to build and diversify its funding base with a goal of increasing private funding sources to a total of 20% of its budget (currently 15%). General operating support will assist us in building the capacity of our Development efforts.

Impact Statement: During the past year, the Federation received 16,000 phone calls and emails from parents seeking assistance, conducted 600 workshops for over 9,000 parents and professionals at 100 locations throughout the state, and hosted an annual conference (with workshops conducted in four languages) attended by over 900 families and professionals.

Guided by a 5-year strategic plan, in 2016 the Federation seeks to:

- Provide high-quality information, resources, and training to over 45,000 families of children with special needs, special healthcare needs and children at risk, and their professional partners in Massachusetts;
- Reach out to culturally, linguistically and economically underserved families in need of our supports and services;
- Promote the active and informed participation of parents of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs in shaping, implementing, and evaluating public policy that affects them;
- Work collaboratively with our professional partners to ensure that all children are able to fully participate in their schools and in their communities;
- Build a diverse, sustainable funding base to support our work.

Full-time Staff: 18

Volunteers: 600

(excludes part-time staff)

Programs Detailed on Profile

Special Education Parent Center

Family Support Center

Health Advocacy Center

Family and Community Engagement Center

Parent-Professional Leadership Center

Projected Revenue: \$3,883,930.00

Projected Expenses: \$3,867,696.00

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	\$3,325,626	\$3,189,291	\$3,202,635
Total Expenses	\$3,137,836	\$3,095,958	\$3,062,108

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--