Strategies for Children, Inc.

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Incorporation Year: 2001

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Education Preschools

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Current

CEO/Executive Director: Mr. Chris Martes

Board Chair: Mr. Paul O'Brien The O'Brien Group Inc.

Mission Statement: Strategies for Children, Inc. (SFC) works to ensure that Massachusetts invests the resources needed for all children, from birth to age five, to access high-quality early education programs that prepare them for success in school and life.

Needs Statement: SFC's most pressing needs are:
- General operating support for our proven constituency building/research/awareness/mobilization strategies to leverage significant public investments in high-quality early education and care;

- Support to sustain and grow our Community Readiness initiative, partnerships to empower local communities as they advance their early learning systems.

- Support to cover communications expenses, including our Eye on Early Education blog, social media, website, and e-advocacy constituent engagement tool;

- Board development and new champions from business and other sectors who recognize that the future of our commonwealth is dependent upon our collective ability to provide children a strong foundation of learning in the earliest years of life.

Impact Statement: Strategies for Children has led efforts that resulted in:

- Five consecutive years of post-recession state budget increases for early education and care, $70 million since fiscal year 2013.
- Massachusetts awarded $15 million federal Preschool Expansion Grant in December 2014, serving 850 4-year-olds annually in five cities. State-funded preschool planning grants supported 15 communities' strategic plans in FY16 and FY17.
- Historic $38.5 million investment in the early education and care workforce in 2017.
- Enactment of An Act Relative to Third Grade Reading Proficiency in 2012.
- Enactment of An Act Relative to Early Education and Care in 2008, creating universal pre-Kindergarten in statute and outlining the responsibilities of the Board, Department, and Commissioner of Early Education and Care.

We are keenly aware of the challenges that remain to help Massachusetts achieve universal access to high-quality early education. Our current goals include:

Passage of state legislation, An Act Ensuring High Quality Pre-Kindergarten Education (H.2874, S.240). SFC's estimated cost to expand preschool in 13 high-needs communities is $129 million, and would serve 10,086 preschool-age children not currently enrolled in any program.

Sustain and build upon recent early education investments in the state budget, including investments in the early education and care workforce.

Provide direct support to eight to ten high-needs communities in Massachusetts, with a focus on Gateway Cities, to improve their birth-to-five early education systems.

Publicize lessons learned from our local work in a "Community Readiness Playbook."

Continue providing updated research and data products, including Fast Facts for all 351 cities and towns, charts and infographics on third grade reading proficiency, full-day kindergarten maps and charts, and research briefs on other critical topics in early education and care.

Full-time Staff: 3

Volunteers: 389

(excludes part-time staff)

Programs Detailed on Profile

Early Education for All Campaign

Community Readiness initiative

Projected Revenue: $575,000.00

Projected Expenses: $547,471.00

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	$911,809	$502,923	$490,980
Total Expenses	$694,517	$697,462	$782,929

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	--	--	--