

# Bright Beginnings Annual Report

SFY18: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

The mission of Bright Beginnings is to support families in helping their young children grow, learn, and develop to their fullest potential.



## From the Director

When I look back at State Fiscal Year 2018, the picture that comes to mind is a beautiful bridge that connects our past and future. We made many changes - a change to our name, logo, and location of our central office. What remained the same was our passion for serving families and the core values that we hold. Throughout the year, we had tremendous support from our partners, of which we will remain forever grateful. What we didn't know at the beginning of the year was that we would have the opportunity to move even closer to helping ensure our vision to offer all children (and their families) their best start in life!

Here's to Bright Beginnings!

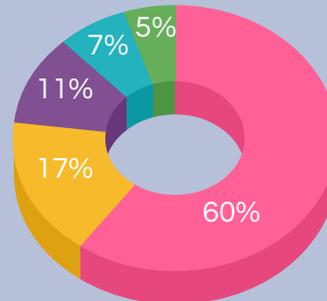
Karen J. Mintzer  
Director

## Thank You!

Services are made possible through generous funding and in-kind contributions from:

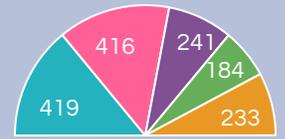
- Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Cuyahoga County Family and Children Council
- Cuyahoga County Levy Funds
- Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
- Giving Back Gang (a Cleveland Foundation donor advised fund)
- Invest in Children of Cuyahoga County
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio General Revenue Funds and United States Federal IDEA Funds
- Private donations via United Way
- Private donations made by advocates for early intervention services
- University Hospitals for Great Lakes Regional Partnership Council
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund

## Early Intervention



## Eligibility Reason

- One or more Substantial Delays - 60%
- One or more Mild Delays - 17%
- Diagnosis on Form - 11%
- Informed Clinical Opinion 7%
- Diagnosis on List 5%



## Services on initial IFSPs

- Special Instruction
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Other

2,420  
Children Served

1,249

\*Individual Family  
Service Plans  
written



"I love that they come to my home. The workers are amazing people who are patient and kind. The strategies they have taught us were helpful." - parent of child receiving EI Services

## Parents as Teachers

6,269  
Home Visits

718  
Children Served

511  
Families Served

303  
Families Participated in  
Parents Connect



"This program has helped me to understand the learning stages in my daughter's life, which has helped me to become a better mom and enable me to better help my child grow." - mom of a 5-year old entering kindergarten