

HobeSound **Early Learning Center**

2017 - 2018



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Mission Statement

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center provides families, regardless of income, an affordable early-education program incorporating nurturing, education and recreation to stimulate their children's healthy emotional and social development and help them to excel in school and life.

Vision Statement

For all children to realize their full potential in an impactful high-quality, high yield early learning environment.

History

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center has been serving children and families in Hobe Sound and surrounding areas since 1962. Our programs and services have evolved over the years but our quality and commitment to early childhood development remains the forefront of everything we do. Currently HSELC is serving 140 children ages 1-5. HSELC is proud to be a Conscious Discipline School that provides our children with not only the educational tools needed, but the social and emotional development so they will be successful in school and in life.

Message from our President

We again arrive at the end of another successful school year having accomplished so much and having watched our children grow. I wonder if you



have pondered the "Secret to Our Success". "Our" success is both our families and the Center working together to see our children flourish in an environment specifically built for their educational and social-emotional growth.

The "Secret" part of this really is no secret at all. It is the dedicated staff and our Executive Director Mary King.

We celebrated Mary's 25 Anniversary at the Center in March. Mary has MANY responsibilities and challenges, but she has always had one singular devotion. She wants every child to succeed. This lifelong love for children and their personal growth are what have made Mary and the Center the "Success" we see every day. Mary has changed the lives of thousands of children and families in the last 25 years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff and All of those in the Community, we thank Mary for her love and dedication to the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center.

Rob Kloska, President



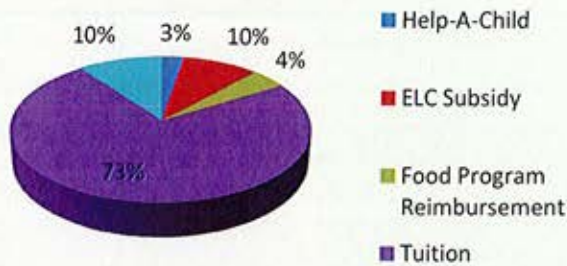
MR. NAT REED WITH MARY KING
AT MARY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION.

Financials

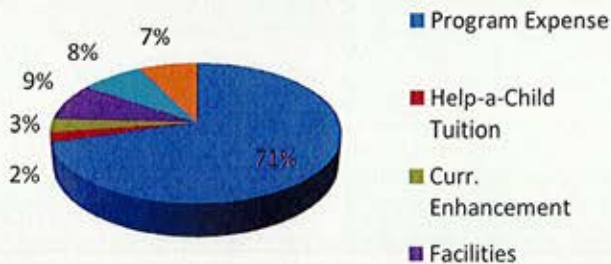
Balance Sheet

| 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------|-------------|
| \$1,076,480 | \$1,100,787 |

2017 Revenues



2017 Expenses



Grantors

Bart's Blue Star Foundation
Christ Memorial Chapel
The Henry Foundation
Hobe Sound Community Chest
Loblolly Community Foundation
Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation
Martin County Community Foundation
United Way of Martin County

Business Support

Anything Electric
C&C Auto Repair
CEC Entertainment
Courtney's Stuffed Burgers
Duffy's
Focused on Forever
Janus Investigations
Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal
Publix Supermarkets Charities
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Message from our Executive Director



As the Executive Director of Hobe Sound Early Learning Center, I have the great fortune of working with a dedicated staff of early childhood professionals, a passionate Board of Directors, generous donors and charitable foundations, multiple

organizations in our community that serve children and hundreds of families and their rapidly developing children. I consider it an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to work with our most valuable resource, our children, during their most formative years. Our mission is to ensure that all children have an opportunity to benefit from a high quality early childhood program to give them the solid foundation on which to build their future successes.

We strive to stay abreast of all the best practices in our industry. We focus heavily on the social-emotional development of the children in our care. And we offer our families a safe and connected environment to support them on their parenting journey.

I look forward with great anticipation to continuing to serve the families and children in our community.

Mary King

Major Contributors \$1,000+

Hobe Sound Community Chest
Christ Memorial Chapel
The Trust Company of S. Florida
United Way of Martin County
The Henry Foundation
Peter Avonda
James Riepe Family Foundation
Doris Willrick, LLC
W.C. McClelland Family Fund
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Fore River Foundation
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CURRICULUM

Nemour's Bright Start Curriculum – provides a multisensory, strength based, comprehensive learning program encouraging whole child development and early literacy skills. This curriculum offers practical, science-based tools and training to address the real-life challenges of building reading readiness skills in young children. Statistics show that at-risk children completing the Nemours BrightStart intensive educational instruction gain an average of 114 percent on their reading readiness scores. Currently, 2 VPK classrooms are sharing 1 curriculum.



Small Group Instruction- One of our biggest attributes to the success of our program has been our small group instruction. HSELC has an additional staff person who is able to provide small group instruction to our VPK students. Small group time is one of the activities in preschool that can most benefit a child's academic readiness for kindergarten. It is an opportunity for teachers to spend focused instructional time with small groups of students who need additional support in specific skill areas. Small groups, by definition, allow teachers to create flexible groups based on children's needs and similar skill levels. This intentional grouping of children limits the diversity of need so that the teacher can focus her teaching to discrete, specific skills.

After the midyear assessment is given, our instructor focuses her small group, 1-3 students per group, on those students who are falling behind. Being able to provide this extra targeted group time to our struggling students has been a key factor in their success.



Conscious Discipline is a comprehensive classroom management program and a social-emotional curriculum. It is based on current brain research, child development information, and developmentally appropriate practices. Created by Dr. Becky Bailey, an internationally renowned expert in child developmental psychology, Conscious Discipline® is built on the premise of developing discipline *within* children rather than applying discipline *to* them. HSELC has been extremely fortunate to have Ginny Luther

donate her resources to HSELC and work with our teachers, administrators, students and parents to implement conscious discipline in our school. Our Conscious Discipline Parenting Classes are held monthly to providing continuity of the Conscious Discipline program at home.



HSELC HIGHLIGHTS

Lifetime TV – Designing Spaces

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center was chosen from a nationwide search to be the featured Early Learning Center for this special program. The episode emphasized the importance of early childhood education and “play” during the formative years of a child’s life. The episode aired on December 14th and 21st, 2017. You can view the segment at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTHGXv8BNSA> . Mattel and AT&T were partners in this program.



Designing Spaces video production crew shooting a segment at HSELC.



AT&T presents HSELC with cell phones and pre-paid phone cards for teachers and staff.



Mattel presents a trunk full of educational toys to enhance the children’s developmental skills.

HSELC ACTIVITIES



Easter Bonnet Parade



Halloween Activities



Poinsettia sales start in September. These make great client gifts for the Holidays. Orders delivered right before Thanksgiving! Check out website for more details.
www.hobesoundearlylearningcenter.org



*2018 Annual Chili Cook-Off
Mark your calendar January 18
2019 Chili Cook-Off*

Hobe Sound Early Learning Center would like to keep you informed about where your donations are making the most impact to our children. In order for us to be good stewards of your gifts, making sure every dollar received goes towards our programs and services for the children we would like to send you the “Communicator” by email twice a year. This will help us save on postage and paper. Please give us a call at 772-546-5462 to provide your email or email us at office@hobesoundearlylearningcenter.org. HSELC does not share its data base.