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# Annual Report 2024





## **Our Mission**

**A champion for all children, ABC offers every child a joyful, beloved life by creating compassionate programs in urgent response to the needs of New York City's most vulnerable families.**

## **Our Vision**

**For all children to have a healthy, safe life full of joy, learning, and love in a nurturing family.**

## **Our Children**

**In early 2024, children made up around one third of the New York City shelter population – more than double the number in 2021. A staggering number of migrant children have been added to that population.**

**Half of children in the South Bronx and East Harlem live in poverty.**

**Statewide, suicide is the third leading cause of death for 4- to 15-year-olds.**

**Our children suffer from the complications of poverty and toxic stress - knowing want, hunger, medical fragilities, chronic illness, terror, destitution, violence, and despair. Many have made arduous and dangerous journeys to escape persecution with nothing to their name but hope for a brighter future. Each night, too many New York City children have no home at all, no place to lay their heads.**

*“There is only one child in the world and the child’s name is All Children.”*  
- Carl Sandburg



## A LEGACY OF LIGHT

ABC has always been a relentless champion for children, unflinching in its commitment to protect every child. It operates on interlocking levels to provide compassionate care and support for children and families in need, as well as advocacy and action to improve public policies both within and far beyond the borders of New York City. ABC has fought with determination to bring relief and hope to hungry children, to homeless children warehoused in hotels and shelters, to babies tethered to their cribs in hospitals, to preschool-age children with special needs denied access to mainstream early childhood education, to children at risk of HIV/AIDS in foster care, and to homeless children suffering from asthma. ABC is always innovating and frequently develops evidence-based, scalable pilots and model programs that enhance the well-being of children and families.

ABC’s story, and its educational advocacy, began fifty years ago with Merricat’s Castle School, which established the right to inclusionary preschool education for young children with disabilities. ABC then created the first of its kind, state-of-the-art early childhood center for homeless children in the “belly of the beast”—the infamous Martinique Hotel—where New York City was warehousing homeless families. ABC also fought to secure the right of homeless families to preventive services, including housing, counseling, and day care, in its class action law suit *Grant v. Cuomo*. Thanks to litigation by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, joined by ABC, the McKinney-Vento Act now includes a guarantee that all homeless children are able to continue attending the schools where they were originally enrolled.



Over forty years ago, ABC focused national attention on the plight of hungry children through widely disseminated reports and press coverage, testimony at public hearings in New York City and State, and the testimony of homeless children before the House Select Committee on Hunger in Washington, DC. ABC created the blueprint for cost-effective, replicable meal distribution programs with the Yorkville Soup Kitchen that fed tens of thousands of hungry children and families hot, nutritious meals in public schools. Hot meal programs across the city replicated this ground-breaking model for utilizing existing facilities, supplies, and the expertise of food service personnel in public schools.

Leading the fight for humane housing for homeless families, ABC set the standard for safe, cost-effective transitional housing. Using the same government funds that were squandered on squalid, dangerous, and expensive “welfare hotels” and barracks-style shelters, ABC successfully transformed a dilapidated building in East Harlem into a bright, warm, and safe transitional housing program called Rosie and Harry’s Place. This program provided decent three-bedroom apartments with eat-in kitchens, on-site early childhood education, youth programming, wraparound and rehousing services, and a shared garden and playground. As the barracks-style shelters and welfare hotels were shut down, Rosie and Harry’s Place became the replicable model throughout the city and state for transitional supportive housing. This dramatically reduced the time it took for large families with complex needs to reclaim their independence and move into permanent housing. ABC was also the first organization to use untapped HOPWA/HUD funds to build permanent supportive housing for homeless families with HIV, creating another replicable model in the process.

At one time, medically-fragile infants born into poverty were warehoused in hospital wards, sometimes for months or even years, and often tethered to the side of cribs even though they could already sit, stand, or walk. ABC brought two class-action suits against New York City and State that ultimately rescued “Boarder Babies” across the nation. Won by ABC counsel Mitchell S. Bernard along with David Frankel and Thomas Moreland of Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin & Frankel and Pamela Jarvis of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, ABC’s landmark litigations ended this cruel and expensive policy and practice. ABC created Cody Gifford House to demonstrate that medically-fragile infants could live safely at home.



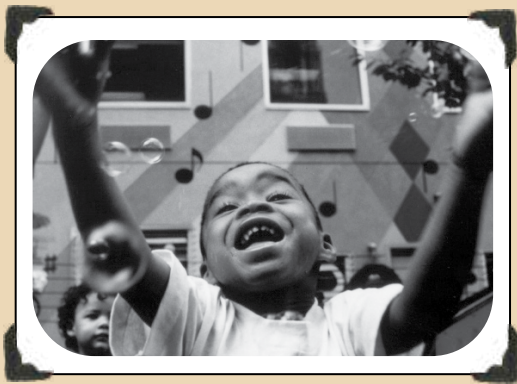
In the early days of the pediatric AIDS crisis, the state anonymously tested all infants for HIV infection without disclosing the results to their mothers. As soon as effective medical treatments and a test to differentiate between infant antibodies and infection were developed, ABC successfully argued in court that at-risk women and children had the right to receive early identification, counseling, and treatment for HIV/AIDS. The far-reaching policy reform that ABC won with the pro bono legal help of Colin Crawford alongside Margaret Keane and John Kinzey of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, has increased medical support for children with HIV/AIDS and effectively eliminated maternal transmission of the infection in New York State since 2015.



ABC has long campaigned for improvements in and access to children's health and mental health care. An ABC victory in federal court, fought by Mitchell S. Bernard of the Natural Resources Defense Council, David Frankel of Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel, and Steve Banks at The Legal Aid Society, guaranteed that all homeless children suffering from asthma receive vital primary care, including outreach, early and free periodic screening, a primary care provider, diagnosis, corrective treatment, and educational counseling. This continues to ensure that the potentially debilitating condition is diagnosed before it becomes medically more complex, costlier to treat, and permanently disabling.



In the aftermath of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, ABC set up safe spaces specifically designed for children where they could play, be supported, and process trauma. During the pandemic, ABC was an essential first responder, staying open to provide emergency care for the children of EMS, doctors, nurses, and firefighters for 11 hours a day, distributing food, and offering mental health support to New Yorkers in partnership with New York Project Hope. In response to this city's most recent crisis, ABC continues to provide support to hundreds of asylum seekers across Manhattan.

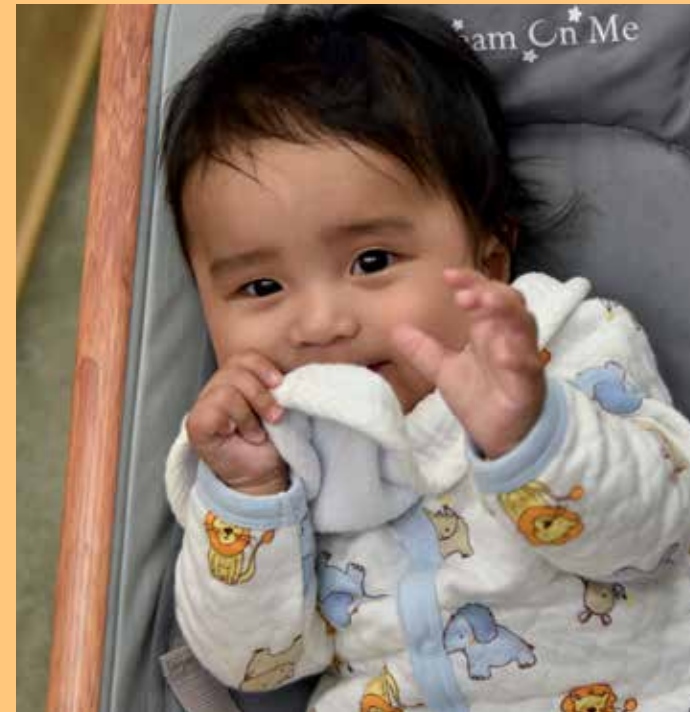


ABC resolves to be vigilant, to challenge each assault on childhood, and to make space for the courageous and resilient children and families it serves to shape its programs. ABC's responsive programs, rooted in its commitment to serve the whole child, whole family, and whole community are grounded in replicable, research- and evidence-based models that promise to break cycles of poverty and trauma. By championing its children and their families from before birth to adulthood, ABC aims to meet the complex needs of those struggling to survive and thrive in New York City while also bringing about wider systemic change.

## The Path Forward

Each new birth brings the promise of a brighter future. ABC's mission is to fulfill that promise for each generation. As infant and maternal mortality rates rise together, year-on-year, for the first time in two decades, ABC's ongoing support of the very youngest, highest-risk children and their parents is increasingly essential. A first-of-its-kind pediatric clinic embedded in ABC's multi-service family center, Echo Park, will build on a legacy of asthma advocacy and will provide vaccinations and accessible primary care to hundreds of children. At the same time, a new perinatal mental health expansion will see ABC therapists and family advocates partner with neighborhood health action centers in East Harlem and the South Bronx to help parents and staff better understand and treat perinatal and postpartum mental health conditions.

ABC's forward-thinking approach to early childhood literacy, which for many years has combined joyful play with a scientifically based curriculum that drives consistent improvement in literacy rates, is a model to be followed in a state where proficient reading rates have fallen below the national average. As kids grow older, access to virtual tutoring through Study Buddies Connect helps them reach and exceed grade reading levels. Although the challenges faced by each generation change, ABC's innovation, humanity, and excellence remain constant.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



At the heart of ABC's programming is early childhood education for expecting parents, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that is built around the whole child, whole family, and whole community. While each of ABC's schools has its own special focus, all are inclusive, celebrate diversity, instill a lifelong love of learning based on creative play, and honor parents' central role in their children's education and well-being. ABC ensures that children can reach their full potential through structured and unstructured play in combination with expert teaching, carefully crafted curricula, and special education services, all of which help children gain the skills they need for future school success along with fundamentals like patience, compassion, resilience, wonder, and respect for self and others. ABC's early childhood programs are defined by educational excellence,

especially in literacy and math, and a desire to make every moment a joyful experience that fosters cognitive development, encourages empathy, and inspires friendship, singing, music, dancing, and laughter.

Wrap-around services include home visits for expecting mothers, parent-child therapy sessions to work through intergenerational trauma, and referrals to other services. ABC provides speech, occupational, physical, and play therapy to children with special educational and developmental needs. Every child receives a full range of medical and developmental screenings followed by appropriate services that address each individual need, as well as embedded access to mental health treatment. Parents inform decision making at all levels by providing feedback, participating in policy council, and meeting with ABC's board of directors.





## EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO THREE

Designed to increase participation in Early Intervention (EI) services, our groundbreaking and scalable **EI referral system** continues to help families from historically marginalized communities access special education evaluation and services for their very young children. ABC's expert service coordinators are in contact with parents from the moment a pediatrician suggests special education might be needed right until they receive those services. By sticking with families throughout the process, ABC helps navigate the obstacles that can cause families with few resources to give up on submitting an EI application for their child with special needs.



The **Keith Haring School**, which is located at ABC's permanent supportive housing program for families with HIV/AIDS, provides occupational, physical, and speech therapies, highest-quality educational instruction, and ABC's new Early Head Start/Early Intervention model, in two beautiful, spacious classrooms.



## EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO THREE

**Cody Gifford House** offers educational instruction and a comprehensive array of therapies to infants and toddlers with severe developmental disabilities and delays and/or serious medical conditions. The Early Head Start/Early Intervention model at Cody Gifford House and the Keith Haring School is a blueprint for equitable inclusion as children enrolled in the program must be living in poverty or homeless as well as having severe disabilities or developmental delays. These children might have otherwise missed out on vital services and therapies that are often only accessed by higher income families. Center-based children at Cody Gifford House play and learn together in nurturing classrooms with a beautiful backyard playground. Home-based services bring Early Intervention directly to many additional children whose disabilities or therapeutic needs do not require the comprehensive intensity of center-based care.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO FIVE

The **Graham School** at Echo Park, ABC's multi-service family center in East Harlem, has twelve classrooms that offer the highest-quality, year-round early childhood education and preschool special education, in addition to comprehensive wraparound services that meet the needs of the whole child. Children at the Graham School have access to a spectacular rooftop playground with a sensory garden, engaging equipment, and views that extend across East Harlem.

Program participants range from expecting parents and very young infants to children ready to take the next step on their educational journey. The Graham School also offers extended day childcare to provide extra flexibility for working parents.



Home-based services expand the reach of the Early Head Start program for very young children who are not ready for a full five-day week of classes. Each home-based cohort is split into groups that come to the Graham School once a week for socialization classes that allow children to play together and parents to talk about parenting techniques and postpartum changes.

All ABC's early childhood programs provide developmental, medical, and mental health screenings for all children, and dyadic parent-infant psychotherapy for children and parents. ABC's early childhood mental health consultants use a collaborative approach, working with mental health professionals, parents, teachers, and children themselves to weave mental health and social-emotional awareness into every aspect of a child's life.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN ONE TO FIVE

At **Merricat's Castle School**, the national model for inclusionary preschool education, typically developing children and children with special needs learn together in three charming preschool classrooms and a beautiful garden playground. Utilizing developmental, experiential, play-based, and individualized approaches, every class is filled with adventure, discovery, tenderness, and joy.



At **Cassidy's Place**, toddlers and preschoolers who live in poverty, have serious developmental and medical disabilities, and/or are homeless, recent migrants, or in foster care play and learn in two Early Head Start classrooms - including a new classroom for one-year-olds - five dynamic inclusionary preschool classrooms, and two self-contained classrooms for some children moving on from Early Intervention with complex, compounded special needs and medical conditions. For 12 months a year, Cassidy's Place offers a full day of highest-quality early childhood education, comprehensive individualized support services, and health and mental health screenings and treatment that prepare children for future success.





## YOUTH SERVICES

ABC's year-round therapeutic youth programming provides structure, nurturing care, positive experiences, and whole family support to foster educational, social-emotional, moral, and creative growth and encourage at-risk children from age five through adolescence to stay in school and thrive. From as early as kindergarten, ABC ensures that each child becomes, and remains, positively focused and engaged in school. Youth Services places a strong emphasis on mental health – all enrolled children have access to mental health treatment – and community engagement – afterschool participants take an active role in our community garden and have organized around community volunteering, resume building, college preparation, voter registration, census completion, vaccination awareness, and public safety in recent years. ABC's afterschool program offers academic support, individualized tutoring and mentoring, music, art, poetry, multicultural dance, theater, sports, gymnastics, debate, photography, technology, coding, gardening, and healthy cooking classes.

**Camp Calvin**, a restorative, fun-filled and therapeutic summer day camp, provides a safe alternative to the streets and gives children the time of their lives as they cement friendships and explore the wider world of museums, landmarks, and parks in New York City and beyond. Camp Calvin also provides an opportunity to forge lifelong friendships and develop academic skills designed to combat learning loss during the long summer months.

**Study Buddies Connect** is a free and innovative virtual tutoring service for school-aged children. Launched and developed with prescient vision and expertise by Peggy Schleiff and Gail Geronemus, it provides one-on-one academic support for students by pairing them with volunteer mentors who typically meet online for 30 minutes twice a week or an hour once a week to read books together, work on homework, and, for older students, complete college or scholarship applications.

Starting this program year, our highest achievers will move into a year-long Phase II program that includes executive functioning, time management, effective communication, and self-advocacy training. This will prepare them for future success in school and life before they graduate from the program at the end of the year. Graduating children from the program allows us to bring in additional high-need students and provide them with the individualized attention that sets Study Buddies Connect apart from other similar tutoring programs.





## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

ABC has provided essential services, support, and programming to **asylum-seeking children and families** for decades and was there to meet the first buses as they arrived in New York City in 2022. We have developed strong relationships with shelters as well as our capacity to provide the services that new arrivals in New York City need to feel at home – including early childhood education, food and essential supplies, trauma-informed mental health care, parenting support, and legal resources. A new hub in our Open Door space at Echo Park offers internet access and case management services to parents of children at local public schools who have nowhere to go while they wait for their children to finish the school day.

**Bunny's Garden** provides children and families with an urban oasis in which to grow their own food, learn about healthy eating habits, and explore nature. Recent improvements to the garden's composting system mean all the food scraps from ABC's kitchen can be converted to fresh soil to be used in the community garden. One of ABC's afterschool groups will use this soil to grow fresh produce to take back to the kitchen and classroom as part of a new farm to table initiative.

From holding a parent-led forum on neighborhood health and safety to our ongoing collaborations with community partners, the **Dinkins Center for Equity** continues to advocate for care, safety, justice, hope, and joy for all. Recent parent-driven work with Columbia University on the REDIVIS project will make public health information accessible for our community, and ABC will continue to make working with local officials and police on public safety a top priority.

The **Jerry Loughlin Childhood Asthma Initiative**, which was developed in partnership with Columbia University, NewYork-Presbyterian, and Weill Cornell, mitigates the devastating effects of asthma on our children by creating and distributing educational materials to the community and providing access to the highest-quality treatment and prevention. ABC's proposed **Little Clinic** will further increase access to pediatric care for our families as it becomes the first pediatric clinic embedded in an early childhood center in New York State.





## FAMILY PRESERVATION



ABC's preventive services program, **All Children's House**, serves children from birth to age five who are at the highest risk for morbidity and mortality resulting from abuse and neglect. These families are among New York City's most fragile, having experienced complex, compounded, and often multi-generational trauma.

All Children's House uses the Child-Parent Psychotherapy model, an evidenced-based, trauma-informed therapeutic intervention that strengthens child-parent attachment, parental empathy, and resilience in families. Offered in the home by licensed therapists, it helps to break cycles of abuse and neglect while promoting long-term stability. The model builds feelings of love, empathy, and pleasure to create an invincible bond between child and caregiver, which shields children against the extreme strains of poverty and complex trauma.

In addition to case management services, therapists provide family counseling, parent support groups, budgeting management, legal assistance, and housing and referrals to other community-based organizations, schools, hospitals, and domestic violence shelters. All Children's House staff also provide services and training to asylum seekers in both English and Spanish.



## CHILDREN'S MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH

For well over thirty years, ABC has ensured easy access to the most effective, compassionate mental health services for children living in poverty. ABC's **Fast Break Children's Mobile Mental Health Services** deliver a comprehensive array of interventions and treatments that meet the urgent needs of vulnerable children. Fast Break's core goal is to keep children in crisis out of emergency rooms and restrictive institutions, and to prevent children from harming themselves or taking their own lives.

Led by highly-skilled, board-certified child psychiatrists, Fast Break offers a full range of mental health services from psychiatric assessments and medication management to a wide variety of therapies and treatment modalities. The Fast Break network includes four dedicated children's mental health clinics at ABC sites, thirteen school-based licensed mental health clinics that serve a total of twenty individual schools, and five school-based mental health programs.



The **Echo Park clinic** shares space with ABC's early childhood and youth programs, increasing treatment accessibility for children and families. The **East 115th Street clinic** at the East Harlem Health Action Center is co-located with other health care organizations including those that focus on maternal, prenatal, and pediatric health. The **Bronx clinic** specializes in treatment of birth to five-year-olds and provides consultations to faculty and parents in four early childhood and childcare centers. It is also the first clinic to use the Perinatal Child-Parent Psychotherapy model on the east coast as part of a collaboration with the Healthy Steps team at NewYork-Presbyterian. The **102nd Street clinic** supports families in East Harlem and those who require mental health treatment beyond their mandated time with All Children's House.

**In Good Hands**, a new program, provides a single point of access for children under 12 who are referred to ABC from NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. With a main focus on mental health support, ABC's expert team of evaluators assess the needs of each child and then provide seamless handoffs to the relevant ABC programs.

Fast Break's **School-Based Mental Health Program**, which is now in twenty-five public schools in Manhattan and the Bronx, conducts crisis intervention and treatment for children, and provides trainings so educators and parents can recognize and respond appropriately to the mental health needs of the children and young adults in their lives. ABC is dedicated to providing a continuum of care for children of all ages by maintaining a presence not only in preschools and kindergartens but also in elementary, middle, and high schools. The school-based mental health clinics and programs address the pressing needs of children during every transition in their journey from birth to adulthood.

The essential mental health care and support that ABC offers does not end with the school day. The **Children's Mobile Crisis Team** is the only program providing rapid crisis intervention for children anywhere in Manhattan. The team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and meets with children and young adults to stabilize their crises wherever they are within 2 hours of a call to NYC 988 – formerly NYC Well – and within 1 hour when the call comes from a school.

**Fast Break+** further expands the reach of ABC's mental health services by connecting children referred by other ABC programs with services in their community whenever and wherever they are most comfortable. By offering flexible care and treatment outside the traditional outpatient setting in a child's home, school, shelter, or local neighborhood, ABC helps children with acute mental health needs access services they might otherwise have missed. The presence of youth and family peer advocates allows for a higher frequency and intensity of engagement with each child than would normally be possible. Fast Break+ has also brought peer-led mental health clubs to ABC's partner schools.



**Health Home** is ABC's care management service designed to assist children and families with complex chronic health and/or behavioral health needs whose care is often fragmented, uncoordinated, and duplicative. A dedicated care manager helps all the professionals involved in a child's care communicate with one another and coordinates access to all the services a child requires to stay happy and healthy.

## SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

ABC provides permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families living with HIV and AIDS. These families live in 1- and 2-bedroom apartments with eat-in kitchens and receive critical support services including access to the Keith Haring School. In addition to providing personalized support and case management, the program promotes school attendance and community integration.





## VOLUNTEERS

At ABC, volunteers are treasured partners. Throughout the year, hundreds of people—including students, parents, bankers, lawyers, poets, musicians, doctors, artists, chefs, teachers, and retirees from all walks of life—share their time, interests, and skills to help make a critical difference in the lives of ABC’s children and families.

In 2023, volunteers continued to find ways for their interests and enthusiasm to inspire ABC’s kids both in-person and virtually. Working together bridges the gap between diverse cultures and backgrounds while building connections that have the power to change lives for the better.

Some of the exciting ways volunteers can get involved in the coming year are: assisting teachers at our early childhood locations, providing mentorship and homework help in-person at ABC’s afterschool program or virtually with Study Buddies Connect, organizing a one-off corporate event, or volunteering in Bunny’s Garden.





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Budding Branches  
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Children's Rescue Fund  
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Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Hospital at Montefiore  
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Columbia University	New York Cares	Bureau of Day Care	Teak Fellowship
Barnard College	New York Center for Child Development	Early Intervention Program	Temple Emanu-El
Medical Center	New York City Administration for Children Services	New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development	The Door
School of International and Public Affairs	New York City Coalition for Children with Special Needs	New York City Department of Parks & Recreation	The Jewish Board
School of Nursing	New York City Continuum of Care Coalition	New York City Department of Social Services	Trevor Day School
School of Social Work	New York City Department of Education	New York City Fire Department Engine Company 22	Triboro Kickers
PROMISE Project	Committee on Education	Engine Company 35	Trustforte
Teachers College	Committees on Preschool Special Education	Ladder 13 10th Battalion	Union Settlement Association
Community Board 11	Region 9	Ladder 14 12th Battalion	United States Department of Health & Human Services
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Cool Culture	Central Based Support Team	23rd Precinct	Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
Coordinated Behavioral Care	M 256 - Lafayette Academy	25th Precinct	University Settlement
Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies	M 079 - Horan School	44th Precinct	Vibrant Emotional Health
Dalton School	M 135 - Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management	New York Common Pantry	Visiting Nurse Service of New York
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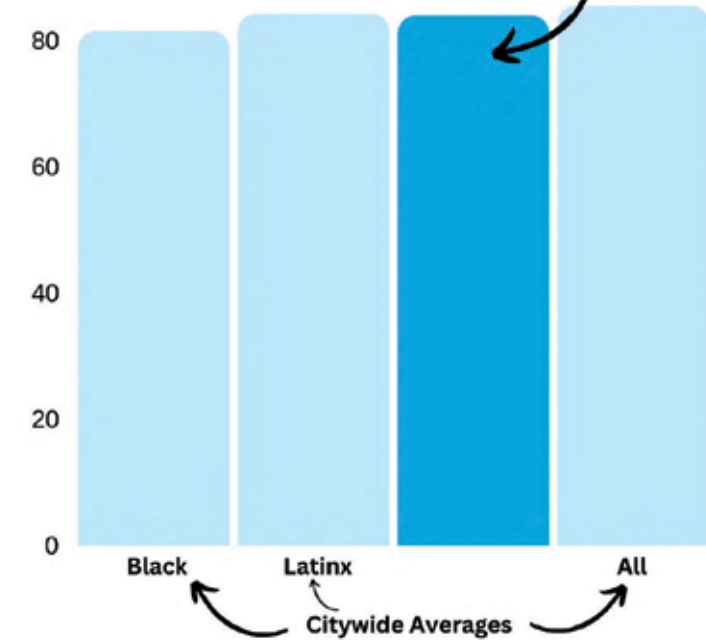


48 is a perfect score on this scale!

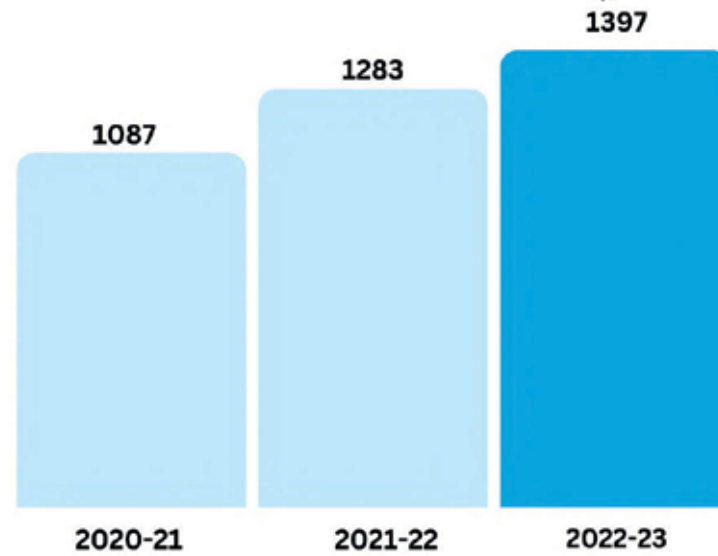
Average family assessment scores for ABC Head Start families show the longer a family stays with ABC, the greater the impact in areas like school readiness, parenting skills, and financial security.



ABC EI referral rates match citywide averages despite the significant challenges our families face



ABC responds to ever-increasing community need by serving more children through our mental health services every year



**100%** of families served by All Children's House remained together after their mandated year with the program. ABC's family preservation rate is consistently high year after year.

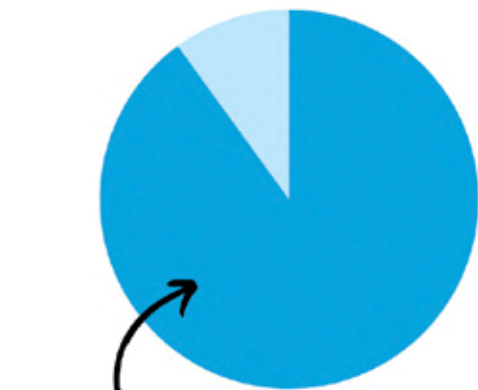


Last year, at Study Buddies Connect there was a...

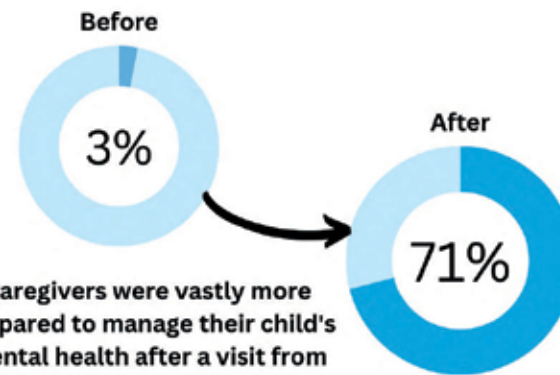
**86%** drop in the number of children reading far below grade expectations



**67%** increase in the number of children exceeding grade expectations for reading



Over 90% of kids at Camp Calvin said they made new friends - these friendships often last a lifetime!



Caregivers were vastly more prepared to manage their child's mental health after a visit from the Children's Mobile Crisis Team



During Turkey Day, ABC distributed 900 turkeys and completed 849 community surveys (both records). This heart shows the words that most commonly appeared when parents were asked to talk about ABC.



# BALANCING THE BUDGET



## ASSOCIATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET (consolidated) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

INCOME	Early Childhood Programs	Wraparound Service Programs	Program Development	Management & General <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL FY 2024 Annual Budget
Government Income	\$13,407,067	\$4,195,225	\$0	\$0	\$17,602,292
Private Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Private Tuition <sup>2</sup>	1,625,000	0	0	0	\$1,625,000
Other Income	0	4,465,529	0	0	\$4,465,529
<b>Total Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$15,032,067</b>	<b>\$8,660,754</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,692,821</b>

EXPENSES	Early Childhood Programs	Wraparound Service Programs	Program Development	Management & General	TOTAL FY 2024 Annual Budget
Employee Salaries & Benefits	\$10,599,535	\$7,240,854	\$453,019	\$1,944,417	\$20,237,825
Direct Program Expenses	904,800	200,925	36,150	92,625	\$1,234,500
Professional Fees	856,713	648,477	0	0	\$1,505,191
Supporting Program Expenses	794,336	559,596	62,105	252,806	\$1,668,842
Indirect Program Expenses <sup>3</sup>	3,158,135	2,125,349	4,631	(2,291,639)	\$2,996,476
Depreciation and Amortization	315,307	96,102	0	1,792	\$413,201
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,628,827</b>	<b>\$10,871,304</b>	<b>\$555,904</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,056,035</b>
<b>Private Need</b>	<b>(\$1,596,760)</b>	<b>(\$2,210,550)</b>	<b>(\$555,904)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$4,363,214)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Though segregated, in order to accurately represent the true cost of operations, these costs have been allocated amongst ABC's programs using approved allocation methodologies.

<sup>2</sup> Private Tuition applies exclusively to ABC's Merricat's Castle School.

<sup>3</sup> Indirect Expenses also include ABC's administrative overhead costs. These costs are allocated to programs by ratio-value method. ABC's administrative overhead is 8.45% of total operating expenses.

# STATEMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENSES (unaudited) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

EXPENSES	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS				
	ECHO PARK GRAHAM SCHOOL	MERRICAT'S CASTLE SCHOOL	CASSIDY'S PLACE	EARLY INTERVENTION CODY GIFFORD/KEITH HARING	COVID-19 RELIEF
Employee Salaries and Benefits	\$3,776,920	\$1,161,758	\$3,418,238	\$2,026,250	\$515,282
Direct Program Expenses	528,995	199,075	270,605	127,029	92,889
Professional Fees	177,286	4,000	228,856	449,477	9,843
Supporting Program Expenses	421,658	68,641	255,502	122,007	(9,336)
Indirect Program Expenses <sup>1</sup>	1,403,060	466,013	887,706	788,697	127,250
Depreciation and Amortization	297,297	3,435	44,562	916	0
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,605,215</b>	<b>\$1,902,922</b>	<b>\$5,105,469</b>	<b>\$3,514,375</b>	<b>\$735,928</b>

EXPENSES	WRAP-AROUND SERVICES				
	FAST BREAK Children's Mental Health Services	Youth Development Afterschool, Camp Calvin	ALL CHILDREN'S HOUSE	Permanent Supportive Housing	Dinkins Center for Equity/Justice
Employee Salaries and Benefits	\$4,698,350	\$527,484	\$1,188,936	\$90,620	\$243,694
Direct Program Expenses	298,881	114,919	28,416	2,549	24,561
Professional Fees	616,600	88	59	0	0
Supporting Program Expenses	308,051	60,432	77,497	16,573	16,039
Indirect Program Expenses <sup>1</sup>	1,144,381	235,710	447,696	352,210	70,566
Depreciation and Amortization	15,760	63,037	5,752	28,294	10,393
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,082,025</b>	<b>\$1,001,671</b>	<b>\$1,748,356</b>	<b>\$490,246</b>	<b>\$365,254</b>

EXPENSES	SUPPORTING SERVICES		GRAND TOTAL ABC Operations
	Management & General Operations <sup>2</sup>	Program Development & Fundraising	
Employee Salaries and Benefits	\$1,832,113	\$441,909	\$19,921,554
Direct Program Expenses	112,876	43,624	1,844,419
Professional Fees	0	0	1,486,209
Supporting Program Expenses	324,839	37,876	1,699,779
Indirect Program Expenses <sup>1</sup>	(2,271,623)	12,432	3,664,097
Depreciation and Amortization	1,795	0	471,243
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>\$535,841</b>	<b>\$29,087,302</b>

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME (unaudited*)					
INCOME	Early Childhood Programs	Wrap-Around Services	COVID-19 Relief	General Operations/Support	TOTAL
Government Funding	\$12,264,586	\$4,552,639	\$562,212	\$0	\$17,379,438
Private Funding	394,296	922,958	0	4,899,709	6,216,963
Private Tuition <sup>3</sup>	1,387,716	0	0	0	1,387,716
Other Income (Earned)	1,013	3,842,684	52,390	0	3,896,087
Other Income (Unearned)	0	51,061	0	557,989	609,050
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$14,047,611</b>	<b>\$9,369,343</b>	<b>\$614,602</b>	<b>\$5,457,698</b>	<b>\$29,489,254</b>

<sup>1</sup> Indirect Expenses also include ABC's administrative overhead costs. These costs are allocated to programs by ratio-value method. ABC's administrative costs total \$2,271,623 representing 7.96% of total operating expenses.

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\* These values are subject to change. They include accounting estimates and have not yet been subject to an independent audit review.

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Land, Building & Equipment	\$3,011,827
Unrestricted	16,795,893
Temporarily Restricted	718,954
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$20,526,673</b>

Charity Navigator has awarded ABC four out of a possible four stars. In earning a four-star rating for the fourteenth consecutive time, ABC has demonstrated strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 1% of the charities rated have achieved fourteen consecutive four-star ratings, which indicates that ABC outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets ABC apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.





### Early Childhood Programs

The Graham School  
1841 Park Ave.  
Merricat's Castle School  
316 E. 88th St.  
Cassidy's Place  
419 E. 86th St.  
Keith Haring School  
318 E. 116th St.  
Cody Gifford House  
404 E. 91st St.

### Family Support, Youth, and Wrap-Around Services

Echo Park  
1841 Park Ave.  
Bunny's Garden  
236-242 E. 124th St.

### Supportive Housing Program

Permanent Supportive Housing  
318 E. 116th St.

### Preventive Services

All Children's House  
345 E. 102nd St.

### Fast Break Children's Mental Health Services ABC Fast Break Clinics

Fast Break: Echo Park  
1841 Park Ave.

Fast Break: The Bronx  
1366 Inwood Ave.

Fast Break: 115th Street  
158 E. 115th St.

Fast Break: 102nd Street  
345 E. 102nd St.

Children's Mobile Crisis Team  
Fast Break+  
316 E. 88th St.

### School-based Mental Health Programs

Columbia Secondary School  
425 W. 123rd St.

The Clinton School for  
Writers and Artists  
10 E. 15th St.

Dual Language MS  
100 W. 77th St.

PS 7 Samuel Stern  
160 E. 120th St.

PS 198 Isador E. Ida Straus  
1700 Third Ave.

M933 City Knoll Middle School  
440 W. 53rd St.

### School-based Licensed Mental Health Clinics (Satellite Clinics)

Joan of Arc Campus  
154 W. 93rd St.

Murry Bergtraum High School  
Campus  
411 Pearl St.

PS 206  
508 E. 120th St.  
PS112  
535 E. 119th St.

Yorkville Community School  
421 E. 88th St.

PS 165 Robert E. Simon/Mott  
Hall II  
234 W. 109th St.

High School of Art and Design  
245 E. 56th St.

PS 171 Patrick Henry  
19 E. 103rd St.

JH 167 Wagner Middle School  
220 E. 76th St.

PS/IS 218 Rafael Hernandez  
Dual Language Magnet School  
1220 Gerard Ave.

PS/IS 191 Riverside School for  
Makers and Artists  
300 W. 61st St.

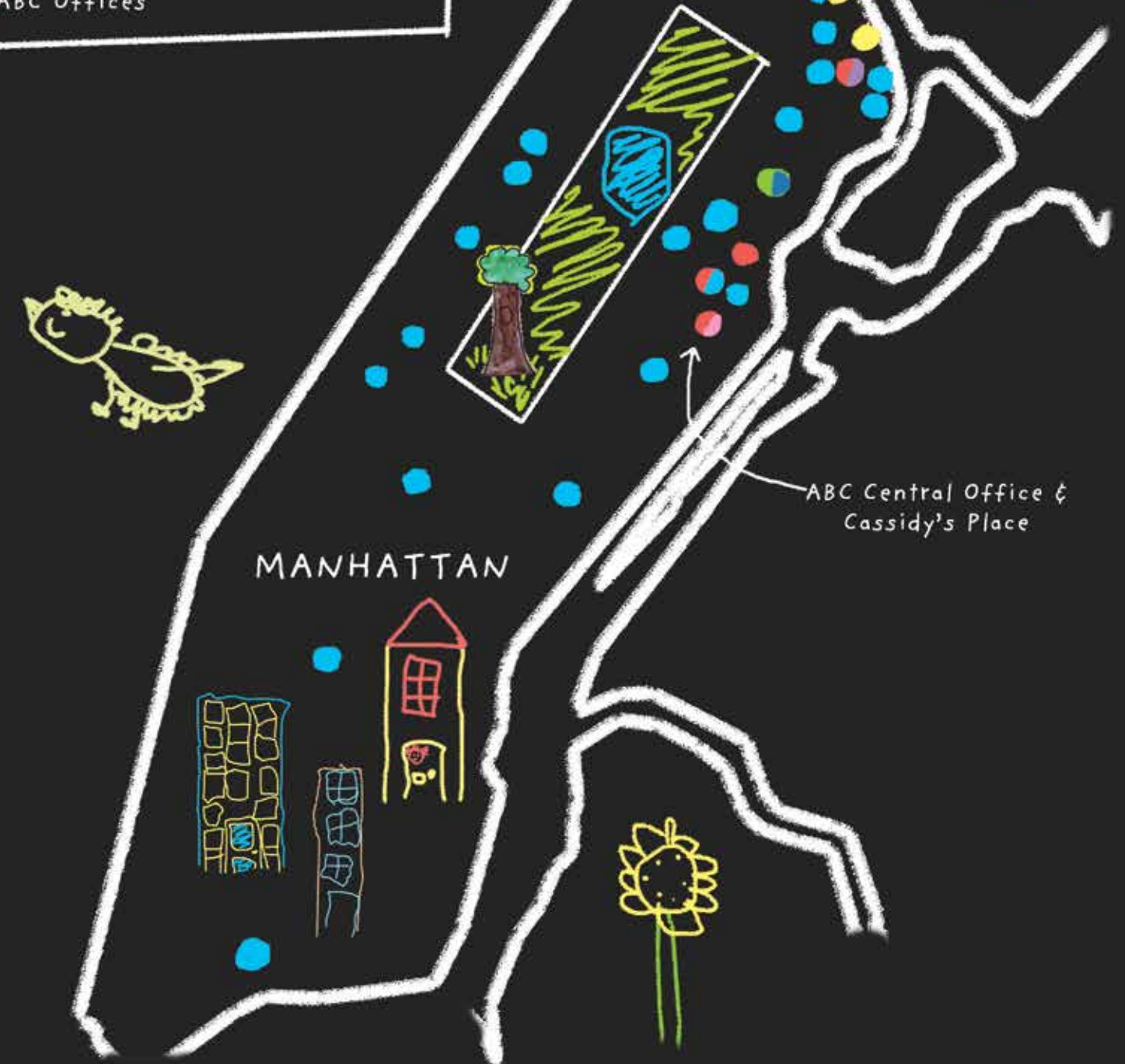
P.S. 114 Luis Llorens Torres  
School  
1155 Cromwell Ave.

Mosaic Preparatory Academy  
114 E. 111th St.

# OUR LOCATIONS

## KEY

- Early Childhood Programs
- Youth Services
- Family Support
- Preventive Services
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Supportive Housing
- ABC Offices



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