

2024 Annual Report



Celebrating 20 years of leaving a legacy.



Year in Review

2023-24 was another exciting year for the team at The Legacy Center! We brought on a few new staff, began developing some new programs, and, in May, we celebrated 20 years of making an impact in our local community! We served hundreds of learners in our literacy programs, worked with local middle school students to build important skills to thrive and resist risk-taking behaviors, and we tackled the harmful impacts of substance use disorder through our community coalition. We also had another great Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, the proceeds of which come back to support our programs.

As we entered our 20th year of service, The Legacy Center was as strong as it has ever been, and we are grateful to those of you who have helped us on this journey of developing a more resilient community through education and prevention.



President & CEO



Prevention



TOO GOOD

The Legacy Center offered the Too Good program with 6th-8th grade students at Bullock Creek Middle School. Collectively, students demonstrated measurable growth in seven of eleven skills measured. Areas of growth included goal-setting & decision-making, managing emotions, effective communication, social & peer influence, conflict resolution, anger management, and bullying awareness. Seventh grade students demonstrated the most growth - with knowledge gains in ten of the eleven categories.



DUMP YOUR DRUGS

The prevention team partnered with local law enforcement and MyMichigan Health to host ten Dump Your Drugs! events. Our team collected unused medications at National Takeback Days and Senior Expo events in April and October, as well as second Saturdays at the Farmers Market. In total, our prevention team collected 158 pounds of medications for safe disposal.



HARM REDUCTION

The harm reduction team of The Legacy Center's Coalition for Substance Free Resiliency (CSFR) placed its first NARCAN distribution station at West Midland Family Center. NARCAN can save a life from an opioid overdose. They also created NARCAN safety kits for local businesses and distributed them to more than 25 local businesses.



CONFERENCES

The Legacy Center partnered with the CSFR to offer a youth development conference, as well as a conference on building recovery capital and recovery-friendly workplaces. The youth development conference in the fall drew 75 individuals to learn more about Developmental Assets and risk-taking behaviors, and the recovery conference drew nearly 50 community members. Although no post-survey was conducted for the youth conference, 100% of participants at the recovery conference had mastered the concept of recovery capital and why it matters, and had a better understanding of the barriers individuals in recovery face when applying for jobs.





Youth Literacy

Barton Reading

The Barton Reading program is a structured, explicit, phonics-based approach to teaching reading. It is effective for students with learning disabilities and other challenges that delay reading skill development. The Barton program enrolls students throughout the year and takes two to three years to complete, or “graduate.”



135

Barton Learners



3,844

**Instructional
Hours**



27

**Barton Program
Graduates**



2.04

**Average grade-level reading
growth of Barton Graduates**

Dismissed Learners*

- Tutored avg. 29 mos.; fewer than 4 hours per month
- Average growth of 1.35 grade levels in reading.

Learners who left voluntarily

- Tutored avg. 31 mos.,
- Average growth in reading fluency of 1.3 grade levels.
- Gained 1.05 grade levels of fundamental reading skills.

Continuing Learners

- Tutored at least 12 months
- Average fluency gains of one grade level.
- Gained 1.18 grade levels of reading skills.

*Learners are dismissed for program non-compliance.

JUMP Math

JUMP Math is a highly structured, scaffolded math curriculum that helps kids learn skills and build confidence in math. The JUMP Math program targets students who are significantly behind in their math skills for their age and grade, and has a goal of helping them reach the 30th percentile for their age in skills.



22

JUMP Learners



721

**Instructional
Hours**



9

**JUMP Math
Graduates**



26%

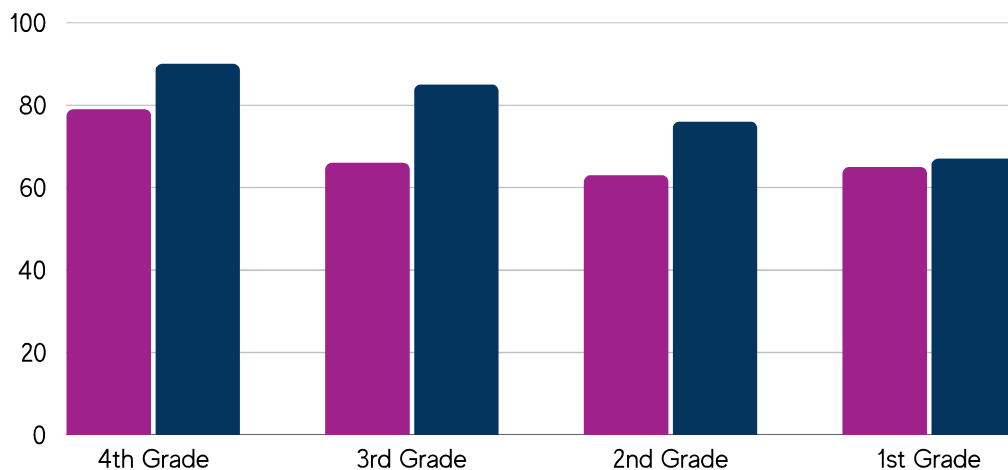
**Average score increase
on standardized test**



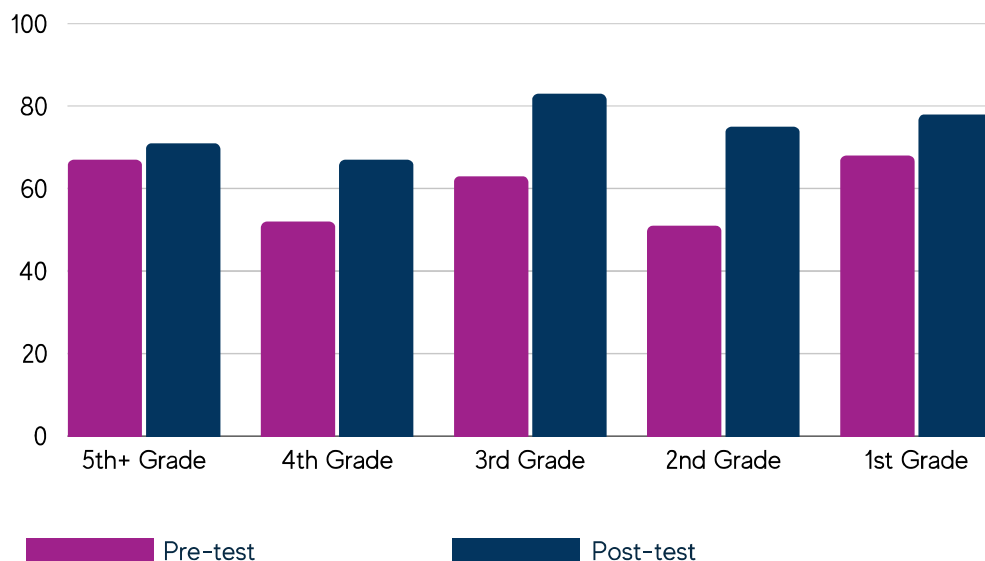
Summer Program Partnerships

In the summer of 2023, The Legacy Center teamed up with Coleman and Meridian Schools' summer SPARKS programs to provide structured literacy and math programs for students. Between the two sites, 96 students participated. Students received between 20 and 22 hours of instruction per subject. The results were very positive, with students demonstrating significant gains in both subject areas.

Reading - Both Sites



Math - Both Sites



Numbers represent percentage of correct answers on pre and post tests.



Adult Literacy

Basic Education & ESL

In program year 2023-24, The Legacy Center received a significant grant to support an expansion of adult basic education and English as a second language (ESL) to meet emerging needs, including substantial growth in the ESL program. These expansions were under development in the second half of the program year. The new programs include self-paced and hybrid ESL and pre-GED curricula, as well as digital and financial literacy. Adult literacy now offers four instructional methods: one-on-one tutoring, small group classes, self-paced online curricula, and hybrid options. These programs rolled out at the end of 2023-24.



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Adult Learners



2,034

Instructional Hours

Trends in ESL

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION & ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE OUTCOMES*

84

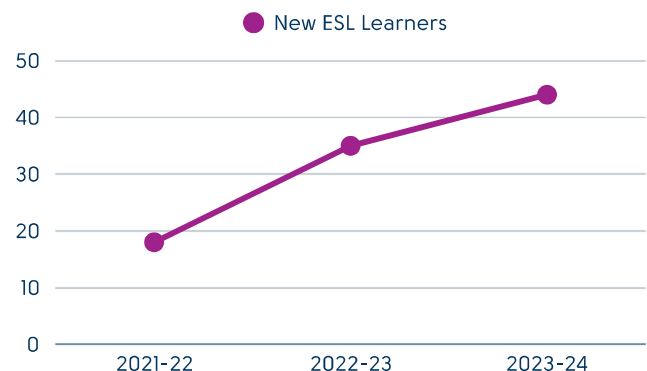
Number of adult learners who worked on academic and language skills aligned with the CASAS test, a standardized assessment used for adult education.

18%

of these learners, who completed 40+ instructional hours, were tested and achieved a measurable skill gain - the equivalent of two grade levels of skills.

21%

of these learners were employed in the second quarter after they finished tutoring.



*A large portion of our adult learners entered the program in the second half of the program year and were unable to reach the 40 hours required to post-test. Further, adult learners frequently face multiple barriers that slow their progress toward goals.



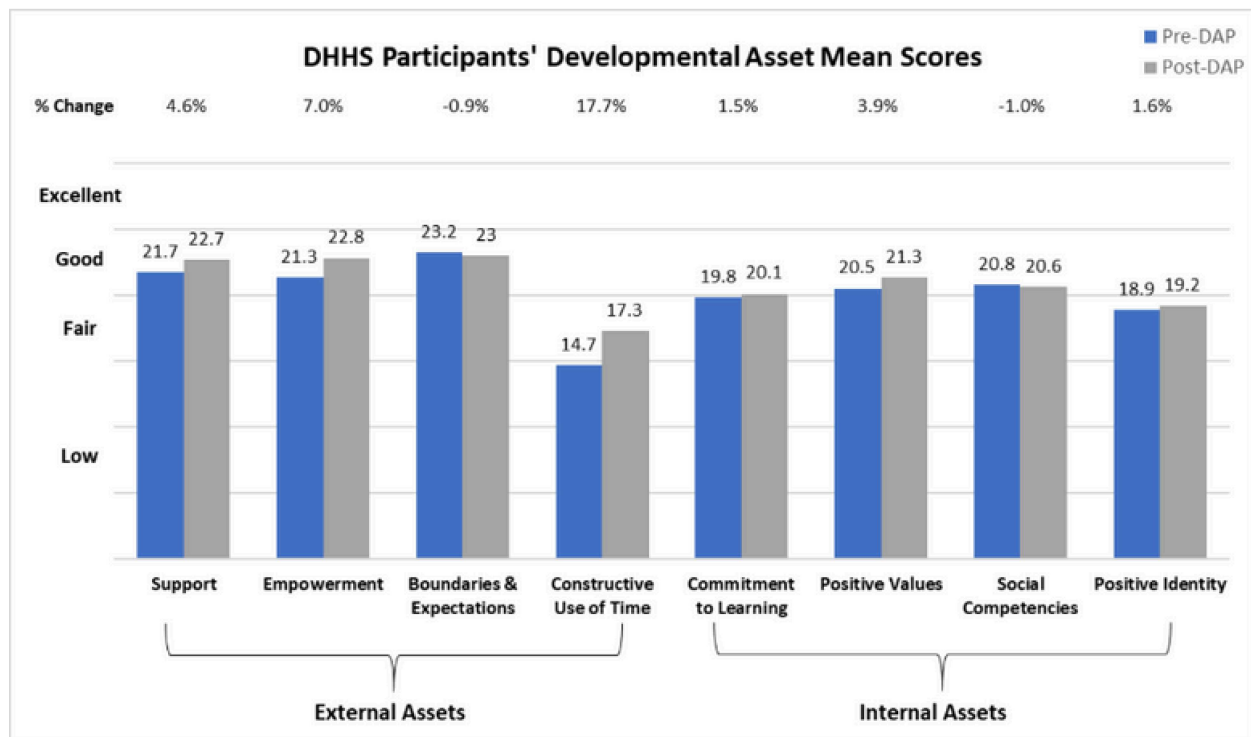
Consulting & Evaluation



DHHS FOSTER CARE

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS PROFILE SURVEYS

The Legacy Center entered the second year of a project with Department of Health & Human Services in Midland and Gladwin Counties to measure growth in Developmental Assets of foster youth. TLC provided an interim report that validated the initiative, demonstrating positive changes for youth in a variety of settings.



CLARE-GLADWIN RESD

YOUTH STUDY

At the end of FY 2024, The Legacy Center partnered with Clare-Gladwin RESD to conduct a youth survey with four of the five districts in the two counties. The collaborative partnership used Search Institute's Attitudes & Behaviors Survey. In total, 1,109 students completed the survey, accounting for 51% of the total student body in the RESD. Data analysis and strategic planning will be conducted in FY 24-25.



Anniversary Luncheon Fundraiser

20 Years

In celebration of 20 years of serving Midland County, The Legacy Center hosted a fundraising luncheon in April 2024. Nearly 250 guests joined us to learn about the broad impact of the work the agency does in literacy, youth development, and substance use prevention. Panelists Jennifer McCormack, Jai Mahabir, and Gary & Karen Kozerski shared stories of their experiences working with The Legacy Center. The luncheon raised nearly \$65,000.



Sponsors



Coleman Faith United Methodist Church



Gus Macker Fundraiser

2023 Gus Macker Stats

- 322 Total Teams
- 1,288 Players
- Approximately 70% were youth
- Estimated 6,000 visitors to Downtown Midland per day
- **Net proceeds to support The Legacy Center: \$16,000**



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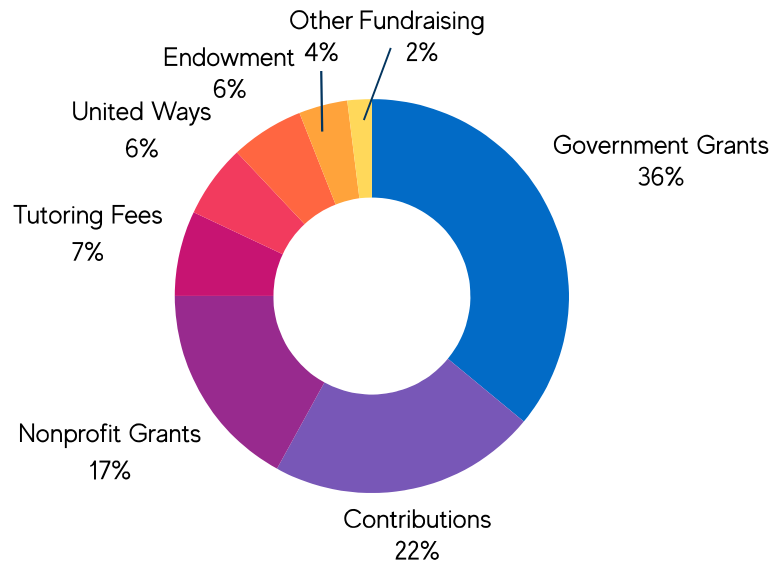


THE
CHARLES J. STROSACKER
FOUNDATION



Financials

Total Income: \$871,835



Total Expenses: \$764,063

