



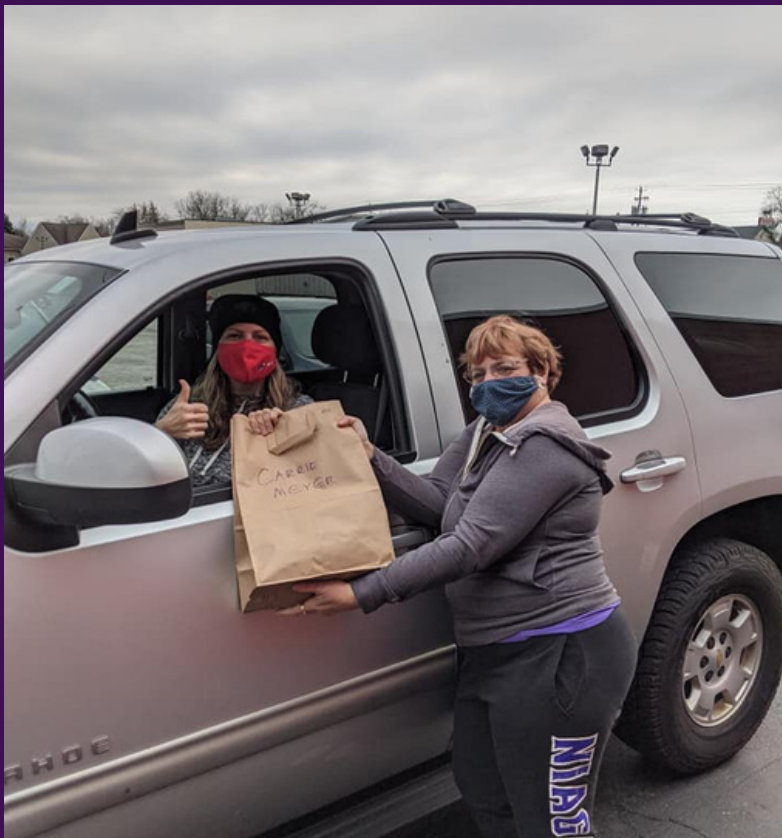
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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OCT 2019 - SEPT 2020**









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# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT AND CEO

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This past year, we all faced unprecedented challenges and disruptions in our work and our day-to-day lives. At Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network, we have seen that the work we do to empower women, fathers and families to take charge of bettering their family health and well-being in Western New York are critical more now than ever. Our staff adapted and met the moment. We continued to deliver the necessary services, education, advocacy, and connection to resources that our families so desperately needed.

Despite these unprecedented challenges, this past year we have received more than \$400,000 in grant funding from FANA, Health Foundation of Western and Central NY, Amherst Rotary, Many Faces of Mercy, John R. Oishei Foundation, Community Foundation and Five Star Bank. The BPPN staff has been recognized for their leadership and dedication to the community, and we have remained resolved to continue to develop our services as the agency's work evolves.

Below are highlights of our work this past year:

- The COVID 19 pandemic resulted in the agency pivoting to virtual visits before returning to office and in person visits in August. Deliveries were made to client's homes and a temporary pantry was set up at agency with food delivered by staff, volunteers, and the Queen City Bike Couriers
- Received certification as a Baby Café
- Postpartum Support International awarded us their proceeds for their virtual Climb Out of Darkness walk
- Held a virtual Open House with legislators and our major sponsors
- Housing partnerships strengthened in 2021 resulting in us being able to secure safe, affordable housing for many of our clients
- Fatherhood Program is partnering with 7 other CBO's on an automated referral program facilitated by the CBO Consortium
- The passing of Dr. Amol Lele, a respected maternal-fetal physician in Buffalo, led to donations to the agency and the initiation of a Bequest Society in her name for Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network
- The staff and Board revised the mission of the organization
- 50 families were adopted for the holidays
- Agency kicked off a new Cultural Awareness initiative for the staff in light of the events happening locally and nationally

We are committed to the work we do and the change we make in the communities we serve. A huge thank you to our Board of Directors who's guidance, expertise, skills, and knowledge help lift our organization to new heights. A special thank you to our funders: NYS Department of Health Division of Family Health, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Millennium Collaborative Care, the John R. Oishei Foundation, and the United Way. And we are grateful to our wonderful sponsors who help support Great Baby Beginnings every year, which continues to be our largest fundraiser raising more than \$40,000 in our new, virtual format.

It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a compassionate community to help new moms and dads prepare for parenthood. Thank you all for your support of the vital work we do for families across Buffalo.



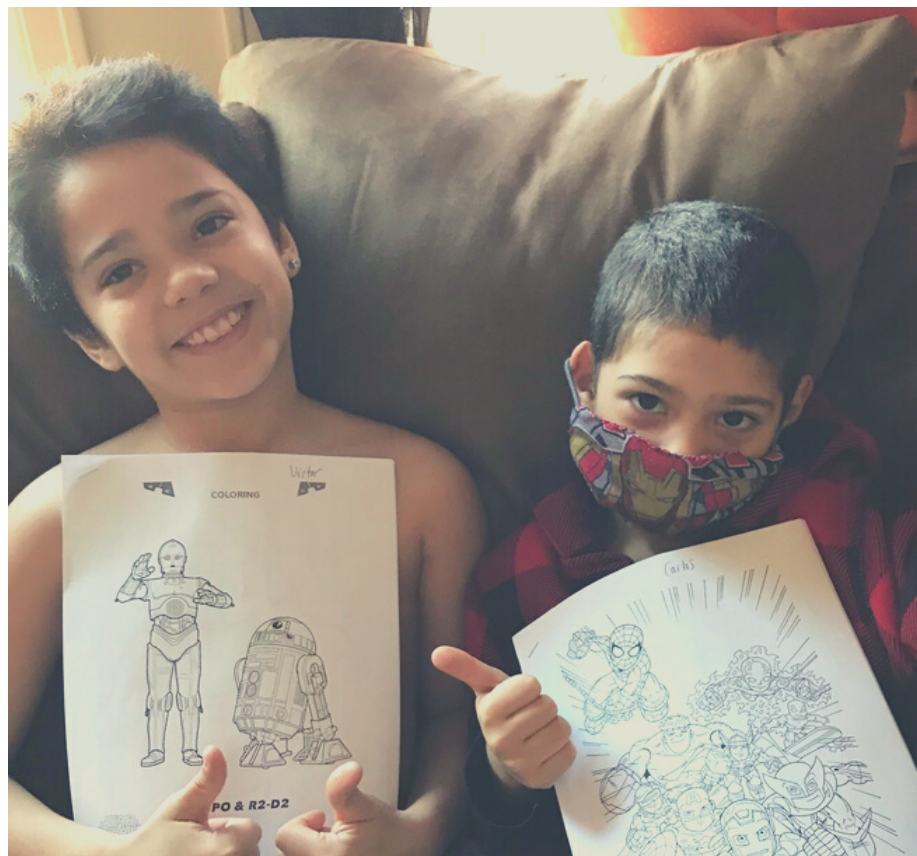
# HEALTHY FAMILIES NEW YORK

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The Buffalo Home Visiting Program provides comprehensive home based services to families for 3 to 5 years after a child is born. The program helps parents meet the challenges of parenting in order to assure healthy development for their children.

## Our Programs:

- Ensure families' basic needs are met (help is given to families who need services from food pantries, public assistance, WIC, housing assistance, etc.)
- Provide families with a family support worker who will visit them in their home once a week to provide educational information and resources for up to 5 years.
- Promote positive parent child interactions by educating families on child development and by providing activities to help them enhance their child's growth and development.
- Strengthen the family support system by linking them to appropriate programs and agencies.
- Empower and educate families to enable self-advocacy.





## BUFFALO HOME VISITING PROGRAM (BHVP)

Home Visits and FSS/FRS update for contract year **2019 - 2020**:

- The Program is entering its **26<sup>th</sup>** year of operation.
- The Program served **489** families this year.
- Our Family Support Specialists (FSS) conducted **4,925** home visits.
- Since our inception we have had **1,029** families enrolled in the program over three (3) years who have or will graduate from meeting all of their goals.
- Our Supervisors have streamlined the training process allowing our program to score **100%** for meeting the accreditations required trainings for all staff as well as **100%** for all of the ongoing.

### The Program met or exceeded the required performance targets:

- At least **80%** will be up to date on immunizations.
- At least **90%** will be assessed for the risk of lead in their environment.
- At least **95%** of target children will have a medical provider.
- At least **90%** will have the recommended number of well-baby visits.
- At least **98%** will demonstrate age appropriate development or be referred to Early Intervention Program.
- At least **90%** of moms will have a medical provider.
- At least **30%** of moms will breastfeed for the first six (6) months.
- **50%** of families will be involved in an educational or training program or be employed by child's first birthday.
- At least **75%** of participants' will receive the needed service for issues with substance abuse, alcohol abuse, mental health issues and domestic violence as identified by the parent survey that we perform.
- Since the inception of our program we have had father and/or father figure involvement **41%** of the overall families served with a home visit.

### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



- Black History Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Health & Wellness Educational Support Groups
- Celebration of Families Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Safe In-Door Halloween
- Visit with Santa
- Three Kings Day Celebration
- Literacy Initiative
- Parenting Memories Scrapbooking





# COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

The Community Health Worker Program (Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative) has a long history of helping clients navigate the services they need and how to access them.



## HOW WE SUPPORT OUR CLIENTS

- We assist families in seeking a primary home/doctor, WIC, a Dentist, Medical and Health insurance, etc.
- We help with scheduling client's doctors appointments.
- We help with transportation needs, translation, and advocate on behalf of our clients.
- We aid clients in obtaining family planning, birth control, and a doctor who can address health concerns.
- We can help client find other services in the community.
- We provide education on health topics and private supportive visits in the comfort of our clients' home.
- We lead nutrition, breastfeeding, and empowerment support groups.





# Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative (MICHC), Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo (CFGB) & United Way of Buffalo Community Health Worker Component

THE GOAL IS THAT BABIES  
ARE BORN HEALTHY &  
BOTH MOM AND CHILD  
STAY HEALTHY FOR LIFE.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHW'S) HELP ACCESS:

- ❖ Health Insurance
- ❖ Prenatal Care
- ❖ Preconception/ Inter-conception Health
- ❖ Reproductive Family Planning
- ❖ Women Empowerment
- ❖ Navigation to appointments
- ❖ Referrals for outside services (clothing, food, housing help, etc...)
- ❖ Nutrition/ Childbirth
- ❖ Infant Development
- ❖ Safe Sleep for Infants
- ❖ Maternal Smoking
- ❖ Breastfeeding
- ❖ Primary Care

Our staff collaborates with other community agencies and providers to enhance communication with women and families to we serve. We are aware of the changing needs/issues in our targeted zip code areas and we assure that appropriate education and support services are provided.



**"Cribs for Kids" site** BPPN provides education on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies and "play pens" to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep in order to reduce the risk of infant sleep-related deaths

**2006**

Referrals were made

**203**

Women and families served

**76%**

Breastfeeding Initiation rate.

**4**

Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC), three of which are recertified CLC's training to be International Board Certified Lactation Consultants.

**57**

Mattresses, toddler beds, and play pens were distributed to provide a safe sleep space for our families and their children.

**28**

Families assisted in obtaining safe and affordable housing.



### **Moms Quit: Smoking Cessation**

We provide educational in-home sessions, C/O testing and diaper incentives for Pregnant/ postpartum women & their partners who are trying to quit smoking.



### **Support Groups:**

Staff provide educational support groups around breastfeeding, depression, child birth and nutrition. Healthy lunch and snacks are served.



BPPN is now a Licensed Baby Café, a breastfeeding support cite open to the community. The grand opening site will open Summer of 2021.



# BUFFALO FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

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The Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative empowers healthy father and male involvement for children and families while providing tools and resources to a better future for our children and our community - one father at a time.







# BUFFALO FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

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## IMPACT DASHBOARD 2020



FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE IMPACTED BY OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



IN 2020, 17 GROUP MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COLLECTIVELY PAID OFF \$26,811 IN CONSUMER DEBT AND SAVED \$60,783

### NURTURING FATHERS PROGRAM



FATHERS AND MALE CAREGIVERS ENROLLED IN OUR PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMMING, IMPROVING IN THEIR COMMUNICATION, CO-PARENTING, AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SKILLS

### MENTORING FATHERS PROJECT

STUDENT MENTEES SUPPORTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUNY ERIE'S MEN OF MERIT PROGRAM THAT WORKS TO IMPROVE RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF MEN OF COLOR. IN 2021, THE PROGRAM EXPANDED TO NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.



Rodney Joubert is an effective mentor and fatherhood educator because he's been there.

As a new father, he didn't know what he didn't know. "Unfortunately, there's nothing out there in society that tells a man that he needs this, so I didn't even know what I was looking for," he says.

When he found this program, the light bulb clicked on. "Nurturing Fathers taught me skills around being a more caring, effective father, and that's where I was lacking," he says. "I didn't have the communication skills to be effective when I'm angry. I didn't know how to talk to my son when he was angry or frustrated. I just didn't have those skills. I was never exposed to it, my father died when I was three. So it was very important for me to seek the education."

Joubert credits the program for a communication breakthrough with his young son. "I learned this technique in this program of taking a knee and talking to my son," he explains. "I go down to his level, give him a hug, and then I talk to him, eye to eye, face to face. You should have seen my son the first time I tried it, he grabbed my neck, talking in my ear like he was telling me a secret. It was the coolest thing."

Joubert went on to graduate from all three programs of the Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative and is now on the other side, working with fathers who were in his shoes just a few short years ago. "After personally seeing the difference this work makes, I take this role seriously," he says.







# THE 17TH ANNUAL GREAT BABY BEGINNINGS!

Great Baby Beginnings (GBB) 17th Annual event was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in a virtual setting via Zoom for the first time due to the pandemic. The net profit was \$40,222. Claudine Ewing WGRZ was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The following individuals were recognized for their leadership in the field of prenatal-perinatal health at the event:

- Dr. Carlos Santos, Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, OB GYN Associates of WNY
- Michelle Szeffler, BSN, RNC-OB, Kaleida Health
- Sarah Worrell, CNM, Certified Midwife Mercy Hospital







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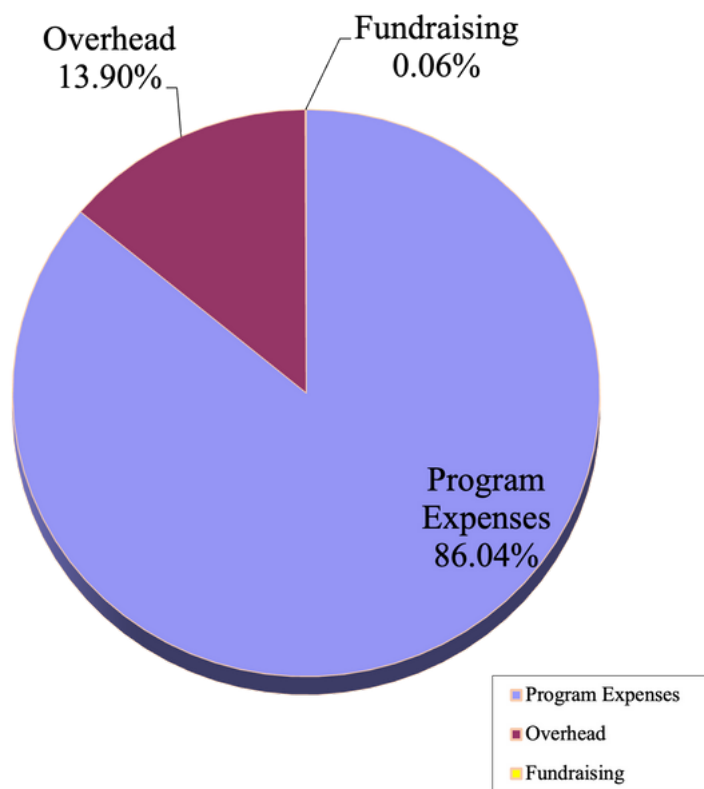




# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

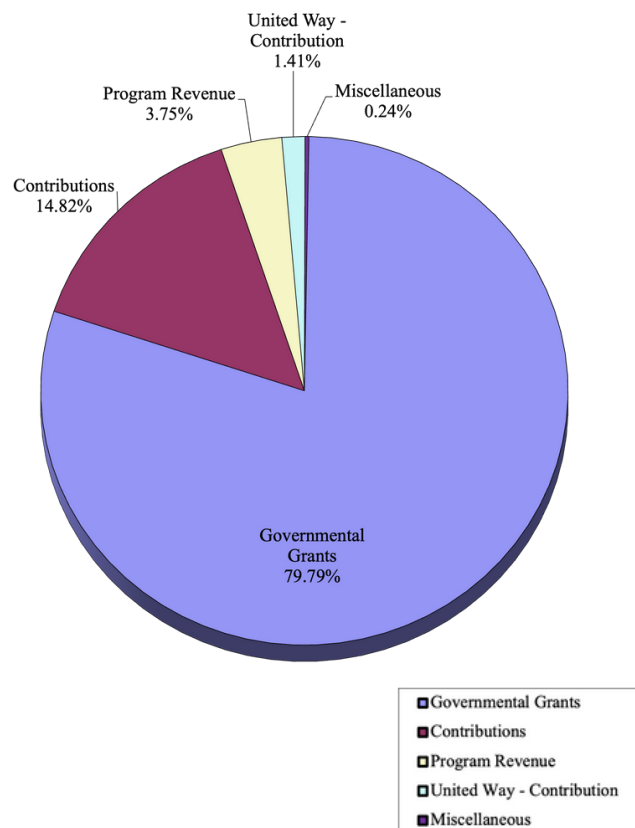
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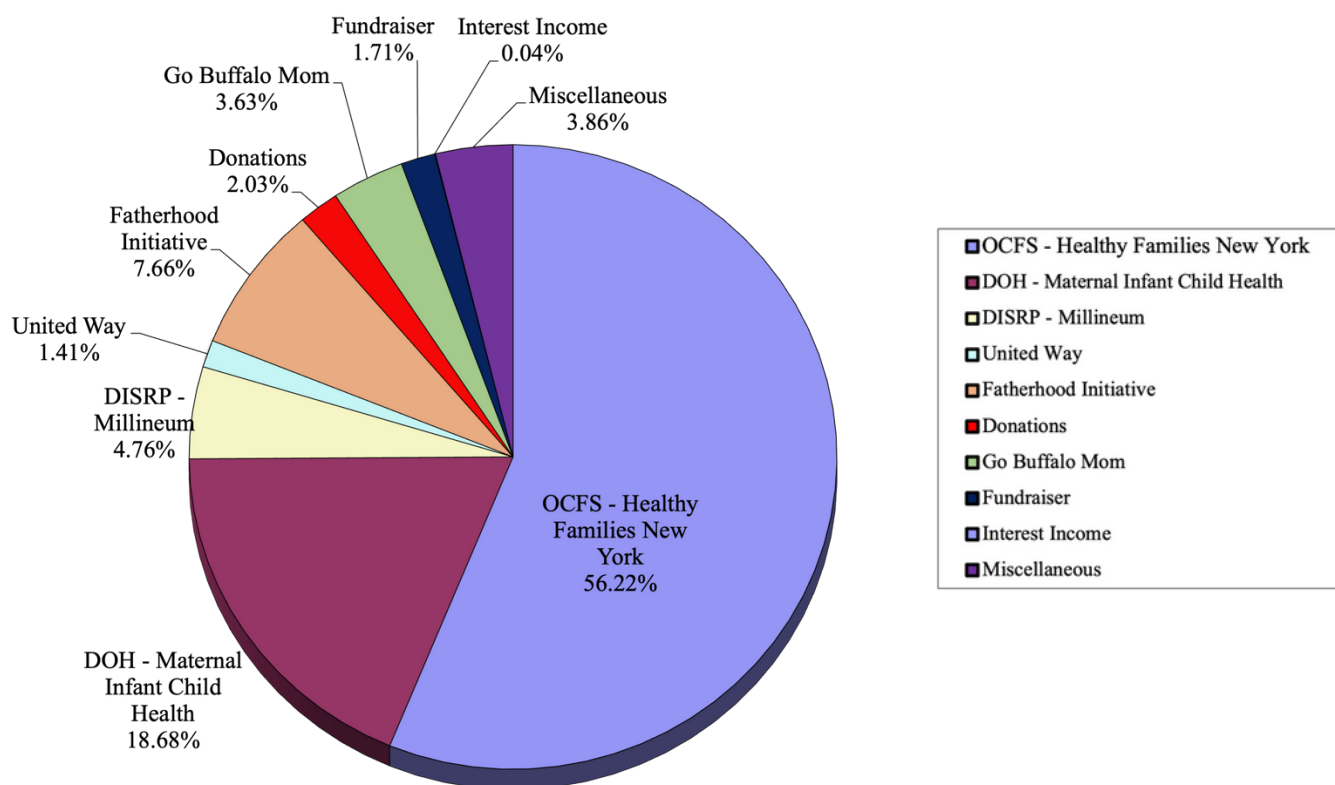
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## Revenue Allocation Chart

2019 - 2020





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