



Hanna Perkins Center
for Child Development

Helping kids become
the boss of themselves

2025 Donor Impact Report
and Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



*CEO Karen Baer (left) and
Board President Mary Reed*

Dear Friends,

In my annual letters I typically look back on the past year and share highlights of our work and the people we have served. It has been another busy year and I hope you can take a few minutes to read the exciting news in this annual report.

However, as my retirement on June 30th draws near, I find myself reflecting back on my 13 years as CEO.

During my tenure I have had the privilege to work with many amazing and dedicated individuals as they deliver services to thousands of children, families and professionals working in child development.

The ongoing support of the Hanna Perkins Board of Directors and their endless and committed support to our mission has allowed me to lead this organization through many triumphs and challenges.

The generous and continuous support of our many donors and foundations often leaves me at a loss for words to show my sincere gratitude. But please know that your gifts enable us to help so many.

I have grown professionally and personally in my understanding of child development thanks to the many mentors and rich history of the Hanna Perkins Community. For that I will be forever grateful.

With sincere gratitude,

Karen Baer, BS, MS, MHA
Chief Executive Officer

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

While it is a pleasure at the end of each fiscal year to celebrate the services Hanna Perkins has provided to children, families and professionals, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Karen Baer's service to Hanna Perkins. We thank her for the strong leadership she has consistently demonstrated over the past 13 years, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Beginning her tenure at Hanna Perkins in June 2012, Karen successfully moved the organization forward in governance, organization structure and operations, program development and community partnerships. In fiscal year 2024, she was instrumental in launching the Hanna Perkins podcast, *The Hidden Language of Children*, designed to help parents and caregivers better understand the children they love and help them grow.

Over the course of Karen's time at Hanna Perkins, the organization raised \$9.3 million dollars, including the largest one-time gift it has ever received.

Hanna Perkins Center has been strengthened by Karen's strong commitment to our mission and the Hanna Perkins Promise – our unique and effective approach to working with children and families.

Our board is truly excited for her as she enters a new chapter in life, and we will celebrate her service by honoring her at the 2025 Hanna Perkins Harvest Homecoming benefit as one of two recipients for The Elaine G. and Dr. John A. Hadden Award.

During her time of service, Karen has made many friends among our individual donors, partner organizations, foundations, current and past staff and board members, and alumni. Please join us in thanking Karen for her dedicated leadership, substantial accomplishments and upcoming retirement.



Mary Reed
President, Board of Directors

ALUMNI MOMENT

Finding Their Way Together: A Family's Hanna Perkins Journey



When Julia Larouche and Ted Auch moved to Cleveland in 2012, they were expecting their first child. They were already thinking about early learning when another mom-to-be in a prenatal yoga class mentioned Hanna Perkins.

A few years later Julia enrolled with her son Michael in the school's parent/toddler program. That's when the family found what they'd been hoping for: calm, thoughtful support tailored to their child's needs as well as their own.

With his mother right beside him, Michael learned to manage excitement, transitions, sharing, waiting and following instructions under the gentle guidance of the teachers. Julia got help understanding these stress points from Michael's perspective, and gained confidence in her own ability to guide him through everyday social challenges with warmth and patience.

"Everything was so carefully thought out," Julia recalls. "It was clear that this place saw our child as a whole person. Everything was child centered. Our teachers always gave Michael choices and explained everything that they could to him. That made me trust the process."

When Michael was about to begin preschool, Julia took a new job that prevented her from being available for the morning drop-off and transition process. Ted – skeptical that one preschool is different from another – took on the morning ritual. "It became clear that they cared about us as a family," he said. "And Michael responded so well that he brought us along." Their second son, Satchel, had a shortened toddler experience due to the pandemic. When he started preschool, Julia was able to take over the morning routine from Ted. "Fifteen quiet minutes together at drop-off became our treasured ritual," Julia says. "Those moments helped me really see who he was becoming."



Michael (left) and Satchel (right) with their favorite teacher, Ms. Acierno.

When families move on to grade school, they tend to carry with them a handful of “Hanna Perkinese” sayings that have been especially helpful. In the Larouche-Auch household, these include:

- Don't get mixed up in another person's mix-up.
- Boss yourself; don't boss him.
- Let's make the feeling smaller.

Over time, the Larouche-Auchs saw something special unfold: resilience. “That's the value proposition,” Ted says. “Our kids learned how to understand their feelings and speak up for themselves – and others.”

From memories of their favorite teacher, Ms. Acierno, to the lasting wisdom from their Family Helper, Devra Adelstein, LISW-S, the Hanna Perkins experience left an indelible mark.

“Our children talk to us about anything. They don't hold back,” Ted says. “I wish more schools could offer what Hanna Perkins does. It's not just parenting – it's a way of being.”



The Hanna Perkins Promise

People who know Hanna Perkins are familiar with our gentle and effective approach to working with children and families. Part of our culture since 1951, we refer to it as the The Hanna Perkins Promise. It means:

We see each child as a complete person with inner thoughts that need to be recognized and respected.

We understand behavior as communication, providing a means to begin understanding a child's inner thoughts and needs.

We give voice to feelings and thoughts, providing a basis for emotional mastery that is a foundation for success in school and life.

We take whatever time is needed for a child to achieve this foundation of emotional intelligence.

We provide help to support fruitful development and a lifetime of emotional wellbeing.

We involve family, supporting parents in the hard work they do, and recognizing that members of a family are all interdependent.

For some families, The Hanna Perkins Promise comes as a helpful resource. For others it's a lifeline. At Hanna Perkins, it is the heartbeat of everything we do.

For more detail and classroom examples of the Hanna Perkins Promise, visit:

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Enriching Experiences and Creating Stronger Bonds



Education Director Elizabeth Dreyfuss

What a year it's been at Hanna Perkins School! We've seen significant growth, welcoming new leadership and fostering deeper connections within our community.

We're thrilled to have Elizabeth Dreyfuss, MEd, LPC, join us as our new Education Director. Dreyfuss' extensive background in early learning, spanning more than 30 years, brings a unique blend of teaching and clinical counseling expertise to the school.

A Cleveland native, she earned a master's degree in infant mental health from Bank Street College in New York City. After returning to Cleveland, Dreyfuss earned another master's degree in clinical counseling from John Carroll University, and worked in the community as an early childhood mental health and maternal health therapist. That focus enhances our programs and support for children and their families.

A key focus this year has been strengthening our school community. Our families have actively participated in a variety of engaging activities beyond the typical school day, fostering a vibrant sense of connection. The evolution of the Parent Action Team into a supported conversation, facilitated by Steve Silva, has further empowered parents and deepened their involvement.

We've also opened our doors to the wider community, sharing in the joy of learning and play. These programs include a Dalcroze Eurythmics class, where children and parents from both our school and the community explored rhythm and movement - learning to "be the boss of their bodies."

In September, we celebrated the International Day of Play with the International Play Association and Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, through a learn-to-ride experience with balance bikes and dance demonstrations from The Dalcroze Society of America. In December, our Holiday Makers event was a hit, with even our youngest students creating unique seasonal decorations out of fabric, fiber, paper and wood art – a true celebration of children's artistic flair.



Family crafting at the Holiday Makers event.

HADDEN CLINIC FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

New Services, Billing Efficiency and Expanded Outreach



Clinical Director Dr. Kimberly Bell in the podcast studio.

While the Hadden Clinic for Children & Families provided psychoanalytic-based mental health consultation and therapy for adults, families and children of all ages, under the leadership of Clinical Director Kimberly Bell, Ph.D., we also undertook a number of supporting initiatives throughout the year, including:

Autism screening: Beginning in fall 2025, the Hadden Clinic will be the region's newest provider of autism screenings – a service that's so in demand we already have a list of families waiting for the service.

Across Northeast Ohio, parents wait an average of a year to have a child screened for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This testing is a natural extension of Hanna Perkins' expertise in child development. At the outset, the clinic will have three professionals trained to conduct evaluations using the ADOS-2 (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-Second Edition) assessment tool. In time, the screening service will expand to include ADHD and other developmental disabilities. The new offering will strengthen the clinic's capacity to support neurodiverse children with insight, compassion and early intervention.

New billing service: Medical billing for insurance reimbursement is a complex financial specialty, in which something as small as a misplaced comma can result in months-long delays. Hanna Perkins contracted with a new billing partner to communicate more effectively with insurance providers, and to improve integration with the electronic health records software we already use.

The change is intended to streamline operations and improve overall reimbursement rates to support ongoing clinic operations. For families, it improves transparency, reduces financial barriers to care, and improves access to important mental health services.

Hidden Language of Children podcast: In November 2024, Hanna Perkins launched the *Hidden Language of Children* podcast, hosted by Hanna Perkins Clinical Director Kimberly Bell. It offers listeners "a chance to know your young child in a whole new way" by learning to interpret behavior as a form of communication.

The podcast has two primary objectives: promote Hanna Perkins' unique approach to child development; and serve our mission by sharing our insights with an ever-larger audience.

The episodic show follows a 30-minute interview format. It's available on all major podcasting platforms, with full video available on Spotify and YouTube. To find it, search for "Hidden Language of Children."

Evidence-Based Resource Library: After three years working as a community partner with Case Western Reserve's Collaborative Practice course, the effort to align Hanna Perkins' therapeutic work with evidence-based practices is nearing completion.

A major deliverable of that effort is a literature review of evidentiary studies on the efficacy of psychoanalytic psychotherapy. With its online publication anticipated before year-end, the research bibliography supports utilization of the clinic by reinforcing Hanna Perkins' reputation as both thoughtful and research-informed.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Unlocking Insights with "Let's Talk About Child Development" Discussion Series

Hanna Perkins Community Engagement is pleased to host "Let's Talk About Child Development," a series of conversations designed to support professionals and families working with children who have special needs.

This program—held simultaneously online and in-person—is made possible through the generous support of the Meisel & Pesses Family Foundation. Starting Point, in Cuyahoga County, partners with Hanna Perkins to provide additional resources to attendees.

Dubbed "The Breakfast Club" by its dedicated participants, these sessions feature expert insights from Community Engagement Director Pam Millar; Child Analysts Devra Adelstein, Judy Pitlick, Barbara Streeter and Vickie Todd; Child Development Specialist Noelle Marotta; and Clinical Director Kimberly Bell.

The group explores the critical connection between child development, communication and behavior, offering practical strategies for navigating challenges in diverse settings such as classrooms, homes and caregiving environments. The discussions have drawn a consistent attendance from early childhood professionals across Northeast Ohio, Cincinnati, and Brooklyn, NY.

Recent topics have included:

- Nurturing conscience development
- Culturally responsive approaches to supporting children
- Understanding the role of play in development
- Positive guidance and discipline techniques
- Fostering self-regulation and emotional intelligence
- Navigating developmental milestones and delays
- Effective communication with young children
- Addressing anxiety and emotional regulation

Continuing education opportunities are available for professionals, including Ohio Approved hours (OCCRRA) and Social Work CEU's (Ohio CSWMFT Board).

We invite you to join us for a Friday morning session. To learn more or to register, please contact Geno Arthur at garthur@hannaperkins.org.

HANNA PERKINS MISSION, VISION & VALUES

VISION

A world where every child is listened to, understood and helped.

MISSION

To foster the social emotional well-being of children and their families, and prepare them for life's challenges.

VALUES

Respect

Commitment

Psychoanalytic Understanding

Investment

Empowerment

Collaboration

Young children's behavior communicates feelings they can't put into words. At Hanna Perkins, we work with parents to discover what those behaviors mean, and help children learn to communicate and manage their emotions – to become the boss of themselves for success in school and life.

In our building, we do this through our school and a children's mental health clinic. Out in the community, we work in schools, libraries and other locations, providing training and consultation to parents, teachers, social workers and others who work with children.

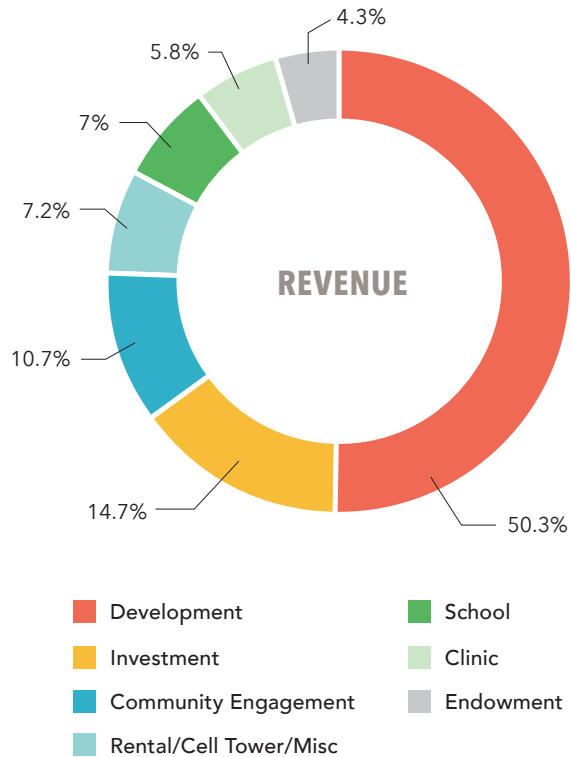
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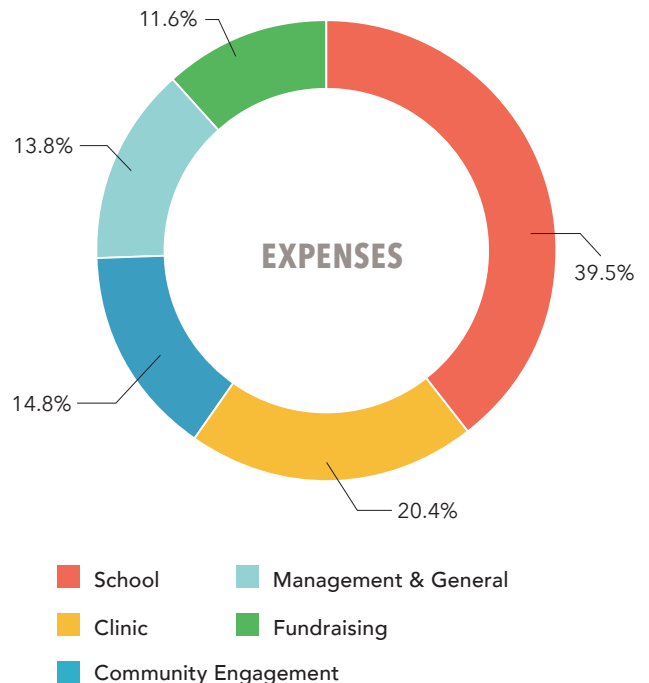
REVENUE

Development	\$696,124
Investment	\$203,114
Community Engagement	\$148,516
Rental/Cell Tower/Misc	\$100,085
School	\$96,438
Clinic	\$80,268
Endowment	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$1,384,545



EXPENSES

School	\$686,273
Clinic	\$353,541
Community Engagement	\$256,755
Management & General	\$239,696
Fundraising	\$200,913
TOTAL	\$1,737,178





HARVEST HOMECOMING GALA

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 6:00-10:00 pm

Harvest Homecoming: Celebrating 75 Years of the Hanna Perkins Promise



Enjoy delicious food, a live auction, entertainment, raffles and more—all in support of Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development.

This year, we are proud to recognize the recipients of the 2025 Hadden Award to **Karen Baer & Tod Oliva**. The award honors the passionate commitment of Elaine G. and Dr. John A. Hadden, whose inspired dedication has enhanced the mission of Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development.

Over her 13-year tenure as CEO, Karen Baer successfully moved the organization forward in governance, organization structure and operations, program development and community partnerships. Tod Oliva, former president of the Board of Directors, has consistently been an energetic contributor and ongoing supporter to Hanna Perkins. Please join us in recognizing and honoring them and their important work.

Join us as we celebrate and raise critical funds for the life-changing work of Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development and School and recognize our 2025 Hadden Award honorees for their transformational contributions to children in our community.

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We're pleased to invite you to join the Hanna Perkins Society, which honors individuals who include Hanna Perkins Center in their estate plans to provide for its financial future and security.

A legacy gift affirms your commitment to the children and families who need Hanna Perkins, it serves as inspiration to your family and community, and is a testament to the value of the Hanna Perkins Promise.

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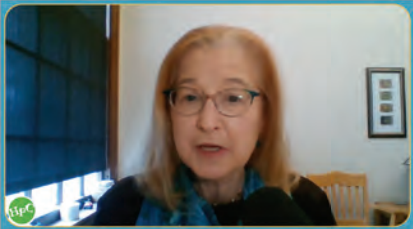


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Hidden Language of CHILDREN podcast



In late 2024, Hanna Perkins launched the Hidden Language of Children podcast to offer parenting and early childhood insights to an audience that isn't limited by geography. The podcast is available on YouTube and all major podcasting platforms. Search for "Hidden Language of Children" or visit hiddenlanguageofchildren.org.
Hosted by Hanna Perkins Clinical Director Dr. Kimberly Bell, here are examples of the topics covered:



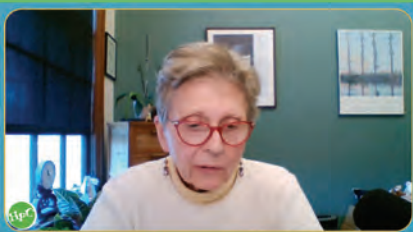
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Understanding Behavior as Communication
Guest: Barbara Streeter, MS, LPCC-S

"Reality is always better than fantasy ... And children have all sorts of fantasies about why things happen. If they're fed the reality in a way that makes sense to them... they will feel so much safer with themselves and with the world, so much more competent, and if they get to know their feelings internally, they will have better self regulation skills."



EPISODE 2, DECEMBER 2024
Is that Normal?
The Bumpy Trail of Health Development
Guest: Deborah Paris, LISW

"If you do everything right, there'll [still be] conflict ... because the child has all kinds of conflicts inside that actually promote growth. The yes-no; the being big-being little ... And so if you try to eliminate all conflict, it actually deprives the child of a chance to master something in a progressive way. So what we do is we try to understand that the child is having a two-way feeling – feeling yes and no at the same time."



EPISODE 7, FEBRUARY 2025
Challenges of the Developmental Stages:
Infant Through Adolescent
Guest: Margaret Zerba, Ph.D.

"Our approach to parenting isn't about a do this, do that, prescribe this behavior, prescribe that behavior. Our approach is about helping parents develop empathy, a feeling with your child, seeing the world through their eyes ... and if parents can step into that, then it will naturally change the way they respond."



EPISODE 10, MAY 2025
Mastering Emotions: You're Having a Feeling; the Feeling Isn't Having You
Guest: Rique Sollisch, *early childhood consultant*

"We want to acknowledge that everybody has feelings. We want to say to children — when they can't express themselves — "It looks like you're a little bit worried. It looks like you have a question." When we say to a child, "Use your words" we are often talking to children who don't know what words to say. So our job is to offer."



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