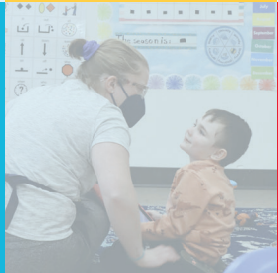
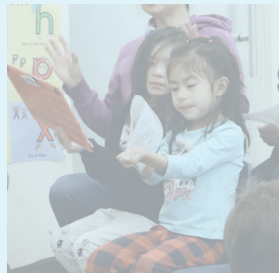
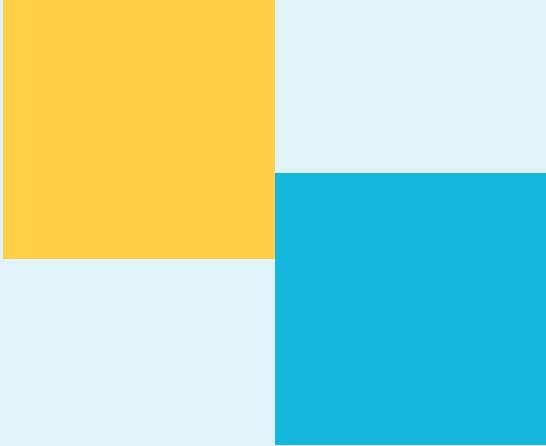




Pacekids Programs Annual Report

Year Ended August 31, 2023





Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Îyâxe Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



Message from Leadership

As we reflect on the amazing year behind us, we are again inspired by Pacekids Program's community of families, supporters, champions, and donors who come together every day with a common goal – ensuring children with diverse needs are supported to thrive.

In 1994, Pacekids was established to support six children through play and parent and caregiver education. We are proud that today, thirty years later, we remain true to this core mission of supporting children with diverse needs and their families through excellence in therapy, education, and play.

The 13 classrooms in Pacekids Program's two schools are a safe space where children with diverse needs take their first steps, say their first words, and make their first friends. In homes and in the community, families come together as a unit to learn skills and strategies to support their child's unique needs, and graduate from these programs with tools that will last a lifetime.

Over the past year we have used the guiding principles of our strategic plan, Evolving Together, to shape our choices. We have strived to meet the needs of our community today while looking towards a sustainable future.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and passion of our incredible staff and supporters. Your tireless efforts are the driving force behind our success. We have proven that when we come together with purpose, we can make a lifelong difference for our community.

Through this report you will read about our families, our staff and some of the incredible supporters who are enabling children to thrive across our city.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Here's to another year of making a difference, impacting lives, and evolving together.

Thank you most sincerely and respectfully,



Alex Reed,
Executive Director



Scott Matson,
Board Chair

About Pacekids

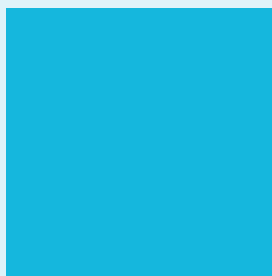
In 1994, a group of passionate parents in our community came together with a common goal of ensuring that their six children with diverse needs could thrive. Together, they formed Pacekids Programs.

Pacekids has remained steadfast in our commitment to being family focused and striving for excellence in the therapy, education, and empowerment of children with diverse needs and their families.

Today, Pacekids proudly serves over 600 children and families across the Calgary region each year.

Vision - A community where all children with diverse needs and their families thrive.

Mission - Pacekids empowers children with diverse needs and their families through excellence in therapy, education, and play.



Our Impact

Six-year-old Caspar can be found rolling down Pacekids' hallways, smiling at his friends and saying good morning to his teacher – a future beyond what parents Megan and Chris could have imagined a few years ago.

The young parents suspected something was wrong around 6 months old when Caspar was not meeting developmental milestones. At 12 months, they were talking to his doctor about these concerns and by 18 months they had been referred to a pediatric specialist. As the family began their search for a formal diagnosis, monthly physio and speech therapy, with countless medical appointments and tests became the norm.

At 36 months, these professionals recommended finding a specialized school for Caspar.

**“We were really lost – this was a whole new world for us,” said Chris.
“Once we started at Pacekids, we felt like we were in the right place.”**

While Caspar was attending Pacekids, the family received a diagnosis of a rare neurological disorder, KIF1A Associative Neurological Disorder. This diagnosis allowed Megan and Chris to connect with similar families and begin to chart their path forward.

During all of this, Caspar continued to take strides forward in his classroom.

“We were constantly surprised, when we thought Casper would not be able to do something, then all of the sudden he would – like counting to twenty,” said Chris.

“These milestones he started hitting made us realize that he could do it,” said Megan. “It gave us a hope for Casper’s future.”



You Did This!



Program Highlights

Last year we supported 600 children with diverse needs and their families through Pacekids' two schools, in the community, and in family homes.

Over 13,500 hours directly providing services in the family homes.

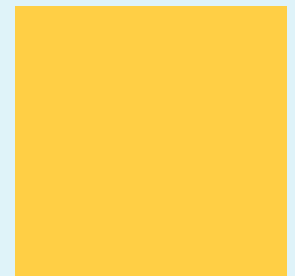
1661 Individualized Program Plan goals set and 1191 goals met!

Almost 820 hours providing assessment services – ensuring more than 250 children could access Pacekids' services.

417 FSCD contracts supporting 323 families in the home.

More than 520 music therapy sessions, and 26 field trips and experiences.

A team of teachers, aides, psychologists, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and behavioral strategists working with children and their families each day.



Because of You

We do the work we do because of you. Over the past year, we have been supported by 1357 donations, across three signature events, resulting in 2 vans purchased and more than 5 classrooms funded by donors!

We thank the following organizations for their exceptional and impactful donations over the past year.

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ATCO EPIC Program

Baker Tilly Catalyst LLP

Dinner Optimist Club of Calgary

DXL Business Services

Enta Solutions

Big Hearted Mavericks Foundation

Kal Tire

BILD Calgary Region Foundation

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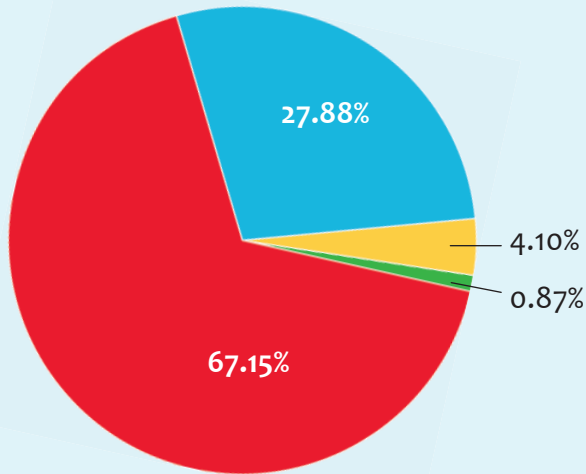
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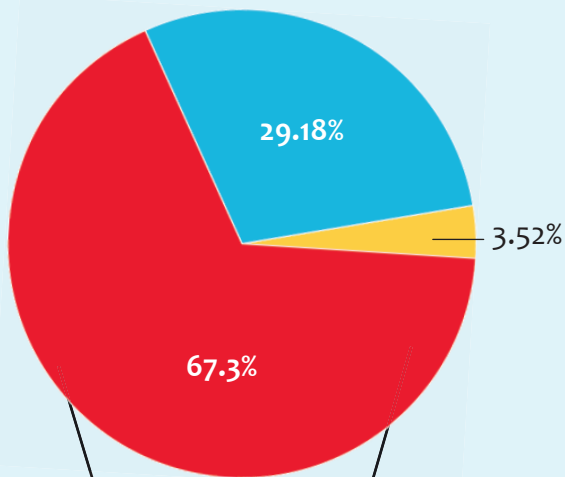
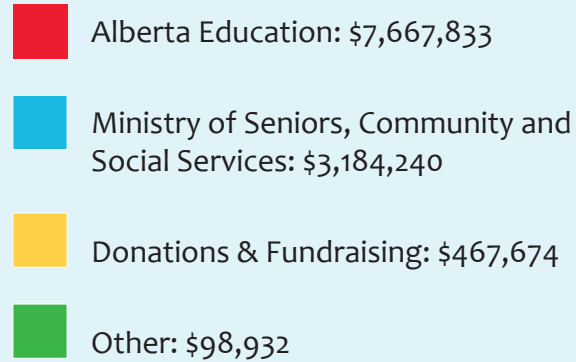
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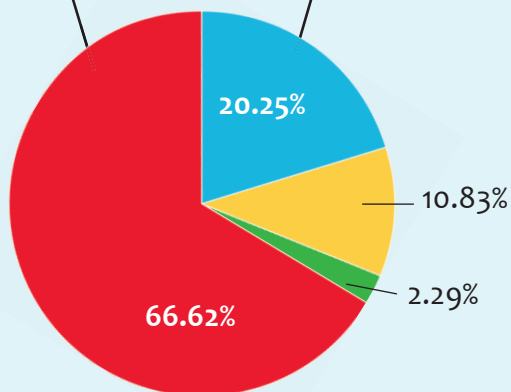
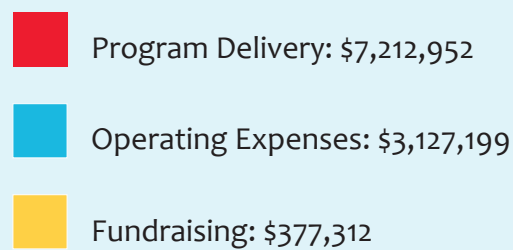
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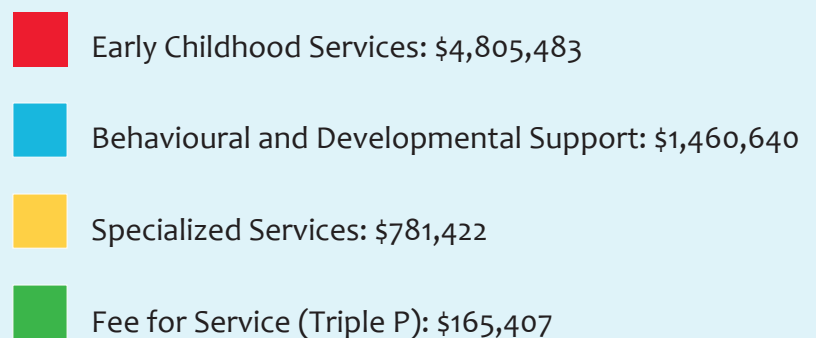
Our Funding



Our Expenses



Program Delivery Breakdown



Any questions regarding Pacekids' financials can be directed to: getinvolved@pacekids.ca

For Pacekids' complete audited financial statements, please visit pacekids.ca/publications

There are many ways to get involved with the Pacekids Programs community.

Visit pacekids.ca or email getinvolved@pacekids.ca to learn more.

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