

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative

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Current

CEO/Executive Director: Ms Robin Elaine Comey

Board Chair: Dr. Bruce E. Storm

Company Affiliation: Retired Superintendent of Schools

Type of Organization: Preschools

Mission Statement: *The Branford Early Childhood Collaborative is committed to ensuring that all Branford children and families are afforded the opportunity to develop a sound foundation for learning in the critical early years.*

Impact Statement: Accomplishments this year:

- * Became an independent 501(c) (3) Transformed our Board of Directors with high quality and diverse members.
- * Updated our mission to reflect changing early care landscape
- * Developed a 3 year strategic plan
- * Continued fo(...See Profile for more information)

Full-time Staff: 0

Volunteers: 3

(excludes part-time staff)

A Great Opportunity

BECC is committed to ensuring every baby born in Branford is healthy and well cared for. Through our Community Based Postpartum Home Visiting Pilot Program we are offering every baby born in Branford a free visit from a Parent Educator. Every parent of a newborn will be offered support and training to ensure a healthy, safe, and stimulating environment for early child development. Our goal is to connect mothers with resources, counsel and community resources, and to help ensure new mothers have access to appropriate postnatal care for themselves and their children. It includes follow up intervals and referrals to appropriate programs or providers.

We have done extensive research on the outcomes home visiting programs provide to parents, especially those mothers who are at risk.

In Branford, over the period between 2009-2014, substantiated abuse and neglect rates have increased 70%. According to DCF, we are currently intervening mainly when children get to school age.

This program recognizes that we need to do a better job of identifying kids in need of better supports and interventions earlier. We've held focus groups with new parents and every mother we spoke with thinks this is the most important time in their lives and they felt they would have benefited from a home visit. Many expressed that they felt isolated and unsure of their new responsibilities.

Once funded, this pilot program runs one year and will roll out in three pieces, growing slowly to eventually serve 20% of Branford postpartum women. (45 total) While this is a pilot program only, the intent is to make this a staple program for our organization.

Our fundraising goal is \$23,000 for year one.

A Great Opportunity Ending Date Dec 31 2018

Programs

- Early Care Provider Monthly Roundtable Series
- Children's Resource Guide (online and hardcopy in English & Spanish)
- Branford Healthy Smiles Initiative
- Week of the Young Child Celebration
- Parent Cafes'

Projected Revenue: \$44,581.00

Projected Expenses: \$23,205.00

Fiscal Year	20178	20177	20176
Total Revenue	\$92,929	--	--
Total Expenses	\$64,209	--	--



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