

Mary Johnson Children's Center (MJCC) School Age Programs

Our vision and goals . . .

We strive to provide safe, rich and appropriate afterschool and summer environments to meet the diverse needs of school age children by:

- Respecting individuality- needs and skill levels
- Providing quality staff who engage children in experiential learning
- Encouraging exploration and skill development
- Expanding creativity in open-ended activities and projects
- Modeling group cooperation and problem-solving
- Offering choices appropriate to school age children
- Supporting parents in providing ideas, taking an active role

We use re-direction, reflection and active listening to positively guide children in our program to develop personal skills in a group setting. We view this positive guidance, beginning at the individual's level, as key to developing self-esteem and a system of intrinsic values- positive social development.

Program highlights . . .

In Addison County, five school-year sites, five 8-week summer programs— including three 21st Century Community Learning Center sites, with additional academic support and enrichment activities available; some transportation provided.

MJCC School Age Programs serve the following communities: Middlebury, Bristol, Vergennes, Starksboro, Monkton, and New Haven

- Serving children ages 5-12 in licensed programs
- Daily school year capacity - 325; summer capacity - 450
- Participate in Child and Adult Care Food program- snacks and summer lunches provided at no cost
- Child Development Division tuition subsidies accepted- between 35 and 45% of our attendees are eligible for some type of tuition assistance from CDD
- Active partnerships with: elementary schools, libraries, recreation departments, Counseling Service of Addison County, e-Vermont, Digital Wish, United Way, Addison County Autism Project, UVM 4-H Extension, Children's Literacy Foundation, Middlebury Studio School
- Summer Leaders-In-Training program for youth 13-15
- Community service projects as a part of programming- a hallmark of MJCC School Age

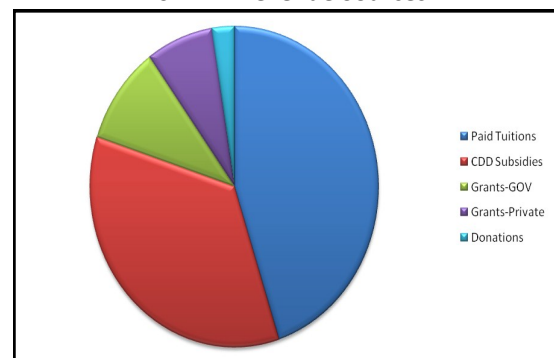


Building Fun—Friends—The Future in MJCC School Age

Our funding . . .

Privately-paid tuitions account for 43% of our operating budget; Child Development Division tuitions subsidies for those who qualify by income are 37%. Grants available competitively , with no guaranteed results, are relied upon for 19% of the budget, with donations (solicited and unsolicited) less than 1%. We continue to strive to offer spots for children whose parents make too much money to qualify for subsidy payments, but too little to be able to afford these afterschool opportunities. There is a gap here that we are constantly building a bridge to overcome on behalf of 20-30% of our kids.

2011-12 Revenue Sources



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