

EXPLORER

TIME COMPANY

Past, Present, & Future

HISTORY

WHERE IT ALL STARTED.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Explorer Time Company administrators and site coordinators displayed their 2009 Outstanding After-School Program award from the Kentucky Community Education Association. They are Annie Lancaster, Northside Elementary, front left, Sharon Cole, program manager, and Brad Jones, Southside; Jackie Anthony, Simmons, back left, Stephanie Deahl, Huntertown, and Kathy Hogg, community education director.

- ETC began around 1992 as a afterschool program offered by Woodford County Community Education.
- ETC is a financially self-sufficient program. Meaning we operate solely off of money paid by participating families and any monies paid to us from the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- State Licensed Type-1 Daycare Centers through Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC)
- Won the Outstanding After-School Program Award in 2009 from the Kentucky Community Education Association

COVID GRANT FUNDS

EXPECTATIONS AND OUTCOMES



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Grant

CARES Grant funds could **only** be used for:

- Employee Wages
- Facility Mortgage or Rent Payments
- Facility Insurance
- Employer's Portion of Employee Benefit Insurance
- Consumable Materials including Food & Cleaning Materials
- Grants Totaled: \$885,000.00

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant

ARPA Grant Funds could **only** be used for:

- Employee Wages
- Fixed Expenses: facility rent or mortgage, facility utilities, insurance premiums, PPE, cleaning supplies, or food.
- Updates to equipment necessary to meet COVID protocols
- Items for SEL curriculum activities
- Grants Totaled: \$859,971.00

STAFF

ETC PROGRAM MANAGER / DIRECTOR

- Required to work 8 hours per day.
- Must work 260 days per school year
- Complete 18 hours of ECE-TRIS approved training each school year
- Run day-to-day Operations: Accounts Receivables/Payables, Scheduling, Program Recruitment, Training of Staff, DRCC/KICCS Reports, Payroll

ETC SITE COORDINATORS

- Contracted 185 days at 7.5 hours per day
- Site operations coordinator
- Main parent contact for site issues
- Coordinates staff and capacity for each classroom

CONTRACTED ETC ASSISTANTS

- Must work 4.5 hours each shift
- Given the option for the benefits package
- Must work 180 days per school year
- Must be available to work some scheduled Full-Days

NON-CONTRACTED (Sub Classification)

- Could work up to 4.5 hours each shift as needed for ratio
- Required to work each school day at least 2 hours
- Given option to work Full-Days as needed for ratio

ALL ETC STAFF

- Pass a KARES Background Check and District Background check
- Complete 15 hours of ECE-TRIS approved training each school year
- Maintain and implement all ETC policies and procedures
- Maintain current TB Test, CPR/First Aid Training, Food Handler's Certification

TUITION VS. STATE FUNDING



**TOTAL
ENROLLMENT**

~270

**STATE
ASSISTANCE**

~17

Reimbursed up to
\$11.50/day for a partial
day attendance



**NON-STATE
FUNDED**

~253

TUITION INCREASES OVER THE YEARS

? - 2018

\$157.50 per child Monthly
+ Sibling Discount

Unsure of Full-Day Rate

2018 - 2020

\$158.00 per child Monthly
+ Sibling Discount

Unsure of Full-Day Rate

2020 - Current

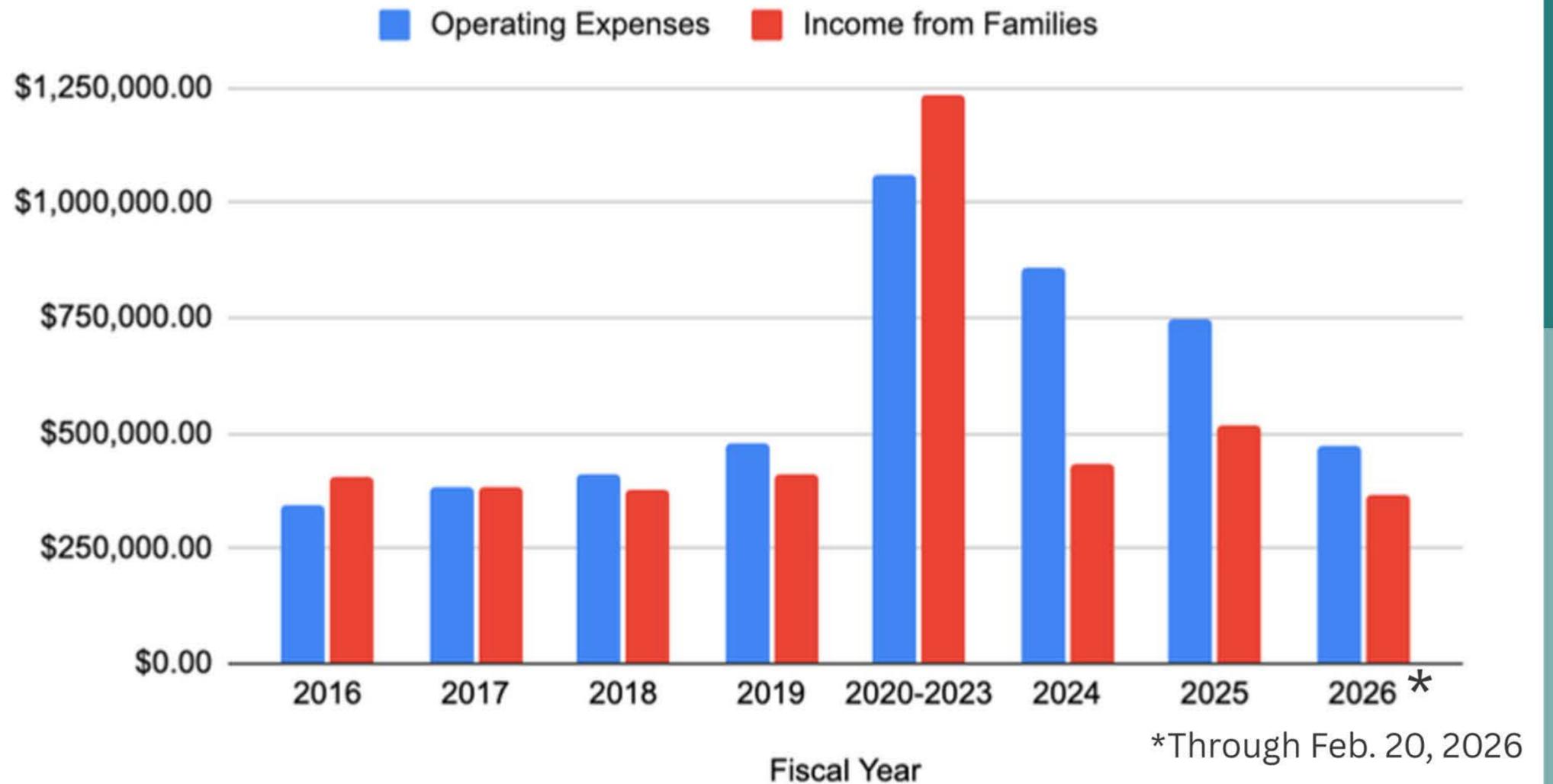
\$200.00 per child Monthly
+10% Sibling Discount

\$40.00 per Full Day
No Sibling Discount

OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

OUR GOAL IS TO AT LEAST BREAK EVEN EACH YEAR, WHILE MAINTAINING OUR CONTINGENCY FUND OF 4-6 MONTHS OF PAYROLL

Operating Expenses and Income from Families



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Fiscal Year	Operating Expenses	Income from Families	Expenses over Income
2016	\$341,478.29	\$406,725.24	0.84%
2017	\$385,160.13	\$385,096.08	1.00%
2018	\$410,155.37	\$377,959.36	1.09%
2019	\$480,916.67	\$412,958.82	1.16%
2020-2023	\$1,061,606.72	\$1,237,450.39	0.86%
2024	\$858,051.14	\$435,796.36	1.97%
2025	\$748,148.08	\$517,786.15	1.44%
2026 *	\$472,459.79	\$366,836.05	1.29%

*Through Feb. 20, 2026

LOOKING AT THE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ETC



FISCAL YEAR 27

- Increase the Monthly tuition by \$25 per child, keeping the 10% Sibling Discount
- Increase Full-Day rate by \$10 per child
- Reopen ETC on NTI & Snow days at Superintendent's discretion

FISCAL YEAR 28

- Increase the Monthly tuition by \$25 per child, keeping the 10% Sibling Discount

UPCOMING POTENTIAL UPDATES FOR ETC

HANDBOOKS

- Modify Discipline and Behavior section of Parent Handbook for 26-27 school year.
- Modify Employee Handbook for 26-27 year for Non-Contract staff.

NTI - SNOW DAY RE-OPENING

- Discussion of re-opening ETC for NTI - SNOW days. This would need much further conversation to make sure we are accomodating in the best ways possible for both ETC and WCPS.

DISCOUNTS

- Have further discussion about offering WCPS staff a discount for children enrolled.

PROPOSED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2/23/2026



Increasing Summer Program Tuition

- Proposed tuition increase for ETC Summer Program Daily tuition to go from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per child per day. This would increase the weekly tuition per child from \$200.00 to \$250.00.

Increasing Required Deposit

- Proposed increase for the required partial tuition non-refundable deposit from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per child per week.

**DO YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS?**



THANK YOU!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS!