



# Shepherding a New Era



# To CORA's community of supporters



It is both an honor and a privilege to be selected to step into the role of President and Chief Executive Officer of CORA Services. I am fortunate to succeed Jim Harron who dedicated his life to service in the non-profit sector and fully embodied the tenets of character and leadership exemplified

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by our dear founder, Sister Charity Kohl. I accept the responsibility of leading this organization with appreciation for all that my predecessors have accomplished and with a true love of this organization, the people who work here and the community we serve.

I have been a CORA staff member for over 13 years. Throughout my experience here, I have witnessed the work of dedicated teams of staff members, the impact of this great work on the lives of children and their families, the more recent transition of CORA's outstanding leadership team, significant positive growth of services in underserved areas, and have witnessed the agency's ability to take calculated risks in order to provide necessary supports. If any one thing has remained constant, it is that the community, especially children, have remained at the “heart” of everything we do.

In the spirit of the recent leadership transition, the theme of this status report to the community is “Shepherding A New Era.” In the past year, the organization has experienced exponential increases in contracts and direct service opportunities to deepen our roots of impact not only in Philadelphia, but in our expansion to Chichester and Camden, New Jersey. This

growth represents a recognition of CORA's commitment to service excellence through mission-driven programming. I remain grateful for the commitment of the CORA team of direct staff, administration, and the board, and our belief in the ability to be agents of change.

This year will continue to be one of adjustment, both internally and externally. But it will also be one of renewal. In May of this year we reintroduced Charity's Circle, a collective of valued representatives from the business community, local and state government, individual donors and partner organizations. Our goal is to call upon the fundamentals of leadership and collaboration that Sister Charity championed nearly 45 years ago. With the help of the Board of Directors and trusted advisors, we will ensure that CORA is positioned to continue to meet the demands of the changing environment in which we work and advocate for 16,000 children each year in over 160 schools, in three counties, and two states.

In this new leadership role, it is my personal goal to remind you why you initially supported our mission, engage you in our

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growth, and introduce you to the new leadership team. We will share specific ways for you to make a professional and personal commitment to furthering CORA's mission and expansion of essential services to improve the lives of children and families. Your support remains integral to the success of our children and our community.

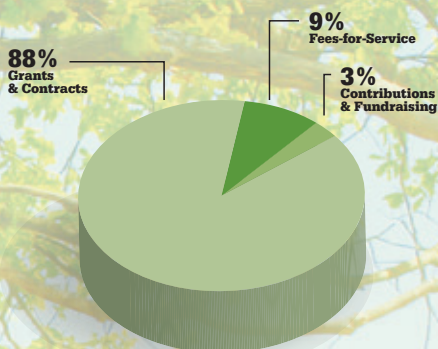
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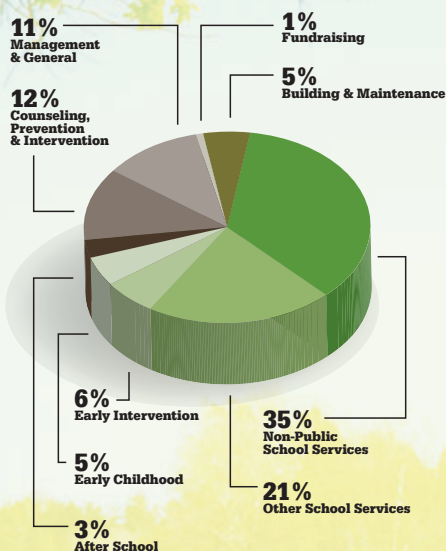
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# School Services

CORA's School Services Division is designed to equip and empower children from preschool through 12th grade by offering support through related services that will provide each child with the capacity to maximize his/her potential for success in and out of the classroom. CORA's School Services Division includes: Early Years preschool program, Early Intervention services, services in several Charter Schools in Philadelphia, Chichester School District, and the Nonpublic School Services (NPSS) program.

CORA operates two Early Years programs located in Fox Chase and at LaSalle University. At each campus, CORA provides an enriching preschool curriculum for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years of age. Children in this program enhance their early learning skills through hands on experiences, social interaction and purposeful play. CORA has 117 children enrolled between our two Early Years sites.

In the Early Intervention program CORA provides speech, occupational therapy and



special instruction to children ages three to five years of age to assist them in reaching their developmental milestones. The CORA therapists focus on therapy that is designed to meet the individual goals of each child. During the past year CORA provided 674 Early Intervention services to 430 children in 50 preschools, daycares and homes in Philadelphia.

In Charter Schools the CORA staff provides assistance to students who are struggling in certain areas which are affecting their academic growth. CORA is providing related services to 13 Charter schools in Philadelphia and 5 Charter schools in Camden. These services include speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychology. This program is designed to meet the students at their current levels and guide them in achieving their individually established goals.

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CORA provides related services to the students in the six schools which comprise the Chichester School District. These services include speech, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. CORA has partnered with this school district since 2014 in managing their related services.

Under Act 89, CORA is providing services in 62 nonpublic schools in Philadelphia. The services include: Counseling, Education, Speech, and Psychology. During this year, CORA has provided services to 11,500 students.

Having provided these services for over forty years, CORA is well equipped to design and deliver services sensitive to the needs of the students in a challenging educational environment. Students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are

eligible to participate in one or more of the services. CORA staff place a strong emphasis on the needs of the total child, utilizing a team approach to service when appropriate.

Working in a caring non-threatening environment, students focus on the achievement of established goals through various student centered activities. The main goal of the program is to assist the student by providing the impetus for success in the classroom.



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# Community Services Division

CORA's Community Services Division (CSD) expresses the Agency's Mission with a special emphasis on assisting children, youth and families experiencing conditions or circumstances consistent with risk for developing dependency, delinquency, truancy, or behavioral health concerns. Staff provide an array of services including assessment/preventive counseling/intervention/treatment and case management with concentrations in family strengthening, substance use and mental health and overall risk reduction and wellness promotion in families and communities.

Clients presenting for CSD services include those experiencing distressed/disrupted family life or structure; histories

of or exposure to substance use; mental health concerns; exposure to violence and traumatic events; challenged or compromised parenting capacity/skills; or unexpected pregnancy in teens and young adults. Children's behavioral reactions to these stressors often include disruptive, delinquent, truanting behaviors, or other acting out responses. CSD staff work with clients to reconcile personal/family differences, identify/mitigate family and personal stressors, and strengthen relational and resiliency skills in support of developing skills for positive living.

The Sisters of Good Shepherd began their mission in the 19th century to serve those living in the margins of society. The Sisters founded CORA in the 20th century to







continue the mission of service and with an emphasis on Family Advocacy; the first and oldest CORA intervention program. In the 21st century, CSD continues the mission of both. Advocacy in systems and social/public policy has grown as quickly as service as CORA gives voice to those in the gaps particularly in the areas of unmet human needs, basic social/behavioral health services and equitable access to these services.

Expansion of client services and receipt of new contracts based on emerging family/community needs and continued solid return on investment has increased CSD's service reach in assessment, case management and prevention/intervention presence in 66 school and community sites.

CSD programs funded through City and State sources helped to provide 22,831 services through 31,791 contacts to 1625 clients and 835 callers for resource assistance. Services included:

- AOD treatment counseling, case management, recovery support to 153 adult and adolescent clients and families; intervention counseling, resiliency enhancement support to 138 adolescent clients;
- Student Assistance Program services to students and schools included completion of screening and needs assessments/referral assistance to 620 students and families in 65 locations;
- Individual, family and group supportive counseling services were provided for 267 Family Intervention, Juvenile Justice and Parenting Collaborative clients; 107 Truancy Services clients, 175 clients in Lifeline Pregnancy services and 244 clients in mental health treatment services.

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# Signature Events

## Family Fun Festival

Each year, CORA hosts this free event in the Fox Chase section of Northeast Philadelphia to bring the community together and to help raise awareness of the education, counseling, and referral services that the nonprofit organization offers. The Family Fun Festival is driven by the participation and passion of CORA staff members who volunteer to organize and produce the event to be enjoyed by the community. Partner schools and groups are invited to be featured in a talent showcase, which has included dance teams, choirs, cheerleading squads and bands.

From inflatables to carnival games to food trucks, CORA's Family Fun Festival offers a truly family-friendly event.

### Save the Date:

Sat, April 23, 2016

11:00AM - 3:00PM

CORA Services, Fox Chase





# CORA Golf FOR Kids Classic

The CORA for KIDS Golf Classic is one of the organization's most important fundraisers of the year – raising funds to support its mission of providing quality education, counseling and guidance to children and families experiencing emotional, academic and social challenges.

CORA hits the links every June to enjoy a sun-drenched day with our friends, volunteers and supporters for the annual Golf FOR Kids Classic. In addition to golf, this event features lunch, on-course refreshments, a cocktail reception and dinner. The day includes opportunities to participate in contests, raffles and an auction with plenty of opportunities to enjoy friendly competition, both on and off the course!

## Save the Date:

Mon, June 6, 2016  
Philmont Country Club



## CORA Champions for Children

The annual Champions for Children Celebration benefits CORA Services and honors individuals who contribute time, talent, and/or treasure to helping children and families in the Philadelphia region. The event is held annually on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at The Union League of Philadelphia.

Each year our Host Committee identifies honorees in three categories:

- The **Civic Champion** is presented to a civic leader who is instrumental in creating a brighter future for children and families in our community.
- The **Corporate Champion** is presented to a leader who is committed to helping children and families in the community to facilitate connections to resources that will support the impact of CORA's services.
- The **Classroom Champion** Award recognizes a high school student for his/her achievements in the classroom despite facing challenges and adversity beyond the student's control.

## Save the Date:

Tue, November 22, 2016  
The Union League of Philadelphia

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, volunteer opportunities, or registration for any of CORA's annual events listed here, please call Institutional Advancement at (215) 701-2560 or [caring@coraservices.org](mailto:caring@coraservices.org).

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