2018 Annual Report

Achievement Center
Above and beyond
We Strive to provide comprehensive support for children and families experiencing difficulties in their daily lives. Our core values are built on a foundation of trust and strengthen our interactions with each other and those we serve.

Our Vision is that any child, through any challenge, can achieve.

We Provide therapeutic services for children from birth to young adulthood.

Our Mission is to maximize the potential of children and their families.

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Community Impact
3,100 children served

Our Core Values

Integrity
Demonstrate honesty, ethical conduct, and social responsibility.

Compassion
Express empathy and sensitivity when interacting with others.

Collaboration
Encourage partnerships to maximize resources and impact.

Well-being
Encourage and support a positive and safe environment.

Inclusion
Acknowledge, value, and include the contributions of everyone.
Dear Friends & Supporters,

FOR 95 YEARS, THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTER HAS PROVIDED QUALITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACROSS THE REGION. Our programs are designed to meet the unique needs of children and adolescents who are experiencing emotional, developmental, physical, social or behavioral challenges. When children and their families are faced with a challenge, they can turn to the Achievement Center for help.

As we look back on our most recent year of service, we are proud to be a part of an organization that remains true to our mission since the beginning. Our dedicated staff and supporters have done an incredible job at expanding our footprint in the Erie, Corry, Crawford and Warren communities while strengthening our programs and services this year. Support from the community has enabled us to continue to provide therapeutic services to thousands of children in our region.

By continuing to invest in children and their families, the Achievement Center encourages children to grow, to strive, to overcome, to achieve. Our collective team commits their energy and skill to each child and family who seeks and receives our insight, guidance and wisdom. The Achievement Center advocates for children and offers our expertise to serve them.

To all our devoted donors and friends, thank you for the important role that you play in making our mission possible. Thank you for your commitment to the agency and for allowing us to serve children every day. Together, we are improving the lives of children and families who entrust us with their care.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Rerko  Karen Kraus Phillips
Chief Executive Officer  Board President
Above and Beyond

This has been a tremendous year for the Achievement Center in serving our clients, engaging our donors, and helping our community. This past year, we proudly celebrated a milestone of 95 years of helping children!

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

The Achievement Center embarked on a comprehensive quality improvement initiative to advance the way in which we assess and teach social language to young children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Several Behavior Specialist Consultants (BSC) traveled to Reno, Nevada to receive specialized training in PEAK Relational Training System. PEAK, an assessment instrument and full instruction curriculum, moves beyond the traditional methods of language assessment and teaching. PEAK helps establish a more natural and fluent language in young children diagnosed with ASD.

The investment in specialized training opportunities like PEAK, furthers the Achievement Center’s ability to provide the highest level of treatment for children in our region. The diversity and aptitude of our clinical staff continues to set us apart in providing innovative and effective treatment for children and families.

COMMUNITY CONSCIOUS

The Achievement Center firmly believes that collaboration and partnerships are essential to ensuring that our community thrives. The needs of our friends, family and neighbors cannot be met by any one person, provider or system. Only by working together can we make transformational changes to better serve our region.

This past year, the Achievement Center has been an integral partner in both the System of Care Erie (SOC) and the Erie Coalition for a Trauma Informed Community (ECTIC) initiatives.

The Achievement Center, through our offering of 17 distinct programs, is especially equipped and experienced with complex cases involving multiple child-serving systems. As such, the agency was awarded partnership with the System of Care initiative to help build collaborative child and family services within our community.

Along with health integration and the holistic development of a person, the Achievement Center recognizes the profound impact that trauma has on our community and is proud to support the Erie Coalition for a Trauma Informed Community’s efforts to build a supportive, connected community dedicated to enhancing resiliency and reducing the impact of trauma.

The Achievement Center will continue to partner with, and advocate for, collaboration among local organizations, businesses, providers, and systems to compliment one another’s range of services with the common goal to improve the quality of life for youth and families.
MJ’s Success with Early Intervention

As an infant, MJ faced two challenges - plagiocephaly and torticollis. Plagiocephaly refers to a condition characterized by a persistent flattened spot on the head and is sometimes called “Flat Head Syndrome”. Torticollis means ‘twisted neck’ and is often caused by womb position or shortening of a muscle in the baby’s neck.

While the situation and severity of each challenge differs, a parent’s wish for their child is always to succeed. Even though nothing with MJ was life-threatening, **it was scary for MJ’s parents, Allison and Matt, knowing he needed therapy.** As first-time, working parents to twin boys, Matt and Allison were overwhelmed with the thought of managing all the appointments.

The torticollis prevented some of MJ’s physical development – he wasn’t rolling or trying to crawl – all things his twin brother was doing. The Achievement Center staff worked closely with MJ and even included his twin brother, AJ, in on the action. His clinician provided **in-home** physical therapy for roughly five months and during that time he went from being unable to roll over, to crawling and taking steps independently.

MJ improved with each session and his clinician also taught Matt and Allison what to do at home to further his progress. **The Achievement Center aims to help parents and caregivers navigate through challenging times.** Today, MJ is a happy, healthy, active little boy who can certainly keep up with his brother!
Financial Information

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Thank you!
Programs & Services

The Achievement Center is a leading provider of quality therapeutic services for children ages birth to young adulthood.

With a highly trained clinical staff and support team, the Achievement Center works to meet the unique needs of children and teens with behavioral, emotional, mental health, developmental and physical challenges.

EARLY INTERVENTION
OUTPATIENT THERAPY
BEHAVIOR ANALYTIC SERVICES
FAMILY BASED MENTAL HEALTH
BLENDED CASE MANAGEMENT
READING NOW
CLEFT PALATE INSTITUTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICES
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEAD PARTNER AT EDISON ELEMENTARY
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEAD PARTNER AT ELK VALLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES