

Stars

Excellence in Education, Enrichment and Family Support

Since 1970, South Shore Stars has enabled tens of thousands of parents/guardians to work while providing innovative programs that help their children reach their full developmental potential.

Funders consistently commend Stars for its programmatic, organizational and management excellence. Each year over 1,000 children and youth, age newborn through 18, benefit from our programs.

What makes Stars special is our continuity of programming through a child's developmental stages, commitment to children who have experienced trauma, and support for the entire family.

Our success is due to our clear vision, strategic planning, innovative programming, careful investment of resources to achieve best practices, ongoing assessment and program evaluation, and commitment to collaborating with schools and other service providers.

As one of the South Shore's most respected early education and youth development agencies, Stars has a long history of changing lives. With your support, we can continue bringing excellence in education, enrichment and family support to hundreds of families in our region.



Funding Opportunities

Stars Annual Fund: allows us the flexibility to use your donation where it is most needed

Reading Is So Exciting (RISE) Fund: supports our preschool literacy education program

High School Success Fund: provides academic support, enrichment and mentoring for Randolph High School students

Summer Camp Enrichment Fund: provides funding for programs and activities for Stars Summer Day Camp

Constellation Fund: supports the goals of our Strategic Plan, which include:

- ★ Increasing support for the growing number of children who have experienced trauma
- ★ Additional focus on social and emotional development
- ★ Agency-wide family support and engagement plan
- ★ Expanding programming for older youth
- ★ Deploying technology to better serve our children

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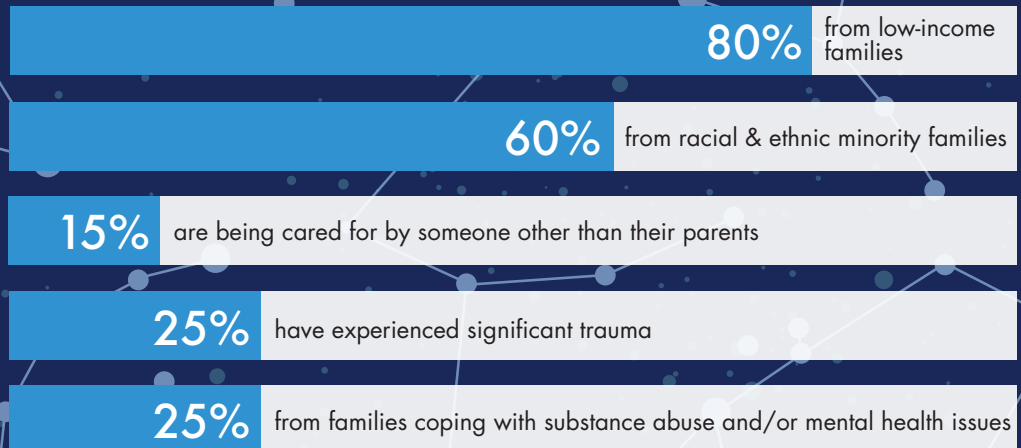
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The Stars Difference:

PROVEN EXCELLENCE AND RESULTS

Early Head Start / Family Child Care / Preschool Centers / K-12 out-of-school time programs / Summer camp

Each year
1,000+
children and youth,
age **0** through **18**
benefit from our
programs



Four core goals form the foundation of our work:

1

Enable parents
to work

2

Help each child reach
her or his full
developmental potential

3

Facilitate positive
youth development

4

Improve achievement
for students at
risk of academic failure

Program Excellence

Stars is driven by measurement and results. We continuously evaluate the effectiveness of our programs in order to improve them.

- ★ Highly experienced and trained staff
- ★ Licensed master's level family support clinicians
- ★ Focus on social-emotional development
- ★ Commitment to cultural competence

How We Support Families

We partner with our children's parents and guardians so they are able to:

- ★ Support their children's growth and development by providing parenting education, ongoing counseling and referrals
- ★ Obtain basic services, such as job training, food, housing and utilities
- ★ Increase their self-sufficiency through advocacy and collaboration with other agencies

**Annually, hundreds
of volunteers
contribute over
1500 hours**

How We Support Children

- ★ Small group size with low student-teacher ratios
- ★ Research based curriculum
- ★ Ongoing child assessment and individualized planning