

City of Lawrence  
Outside Agency Annual Report  
For Calendar Year 2021

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at [dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org) by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. To answer the following questions please refer to your [2021 application/agreement for funding](#).

**Reporting Period:** Calendar Year 2021

**Agency Name:** Elizabeth B Ballard Community Center

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

As an example of the families and individuals who come to the Ballard Center for help and the types of assistance provided by the Family Connections Program, we offer the client story below in her own words.

I am a proud, strong mother of 4 beautiful children. I was on the path to the family of my dreams, and I was filled with hope, and joy... Until my husband left. In one moment, my life and the life of my children changed forever. I became a single mother, without a job, with young children, and with bills that were budgeted for a six-figure income that just walked out the door.

When he left, all the bills were in his name. Our house, our vehicles, the water, gas, electricity, cable, internet, everything. You have to understand, when this happens, and every ounce of income is ripped from a mother and her children, it only takes mere months to become homeless. Courts are slow, and child support can take a lifetime it seems to become a reality. Agencies would not help on a bill or lease if it was in another person's name.

I called Ballard, in tears, begging for them to help turn my water back on. And they did just that. They used their family stabilization resources to help us even with the bill in my husband's name. A few years passed and with the help of Ballard and the Lawrence community I was finally housed with the ability to sustain our household budget. Ballard was there every step of the way. They helped with my deposit and first month's rent, they helped with my gas bill during the cold of winter, they paid for our internet so that my prematurely born son could attend his zoom occupational therapy classes, and they saw me to a place where I was finally feeling stable.

2. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

The Ballard Center offers the lowest tuition rates and provides families with wrap around services essential for a supportive home environment. Our early childhood education program aims to provide children, particularly those who are low-income, a foundation of social and emotional skills necessary for self-management and decision-making in an effort to prevent unhealthy behaviors and adverse outcomes. Our Family Connections Program offers services designed to ensure families have the skills and support necessary to give each child a strong start in life. Utilizing funds from a variety of sources, Ballard provides rent, deposit and utility help to community members. City resources were used to support Family Stabilization and Emergency Services staff.

3. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; report what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes and comment as necessary.

| <b>Outcomes</b>   | <b>List 2021 outcomes from agreement</b>  | <b>Comment as necessary</b>  |
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| <b>Outcome #1</b> | 85% of children graduating from Ballard will enter kindergarten developmentally on track in terms of literacy and social, emotional, and intellectual skills. | Of the 11 students expected to head to kindergarten in August 2022, 55% 90 or better on the K-Readiness assessment. With regard to ASQ development assessment 7 of 11 are at 100% and 5 students scored 90 or better on the Social/Emotional learning assessment. With continued emphasis and one-on-one student supports, we expect to see even more progress before this cohort of students graduate from Ballard's early childhood education program. |
| <b>Outcome #2</b> | Mobile food distribution and pantry services (food, clothing, diapers, and personal care) will be provided to 2,000 unduplicated individuals in 2021.         | During 2021, Ballard estimates serving 2,270 unduplicated individuals. To reduce the public's exposure to COVID-19, we continued to serve on-site pantry clients by appointment only. We helped 443 unique families, representing 970 household members. At our the twice a month mobile food distribution location we estimate serving 403 unduplicated families with 1,300 household members.  |
| <b>Outcome #3</b> | The number of donation drives (coats, food, educational supplies) will increase by 50% in 2021.   | Donation drives provide key supplies to Ballard, such as our Early Childhood Education and Family Stabilization programs, while also building relationships among the Lawrence community. In 2021, Ballard saw a rise in drives of 55%. Moving forward, Ballard hopes to continue this trend as well as make some of these drives more regular.  |

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2021 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

| <b>Budget Categories</b>   | <b>Requested Amount</b> | <b>Actual Amount</b> | <b>Comment as necessary</b>   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>Personnel</b>           | \$53,600                | \$36,820             | Funds were spent as planned and provided partial support to the work of Family Stabilization and Emergency Services staff |
| <b>Fees &amp; Services</b> |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Estimates/Bids</b>      |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Travel</b>              |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Marketing</b>           |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Cost of Materials</b>   |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>  |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Other</b>               |                         |                      |   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         | \$53,600                | \$36,820             |   |