



## 2015-2016 Annual Report

This year River Valley Child Development Services celebrates 45 years of serving children and families. The agency has gone through many changes and challenges over the years. Some programs have flourished while others have fallen victim to cuts in funding. There were times when River Valley's future seemed secure and times when the agency nearly closed its doors. In 1997, our founder, Dr. Norma Gray made very cautious predictions about where River Valley would be 20 years from now "a part of me wants to say we will be statewide- and another part of me worries that you might lose quality if you get too big. I think I see the agency being statewide as far as training and technical assistance. That way we can help more children in an indirect way." This year to celebrate our 45 years, we decided to support other nonprofit agencies who might also have challenges that they are going through. Our focus has changed as Dr. Gray predicted, but we know that our communities are better because we have been able to meet the needs of the children and families in them and that is what we will continue to do in the future.

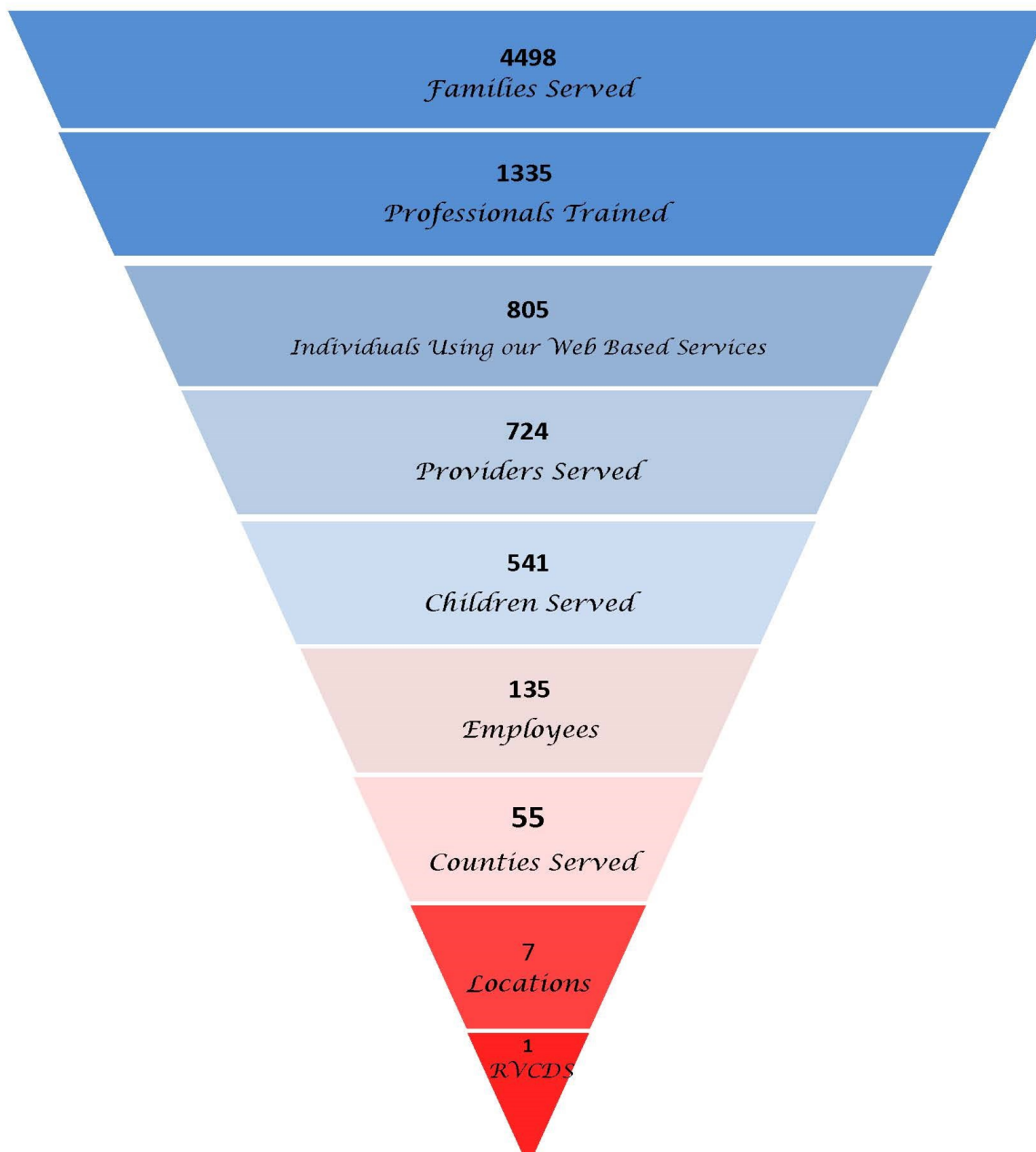
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What a year this has been! As the year draws to a close talks turn to politics and budget challenges. As challenging as 2016 has been, with challenge comes opportunities. The board is committed to take advantage of every opportunity possible. This may cause us to look at things differently and be open to new ideas. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and thoughts as we serve you another year. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or any board member. Thanks for everything you do for the children and families that you serve. You are appreciated!

Kerri Wade

 <p><b>December 2015</b> Widow Sock Drive EnAct Charleston, WV Connect CCR&amp;R</p>	 <p><b>February 2016</b> Health Screenings with Marshall University School of Pharmacy &amp; Valentine's donated to children at Huntington City Mission &amp; local hospitals River Valley Child Development Services</p>	 <p><b>April 2016</b> Pet Care Items Drive Little Victories Animal Rescue Huntington, WV Enterprise Child Development Center</p>	 <p><b>June 2016</b> Baby Shower Lily's Place Huntington, WV Administration</p>	 <p><b>August 2016</b> Needs Based Items Drive Hope, Inc Clarksburg, WV Choices CCR&amp;R</p>	 <p><b>October 2016</b> Food Drive Trinity Episcopal Church &amp; Area Homeless Shelter Huntington, WV WV Birth To Three</p>	 <p><b>December 2016</b> Transition Comfort Bag Collection NECCO West Virginia West Virginia Training Connections and Resources</p>	
<p><i>A year of giving back, December 2015-December 2016</i></p>							
<p><b>January 2016</b> Hat and Glove Drive Children's Home Society of WV, Logan, WV Link CCR&amp;R</p> 	<p><b>March 2016</b> Housewares Drive Homeless Veteran's Resource Center, Huntington, WV Link CCR&amp;R</p> 	<p><b>May 2016</b> Women's Clothing Drive Dress For Success River Cities Huntington, WV School Age Connections</p> 	<p><b>July 2016</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="738 1690 917 2028"> <p>Need Based Items Drive Mid-Ohio Valley Fellowship House Parkersburg, WV Choices CCR&amp;R</p> </td> <td data-bbox="933 1690 1096 2028"> <p>Blood Drive American Red Cross Huntington, WV River Valley Child Development Services</p> </td> </tr> </table>  	<p>Need Based Items Drive Mid-Ohio Valley Fellowship House Parkersburg, WV Choices CCR&amp;R</p>	<p>Blood Drive American Red Cross Huntington, WV River Valley Child Development Services</p>	<p><b>September 2016</b> Family, Fun, Wellness Event Ritter Park, Huntington, WV River Valley Child Development Services</p> 	<p><b>November 2016</b> Book Drive CAMC NICU Women's &amp; Children's Charleston, WV WV Birth to Three</p> 
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Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" At River Valley Child Development Services our answer for 45 years has been, "Lots!" Providing quality services for children and families is more than what we do, its who we are. The pyramid below reflects a monthly average for our programs.



Choices Child Care Resource & Referral \* Connect Child Care Resource & Referral \* Link Child Care Resource & Referral  
Enterprise Child Development Center \* School Age Connections  
Family Child Care Food Program \* West Virginia Birth to Three  
\* West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources