



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote a goal of self-sufficiency by broadening the minds of children, revitalizing communities, and assisting families and children in need through the provision of services and to coordinate available federal, state, local and private resources.



A Message from **Adrian Fassett** Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. helps build lives of self-sufficiency for some 100,000 Suffolk County residents living in poverty. And with an annual operating budget of \$20 million, we've been growing.

Here are four initiatives introduced in 2018:

We've started battling recidivism on the part of young people returning from juvenile incarceration. Under the Credible Messenger initiative, at-risk youth are mentored by individuals who have passed through the justice system and sustainably transformed their own lives.

Also last year, EOC of Suffolk launched Prevention Services of Long Island, which reduces the impact of HIV on our community through various prevention and support services.

At our new Empire State After School Program in Bellport's South Country Central School District, approximately 350 middle and high school students participate in afterschool programming. We're partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area on the high school component.

And an Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access Program is now offered jointly with Wyandanch High School, the Twilight Program, F.R.E.E. and United Way. The initiative trains some 70 high school students in career readiness skills.

We've placed embedded staff at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip and at Long Island Community Hospital -- formerly Brookhaven Hospital -- in East Patchogue. Their presence integrates our Chronic Health Care Coordination program into the discharge process.

Through our expanded Self-Directed and Fiscal Intermediary Services program, developmentally disabled people help formulate their own support systems. And a Homeless Prevention Grant allows us to expand homeless programming in 2019.

I'm proud to have been elected president of the National Community Action Foundation, which helps ensure that America's Community Action Agencies remain a federal priority. Locally, I continue service on the boards of the Community Development Corporation of Long Island and the Health & Welfare Council of Long Island.

We also created a permanent, staff-driven task force in 2018 that will meet yearly and raise issues important to EOC of Suffolk personnel.

Sadly, we lost a treasured colleague this past February when board member William "Corey" Huston died suddenly. Beloved by all, Corey was a big man with a big heart. He worked at Developmental Disabilities Institute providing caring support to children with developmental disabilities. He was a close friend and I miss him every day.

I applaud EOC of Suffolk's committed staff, management team, and Board of Directors for your outstanding efforts on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

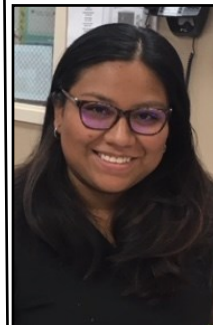
Adrian Fassett

EOC IS ABOUT PEOPLE



Alexis was diagnosed with several chronic illnesses as well as suffering a stroke back in 2013. He has been homeless for years, struggling financially in addition to having transportation issues.

Alexis had been trying unsuccessfully to obtain housing through Section 8 for many years, but never was able to achieve permanent housing. He frequented shelters, motels, and sometimes slept on the streets. Since working with EOC of Suffolk's Health Home Care Coordination Services, Alexis is now financially stable with the assistance of Social Security and SNAP benefits. His Section 8 voucher was approved and is no longer homeless. Alexis now has a positive outlook and is much happier living independently and looking forward to his future.

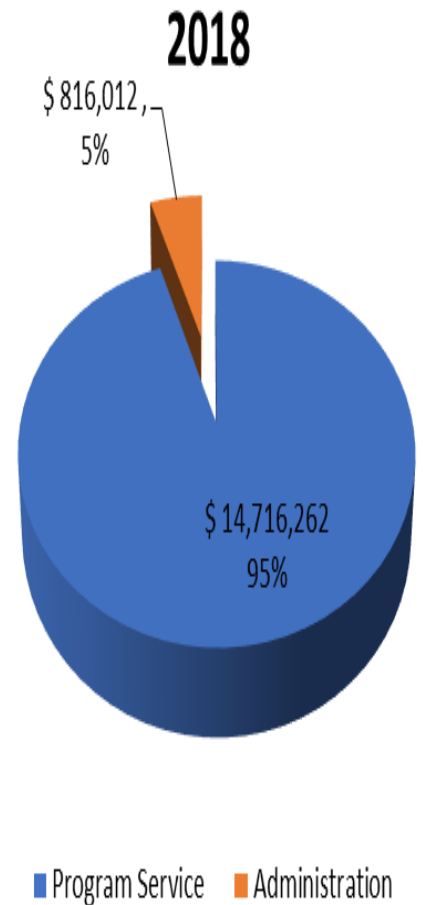


We originally met Way to Grow staff member Maria Jimenez as a parent of a young toddler. At that time Maria was recently laid-off from her job. She had recently become a US citizen but her college degree in nutrition did not transfer to the States,

making it hard for her to find work in her field. Way to Grow saw the potential and hired Maria as a part-time Assistant Teacher in June 2018. A dedicated, hard worker, Maria quickly became an asset to the center. Her bi-lingual skills and her professional manner proved valuable when working with Spanish speaking families. Maria enjoyed working with children so much that she returned to college to get her degree in early childhood education with Way to Grow working around her school schedule. Proudly, Maria received A or B+ in all her classes. But Maria did not stop there. Her dedication to helping people sparked her interest to become an EMT worker on the weekends. Recently, Maria was promoted to Lead Teacher in the Pre-K room where she applies all that she has learned in college along with her experiences at the center to become a role model for other Way to Grow staff.

FINANCIALS

		2017	2018
Assets	Current	\$2,885,522	\$3,009,159
	Non Current	\$177,165	\$153,615
	Total Assets	\$3,062,687	\$3,162,774
Liabilities and Net Assets	Current Liabilities	\$865,452	\$856,559
	Non Current	\$0	\$0
	Total Liabilities	\$865,452	\$856,559
	Net Assets	\$2,197,235	\$2,306,215
Revenues	Total Revenues	\$13,756,365	\$15,641,254
Expenses	Personnel & Fringe	\$8,762,896	\$10,304,060
	Non Personnel	\$4,668,385	\$5,228,214
	Total Expenses	\$13,431,281	\$15,532,274
	Excess of Revenue	\$325,084	\$108,980
	Net Assets 1/1	\$2,197,235	\$2,197,235
	Net Assets 12/31	\$2,197,235	\$2,306,215
Expenditures	Program Service	\$12,121,404	\$14,716,262
	Administration	\$1,309,877	\$816,012
	Total Expenses	\$13,431,281	\$15,532,274



OUR PROGRAMS

- Charitable Bail Fund Program
- Chronic Health Care Coordination
- Community Based Initiative
- Credible Messenger Initiative
- Delivery System Reform Initiative Payment (DSRIP)
- Family Development
- HIV/AIDS/HIV(-) Programs
- Housing Programs
- Montauk Child Care
- Prevention Services of Long Island
- Sensationally Sweet Gourmet Candy Store
- Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
- SNUG Violence Prevention
- Suffolk Family Court Children's Nursery
- Veteran Services
- Way to Grow Child Care Center
- Wyandanch Weed & Seed
- Youth and Adolescent Services

ON THE WEB

www.EOC-Suffolk.com
www.TheWayToGrow.com
www.MontaukChildCare.com
www.Sensationally-Sweet.com



2018 BY THE NUMBERS

- 4,853** Number of families served.
- 4,588** Number of families served living at or below the poverty level.
- 1,610** Number of children under 18 served.
- 1,336** Number of disabled individuals served.
- 931** Number of people served who have attended college.
- 868** Number of single-parent households served.
- 422** Number of families assisted by the food pantry.
- 391** Number of families served that were homeless.
- 55** Number of teenage parents who were provided baby items.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

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NADIA INIGUEZ

Private Sector

JASON RICHBERG

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Presiding Officer
Leg. DuWayne Gregory



2018 Highlights



Clockwise from top left: Kingz Kidz Outreach and Hard Work Pays Off (HWPO) Anti-Bullying Event held at Amityville High School, sponsored by EOC/Sprint/PSEG; Pictured with State Senator Monica Martinez, Magali Roman, Program Coordinator of the Community Based Initiative, who was honored by the Long Island Women's Conference and Pronto of Long Island; Central Islip High School senior Alexandria Harriott and Ward Melville High School senior Zach Hobbes received the 2018 Butch Dellecave Award; Shadrack Boakye, with students from Brentwood High School, celebrate winning a New York Emmy Award for "Viva Africa," an EOC of Suffolk supported production; and, Our Second Annual 5K4Fighters Marathon to support female Veterans.

2018 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ We launched the **Credible Messenger Initiative** which battles recidivism on the part of young people returning from juvenile incarceration. These at-risk youth are mentored by individuals — serving as "Credible Messengers" — who have passed through the justice system themselves and have sustainably transformed their own lives.
- ⇒ We initiated **Prevention Services of Long Island** to help reduce the impact of HIV on our community through a range of prevention and support services. Some of its elements include access to confidential testing, peer support, linkage to treatment and supportive services, and assistance with medications.
- ⇒ Our new **Empire State Afterschool Program** serves the South Country Central School District in Bellport. Approximately 350 middle and high school students participate in afterschool programming. EOC works in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area on this program's high school component.
- ⇒ We instituted the **Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access Program** is offered jointly with Wyandanch High School, the Twilight Program, F.R.E.E., and United Way. This initiative helps some 70 high school students prepare for their futures by training them in career readiness skills.