



## ANNUAL REPORT 2021



### 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,

COVID-19 was a dominating presence in our world in 2021, both for those we serve and for our EOC of Suffolk team. At a number of levels, we worked to restore a sense of normalcy amid the turmoil.

Remaining mindful of COVID-19 protocols, we were able to bring back limited in-person services. Slowly, numerous staff members returned to the office. At all times, our number-one concern was safety – from our childcare centers, to our Patchogue and Central Islip offices, to our community-based programs.

The pandemic impacted many vulnerable populations last year, and EOC of Suffolk was there to lend a vital, helping hand:

**The State's Excluded Worker Fund:** We connected with Suffolk County residents who had lost income during the pandemic and were excluded from federal relief programs. This proved so critical that the monies were quickly exhausted.

**Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP):** EOC of Suffolk provided emergency relief to COVID-affected households threatened by homelessness or dislocation. As above, the funds were quickly used up.

**Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG):** EOC of Suffolk built lifelines of financial support to individuals and families who experienced a sudden loss of income due to COVID-19.

**CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act):** EOC of Suffolk received a grant in support of our veterans programs.

In addition, we secured a \$500,000 gun violence prevention grant from the state to assist community-based not-for-profits in Amityville, Bellport, Brentwood, Central Islip, and Wyandanch.

Also in 2021, EOC of Suffolk extended its services to people with developmental disabilities into Brooklyn and Queens. We were chosen because of our past success working with this vulnerable population.

It was also my privilege to continue serving as president of the National Community Action Foundation. Locally, I retained my position on the county's Campaign Finance Board, and on the boards of the Community Development Corporation of Long Island, the Suffolk County Workforce Investment Board, and the Patchogue Business Improvement District. I was also named vice chair of the Health & Welfare Council of Long Island.

My deepest gratitude to the EOC of Suffolk staff who continued to inspire by providing unique and creative ways to deliver our services and programs during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

**Adrian Fassett**  
Chief Executive Officer

## BRENTWOOD SUMMER '21

Children unfairly bore the brunt of the changes brought on by the pandemic. Many had been on lockdown in their homes since the beginning with no organized activities and little to do. The summer of 2021 brought a respite from the pandemic as children were able to enjoy outdoor activities.

During Brentwood Summer Youth Connection, children were able to participate in social and emotional learning. They spoke in groups about things such as gender identity, bullying, emotional well-being, and how to cope with difficult times such as the pandemic. They also had a choice of different activities throughout the day such as arts and crafts, yoga, sports, baking, and mixed martial arts. While the activities were developed for fun and enjoyment, the main goal was to get the young people to interact with each other.

One of the biggest achievements from the summer of 2021 was that the children were able to connect with each other, which provided some social normalcy that allowed them to make new friends. At the start of camp, many of the children were hesitant to interact with others, but towards the end they were more outgoing, expressive, and open. They learned respectful communication skills and various approaches for different situations.

The twenty-three youth workers we employed were remarkable when it came to working with the children. They were very engaging and interactive, and gained great on-the-job experience.

The benefits of camp for our campers were felt very deeply, making the summer of 2021 as one of the most important summers we have ever had. Creating a safe space for young people was a commitment we made and in return, the young people learned how to create a safe environment for others.

## FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

When we met Cathy\* and her two children, they were homeless, bouncing around from home to home of friends and family. Working with her caseworker, EOC of Suffolk was able to assist Cathy to find affordable, stable housing that will allow her to achieve the ultimate goal of self-reliance and security for her and her children in an independent and safe living situation. (\* Name changed for confidentiality.)

# FINANCIALS

## Assets Current

	2020	2021
Current	4,573,677	6,114,125
Non Current	112,162	96,216
Total Asset	4,685,839	6,210,341

## Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	1,333,921	2,305,937
Non Current	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,333,921	2,305,937

Net Assets	3,351,918	3,904,404
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## Revenues

Total Revenues	19,663,563	19,121,694
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## Expenses

Personnel & Fringe	11,424,774	10,759,507
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Non Personnel	7,388,184	7,809,701
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Total Expenses	18,812,958	18,569,208
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Excess of Revenue	850,605	552,486
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Net Assets 1/1	2,501,313	3,351,918
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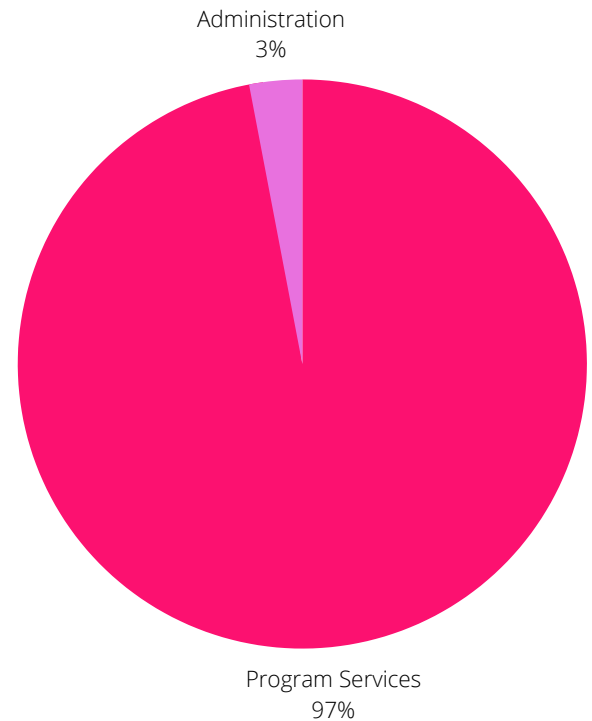
Net Assets 12/31	3,351,918	3,904,404
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## Expenditures

Program Service	18,230,709	17,950,340
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Administration	582,249	618,868
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Total Expenses	18,812,958	18,569,208
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## OUR PROGRAMS

- Chronic Health Care Coordination
- Community Based Initiative
- Credible Messenger Program
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Family Development Programs
- HIV/AIDS/HIV(-) Services
- Housing Programs
- HUD COC Rapid Rehousing Program
- Montauk Childcare
- Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
- SNUG Violence Prevention
- Suffolk Family Court Children's Nursery
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- Way to Grow Childcare Center
- Wyandanch Weed and Seed
- Youth and Adolescent Services

## ON THE WEB

[www.EOC-Suffolk.com](http://www.EOC-Suffolk.com)  
[www.TheWayToGrow.com](http://www.TheWayToGrow.com)  
[www.MontaukChildCare.org](http://www.MontaukChildCare.org)



## 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,303** Number of individuals served.
- 2,026** Number of households served.
- 1,887** Number of families served living at or below the poverty level.
- 741** Number of disabled individuals served.
- 585** Number of people served who have attended college.
- 484** Number of children under 18 served.
- 368** Number of single-parent households served.
- 218** Number of veterans served.
- 213** Number of families served that were homeless.
- 41** Number of pregnant and parenting adolescents served.
- 23** Number of families assisted by the food pantry.

## 2021 CSBG C.A.R.E.S. NUMBERS

- 1,252** Number of individuals served.
- 1,106** Number of households served.
- 1,106** Number of families served living at or below the poverty level.
- 459** Number of disabled individuals served.
- 131** Number of single-parent households served.
- 110** Number of children under 18 served.
- 45** Number of families served that were homeless.
- 9** Number of veterans served.
- 6** Number of people served who have attended college.





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON

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Public Appointed  
Assemblyman Fred Thiele

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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Executive Committee

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Private Sector

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Suffolk County Legislator  
Jason Richberg

**CHARLES RANDALL**

Ex-Officio



*Clockwise from top left: For their dedication during the pandemic, EOC of Suffolk staff brought cupcakes to the hard-working nurses at Long Island Community Hospital for National Nurses Week; Lorenzo Selini of Newfield H.S. and Soledad Jean of Half Hollow Hills East H.S. were named 2021 Butch Dellecave Award winners; Our Wyandanch Leaders of the Future (LOTF) Club partnered with Sustainable Wyandanch in a year-long project to clean-up the community using the app Litterati that tracks how much litter they pick up; Brentwood High School Freshman engaged in a week of activities focused on building a culture of kindness and inclusivity in "Be the Change" week; Our HIV/AIDS/HIV(-) Targeted Prevention & Support Services staff collaborated with the John Theissen Children's Foundation and EOC of Suffolk, Inc's Veteran's Program to bring the holiday season to their clients, especially those suffering financial hardships caused by the pandemic.*



## 2021 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ The Excluded Workers Fund (EWF) provided financial help to New Yorkers who lost income during the COVID-19 pandemic and were left out of various federal relief programs, including unemployment and pandemic benefits. EOC developed and executed a comprehensive multi-media outreach program to connect with this population.
- ➔ We instituted a new employee recruitment and onboarding process using the iSolved platform, which has helped the agency identify potential employees, streamline the candidate hiring process, and systematize the new employees onboarding process.
- ➔ As part of the COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, we received a Child Care Stabilization Grant. These funds helped keep early childhood educators and school age programs open during the pandemic as a critical step to helping families get back to work.
- ➔ Due to the success of our People with Development Disabilities programs in Suffolk and Nassau counties, New York State OPWDD approved our agency to extend these services into New York City's five boroughs.
- ➔ Simone Holder-Daniel, LMSW, was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. She was previously Program Director of Developmental Disabilities programs at the agency. A graduate of SUNY Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare, Simone serves on the Brentwood School District Board of Education.
- ➔ In our Chronic Healthcare Coordination Program, Sunriver Health began implementing monthly performance reports, with EOC of Suffolk ending the year with an outstanding 99.2 percent score, well above the average network performance in all categories.