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## Who is LIGHT?

The mission of LIGHT is to promote the health, wellness and education of children, families, and individuals impacted by health and social disparities.

### Our Vision

LIGHT envisions a community where individuals are made aware of and receive health care and psycho-social support services that will assist them to live healthy and productive lives

LIGHT Health & Wellness Comprehensive Services is a community-based non-profit (formerly known as Baltimore Pediatric HIV Program Inc.) with a 501(c) 3 status and is a certified Minority Business Enterprise. For the past 20 years LIGHT has provided services for children, teens, adults and families whose lives are impacted by health and social issues. We promote the health and wellness of our communities by providing the highest quality comprehensive information, guidance and treatment.

In a review of our programs, LIGHT has been recognized as a national model by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

## Program Overview and Outcomes

### LIGHT Rock Child Care Center

At the heart of our organization are our child care services. LIGHT Rock Child Care Center, a preschool that is certified in the provision of child care within the state of Maryland, provides a range of day and respite care for children ages 2-5 and their families with or without special needs, and who may require more comprehensive services. LIGHT Rock Child Care also provides before and after care services for our school age children within a 5 miles radius of the center.

The program facilitates the social, cognitive, and intellectual development of each child with individualized attention to meet their needs. Training is also provided for parents on child development, medical care, and medication regimens.

LIGHT also provides off-site child care services to institutions needing such services in order to better care for the parent or other caregiver. Examples of locations where we offer this service include hospitals and clinics, businesses, schools, and other nonprofits.

### Outcomes

Over the past 20 years LIGHT has provided childcare services to over 1,200 families with children.

- Qualitative data showed that over 92% of our children are Kindergarten ready after the completion of our Child Care Program.

LIGHT has assisted over 800 families with additional support for special needs such as: Behavior Challenges, Learning Deficits, and resource referrals within the community.

- LIGHT has successfully seen over 200 Young Adults complete College and have come back to volunteer at the Center or with one of our other programs.

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## [Family 2 Matters \(Past Program\)](#)

LIGHT Health and Wellness received an Administration for Children Youth and Families (ACYF) grant to start Family Matters in 2000 for 4 years. LIGHT was awarded the funding again in 2012 and the award and program concluded in 2016. The program provides support for grandparents and other relative caregivers, caring for children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS and/or substance abuse. Support includes resource referrals, Trauma informed therapy, support groups, individual counseling and information sessions on topics ranging from anger management to legal rights. Family Matters has served over 100 grandparents & other relatives and their children and provided respite activities.

### Outcomes

- Family 2 Matters is on target to completing its 4-year goal of servicing 40 families, 71 children and 111 individuals.
- Reports show that participants in the program are pleased with the services and have seen positive outcomes for both the youth & grandparents. Some of the positive outcomes include: better anger management techniques for the family, and additional services.

## [Youth/Young Adults Matters \(YYAM\)](#)

This support group is for youth and young adults 17-29 infected with HIV/AIDS. Youth Matters is designed to provide a safe, nonjudgmental and confidential outlet for sharing with peers who have similar experiences. We also provide services for youth impacted by HIV/STI's.

### Outcomes

- Over the past 20 years YYAM has provided services to over 400 youth and young adults infected with HIV/AIDS. These youth/young adults have successfully completed the support group and are now living healthy with HIV/AIDS.
- In a quarterly evaluation YYAM members have stated that the support group has been helpful, uplifting, and has helped them to better deal with living with HIV/AIDS.
- Past members of the group are now working in the field and 3 are now employees of LIGHT.

## [A Step Beyond Outreach](#)

ASB is designed to reach beyond traditional boundaries and clinical settings to increase the number of HIV-positive African-American men, women and children accessing and maintaining primary medical care. This program will attend at least two medical appointments with client, and provide follow-up services as needed.

### Outcomes

- LIGHT has successfully provided Outreach to over 900 clients who have been out of care for more than 6 months.
- LIGHT has continued to establish positive relationship with other partnering agencies and community based organizations

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- Over 85 % of the clients have successfully remained adherent to care for longer than 6 months after completion of our program.

### Education and Prevention Services

Our programs are designed to provide innovative educational and preventative services, as well as technical assistance to communities and faith-based organization. The services consist of workshops, training sessions, and health fairs. These trainings include: Conflict Resolution, Making Healthy Choices, HIV/AIDS 101 training, Trauma Informed Trainings, and Partner Notification Services.

### Outcomes

- LIGHT has successfully provided Education and Prevention to over 15,000 youth and adults in Baltimore and surrounding states/territory (Delaware and District of Columbia).
- LIGHT has established relationships with the Baltimore City and County Public Schools and continues to provide education and prevention (Owings Mills High School, Baltimore City College High School).
- LIGHT has provided Education and Prevention to over 300 youth, Foster Care Parents, and Staff members in the Child Welfare and Department of Juvenile Services Programs in Maryland.

### Non-Medical Case Management/Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing

LIGHT provides client advocacy services for HIV-infected individuals in need of assistance with financial assistance resources, legal services, housing, medical/mental health support and health care benefits. Client goals that address access to care, life skills necessity training, and providing linkages to services and resources.

### Outcomes

- LIGHT has successfully accomplished its goal each year in providing service to over 700 clients living with HIV/AIDS.
- Because of this program LIGHT has provided referrals that has assisted clients with Eviction Prevention, Baltimore Gas & Electric turn off notices, and a number of other emergency needs.
- LIGHT has assisted over 150 client with financial assistance with eviction prevention, first month's rent, housing assistance, and Baltimore Gas & Electric.

### Collaborating Partners

Our Collaborative Partners are valuable in the effective delivery of services:

- **University of Maryland Medical Systems:** PACE Clinic, Midtown Clinic, STAR Track Clinic, JACQUES Initiative
- **Center for Urban Families-** Couples Advancing Together Program
- **Baltimore City Health Department – Early Head Start Program**
- **PNC Bank**
- **Sinai Hospital**

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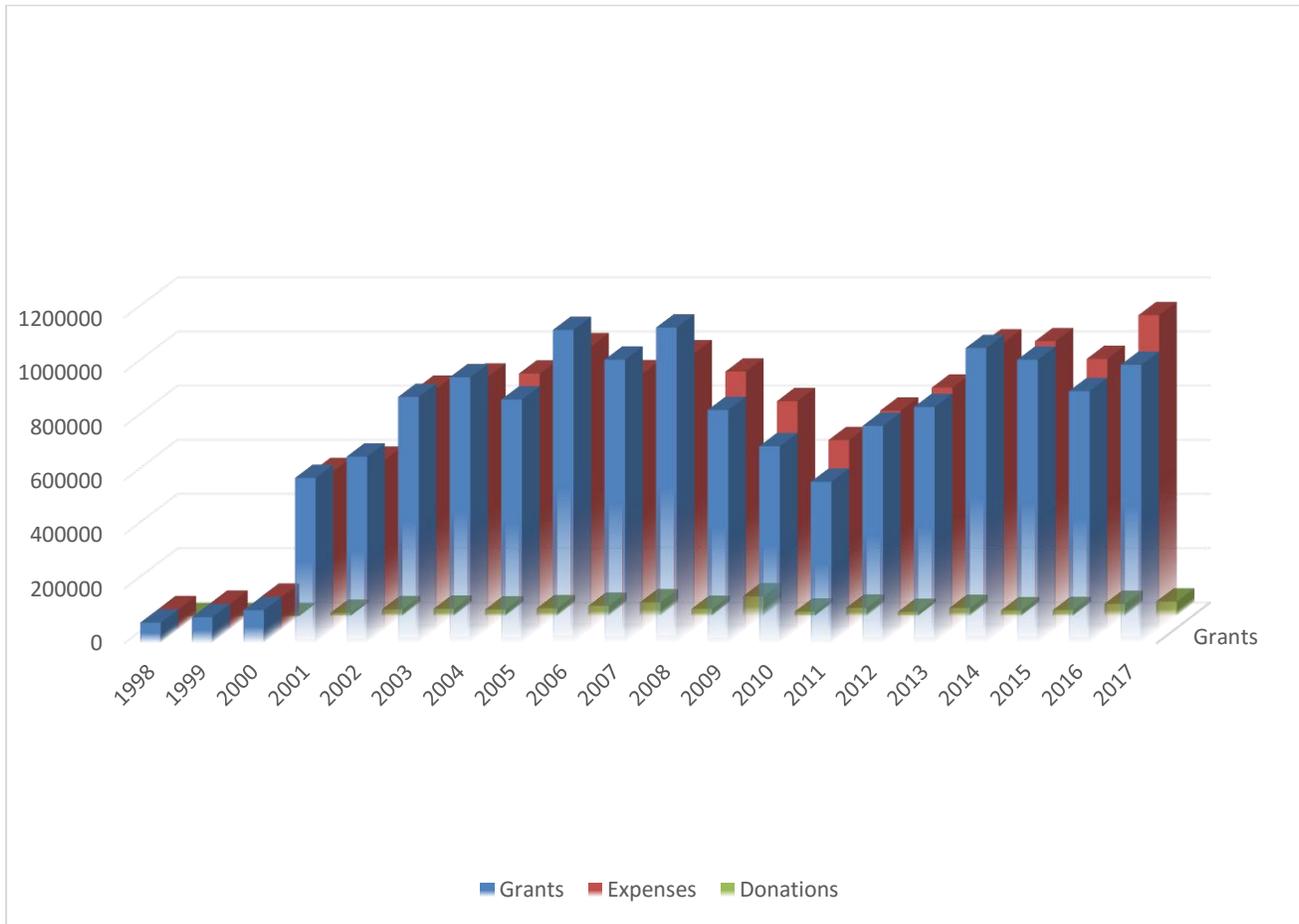
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## FINANCIAL DATA



Over the past 20 years, LIGHT has grown significantly in experience and managing awarded grant funds. LIGHT has adjusted to the climate and efficaciously recovers when financial woes arise.

Starting with meager beginnings of less than \$75,000, LIGHT has grown with the ability to secure and manage funding that exceeds \$1.1 Mil. In addition to managing eight service areas of specialty support services, LIGHT also has gained experience in serving as fiscal agent for less established community based organizations. LIGHT seeks to continue its growth and intends to expand services to encompass more community areas and to reach more individuals and families that are in need of the supportive services in which we specialize.

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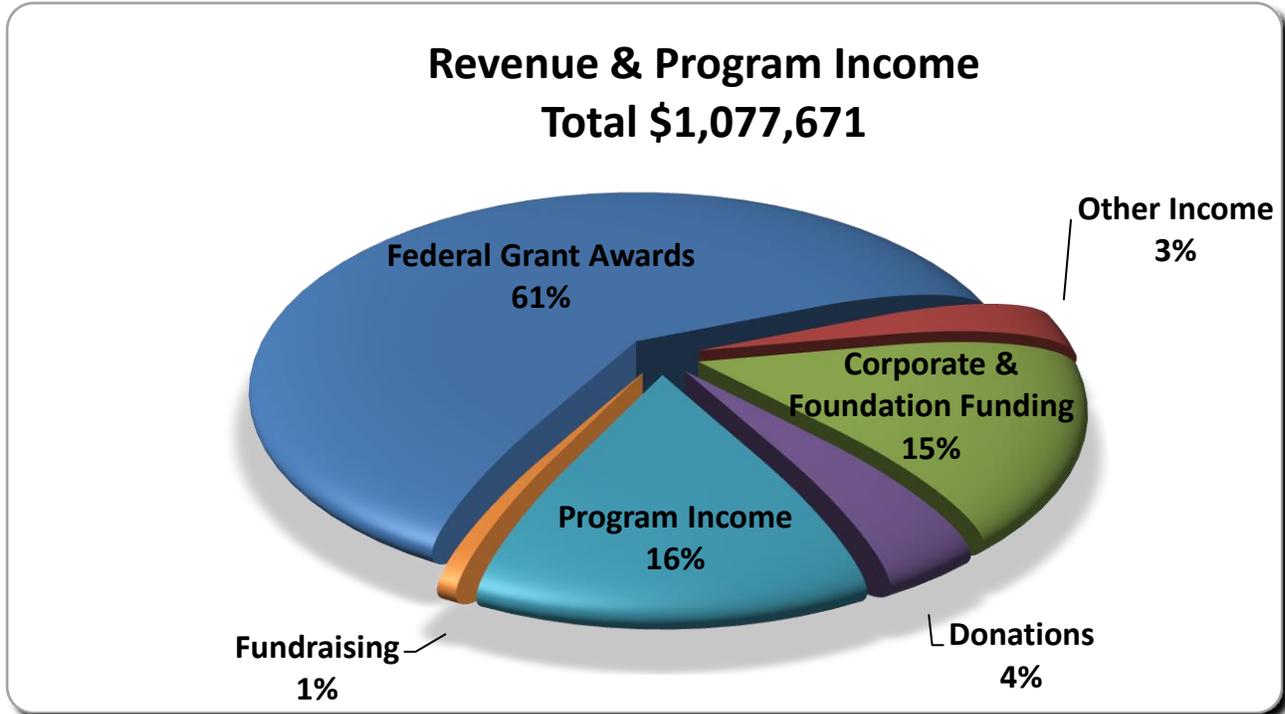
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The following is a breakdown of Unaudited Revenue/ Income and Expenses for FY 2018



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