



2020 Annual Report



Letters from the Executive Director



Sarah Farr, MS, CC-SLP
Executive Director

One of the joys of preparing an annual report is that it provides me the opportunity to reflect and give gratitude for RiteCare's accomplishments over the past year. Every year, but certainly this year, I am most grateful for our therapists and our families. In the face of unprecedented difficulty, RiteCare of Utah quickly shifted gears to virtual therapy. Our team ensured that those children in your community who are in the most need continued to have access to speech, language and reading therapy. We could not have done this without you, our supporters, and for that we say Thank You!

A few highlights from this truly unique year:

- RiteCare of Utah quickly switched from in-person to virtual therapy in order to simultaneously protect the health of our therapists and families AND ensure our kids continued to receive the services they desperately need.
- We were able to retain 100% of our employees during the pandemic.
- We converted our donor platform to one that allows us more capability to interact with our donors. Visit us at <https://www.ritecareutah.org> to check it out!
- Although unable to do our usual summer groups, our Ogden clinic held a scaled-down version outdoors. More examples of our therapist's ingenuity!

“ While receiving speech services from RiteCare, I have seen a drastic change in my son. Now, he started kindergarten this year (in the midst of a crazy pandemic), and I am proud to say that he is interacting with those around him.”

-Lauren Hughes, RiteCare Parent



Letters from the Board Chair



Mary Woodard
Board Chair

I am proud to serve as the current board president of RiteCare of Utah, an organization I have been happily involved with in varying degrees since 2011.

When my children were growing up, starting at a very young age we had a bed-time ritual of reading books, even the family cat would join us. They in turn were able to read at an early age and had a passion for reading books, including looking for their favorite subject, or author. With their ability to read, they had strong speech and language skills and have experienced much success in writing and comprehending the world around them.

“Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to young children’s overall development. Having the ability to speak clearly and process speech sounds, to understand others and express ideas and interact with others are fundamental building blocks for a child’s development. Research suggests that good communication, language and literacy at a young age have the highest correlation with outcomes at school.” RiteCare of Utah is the only program in the state that offers speech-language and reading therapy to children birth to 12 years old at no cost to the family.

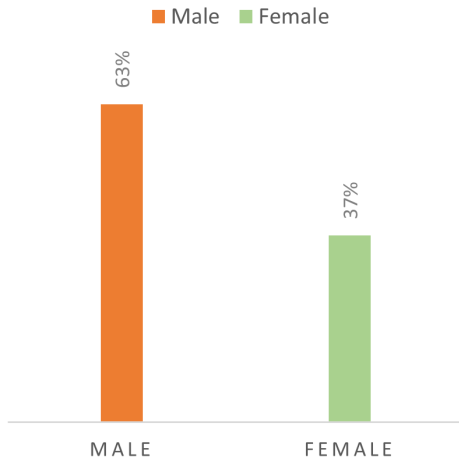
As one parent said, “As a parent with special needs I am often presented with lists of things that my daughter “cannot” do or ways in which she will “never” be taught. However, our time with RiteCare of Utah has shown me that with the right program and an invested instructor Sawyer’s ability to achieve is limitless”.

not only has his speech improved, but his confidence has grown in leaps and bounds. He plays with friends, and does not hesitate to respond when people talk to him. He is doing WELL. He is reading on level with his peers, and communicating with



RiteCare by the Numbers

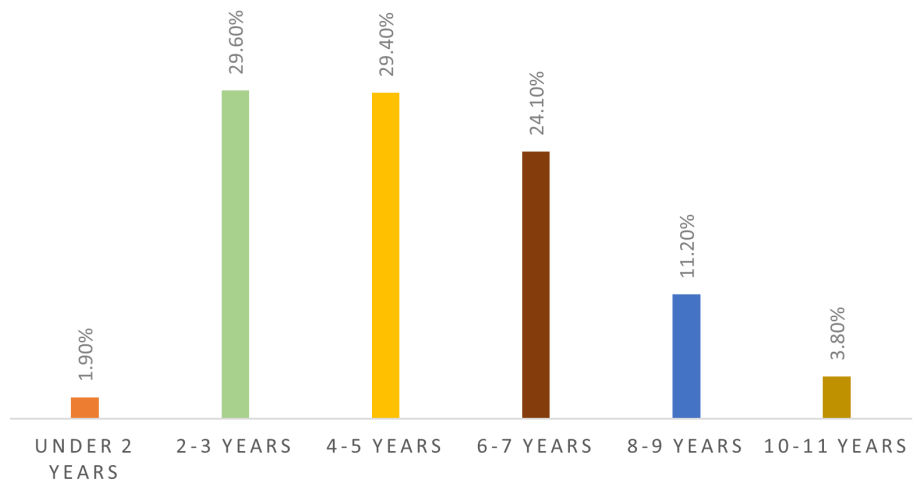
GENDER



Approximately 20% of our families live below the federal poverty line (\$31K/year) for a family of five.

8% of our kids speak more than one language.

AGE



304

Total Students Served

2203

of Visits

50

of New Students Admitted

47

Total # of Discharges

90% of students that we discharge are within normal limits for speech/language or reading.



Lunch and Learn

How do you ensure that one of your most successful programs continues despite a pandemic?

Well, you get creative!

RiteCare of Utah remained committed to safely providing the access to the very best speech therapy programs available. This year RiteCare of Utah's summer speech groups were rebranded as "Lunch and Learn".

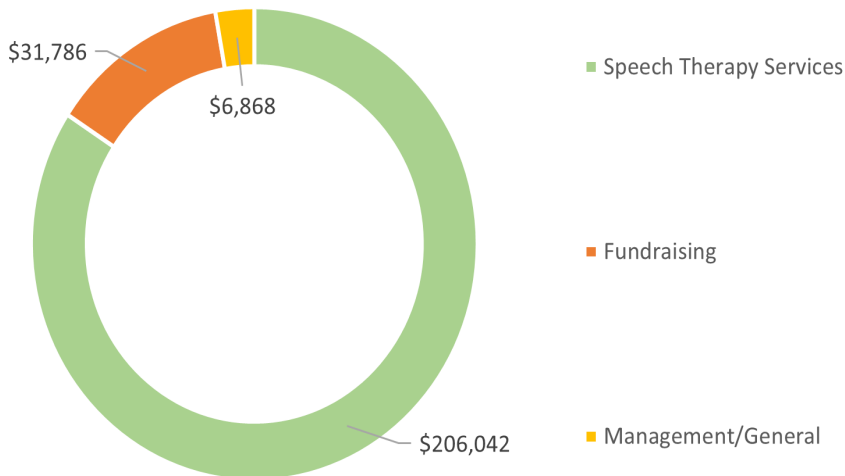
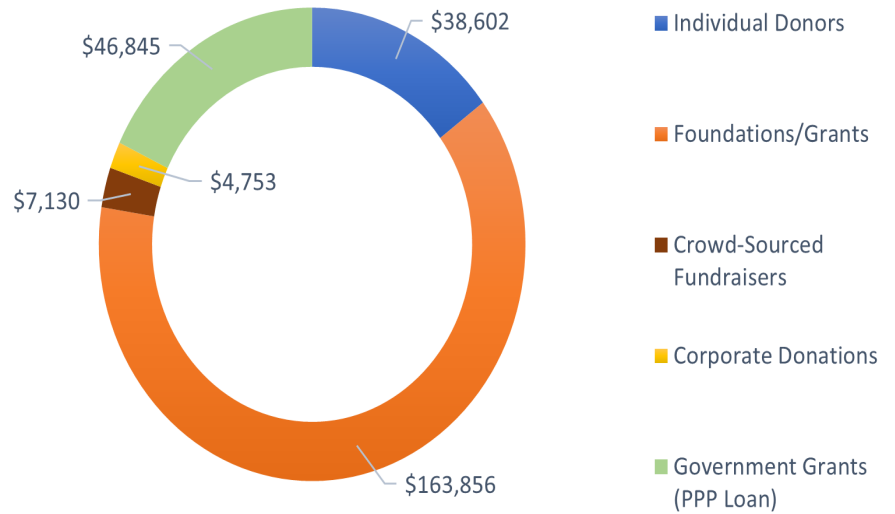
Lunch and Learn was offered to small groups of children held at parks and schools in the community that were serving free and reduced school lunch throughout the summer. This offered families the ability to still have face-to-face speech therapy outdoors, safely seek out a community of parents having the same experiences with their children, and access free school lunch if needed.

These small groups of kiddos, along with their parents, were provided direct instruction and sent home each week with homework to practice. By the end of summer, we were able to discharge HALF of the kiddos! This kind of remarkable progress is only achievable when the parents agree to and are shown how to successfully help their child. Big kudos to Chris Ferrario (speech pathologist extraordinaire) and all of the families who attended Lunch and Learn.



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\$261,186



Total Expenses:
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