

Windows on Our Work

Annual Report 2008/2009



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We share our knowledge and experience with child- and family-serving organizations across the state and nation.

Dear Friends,

As we reflect over the past 26 years, we fondly think of all the wonderful people who have helped make Broadreach the agency it is today. These people, our 'believers', have put their hearts and souls into assuring that Broadreach stays around for decades. And so it has come to pass. To do this, they kept their eyes on our agency mission, all the while believing that nothing would stop us from surviving for a long, long time. Certainly, through the years, we have seen our share of 'good times' and 'not so good times'. To say that this past year has been a financially challenging one might be an understatement. As a result, Broadreach has had to, due to the uncertainty of the economic times, redouble our efforts in order to stay ahead of the financial curve. But, the Broadreach 'believers' are fighters. We're still here and, amazingly, we're growing and thriving!

This year, we were proud to announce the opening of our new Mental Health Center at 8 Stephenson Lane in Belfast. Referrals have abounded and the steady hum of productive services can be felt by simply walking in through the door. Kate Quinn-Finlay and her very capable staff work tirelessly to see that families have all the opportunities possible to succeed. Also this year, Broadreach has welcomed the expansion of its Youthlinks Program into Waldo County. The services that these youngsters provide are incredible and serve as an inspiration to us 'old folks' that the energy of the young is inexhaustible. Also worthy of note, SAD#3 has begun an Early Childhood Center in the former Unity Elementary School with Broadreach, Head Start and SAD#3 all collaborating to offer state-of-the-art programming to area residents. And we are pleased to announce that our classroom teachers have been working steadily in our 21 classrooms to secure the newly-created Early Childhood Certification required by the State of Maine. These are just a few examples of the exciting new programming that is happening in all corners of our agency!

Broadreach has been delivering services to the Midcoast area for almost three decades. These services have never swayed from the highest level of quality. Hundreds of satisfied families continually tell us that the staff at Broadreach is the best anywhere. And we are profoundly grateful to them for sharing their lives with us. In the following pages, as you look through 'Windows on Our Work', we hope you will agree that Broadreach continues its commitment to its mission of providing quality services. Thanks for taking the time to read this Annual Report and thanks for believing in Broadreach. We promise to be around for many more decades to come.

Thank You,

Ruth H. Southworth
Executive Director

Sharon Goguen
Chair, Board of Directors



Our Programs

We believe that all children and families have basic rights, including: the right to early intervention and an appropriate education through the least restrictive means; the right to nutritional food, medical care, and safe and warm housing; and the right to love and be loved and to receive a fair chance at succeeding in life.

Early Childhood Education and Childcare Services

Broadreach prepares young children for a lifetime of learning and success with high-quality education, early intervention and childcare programs.

- Early Childhood Inclusive Program (with centers in Belfast, Rockland, Searsport and Unity)
- Pre-Kindergarten Program (in collaboration with RSU 20 and MSAD 3)

Youth Services

Broadreach assists youth in gaining positive life skills through focused service learning and enrichment programs, and meaningful community and school-based activities.

- Youthlinks (Waldo, Knox and Lincoln Counties)
- Rockland After School Alliance with RSU 13
- Youth Advocacy Program

Behavioral Health Services

Broadreach coordinates essential services for children and teens with developmental and mental health diagnoses, and supports families in accessing supports and advocating for their children. We are licensed as a mental health agency by the State of Maine.

- Children's Case Management
- Home and Community Support

Family and Adult Literacy Programs

Broadreach provides a myriad of literacy programs to assist local residents in gaining crucial literacy competencies.

- Literacy Volunteers of Waldo County
- Project LIFE, Family Literacy Program for RSU 20
- SPICE Family Literacy Program for SAD 3
- Literacy and the Youngest Learner: A Professional Training Model
- Research-based early childhood literacy curriculum

Prevention Services

Broadreach supports the healthy development of children, families and communities with a comprehensive array of family and community-strengthening programs and services.

- Healthy Waldo County/Substance Abuse Prevention
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils: Waldo and Knox County
- Parent Education Programs in Waldo, Knox, and Lincoln Counties.

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Broadreach by the Numbers, October 2008 - September 2009:

Early Childhood Education and Childcare: 589 children; Youth Services: 423 pre-teens and teens; Behavioral Health: 285 children and their families; Family and Adult Literacy: 55 children and adults; Prevention: 662 children, teens and adults

Financial Highlights



Dear Friends
of Broadreach:

In fiscal year 2008-2009, state reallocation of resources forced Broadreach to reduce or eliminate some services. Our board and staff have worked hard, finding innovative ways to continue to provide high-quality services while reducing our operating costs. As a result of this effort, Broadreach ended the year with a positive financial balance.

We know the year ahead will be equally challenging, but all of us at Broadreach are committed to providing the highest-quality services to the children and families in our communities.

Thank you.

Chip Bradstreet, MBA
Chief Financial Officer

Revenue By Source:	08/09	07/08
MaineCare	\$1,348,430	\$1,487,303
State And Federal Contracts	\$1,882,457	\$2,061,828
Tuition And Fees	\$535,767	\$619,761
Maine School Districts 3, 34, and 56	\$309,268	\$292,555
Fundraising, Foundation Grants, Other	\$337,396	\$332,888
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,413,318	\$4,794,335

Expenditures By Program:	08/09	07/08
CAN Councils, Knox and Waldo	\$27,991	\$27,843
Children's Case Management Program	\$747,607	\$671,675
Early Childhood Inclusive Program	\$794,468	\$863,645
Early Language Leadership Institute	\$71,979	\$0
Family Reunification Program*	\$0	\$114,833
Family Support Program*	\$0	\$205,964
Healthy Youth Project	\$96,338	\$54,605
Home and Community Support	\$252,333	\$305,039
Literacy Volunteers of Waldo County	\$12,392	\$0
MCCS Early School Program	\$395,400	\$498,457
MCCS Parent Program	\$16,017	\$70,626
Parent Education Program*	\$5,662	\$83,237
PreK Program	\$267,272	\$331,086
SPICE Family Literacy Project	\$40,098	\$44,966
SPIRALS, Early Reading First	\$922,730	\$1,139,000
WIC*	\$27,273	\$142,345
Youthlinks	\$492,100	\$290,285
Fundraising	\$49,205	\$45,817
Debt Reduction, Special Projects	\$194,453	-\$95,088
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,413,453	\$4,794,335

* These services have been reduced or eliminated due to a reallocation of state funding.

Broadreach Bulletin

The Year in Literacy



Linda Baker of Broadreach accepts a \$25,000 Maine Family Literacy Initiative grant from former First Lady Barbara Bush.

- Broadreach received a \$25,000 grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy's Maine Family Literacy Initiative. The grant supports our programs to improve the literacy skills of parents and their children while fostering family learning at home.
- Broadreach merged with Literacy Volunteers of Waldo County in May, expanding our literacy programming in the Midcoast.

Children's Case Management Program

Broadreach's Children's Case Management Program provides community-based intervention services that emphasize the strength of the child and family, and includes the delivery of coordinated services that address the needs of individual children and families.

Home and Community Support Program

Our Home and Community Support Program Specialists help children with developmental disabilities build skills toward independence.

New Behavioral Health Services



Broadreach celebrates the grand opening of our new Mental Health Center.

Broadreach obtained a mental health license in 2009, expanding our capacity to promote the health and well-being of children in the Midcoast. This is a critical service area, as mental disorders collectively account for more than 15 percent of the overall burden of disease from all causes in the United States. That's more than all cancers and second only to heart disease.



SPIRALS

Early Reading Success

SPIRALS Grant rounds out six years of Early Reading First success

2009 marked the successful conclusion of the second of our three-year federal Early Reading First grants.

Children in Broadreach ERF-SPIRALS classrooms across Waldo and Knox Counties made significant literacy gains, improving from at-risk for reading failure at the beginning of the school year to average or above average by year's end.

"The more you read, the more things you will know.

The more you learn, the more places you'll go."—Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!*

For more news on Broadreach programs, visit BRMaine.org

Everybody's talking about and



"I will continue to support Broadreach's early reading program, which sets the standard for excellence in our state and in New England. Thanks for your good work!" –*Susan M. Collins, United States Senator*



"Youthlinks is a fun place to go after school. I got to go to Aldemere Farm and work with cows, to tap trees for maple syrup, to go to the greenhouse (which was a great time!), and to work with children, elderly people, and some animals. I got to try a lot of new and unique experiences. That's why I like it!" –*E Waldron, Youthlinks*



"We co...
–*Mother*

"I've been raising my five grandchildren, and my caseworker Julie has been there for me every step of the way. She goes to PET and IEP meetings with me, she knows what resources are out there, and she even helps keep track of my doctor's appointments. What a relief to know there is someone out there who cares." –*Grandmother, Children's Case Management Program*



"I had no idea how to begin to help my special needs son until I met Cynthia, my Broadreach Case Worker. She has helped me every step of the way, making calls, finding funding for my family to go to the Autism Family Retreat, going to school meetings, and helping me complete evaluations for my son. Most importantly, she listens without judgment and cares about my concerns." –*Christina Johannes, Children's Case Management Program*

**Best
of the
Best**
of Waldo County

Broadreach's preschool programs were voted Maine's "Best of the Best" in Waldo County in 2008 and 2009 by readers of the *Republican Journal* and the *Waldo County Citizen*. Each year, we educate over 200 children in our Early Childhood Inclusive Program preschools.



"Our son Tyler, who is autistic, started preschool with Broadreach two years ago. Since then he's made huge gains, overcoming many of his symptoms. His teachers have done an excellent job helping him integrate with his schoolmates." –*Rob Johnson, Early Childhood Inclusive Program*



Another great year at Broadreach!

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"My son was born blind due to optic nerve hypoplasia. He was also diagnosed with autism at age one. So began biomedical and dietary interventions, PT, OT, Speech and Developmental Therapy, all of which Broadreach supported. Four years ago we were told our child would never speak, but last week at Disneyland my son announced that "Splash Mountain" was his favorite ride and that the "Handy Manny Show" was fun ... Broadreach is my Disneyland."

—Tina, Early Childhood Inclusive Program

"Nick was able to experience and participate in many activities academically and socially that he may not have otherwise been able to. We are so happy with his PreK experience and feel he was much better prepared to enter kindergarten this fall because of it. Thank you for a job well done!"

—Parent, PreK Program

ould not live without this service!"

er, Home and Community Support Program

"My SPICE worker has been more cooperative than I could ever ask for. I am very grateful."

—Participant, SPICE Program



"I have attended many of the Building Communities for Children meetings. Patrick Walsh shares detailed information on services, events and advocates with devotion, promoting healthy families and the engagement of youth in positive activities. He has brought many people together to share information and to tackle community issues—a vital service to Waldo County."

—Barbara Crowley, Healthy Waldo County



"Our son has had a wonderful year at preschool, and due to your screening, we were made aware of a slight speech delay. Between exercises we do at home and the work he's done with his teachers, he's made huge progress. He loves his teachers and feels that school is his 'second home.' Thank you, Broadreach!"

—Parent, PreK Program

"I love being able to come somewhere fun after school instead of boring home. I especially love drawing, reading, and cooking at Youthlinks. I learned how to make pasta one time and I still love to make it."

—Kaitlin Tyler, Youthlinks



We knew Natalie's developmental delays would make school difficult for her. But the talented, patient, caring teachers at Broadreach's Mid-Coast Children's Services' Early School provided her with exceptional pre-reading skills that developed into a love for books. Natalie loves to read and we love the Early School!

—Alex and Ellen Owre, Early School

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because ...

- We provide crucial services for the most vulnerable children and families in your community
- Every child deserves an equal chance at learning success
- Teens that are connected to their community do well in school and avoid risky behavior
- Families need safe, high-quality child care they trust while they earn a living
- We connect families with support and resources to better meet life's challenges

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