2015 ANNUAL REPORT
NEW BEGINNINGS
Dear Friends,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Interim President and CEO for the last half of Fiscal Year 2015. I am deeply committed to the wonderful and unique services that we provide for children, adults, and families. As we plan for the future of the agency, my goal is to keep KDC mission driven, individual and community focused, and an ideal employer.

With your support, Kennedy-Donovan Center provided services to 6,500 individuals and families last year. Because of your generosity, we were able to serve more people and better meet the needs of the communities that we serve.

Thank you for making Kennedy-Donovan Center a priority with your donations to our programs. Thank you for volunteering your time and skills, or serving as a board member or committee member. Thank you for attending our many events and spreading the word about our great work. You are creating a healthier, more inclusive community by helping us reach more people in need of our services.

Enjoy the stories of those that you have supported!

Best regards,

Aubrey Macfarlane
President & CEO

P.S. Please consider making a gift to Kennedy-Donovan Center today by visiting kdc.org. Thank you.
Betty has touched the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of children and families over her 38 years at KDC. As a New Bedford resident, she frequently sees families who have gone through Early Intervention and continue to express their gratitude. We want to recognize Betty for her exemplary commitment to these families and to Kennedy-Donovan Center, and say thank you for making the difference.
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Healthy Families parent

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Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Support Services

Working with our funding partner and building on past program development experience, KDC was able to fulfill this particular need in the community. The program is funded through the Department of Development Disabilities (DDS) ABI Waiver Program. Referrals will be received from DDS with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

KDC is in the process of opening a new home in New Bedford, and will continue to expand this service for people to create a home in the community of their choice. We are excited about the future of this valuable and much-needed program.

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Healthy Families parent
The unit is cost prohibitive for many of the families we serve. Thanks to the receipt of three grants totaling $11,500 from The Palmer and Davenport Foundation, the Joan Bentnick-Smith Charitable Foundation, and the Edward Bangs Kelley and Eliza Kelley Foundation, we were able to provide enough money to pay for 26 families. Individuals from age 4 to 60 received units, with the majority distributed to children under the age of twelve. These foundations have allowed us to fill a great need, and we are grateful for our partnership, and for making a major impact on the well-being and safety of these individuals.
In 2007, families at KDC’s Special Education School in New Bedford expressed a desire for a program to transition their child after they aged out of the school. While other day program options were available, many families did not want to leave KDC services. The desire became the impetus for KDC to open the Day Habilitation program in 2008, with fourteen participants at our North Campus in New Bedford. We continue to see growth in the number of participants, and within the past couple of years, enrollment has grown by 48%. Participants include young adults transitioning out of the school, or being referred by families, physicians or other community programs. Most participants reside in communities within an hour’s drive of the New Bedford center including Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Fall River, and Westport.

Day Hab services include a comprehensive daily program of therapies, developmental skills training, medical oversight, and assistance with daily living activities for adults with developmental disabilities over age 22 in a supportive, caring environment. Weather permitting, weekly community activities may include outings to the beach, the zoo, a performance or shopping. Other activities include celebrating holidays and birthdays, cooking, baking as well as fun art projects. Our program is about lifelong learning. In addition to receiving the daily therapies and medical support needed, participants are learning skills, building independence, developing lifelong friendships and being active in the community. Grateful families see KDC as a vital part in their lives, secure in the knowledge that their child receives the care and services they need.

Day Hab parent/guardian

“Having a place where we feel secure, and where our daughter feels comfortable and happy, has made all the difference to us.”

Day Hab parent/guardian

KDC Program Areas of Excellence

Kennedy-Donovan Center takes great pride in its service delivery. According to the 2015 Satisfaction Survey Summary Report to the Board of Directors, 97.6% of our respondents either agree or strongly agree that “staff demonstrated respect for my family values and beliefs,” and 93.5% either agree or strongly agree that “I receive enough communication from KDC regarding my services.” In addition, the following KDC programs received 90% or higher overall satisfaction.

ADULT FAMILY CARE PROGRAM
Supports individuals with medical needs or developmental disabilities living in the homes of family members or trained caregivers. Satisfaction: 97%

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM
Provides services to children (birth to 36 months) who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays. Satisfaction: 98%

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS
Assists individuals and families with services such as information, referrals, service navigation, family trainings, parent networking, community connection and resources, and administration of flexible funding. Satisfaction: 92%

HEALTHY FAMILIES
A home-visiting program available for first-time parents age 21 and under from pregnancy until the child’s third birthday. Satisfaction: 99%

COMPREHENSIVE FOSTER CARE
Recruits potential foster care parents and provides them with appropriate training and support to provide specialized care for children and youth. Satisfaction: 995

LIVES IN FORWARD TRANSITION (LIFT)
A voluntary program for young adults, 18-22, transitioning toward independence and who elect to continue living in a private home setting. Satisfaction: 100%

SUPPORT AND STABILIZATION
Provides a moderate level of support to families, including parent coaching, educational support, aftercare and support groups. Satisfaction: 100%

TRANSITIONAL JOB SUPPORT
Assists individuals with disabilities in finding community-based employment that they enjoy and that is suited to their skills. Satisfaction: 96%

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTS
Services for adults living on their own in the community, including meal planning, doctor visits, daily living skills training and more. Satisfaction: 94%

SHARED LIVING
Supports individuals with developmental disabilities through highly individualized living arrangements in the home of trained caregivers. Satisfaction: 99%

SUPPORTED LIVING
Provides supports to adults needing less than 24 hours/day of services who are living in homes in the community. Satisfaction: 100%

SUPERVISED LIVING
Supports individuals living in the community in groups of three to four individuals who require 24/7 care. Satisfaction: 95%

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL
Provides students age 3 to 22 with severe health conditions or behavioral challenges with a structured and supportive learning environment. Satisfaction: 100%