



**COLORADO
LEARNING
CONNECTION
ANNUAL REPORT
2020/2021**

MISSION

Through individualized learning and responsive mentoring, we inspire, guide, and empower students and family.

VISION

A world where educationally empowered youth become fulfilled individuals and engaged members of their community.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Colorado Learning Connections, better known as simply “CLC,” was founded in 2005 in response to the need for an independent community learning center in Summit County. Then an LLC, CLC provided individualized education services to students and families from all walks of life. Though CLC was extremely successful in this format, we found we couldn’t serve our whole community while the cost of tutoring was prohibitively expensive for many local families. So, in 2017 CLC became a nonprofit organization, and immediately after launched our first program, the Opening Opportunities Scholarship Program (OOSP), which offered free-or-discounted tutoring to underserved families. CLC has done a lot of growing since 2017. OOSP served 5 students and awarded about \$4,000 in scholarships in 2017. During the 2020-2021 school year, OOSP served 34 students and awarded approximately \$45,000 in scholarships!

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

We also expanded access to OOSP, approving 100% of scholarship requests during the 2020-2021 school year and providing 50% more OOSP tutoring hours than the previous year. We opened our first satellite location at the Summit County Teen Center to provide free, no-registration drop-in tutoring during peak hours. To ease the burden on working families while school was not in session, CLC conducted academic enrichment holiday camps at the Teen Center during school holidays. Finally, we launched a brand new program in partnership with Lake County High School, in Leadville: Operation Graduation! LCHS OG provides academic interventions, including in-school and out-of-school tutoring and credit recovery opportunities, to at-risk students to combat pandemic related learning loss and improve academic performance and graduation rates in Lake County. And CLC did all of this during a global pandemic!

This past year tested us all. For many of us, CLC included, it revealed our weaknesses. But we tell our students that a test isn't a judgement, it's an opportunity to grow. CLC not only made it through the pandemic, we became stronger, more resilient, and more focused on making sure every student in our community has the opportunity to succeed. This year, CLC plans to serve more students than ever before, but before we all dive into the new school year, we invite you to celebrate everything that we've accomplished together in the past year. In these pages you'll hear from a few CLC students about their proudest achievement this school year. All CLC's students persevered in the face of incredible challenges to learn and grow as scholars and human beings, and we are so proud of them!

OUR IMPACT

“CLC has made me more confident in myself and shown me that I am capable of achieving my goals and dreams.”

-8th grade OOSP student

- **1,678 hours of free or discounted academic support delivered**
- **78 individual students impacted through 1:1, small group, and satellite academic programming**
- **78% of students identify as minority**
- **72% of students come from low-income families**

“I learned what long division is because of [my tutor] Ashley!”

-4th grade OOSP student

OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NUMBERS

168 students, including 34 OOSP students, 25 Lake County students, and 21 Teen Center students.

THE OPENING OPPORTUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (OOSP)

OOSP provides financial-need based scholarships so that all students can access life-changing tutoring and academic mentorship regardless of their ability to pay.

- 34 students served
- 692.75 hours of 1:1 tutoring delivered
- Over \$45,000 in scholarships awarded to Central Mountains Communities students

Outcomes

- 80% of CLC students say CLC helped them improve their confidence
- 80% of CLC students say CLC helped them improve their grades and test scores
- 80% of CLC students say CLC helped them enjoy learning more than they used to
- 90% of CLC students say they are more likely to graduate high school because of CLC

"I got a 100% on my topic review quiz!"

- 6th grade OOSP student

OUR PROGRAMS

TUTORING AT THE SUMMIT COUNTY TEEN CENTER

Our partnership with Teen Center provides tutoring in a small group format to Summit County students in which cost and/or transportation is prohibitive for them to receive academic tutoring.

In 2021 CLC provided the following:

- 21 individual students served
- 336.75 hours of academic support delivered

Students who attended Teen Center were able to complete missing assignments with the help of an educator when access to their teachers was limited due to the county continuing hybrid education. Most students attended weekly tutoring sessions and made significant progress in their ability to navigate remote learning, manage independent work, and overall their confidence in school.

"I passed!"

- 12th grade OOSP student

OUR PROGRAMS

LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OPERATION GRADUATION

CLC began a brand new partnership with Lake County High School in Leadville, CO, in 2021! Operation Graduation provides Lake County students with academic interventions, support, and mentoring to boost academic success and help students graduate high school.

- 25 students served
- 62% of Operation Graduation students are eligible for free-or-reduced lunch
- 76% of Operation Graduation students identify as minority
- 648 hours of academic support delivered

OUTCOMES

- 71% of participants recovered one or more core credit needed to graduate

"I'm back on track to graduate next year because of CLC. There's no way I could've done it by myself."

-11th grade LCHS OG student

OUR SUPPORTERS

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OUR TEAM

MARIKO TOTTEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mariko has a Bachelor's degree from University of Vermont in Mathematics.

Why CLC?

The goal of education is not just the acquisition of knowledge, but the power to use it. At CLC, we build pathways to empowerment and empathy through education. We recognize that this path will look a little different for each student, and that's the beauty of CLC! By fostering relationships and finding creative, student-focused approaches to learning, CLC ushers students towards fulfilling lives.



REBECCA YOUNG, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Rebecca has a Bachelor's degree from Western State Colorado University in English and Outdoor Education, and Master of Fine Arts in Fiction & Nonfiction from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Why CLC?

CLC is about so much more than strict academics. Yes, we help students learn how they learn best and improve their academic performance, but we recognize that when a student is struggling to learn, they can feel incredibly isolated. When students come to clc, they're getting a mentor and an ally, someone who has their back and will stand beside them.



MEAGAN O'SHAUGHNESSY, PROGRAMS MANAGER

Meagan has a Bachelor's degree from The King's College in Media, Culture, and the Arts.

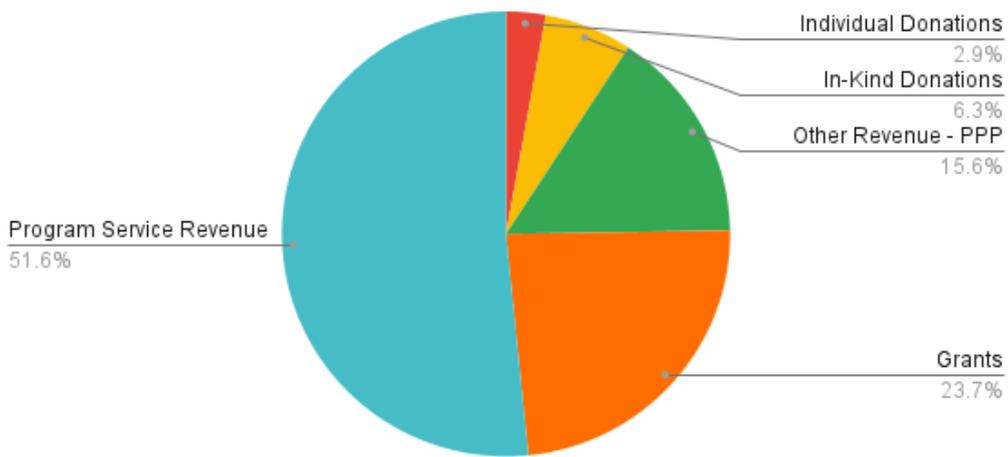
Why CLC?

CLC provides an amazing service to our community that is not limited to just one type of student or another. It embraces its students wherever they are academically, socially, or financially. The dedication demonstrated by both staff and tutors, comes out in the quality of services provided, setting students up for success, not only in their academic life but in their personal life as well.

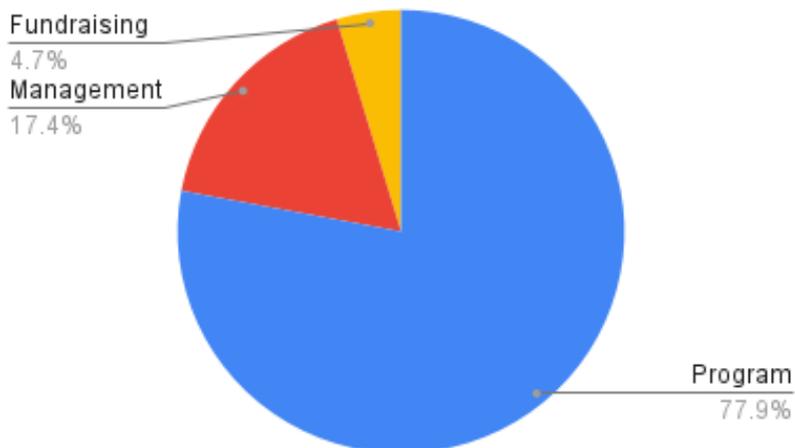


FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Revenue by Category



CLC Expenses by Category



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

\$55K

IN SERVICES PROVIDED TO LOW- INCOME STUDENTS

Through scholarship programming, drop-in tutoring, and in-school group in tutoring in the 2020 - 2021 year.

5X

**INCREASE IN REVENUE FROM
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS**
Compared to most recent fiscal year.

Over
\$25K

**IN PROGRAM FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR
FUTURE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS**
To ensure that students will continue to have access to services in 2022 and beyond.