Like you, *Families First* is part of this community. With your help, we’ve been empowering parents since 1988. Because of you, we reached 3,700 parents and family-serving professionals, last year, with easy-to-understand information and real-world parenting techniques based on the latest research.

All parents need help, but many parents don’t have access to the resources they need. You provide free parenting workshops to low-income parents who face challenges from housing and food instability to domestic violence. Often the parents we serve are alone—many are new to the U.S.—with no where else to turn.

*Families First* promotes well-being by addressing the specific needs of families and children through 4 program initiatives:

- **Parents Are the First Teachers** targets parents of children between birth and age 5
- **Parenting in Public** targets families in shelter and transitional housing
- **School Success** targets parents of children in elementary school and above
- **Strengthening Our Communities** targets families in under-served geographic areas and demographic groups

This past year, 100% of parents we served reported they felt their parenting skills were increased by attending a *Families First* workshop.

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**The Families First Approach**

Strong parenting increases the likelihood of lasting school and life success for children. Because we know all parents need help with this profoundly challenging work, *Families First* guides parents and caregivers to engage with their children in a new way, transforming uncertainty and vulnerability into knowledge and resilience, allowing families and children to reach their full potential.
Dear Friends

Your involvement with Families First this year supported low-income parents to build resilience in their children. Thank you. Families whose resources are limited face many challenges, but we know engaged, nurturing parenting is a key to better lives for children and healthier communities overall.

Like many children growing up in poverty, 8 year-old Darnell experiences chronic stress due to everything from hunger to neighborhood violence. Without a buffer, this could negatively affect his brain development and leave him without skills like self-control to help him stay out of trouble and focus at school.

His mom, Letitia, didn’t know how to be that buffer—until she attended a Families First workshop offered at Darnell’s school. Darnell was getting picked on because he was small for his age. Letitia learned that, as his parent, she had the power to counteract the negative messages he was getting just by showing him how special she knows he is. She began spending more time talking with Darnell and celebrating his daily accomplishments.

With her new understanding of the importance of nurturing, Letitia is helping Darnell to become resilient. He may continue to live in a stressful environment, but his mother is better prepared to help him develop into the healthy and strong young man he was meant to be.

All parents need support. You’ve provided free parenting workshops where parents gain the skills to raise children who can thrive even under challenging circumstances.

As we enter our 25th year, Families First is growing. You help us reach parents and partner organizations with strong content and new services. Equipped with the best practices and skills we share, parents can give children bright futures and lay the foundation for a stronger community for us all.

Thank you for being such an important part of our family!

Liz Cohen, Executive Director

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**EARLY CARE & PRESCHOOL**
- Boston Higher Ground, Roxbury*
- Brockton Day Nursery
- Cambridge Baby University
- Countdown to Kindergarten, Boston
- Dorchester House Multi-Service Center*
- Dorchester Thrive*
- East Boston Children Thrive*
- East Boston Collaborative for Families
- Ellis Memorial Early Education and Care, Boston
- Friends Childcare, Inc., Brookline
- Greater Boston Early Childhood Resource Center/Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge
- Horizons for Homeless Children, Dorchester
- Horizons for Homeless Children, Jamaica Plain
- Horizons for Homeless Children, Roxbury
- Julie’s Family Learning Program, South Boston
- The Kid’s Place, Needham
- Little People’s College, New Bedford*
- New Bedford Early Literacy Consortium*
- Northeast Early Childhood Resource Center, Haverhill
- PACE Head Start, New Bedford*
- South End Thrive, Boston
- Tartt’s Day Care Center II, Roxbury
- Tartt’s Day Care Center III, Roxbury
- Transportation Children’s Center, Boston*
- Vine Street Community Center, Boston*

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
- Boston Public Schools Deltas
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston
- Cambridge Community Center
- Dept. of Human Service Programs, City of Cambridge*
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- Old Colony YMCA, Stoughton*
- Pelham Apartments, Framingham
- Pinnacle Learning, Canton*
- Red Oak After School, Boston
- Tenacity, Brighton
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**HOSPITALS/COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**
- Children’s Hospital Young Parents Program, Boston
- Healthworks, Dorchester*

**PARENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**
- Assabet Valley Chapter of Mothers and More, Northborough
- Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, Waltham
- The Boston Project Ministries, Dorchester*
- Boston Public Library*
- Cambridge Senior Center
- Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition, Hyannis*
- Children’s Services of Roxbury
- Community Learning Center, Cambridge
- DARE Family Services, Somerville
- Evergreen Community Services, Malden
- The Family Center, Somerville
- Good Samaritan Fellowship Home Care, Brockton
- Good Samaritan Fellowship Home Care, Dorchester
- Joint Committee on Children’s Health Care, Everett
- LexFUN, Lexington
- Massachusetts Migrant Education Program, Waltham
- Medford Family Network
- Middlesex Human Services Agency, Dorchester*
- Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Boston
- MSPCC Kinnections Program, Jamaica Plain
- North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network, Melrose

*New Sites in FY12*
Open Circle Program, Wellesley*
Plymouth Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*
R.I.S.E.-Reaching Independence & Striving for Excellence, Framingham*
Schwartz Center for Children, Dartmouth
Watertown Free Public Library*
Wellesley Mothers Forum
Western Suburban Chapter of the Massachusetts Mothers of Twins Association, Framingham*
Weymouth Department of Children and Families*
YMCA of Greater Boston
YWCA of Central MA, Worcester

SCHOOLS / EDUCATION CENTERS
Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School, Worcester*
Bellesini Academy, Lawrence
Boston Public Schools Family Literacy Program
Boston Public Schools Parent University
Bridge Boston Charter School, Jamaica Plain*
Brockton Public Schools
Cambridgeport School, Cambridge
Chelsea Public Schools
Curley K-8 School, Jamaica Plain
Curtis Guild Elementary School, East Boston
Donald McKay School, East Boston
Dorchester Academy*
East Boston High School
Educational Development Group-ESL Program, Boston
Epiphany School, Dorchester
Eugene Wright Science & Tech Academy, Chelsea
Everett Public Schools*
James Hennigan School, Jamaica Plain
James Otis School, East Boston
John Holland Elementary School, Dorchester
John J. Doran School, Fall River
Lee Academy Pilot School, Dorchester
Malden Public Schools – Title I
Marshall School, Dorchester*
Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center, Dorchester
Randolph Public Schools*
Roxbury Preparatory Charter School
Trotter Elementary School, Dorchester*
Walpole Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program
Warren-Prescott School, Charlestown
William Blackstone Elementary, Boston*

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SITES
Bethany Hill School, Framingham
Cambridge YWCA Family Shelter
Casa Myrna, Boston*
Crittenton Women’s Union, South Boston
Cross Street Family Shelter, Somerville
Crossroads Family Shelter, East Boston
Elizabeth Stone House, Roxbury*
Families in Transition/Greater Boston YMCA, Boston*
First Parish in Framingham*
First Parish in Natick*
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Heading Home: Boston Family Shelter*
Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center, Inc., Cambridge
House of Hope and House of Hope H2O Program, Lowell
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Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnerships, Boston*
Metrowest Interfaith Hospitality Network, Natick*
Our Father’s House, Devens
Project Hope Adult Educational Services, Roxbury
Project Hope Family Shelter, Dorchester
St. Ambrose Family Shelter, Dorchester
St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, Dorchester
The Second Step, Newtonville
Transition House, Cambridge

CONFERENCES
A View from All Sides, Children’s Trust Fund, Boston
STEPPS Conference, Boston
Young Children Without Homes Conference, Boston

*New Sites in FY12
Selected Financial Information

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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| **Operating Expenses:**   |              |                        |                        |           |
| Programs                  | $549,427     |                        |                        | $549,427  |
| General and administrative| 50,874       |                        |                        | 50,874    |
| Development               | 234,028      |                        |                        | 234,028   |
| **Total Operating Expenses** | $834,329    |                        |                        | $834,329  |

| **Changes in Net Assets from Operations** | (94,723) | 43,480 | (51,243) |

| **Changes in Total Net Assets**               |           |        |          |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year               | $567,875  | $71,100 | $565,250 | $1,204,225 |
| Net Assets, End of Year                    | $447,949  | $114,580 | $565,250 | $1,127,779 |

SOURCES OF REVENUE (FY 2012)

- Foundation Grants: 352,000
- Other Events: 91,440
- Annual Fund: 121,416
- Fathers’ Breakfast: 112,175
- Program Income: 52,055
- Other: 29,345
- Dividends & Interest: 24,655

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“I just could not wait to get back to my office to send this email thanking Families First for one of the best trainings we have had! ...Thank you again for being such a great resource and for responding to the professional development needs in this community.”

— Homes for Families
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“I learned that change is very important and the more I change for the better, my son will want to change too.”

— Parent participant

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the ill effects of early stress, and it comes not
from pharmaceutical companies or early-
childhood educators but from parents.”
— Paul Tough, How Children Succeed

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