

2021 Annual Report

In 2021, our partner schools and organizations continued to contend with the impact of Covid-19 on children and families, schools, and communities across the US and the world. FAST worked with our partners to adapt to meet the needs of families, as well as schools, as we all navigated the ever-changing landscape. Some programs were conducted virtually, others in-person, and some utilized a hybrid approach.



Regardless of these challenges, our FAST teams remained committed and were able to provide high-quality programming to children and families. Many lessons were learned, and new approaches developed; our sites continue to stay dedicated and look forward to returning fully to in-person programs as soon as they are able.

“Many of our families had [obstacles] in school where they weren’t always supported in a way to acknowledge who they are, to be able to express that in ways that are comfortable... FAST has eliminated those obstacles. They’ve created that partnership and that understanding, a sense of empathy and appreciation. Without it, I don’t know if we’d have it to the same level.”

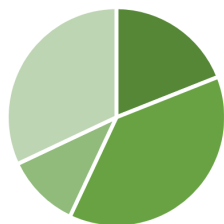
Jason Dropik, Head of School, Indian Community School



2021 Highlights...

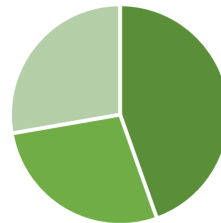
- **5 pilot programs** across WI of Early Childhood FAST expanded to new sites, serving young children and their families.
- **The Czech Republic** became the latest country to host FAST Programs, running at both the Elementary and High School levels.
- **A new partnership** was initiated with the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) to provide training to educators across the state through our FAST Institute of Family Engagement.
- **FAST programs expanded** into new states at sites in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and South Carolina.

Operating Budget



■ Program - 19%
 ■ Grants - 38%
 ■ Covid Grants - 11%
 ■ Other Grants/Contributions - 32%

2021 Revenue - \$946,383



■ Program - 45%
 ■ Administrative - 28%
 ■ Fundraising - 28%

2021 Expenses - \$937,579

Program Impact

3,191

people served at an average of 4.5 participants per family

9.5/10

average program rating by graduating parents

709

families graduated 2021 (attended at least 6 FAST sessions)

0-60+

age range of participants

Families served were from diverse backgrounds, including

64% BIPOC 33% white

71%

of families reported income <\$50,000 and 40% reported <\$25,000

77%

77% of parents report increased access to community resources

69%

69% of parents reported increased family satisfaction (cohesion, positive relationships, etc.)

58%

58% of parents reported an increase in school-based activities

“We were skeptical, but we are now believers. [FAST] gave us an opportunity to connect very closely with families, and those families appreciated it. [...] Families felt supported, they felt empowered, they felt validated.”

Agnes Ring, Executive Director, Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley

Support

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