



Organizational Impact Report

2023



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings, Stakeholders,

I am thrilled to present the 2023 Impact Report of the Black Child Development Institute (BCDI)-Atlanta. This report showcases our steadfast commitment to nurturing the growth and development of children in our community, focusing on three vital areas: early education, literacy, and family engagement.

In early education, BCDI-Atlanta continues to be a beacon of excellence. We believe laying a strong foundation in a child's formative years is paramount for their future success. Through our innovative programs and partnerships, we have provided high-quality early childhood education resources for adults who live and work with Black children, ensuring they have the necessary tools to thrive academically and socially.

Early literacy remains at the forefront of our mission. We recognize literacy is not only a fundamental skill but also a gateway to endless opportunities. Our dedicated team of educators and volunteers has worked tirelessly to promote literacy in underserved communities, offering culturally responsive and culturally relevant children's book drives, literacy resources and professional development. As a result, we have witnessed countless children develop a love for reading and writing, empowering them to become confident, lifelong learners.

At BCDI-Atlanta, we understand the vital role families play in a child's educational journey. That is why we prioritize family engagement initiatives aimed at fostering strong partnerships between parents, caregivers, and educators. By providing resources, family engagement curriculum, and support networks, we empower families to become active participants in their child's education, creating a holistic learning environment both at home and in the classroom.

As we reflect on the past year, we are immensely proud of the impact we have made in the lives of countless children, families, and professionals who work in child-serving programs. However, our work is far from over. With your continued support, we remain steadfast in our commitment to building brighter futures for the next generation.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, members, volunteers, partners, staff and national office (NBCDI) for their unwavering dedication to the mission of BCDI-Atlanta. Together, we will continue to break barriers, inspire change, and uplift our community.

Sincerely,



President, 2018-Present



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"After serving as a board member for BCDI-Atlanta for five years, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of our mission to support Black children and families in Georgia while fostering a collaborative community. Our board members create a powerful network that serves as a collective voice to strengthen our advocacy efforts."



- Tatyjana Elmore, Board Chair



BCDI

Black Child
Development Institute
ATLANTA

OUR HISTORY

Established in 1981, Black Child Development Institute (BCDI)-Atlanta coordinates community programs and initiatives, throughout the state of Georgia, supporting three key focus areas early care and education, literacy, and family engagement.

OUR VISION

BCDI-Atlanta envisions a society that ensures a successful future for all Georgia's children

OUR MISSION

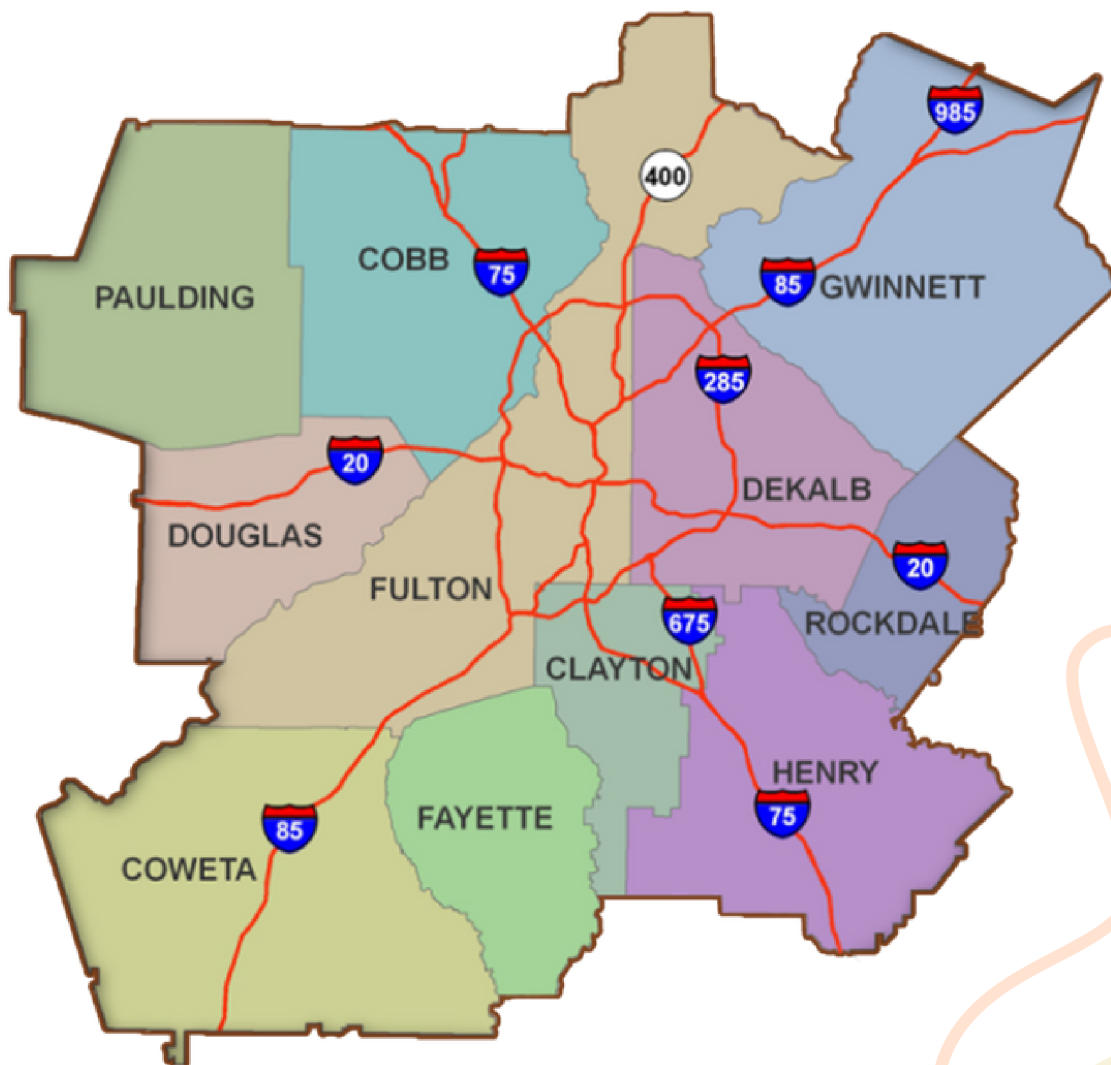
To improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and families in Georgia through education and advocacy

Introduction

As we reflect on 2023, BCDI-Atlanta is proud to share the impact and progress made in our mission to uplift and empower Black children and families. Through our various programs and initiatives, we have continued to advocate for equity and excellence in early care and education, literacy, family engagement, and policy.

Areas Served

BCDI-Atlanta impacted 11 of the 13 counties comprising the Metropolitan Atlanta area.



— 2023 Impact Highlights —



Books Distributed: **5,480**



Families: **7,604**



Early Education
Professionals: **388**



Children: **7,854**



Early Care and Education



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our early care and education programs provide quality learning experiences for young children, setting a strong foundation for their future success.

In 2023, our Early Care and Education program reached new heights. We collaborated with local partners to provide training and resources to early childhood educators, ensuring that they are equipped with the latest best practices. This improved the quality of care for Black children in our community, setting a strong foundation for their future success.

Impact

ECE Professionals
Impacted in 2023:

388

Reflections

"Childcare providers are navigating challenging financial times, and this conversation helped me stay abreast of resources and programs available for what challenges educators and families may be facing."

- Greg Barrett



Literacy



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BCDI-Atlanta's literacy programs focus on improving reading skills and fostering a love for books among children.

Literacy remains a cornerstone of our mission, and in 2023, we made significant strides in promoting reading and literacy among Black children. We distributed books and hosted reading events through partnerships with libraries and schools, fostering a love for learning and storytelling. Our efforts have contributed to improved literacy rates and a greater appreciation for the power of reading.

Impact

Number Books
Distributed in 2023:

5,480

Reflections



"The books are an accurate representation of the feelings and experiences my young children go through and they can relate."
- India Taylor



Family Engagement

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our family engagement initiatives strengthen bonds between families and schools, creating a supportive community for children.

Family engagement is crucial in a child's development, and in 2023, we focused on strengthening these bonds. Through workshops, seminars, and community events, we provided families with tools and strategies to support their children's learning at home. By empowering families, we create a network of support that enhances the educational journey of Black children.

Impact

Number of Families Impacted in 2023: **7,604**

Number of Children Impacted: **7,854**



Reflections

"I've been able to use these new skills to help myself and also improve my kids' lives..."

- Mavis Aganah

4th Annual Culturally Responsive

Early Education & Care Leadership Summit



Impact

Attended the Summit: **147**

Books distributed: **1,500**



Reflections

"It takes a Village with people of passion, knowledge, and collaboration to create the change and difference we want to see in our communities."

"I really enjoyed meeting people who work and advocate for culturally responsive programs."

"I will bring the knowledge and skills learned at the conference to my team."

Membership

BCDI-Atlanta's membership increased in 2023, with more individuals and organizations joining our cause. This expansion has allowed us to broaden our reach and impact, amplifying our advocacy efforts and creating a stronger community dedicated to the well-being of Black children and families.

76

New Members in 2023

286

Total 2023 Members

886

members over the last five years

86%

increase in the number of members in the past five years

**Welcoming new member, Sharon Myers (left), and BCDI-Atlanta President Dr. Bisa Lewis (right).*



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