

2020–2021

**Children Have Options In Choosing Experiences Inc**  
**Annual Report**



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**Mission**

C.H.O.I.C.E. Inc.'s purpose is to provide the needed services that will allow youth and adolescents to reach their maximum potential via a positive, healthy lifestyle.

**Philosophy**

C.H.O.I.C.E. believes that the incidence of substance abuse, violence, and negative behaviors will decrease among young people if they have a greater degree of self-esteem and the ability to cope with life's challenges. In order to achieve this goal, students need to have current information and education about drug abuse and dependency and its effect on interpersonal skills.

**Here's what your support made possible in 2020-2021 School Year:**

- ◆ Served 36 mentors and 24 mentee who had experiences on average at least three traumatic events during their childhood.
- ◆ 95% of graduating high school mentors were accepted to a 4 year college or 2 year technical school
- ◆ Provide one on one services to support 60 students' social emotional well-being during JCPS closure due to thee pandemic
- ◆ Create innovative ways to stay connected with participants to increase their knowledge on high risk issues, bolster resiliency, and promote civic engagement

**Past Participant Testimonials**

*Taught me to communicate and find a way to positively fight off those stressors."*

*"Its played a great role mentally and emotionally when communicating I feel like I can articulate my words without ruining anyone's confidence and building them up to be the best that they can be."*

*"My relationships have grown much stronger and I am able to effectively communicate how I feel and what I am going through now rather than bottle up my emotions and lash out."*

*Being in the program showed me that not only helping myself, but helping and giving back to the community was a great way of show that I had courtesy of helping out in the community."*

*"I was a graduate of the 2019 Leadership Lexington class and founded Lexington's first DiverCity festival, which was inspired by my time in the CHOICE program."*

**2021 Financial Summary**

Total Revenue: \$38,703

Program Expenses: \$44,158.30

Administrative Expenses : \$6,416.30

Fundraising Expenses: \$5,619.40

Total Expenses: \$56,958

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