



# NAKKIA STENBERG

# Three Generations of Parenting Now!

HELLO, MY NAME IS NAKKIA STENBERG, AND MY FAMILY HAS BEEN A PART OF PARENTING NOW! FOR THREE GENERATIONS. From my grandmother, to my mom, and then myself — we are so grateful for everything that we gained from Parenting Now!

When I was 20 years old, I found out that I was pregnant. I felt terrified, excited, and happy about the news. So did my family and friends. They were so supportive from the start. But there was so much I felt I wasn't prepared for. So many things were going through my head: from diaper changes, to postpartum care, and managing a huge lifestyle change. I knew being able to take a parenting class would give me knowledge and help me manage stress and feel prepared to be a new mother. And, of course, the only place I would go is Parenting Now!

I didn't realize how much of an impact those groups were until I enrolled in my first *Make Parenting A Pleasure* group when I was seven months pregnant. It was so enlightening, I decided to enroll in a second *Make Parenting A Pleasure* group! I was able to meet new friends, share similar experiences, struggles, and laughter.



Nakkia, center, with her mom, left, and grandmother, right.

My daughter is now a one-year-old, smart, amazing, beautiful little girl, and I couldn't be more proud to be her mom. And because, in part, of the knowledge I have received by being part of the Parenting Now! family, I know she has met and exceeded all of her milestones, and I no longer stress over things I might have before. For example, she has breastfed solely until she was one year old, which I never thought was possible. She walked at the age of 10 months and has become the smartest little girl I know. These are just a few of many amazing things that have impacted me through Parenting Now!

"If it wasn't for Parenting Now!, I'm not sure if I would be nearly as prepared as I wanted to be. I feel equipped with all the tools in my toolbox for being the best mother I can be."

The support and education my family has received from Parenting Now! means so much to me, not only because I'm a young mom but because I know how scary it is to be a parent. Being able to reach out for support and find just what I need in a program, offered by such loving, caring individuals, is what I needed most.

Thank you, Parenting Now!, for all you have done for me and my family.

# IMPACT Sorvices provided in EV 2019, 10

**Parenting Now! provided services to more than** 

# 6,863 PARENTS & CHILDREN

Services provided in FY 2018–19



"It is not an overstatement to say that the *First*Three Years program

**TOTALING** 

parents & children

"I have gained confidence and knowledge and feel my child and I are more of a team."

# PLAYTIME FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



144 parents & children

Weekly drop-in program for families to meet and play together using our toys and playground with a staff member on site.

# MAKE PARENTING A PLEASURE®



256 parents & children

Make Parenting A Pleasure is for families experiencing high stress. This includes the Program for Young Parents for parents aged 25 and under; and Crecer for parents of children aged birth to 8 years old, offered in Spanish.

2,842



# BABY CONNECTION

# 808 visits from families

A weekly drop-in program for families with newborns that provides professional support for lactation and a community of parents that enjoy the safe, judgement-free space to connect and learn about their babies.

# HEALTHY FAMILIES



Healthy Families provides home visits, screenings, referrals, and follow-up calls.

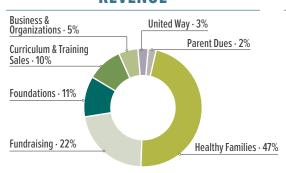
# Now! became a family for me. The support, information, and nurturing allowed me to relax and trust my abilities to parent. Parenting Now! has enriched my

life immeasurably."

"Parenting

# **REVENUE**

changed my life."



Total Revenue: \$1,394,891

# **EXPENSES**



Total Expenses: \$1,401,940

Letter from Lynne

# Creating Moments That Matter

I hope this letter finds each of you well. During the COVID-19 pandemic, moments seem more and more valuable. Here at Parenting Now!, moments of laughter, strength, and love come through as we help families navigate these tough times.

The resiliency of families is an inspiration to all of us at Parenting Now!

As a grandmother, I see how my daughter and her husband navigate sheltering in place with raising two young children. My heart is filled with joy during each video chat that occasionally includes a fierce toddler meltdown. Life goes on.

Parenting Now! is a lifeline for parents of young children. Parents in need are reaching out to us for support, strength, and encouragement when life is challenging as well as when it is rewarding.

At Parenting Now!, we are adapting to meet the needs of our families. We continue to be a strong source of support for families each and every day.

Your gifts truly change lives. Investing in Parenting Now! helps create healthy, stable families that are rewriting their futures.

Stay well and thank you for partnering with us to support our community.

Warmly

Lynne Mender
Executive Director

# Adapting Our Programs to Meet the Need



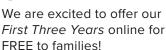
# ONE-2-ONE SUPPORT

Our *One-2-One* program offers phone, text, and email support to parents in our community.

Experienced Parenting
Educators are reaching out to
coach and support our most

vulnerable families to ensure that our families have support and resources as they navigate this difficult time.

# PARENTING THE FIRST THREE YEARS ONLINE





This online multimedia program is modeled after our *First Three Years* parenting groups. Based on the latest research on child development and positive parenting strategies, this program gives families the tools to support their child's health, development, and well-being. This program includes a series of emails, videos, interactives, and printable songs and games.

Through *Parenting The First Three Years* online, families will receive:

- The latest in child development and appropriate expectations for children
- Best practices that support children's cognitive development
- Stress and anger management skills
- Positive discipline practices, with a foundation of discipline as teaching and not as punishment
- How to grow your social support networks

To access this free program, visit **parentingfty.org** and use the password **Gift** (case sensitive).

# **HEALTHY FAMILIES**

Our Healthy Families program is continuing with virtual home visits and screenings through a video call format.



# **VIRTUAL PARENTING SUPPORT**

Parenting Now! is developing interactive parenting support on Facebook and Zoom. These sessions will answer questions from our families and enable us to offer support as new issues arise.

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