

Atlantic Street Center Fact Sheet



About Atlantic Street Center

Atlantic Street Center is a non-profit, social service agency. **Our mission is to help families and communities raise healthy, successful children and youth.** We achieve our mission by providing counseling, educational, social, and recreational programs for children, youth, and their families. We primarily serve low-income families residing in central, southeast and greater Seattle who are African American and other people of color.

Goals

At Atlantic Street Center we believe that every child is valuable and has unlimited potential if given the right support and tools to succeed. To this end, we envision our community to be a place where children:

- Have a positive attitude and outlook on life
- Possess strong social, decision making and leadership skills
- Have the determination and support to refrain from engaging in unhealthy behaviors
- Know and experience stability through meaningful and diverse outlets
- Are connected positively within their community
- No longer experience the social isolation and alienation that plague so many of our children today

Founded

Atlantic Street Center was founded in 1910.

Executive Director

Edith C. Elion, MSW

Reach

Each year, we provide services to approximately 3,000 children, youth and families residing primarily in central and southeast Seattle.

Program Funding

Our programs are funded through support from government, United Way of King County, foundations, organizations, and individuals. However, due to declining funding from many of these sources, we are always in need of additional financial support from the community.

We encourage the community to support our life-changing programs by making a tax-deductible financial donation to our organization. Please contact our Resource Development Office at (206) 329-2050 for more information.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a critical role in our programs and operations. Each year, approximately 500 volunteers serve as tutors, assist with classes and workshops, help with special events and fundraisers, and much more. All of this helps Atlantic Street Center fulfill its mission.

Participants

Atlantic Street Center serves children and youth 0-18 years old and their families. Nearly all are low-income youth of color who reside in central and southeast Seattle.

Each family is unique, but the following are some of the challenges that the families we serve may be facing:

- Single parent household or children in foster care
- Household income at or below the federal poverty level
- Limited support system
- Children underachieving academically
- Neighborhood detachment and isolation
- Multicultural identity issues

Website

www.atlanticstreet.org.

Awards

Atlantic Street Center is proud to be the recipient of the following awards:

- Neighborhood Excellence “Neighborhood Builders” Award, Bank of America, 2004
- Social Work Agency of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, Washington State Chapter, 2005
- Families Count Award, National Honors Program, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2006

Program Overview

Atlantic Street Center serves children and families through our four primary programs: Child Development, Youth Development, Family Support, and Professional Mental Health Counseling. Our overarching goal is to help families and communities raise healthy, successful children and youth.

Early Learning

Our Early Learning Program promotes early literacy, language development, and school readiness. Services and activities focus on:

- Promoting learning and language development through the use of books and toys
- Helping parents learn how to read and play with their young children
- Teaching parents how to integrate learning into each day
- Preparing children to succeed in kindergarten and beyond

Youth Development

Our Youth Development Program provides learning and leadership opportunities for youth to increase the personal, academic, and social skills they need to be successful in life. Services and activities focus on:

- Social skills and leadership development
- Volunteer and community service opportunities
- Enriching recreational and cultural activities
- Academic support

Family Centers

Our Rainier Beach and NewHolly Family Centers provide a safe, supportive place for parents and families to learn, grow and share. Services and activities focus on:

- Support and education for adult and teen parents
- Adult life skills and education classes
- Direct family support services
- Positive cultural and recreational activities for children, youth and families

Counseling

Our Counseling Program helps children, youth and families increase coping skills and stability. Services and activities focus on:

- Positive behavioral changes
- Overcoming emotional challenges
- Increasing home and family stability
- Psychiatric support
- Trauma recovery

Real Results

Our programs and services help create real change in people’s lives. A recent evaluation shows that:

- Of the educationally at-risk students who took part in our services, 80% made academic progress, 91% showed improved school attendance, and 89% increased their social skills.
- 100% of the young children participating in our early learning program graduated from the program and transitioned into a formal pre-school or center based child care.
- 75% of individuals participating in mental health counseling strengthened their coping abilities.
- 90% of the parents participating in our family support services improved their parenting skills, 94% increased their knowledge of age-appropriate youth development, needs and behaviors, and 90% participated in their children’s learning.

Contact

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You may also stop by one of our three locations:

Main Office

2103 S. Atlantic St.
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 329-2050

NewHolly Family Center

7050 32nd Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98118
(206) 723-4073

Rainier Beach Family Center

4730 32nd Avenue S.,
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(206) 723-1301
