



BUILDING MEANINGFUL LIVES

2025 Annual Report

The
EDINBURG
CENTER

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

This year's Annual Report theme, **Building Meaningful Lives**, reflects the essence of our mission and the impact of our work each day. Throughout these pages, you will find stories that bring to life how The Edinburg Center supports people in leading lives filled with purpose, connection, and hope—surrounded by people they care about and rooted in communities they choose.

In FY25, we were proud to expand our services with the launch of two new programs. Our Support & Stabilization program provides services to families involved with the Department of Children and Families, while our new DDS-funded Community Based Day Services (CBDS) program, which we affectionately call A-Street, supports young adults with Autism. Together, these programs strengthen our continuum of care for young people and their families, and we look forward to the meaningful impact they will have in the years ahead.

This report also highlights the development of *Better Together*, our innovative clinical framework that integrates the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) with traditional mental health services. By integrating these evidence-based practices, we are enhancing how we serve youth and adults, creating more comprehensive and effective pathways to health and wellness. We are excited to continue refining and expanding this model in the years to come.

At The Edinburg Center, we know that connection and joy are essential to meaningful lives. Last year, a spirited group of staff took part in a Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics—a cause that resonates deeply with our community. It was a memorable experience that combined fun, teamwork, and philanthropy, and we are thrilled to bring this event to The Edinburg Center for our second annual Polar Plunge this year.

We are deeply grateful to our many friends and donors whose ongoing support makes our work possible. Your generosity fuels our ability to innovate, grow, and reach more people in need. As we look ahead to 2026 and begin planning for our golden 50th anniversary in 2027, we are inspired by what lies ahead. Together, we will continue to expand opportunities, strengthen communities, and help every person we serve build and sustain a meaningful life.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Maguire".

Patti Maguire
President & Chief Executive Officer



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gatto".

John Gatto
Board President

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'BETTER TOGETHER' COMBINES MODALITIES FOR TREATING PEOPLE WITH CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Edinburg Center is proud to announce the launch of its groundbreaking “Better Together” therapy model, an integrated clinical framework designed to enable individuals whose mental health challenges interfere with their ability to live and thrive in their community. The model combines the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with traditional mental health services to provide a more effective, holistic care model for youth and adults living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD), or high-risk externalizing behaviors.

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Recognizing the challenges present in treating people with co-occurring conditions, the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health approached The Edinburg Center in 2019 to help design a more inclusive, comprehensive treatment model that integrates principles and best practices from other treatment models. The Edinburg Center designed Better Together in 2020 and began utilizing the model on a cohort of youth and adults with a range of complex mental health diagnoses and high-intensity behavior. The results have been positive.

“The Better Together model provides wraparound services that engage participants and their families in a range of therapeutic interventions, including family therapy, individual skill-building, psychoeducation, coaching, case management, and crisis stabilization,” said Kayte Russell, Senior Director of Children’s Mental Health Services at The Edinburg Center.

Historically, mental health services alone have often proven insufficient for individuals with complex conditions, such as ASD or IDD, or those who exhibit severe, high-risk behaviors. The Better Together model addresses these gaps by embedding ABA methodologies alongside mental health treatment in all aspects of service delivery and creating a care team that includes Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), mental health clinicians, and family members. By engaging family members, we’re able to alter the participant’s environment creating more opportunities for success when they use the skills they have learned.

“Each participant’s care team is determined by their unique needs and preferences, with input from clinicians, BCBAs, and family members. The approach is entirely person-centered, emphasizing flexibility and adaptability in treatment to meet the individualized goals of both participants and families,” said Russell.

The team develops a Community Support Plan for each participant, which includes clinical and behavioral therapy goals that support the participant’s efforts to acquire skills that can improve their quality of life, mental health, and overall well-being.

“...when we work together as a team—clinicians, BCBAs, family members, and participants—we create an environment that fosters true growth and transformation. Our Better Together model ensures that everyone, no matter their diagnosis or challenges, has the opportunity to live a fulfilling life within their community.”

~Patti Maguire, President and CEO of The Edinburg Center

At its core, the Better Together model seeks to create a more inclusive, supportive community where every individual can lead a meaningful life with dignity and respect. By blending the strengths of ABA and mental health services, The Edinburg Center is redefining what is possible for individuals with co-occurring conditions and ensuring they have the tools and support needed to reach their full potential.

THE EDINBURG CENTER PARTNERS WITH MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND STABILIZATION SERVICES



The Edinburg Center is proud to announce a new partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) to offer innovative Support and Stabilization Services to youth and families experiencing mental health challenges. The programs will serve families in the **Greater Lowell, Haverhill, Metro North, Lawrence, Burlington, Waltham, and Framingham areas.**

Through this collaboration, The Edinburg Center will operate two specialized programs designed to strengthen families, promote healing, and enhance long-term stability.

Edinburg's Better Together Team provides Comprehensive Support and Stabilization (CSS) services to children and family members with disabilities. This program integrates evidence-based practices from Mental Health and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to address high-intensity and hard-to-manage behaviors that often go untreated in traditional settings.

While ABA is commonly used with individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, or Acquired Brain Injury, research supports its effectiveness in addressing complex behavioral challenges across various diagnoses. The Better Together model bridges the gap by offering a collaborative, trauma-informed approach proven effective in situations where standard interventions may fall short.

The multidisciplinary team includes a seasoned Program Director, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), Bachelor's-level Outreach Workers, and consultation from Nursing and Occupational Therapy (OT) services.

Together, they provide comprehensive, in-home support focused on:

- Strengthening family relationships
- Addressing the effects of trauma
- Reducing interfering or unsafe behaviors
- Enhancing stability and safety in the home
- Building caregiver skills and confidence

“The Better Together model is uniquely designed to meet families where they are and to support real, sustainable change,” said Lauren Fisher, Director of Children’s Services at The Edinburg Center.

Edinburg's Family First Team delivers CSS services through an intensive, home-based therapeutic model rooted in a family-systems lens. The multidisciplinary team—consisting of a Program Director, Licensed Clinicians, and Outreach Counselors—works collaboratively to ensure consistent communication, responsive treatment planning, and coordinated care.

Interventions are designed to:

- Strengthen caregiver-child relationships
- Address the impact of trauma
- Enhance safety and stability in the home
- Increase caregiver capacity and skills

“Our teams meet families where they are, literally and emotionally,” added Fisher. “By providing care in the home, we can build stronger relationships and trust with families, which leads to better outcomes. Other services often can’t offer this level of in-home support.”

These first two contracts mark the beginning of The Edinburg Center’s partnership with DCF. Participation in either program requires a DCF referral.

Through these initiatives, The Edinburg Center reaffirms its commitment to empowering families, promoting mental wellness, and delivering compassionate, evidence-based support to communities across Massachusetts.

THE EDINBURG CENTER OPENS A-STREET – A GROUNDBREAKING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM

The Edinburg Center is thrilled to announce the opening of A-Street, a Community-Based Day Service for young adults with autism—the first program of its kind in Massachusetts.

Before A-Street opened, there were no programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs of young adults with autism after they aged out of school-based services at 22. Today, A-Street stands as a vibrant, supportive environment where individuals are thriving, learning new skills, and building meaningful connections within their communities. The goal of A-Street is for every young adult who attends to volunteer, work, or pursue a fulfilling occupation that enhances their sense of purpose and independence.

Inside A-Street, participants learn essential life skills such as cooking, doing laundry, and making their beds. The program also offers a variety of enriching activities and spaces, including art classes, a fitness room, a computer lab, a media room, and a game room. For individualized instruction, there are 1:1 and 1:2 learning spaces tailored to each participant's goals and needs.

“Up to age 22, services for individuals with autism are readily available, but after that, you enter a vacuum where there is no help,” said the father of Kristina, a young woman participating in the A-Street program. “The Edinburg Center has filled those cracks. This program has been truly transformative for my daughter. I’ve seen a remarkable difference in her mental and physical well-being—she’s stimulated, engaged, and happy. The staff are amazing, and the program is a step above normal care. Kristina is an entirely new young lady, and I couldn’t be more proud or more grateful. This program must continue to exist for people like her.”



A-Street is not just a program, it's a pathway to independence, inclusion, and opportunity for young adults with autism across Massachusetts. The Edinburg Center is proud to lead the way in creating a model that empowers individuals to live meaningful, connected lives beyond the classroom.

EDINBURG CENTER RAISES OVER \$1,600 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS AT THIRD ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE



On a cold and rainy April Saturday, The Edinburg Center “took the plunge,” participating in the third annual Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Massachusetts. This exciting event, held on April 5 at the Margot Connell Recreation Center at Boston College, saw a team of 16 brave individuals from The Edinburg Center take the plunge into the chilly waters of the Mobile Plunge unit Bear Force One, raising over \$1,600 for the cause.

Every dollar raised through the Polar Plunge directly benefits the athletes of Special Olympics MA, helping fund year-round sports training and competitions for individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout the state. The funds raised will go towards supporting more than 14,000 Special Olympics athletes in Massachusetts,

giving them the opportunity to train and compete in sports they love, fostering lifelong friendships, and promoting inclusion both on and off the field.

“I believe in the power of sport to inspire and unite,” said Emily Rankin a “champion” for Edinburg’s Meaningful Whole Life program, which gives participants the chance to pursue interests that help them be a more complete person. “By jumping into those freezing waters, we are raising awareness and funds to help athletes with intellectual and physical disabilities achieve their dreams and prove that anything is possible, no matter the obstacles,” said Rankin.

The Polar Plunge event celebrated the spirit of competition, inclusion and community, all while highlighting the importance of support for athletes with intellectual disabilities. “The Edinburg Center is proud to contribute to this incredible cause and is committed to continuing its efforts in raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Massachusetts,” said Patti Maguire, President and CEO of The Edinburg Center.

FINANCIALS

FY25 Revenue by Source

DDS	18,168,955
DMH	17,444,565
DPH	65,822
MRC	185,582
Other Contracts	220,246
Third Pary Revenue	4,721,348
Residential Fees	1,273,603
Donations and Grants	755,473
Other Revenue	2,110,738
	44,946,332

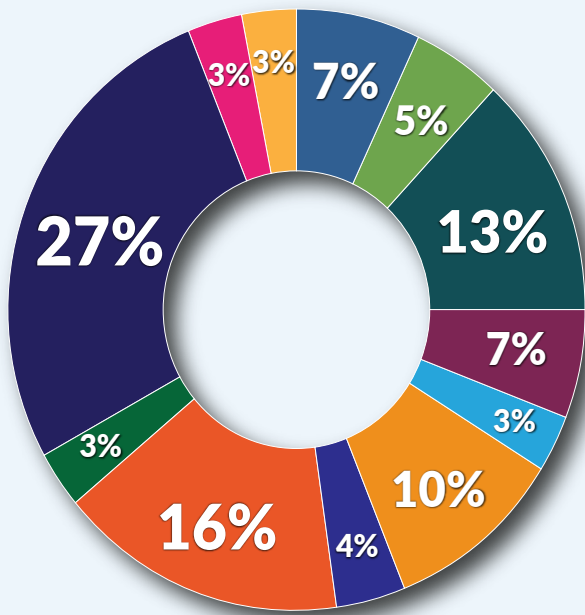
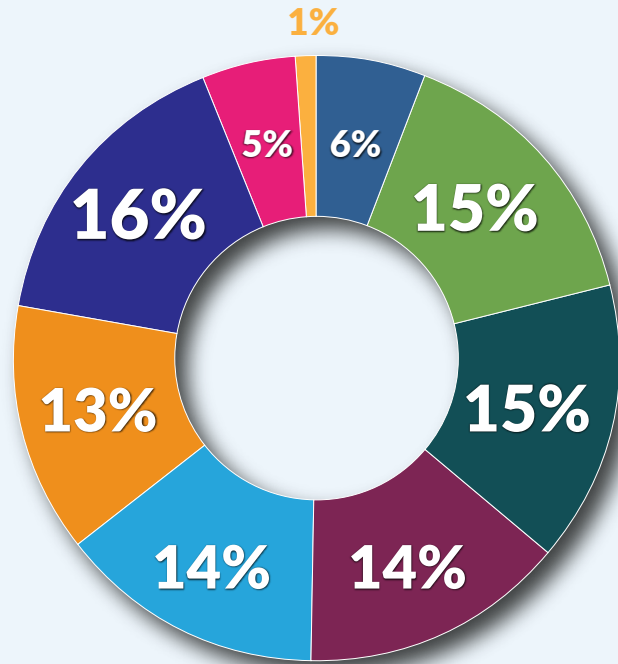


DEMOGRAPHICS SERVED













Over the last 40 years, the Center has provided services to persons whose complex and challenging needs have typically been barriers to successful community living. Based out of Bedford, with major sites in Waltham and Lexington, The Edinburg Center serves 23 communities west of Boston and provides services and intervention to more than 2,500 persons each year.

PERSONS SERVED AGE INTERVALS

- 0-9 YEARS 
- 10-19 YEARS 
- 20-29 YEARS 
- 30-39 YEARS 
- 40-49 YEARS 
- 50-59 YEARS 
- 60-69 YEARS 
- 70-79 YEARS 
- 80+ YEARS 



PERSONS SERVED BY PROGRAM

-  ADULT COMMUNITY CLINICAL SUPPORT
-  APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS
-  BEHAVIORAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNER
-  CHILDREN'S SERVICES
-  COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS
-  DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESIDENTIAL/DDCT
-  ICS/RESPITE
-  JAIL DIVERSION
-  OPPORTUNITIES DAY TREATMENT
-  OUTPATIENT
-  PACT
-  POTTER PLACE

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