

# ANNUAL UPDATE



**FY26**

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



*Helping parents help their babies, one family at a time.*



## ***From the Executive Director***

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the staff, families, Board of Directors, community partners, volunteers, and donors who make Rise's mission possible, this year and since our beginning in 1981 - 45 years ago!

Together, we have continued to expand opportunities for children and families while strengthening the organization that supports them. This year was marked not only by meaningful growth, but by thoughtful planning, deeper collaboration, and investments that will ensure Rise remains a trusted resource for our community for years to come.

At Rise, we believe our responsibility extends beyond meeting today's needs—we are called to steward an organization that will continue to serve future generations of children and families with excellence, compassion, and integrity.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening partnerships, embracing innovation, and ensuring every child and family has the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being part of the work that makes this vision possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia Deaver".

Alicia Deaver



### **Our Vision**

*All families in the Monadnock Region receive the support needed for young children to attain optimal early development.*

### **Our Mission**

*To support families with young children who experience or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities and to be a resource and advocate for inclusive early childhood systems throughout the Monadnock Region.*



## *In their own words:*

# Our Families Share Their Stories

For Ben and Sam, finding Rise brought reassurance and peace of mind. Their son Teddy, who has Down Syndrome, was born in late 2025 and was referred to Rise while still in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Having Jill, an occupational therapist at Rise, do weekly home visits has been incredibly helpful, they say. “She’s always ready to answer our questions,” Sam says. “Having her come every week has been so reassuring. She supports and encourages us while working with Teddy.”

**“Every home visit is a conversation and a coordinated effort to support Teddy,”** Sam continues. “She really listens to us. And she pays attention to the little things, observing changes in him week to week. Having someone with so much knowledge observing his growth – and making suggestions – has been so helpful.”



For Bonnie and her son Davian, finding Rise and the supports it offers has meant a lot. Davian, now 2 ½, started attending Rise’s child care program one day a week as part of a drug court program when he was six months old. Bonnie tried other child care programs but came back to Rise, both for child care and for early intervention services.

**“The child care and the early intervention have both been really good for my son,”** she says. **“I only wish I’d started sooner and that I’d kept him at Rise from the start.”** I really like how the early intervention staff does both home and school visits, so they can see how he behaves in both places.”

After Davian stopped talking when he was a little over a year old, she says, the early intervention staff and his pediatrician recommended he be screened for autism and he received a positive diagnosis. “I’m learning all about it and how to help him,” Bonnie says. “I would definitely recommend Rise to other families!”



**When Rebecca was pregnant with her first child, she certainly didn’t expect to find herself in labor three months early – or to have a baby just two hours later.**

Rebecca’s daughter Darlene spent three months in the neonatal intensive care unit. Those months, Rebecca says, were the most isolating and lonely time she has ever experienced – even with a wonderful system network – and left her feeling sad and overwhelmed. When the hospital recommended Rise’s services, she didn’t have much hope for the outcome.

She couldn’t have been more wrong, she says now. “Here was someone who encouraged me to look for my daughter’s milestones. Here was someone who said, ‘I see you, I hear you, let me help you.’ Jill, my service provider, was our cheerleader. Everything was easier to accomplish because of Rise.”

Darlene continues to receive services for a slight speech delay. This is a major change from the significant delays she had as a baby born three months early and weighing less than 2 lbs. **“I don’t know how to thank Rise and Jill enough,”** Rebecca says. **“Today, at 2 ½ years old, my daughter is talking, she’s walking, she’s active, and she’s beautiful!”**

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## Families Served in FY26

**Children served in Early Intervention: 556**

*Including:*

395 evaluations  
2,644 units of service coordination  
6,344 individual therapeutic services

**Children served in Child Care: 25**

**Thank you to Rise!  
I am so grateful  
for their support!**

*-a Rise parent*

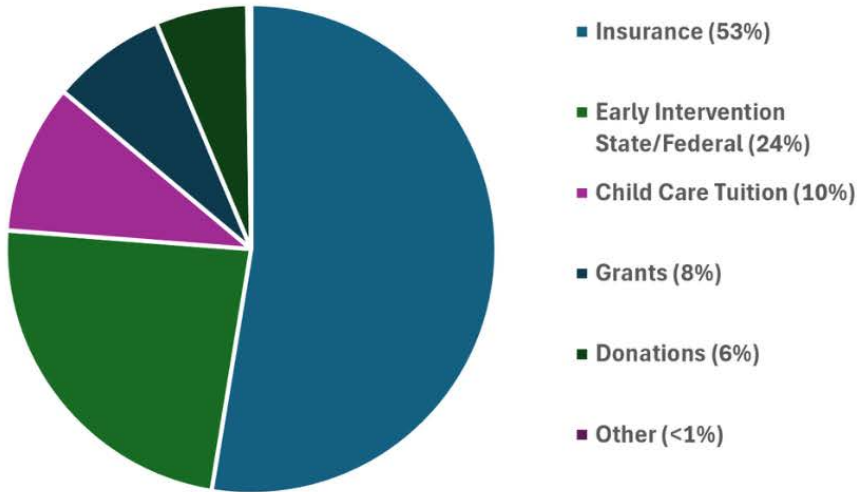


***“Rise has been an absolute godsend  
working with our son. They have  
helped not just with his  
development, but also with our  
whole family’s understanding of how  
to help him progress to his fullest  
potential.”***

*-a Rise parent*

# Income and Expenses

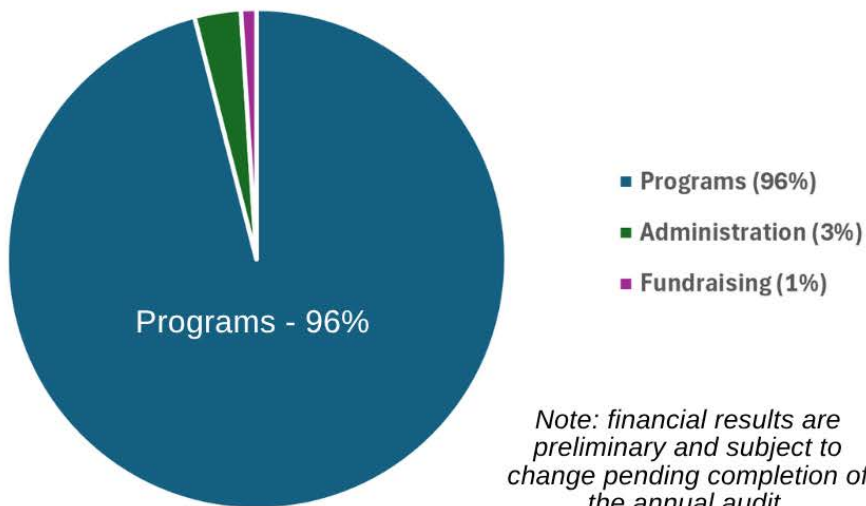
## FY26 Revenues - \$3,171,394



FY26 marked a year of significant growth and continued financial stabilization for Rise. As we expanded our reach and responded to the growing needs of children and families across the Monadnock Region, careful stewardship and strategic financial management helped strengthen our financial position.

Rise ended FY26 with a positive operating result of approximately \$25,583 before depreciation. After accounting for approximately \$29,580 in depreciation expense, the year ended with a modest loss of approximately \$3,994.

## FY26 Expenditures - \$3,175,388



Depreciation is an important accounting practice that recognizes the cost of buildings, equipment, and other assets over their useful lives; however, unlike many expenses we think about in a household budget, it does not represent cash spent during the current year.

Viewed together, these results reflect a year of meaningful financial progress and an important milestone in Rise's continued work to build a strong, sustainable organization for the future.

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serving our community!

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