

Alaska Center for Children and Adults

Overcoming Obstacles



Annual Report FY 2013: July 2012 - June 2013

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From the Executive Director & Board President



Tracy Charles-Smith
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ACCA is privileged to be a part of remarkable stories of perseverance and success in our service to individuals with disabilities and their families. These stories are an inspiration to us as individual providers and as an organization. Each day we see children who thrive in the face of disabilities, adults who rebuild after life changing events and families who find the strength to help their loved ones reach for their dreams. We have been inspired to reflect on the ways in which our families, programs, and organization have been *Overcoming Obstacles* this year.

We would like to thank the many dedicated Board, staff and supporters of ACCA. We have said goodbye to long time Board members Dr. Mary MacFarlane, Debra Babcock, Lori Wilson, and Allen Cheek. We are also saying a special goodbye to long time ILP staff member Jan Ohmstede. Thank you all for your years of service to ACCA. You have helped build a solid foundation for the new Board and staff we welcome. With a strong team effort we will be *Overcoming Obstacles* for another year.

Warm Regards,

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Tracy Charles-Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S E Kessler'.

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"Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost."

Helen Keller



FACES Team

(Fetal Alcohol Community Evaluation Services)

29

diagnoses made

Finding ways to engage families and caregivers of youth who experience FASD can be difficult. Raising children with challenging behaviors and learning differences often results in chronic stress for the entire family. To help families better connect with one another, the FASD Caregiver Support group began family swim nights. Through United Way grant funds, the group rents out Hamme Pool once a month and provides a light meal. Families can come to the pool and connect with other caregivers in a low-stress, fun setting.

For some families, this provides a chance for two young boys who struggle with social relationships to sit down together at dinner and talk about their interests after playing in the pool. To families living with FASD, that small event can be a huge success.

Loan Closet

41

families served

One advantage of being a United Way agency is the close partnerships we are able to build with other community agencies. ACCA Loan Closet partnered this year with Access Alaska



to ensure our loan closet programs complement each other. ACCA donated adaptive medical equipment to Access and has narrowed our focus to mobility related equipment such as canes, crutches, walkers, knee walkers and wheelchairs. This allows us to maximize our available storage space.

Loan Closet had the opportunity to work with Honor Flight Alaska this year. We helped honor our Nation's Veterans by providing wheelchairs for their travel to Washington DC. This simple support provided a more comfortable ride as a life long dream became a reality.

Infant Learning Program

433

families served

ACCA Infant Learning Program has years of success providing Early Intervention services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. However, new State regulations have increased ILP's role in supporting children and families involved with Child Protective Services. Because of this we are working with more families who are under stress and the programs who serve them. We are building our knowledge and emphasis on young children's social emotional development for all ILP families. As an agency with a disability mission, this means exploring the overlap between the fields of disability and mental health. The ILP program has responded to this new challenge by employing our first full time social worker. We are exploring new roles for social work in assessment, intervention, family support and staff supports.

Measures of success for children and families involved with the CPS system may look different. For one child an ILP home visitor may provide a stable relationship while she moves through multiple foster homes. For another child ILP may help find ways to allow the birth family to have a role in his life after adoption. For yet another child ILP may help the child succeed in a childcare setting by helping to address challenging behaviors. We are finding new ways to support children's development by focusing on building strong and secure relationships.

Speech Clinic

22

individuals seen

Supporting adults with cognitive and communication disorders comes with its own special set of challenges. Staffed with only one full time Speech Language Pathologist, many Speech Clinic clients need more support than we are able to provide. Speech Clinic has addressed this need for one individual by creating the position of a Communication Coach.

Under the supervision of our SLP, the Coach works four to six hours per week with this individual to help her practice using her communication device. Thanks to this extra support, this individual was able to express her own goal in her case planning meeting – learning to read. With this goal in place she has made meaningful progress toward her own life goal in just a few months' time.

Facility Renovation

For many years ACCA has been planning a facility renovation and expansion. With the high costs associated with a project of this magnitude, we needed to find a short term solution for housing our expanded programs. We were able to repurpose the original ACCA facility to house therapy and group services over the next five years in order to free space in our main facility to house program staff. This solution is allowing us to stage our renovations in ways which will maximize available funding and give us more time to ensure the long term facility plan will meet our program needs.

This new approach to our facility planning has allowed us to immediately address long-standing concerns related to building accessibility, privacy, air quality, maintenance and space. As an added bonus, we have been able to strengthen our partnership with the Autism Society of Alaska through an office sublet as well as a shared Autism Resource Library.

Training

ACCA has worked this year to provide training to families, staff, and community providers from around the state. We are grateful to our many training partners, including Thrivalaska, thread, Alaska Center for Resource Families, Access Alaska, Stone Soup Group, and FAEYC. We are proud to share that 5 ACCA staff members are teaching disability related courses in the UA system as Adjunct Faculty.



"I live my life like everyone else; everyone has their own obstacles. Mine is deafness."

Marlee Matlin

Family Field Day

ACCA held a wildly successful Family Field Day on June 12th this year. Thanks to generous community support the event was free to families! Hot dogs went quickly and favorite events were once again the Obstacle Course and Tug-of-War. We look forward to continuing to offer this fun and exciting event on an annual basis.

Special Projects

Some of the most rewarding activities at ACCA are small projects which are designed to support existing programs that meet a specific community need. Through Cooking Club, we gave youth an opportunity to practice important social skills and learn about healthy nutrition. At Tech Lab, we worked with Speech Clinic clients using technology for functional life activities. Parents of children with Down Syndrome met for playtime, support and connection. At the It Takes Two to Talk program, parents learn to support their child's early language learning.

Take a look below at the numerous special projects, partnerships and trainings ACCA participates in.

Early Childhood Mental Health

ACCA started a three year project funded by the State of Alaska that supports young children with social emotional concerns. Project activities include consultation and training for early care and learning providers, and training for mental health providers. Through this project we are working to build partnerships across systems including the Alaska Child Trauma Center, Child Protection, thread Resource and Referral, and local behavioral health providers.

It Takes Two to Talk
FAEYC Infant Mental Health
FASD into Action
TRAUMA INFORMED CARE
Positive Solutions for Families
Cooking Club
Learn, Grow
Play,
TECH LAB
Safe Babies Court
Camp YES!
FASD
Family
Swim
Night
Child Trauma Institute
Child Parent Psychotherapy
Nurturing Classrooms
the Behaviors
What's Beneath
HANEN
Support Group
Parent
Down Syndrome

Community Support

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Allen Cheek	Charlie & Valerie Leonelli	Eliza Tiulana	Isaac Bush
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ACCA has been a member agency since UWTV's inception in 1956!

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Alaska Airlines	Borealis Kiwanas
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Alaska Travel Industry Association	Costco
Alaska Waste	Custom Canvas
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	Denali Elementary
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Arctic Fire & Safety	Denali State Bank
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Autism Society of Alaska	Exxon Mobile Corp.
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GCI	Northern Horse Photography	St. Matthews Church
Geotemps	Northrim Bank	Subway
Glow Putt Alaska	NPBS Cheerleaders	Tanana Valley Television & Radio
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Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce	Overhead Door Company	Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE)
Holland America Line, Inc.	Papa John's Pizza	UAF Cooperative Extension
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HoneyDews	Play it Again Sports	United Way of the Tanana Valley
Hot Licks	Powerhouse Signs	Usibelli Foundation
Interior Girls Softball Association	Risse Greenhouse	Variety Motors
KTVF	River Boat Discovery	Wal-Mart Fairbanks
Lynden Transport	Sadler's Home Furnishings	Women's Igloo #8- Pioneers of Alaska & many anonymous donors
	Sam's Club	

*Thank you to all of our donors, supporters, members and volunteers who believe in our mission!
Please accept our sincere apologies for anyone we may have inadvertently left out or listed incorrectly.*

Statement of Net Assets

		June 30, 2013 & 2012	
		2013	<i>Audited</i> 2012
Assets	Cash and Cash Equivalents	298,065	339,431
	Receivables	260,391	147,826
	Prepaid Expenses	45,147	42,678
	Investments	70,155	69,971
	Restricted Cash	676,807	674,780
	PPE - Net	163,651	136,283
	Total Assets	1,514,216	1,410,969
Liabilities & Net Assets	Payables	12,601	14,480
	Accrued Expenses	222,379	183,305
	Total Liabilities	234,980	197,785
	Net Assets - Unrestricted		
	Designated	154,867	104,578
	Undesignated	426,985	411,222
	Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	697,384	697,384
Total Net Assets	1,279,236	1,213,184	
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	1,514,216	1,410,969	



Richard pulls his wife, Tammy, with a custom bike and trailer so they can enjoy bike rides together.

Richard modified his bike by adding a snow-blower motor, so he is able to pull Tammy with ease. In addition, he customized a trailer to meet her needs, complete with a bug shield made from an old window screen. Talk about creativity and overcoming obstacles!

Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

		For Years ending June 30, 2013 & 2012	
		2013	Audited 2012
Revenue	Grants	1,273,841	1,176,388
	Program Services	491,078	529,442
	Contributions	74,987	67,111
	Fundraisers	9,689	-
	Other Revenue	28,407	27,980
	Total Revenue	1,878,002	1,800,921
Expenses	Personnel Services	1,396,385	1,342,024
	Professional Fees/Contracts	118,974	152,005
	Facility Expense	82,494	48,972
	Supplies/Equipment	81,975	31,821
	Travel/Conferences	77,348	125,446
	Other Expense	57,363	61,693
	Expenses before Depreciation	1,814,539	1,761,961
	Depreciation	43,170	37,107
	Allowance for Bad Debt	8,851	-
	Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	485
Total Expenses	1,866,560	1,799,553	
Net Asset Changes	Change in Net Assets	11,443	1,368
	Beginning Net Assets	1,213,184	1,211,816
	Ending Net Assets	1,224,627	1,213,184

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

Christopher Reeve



ACCA

Alaska Center for Children and Adults

Finding the ability in disability

Our mission is to assist in improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families by providing quality diagnostic, therapeutic, educational and referral services in conjunction with other community providers without regard to ability to pay.

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