

Alaska Center for Children and Adults

Bridging the Gap



Annual Report FY 2011

July 2010 - June 2011



ACCA

Alaska Center for Children and Adults

Finding the ability in disability

Fairbanks North Star Borough | Copper River Basin | Delta Junction | North Slope

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT



Tracy Charles-Smith
Board President



Susan E. Kessler
Executive Director

In its 55th year of service, ACCA continues building bridges for Alaskans with disabilities. We have expanded existing programs and added new programs. We have strengthened our partnerships with local and statewide programs and organizations. Along the way, we have discovered openness to new ideas from our community partners and thank them for their willingness to join us on our journey. This annual report highlights program growth and changes which we believe make our agency stronger and more responsive to the communities and families we serve.

ACCA has a motivated and vibrant staff that has embraced our open and flexible work environment. The ACCA Board of Directors has provided oversight that has allowed us to create a special place to work and programs that truly meet family needs. This year we wrote new ACCA Bylaws which better reflect our agency values. We developed an employee benefits plan which is more responsive to staff needs. We continue to make ACCA a stable and rewarding place to work.

We rely on ACCA Board, staff, volunteers and donors for our success. A special thanks to Board Member Rockne Wilson, FACES Coordinator Shireen Deitrick, and ILP Early Interventionist Sylvia Kennedy for their many years of service to ACCA. Thank you to our many donors who support ACCA each year through the Annual Membership Campaign, individual donations, and through Pick. Click. Give. Without your support we could not look forward to another year of Bridging the Gap.

Respectfully,

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

Susan E. Kessler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Charles-Smith".

Tracy Charles-Smith

We build too many walls and not enough bridges.

– Sir Isaac Newton

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Number of Families Served FY 2011

Infant Learning Program (ILP)	498
FACES Team	24
Loan Closet	55
Speech Clinic	16
Total Families Served	593

AGENCY PROGRAMS

..... Infant Learning Program (ILP)

Bridging the Gap... with family-centered services

ACCA's ILP serves children ages 0-3 years who experience developmental delays and disabilities. ILP provides screening, evaluation and intervention services in home and community settings. New Federal Regulations for Part C of IDEA were published this year and we are responding to changes.

ILP services to the Copper River Basin, Delta Junction and North Slope communities have a new focus on building community capacity. As a Pyramid Demonstration Site, ACCA's ILP is taking the lead in promoting social emotional competence in young children. Distance technologies are becoming a key part of our service model across all of our regions. New ILP programs and strategies respond to the needs of children in diverse family, cultural and community settings.



..... Loan Closet

Bridging the Gap... for those who can't pay

Loan Closet formed in the 1950's to provide equipment for survivors of the Polio Epidemic around Alaska. Today the Loan Closet provides short term loan of adaptive medical equipment such as crutches and wheelchairs to people in our community. A refundable deposit and cleaning fee is required.

This year we held a medical equipment round-up and received many equipment donations in great condition. Thank you to our donors!

FACES Team

(Fetal Alcohol Community Evaluation Services)

Bridging the Gap... with parent led support groups

The FAS Diagnostic Team has a new Coordinator this year. The FACES Team provides FAS diagnosis to children ages 3 to 14 years from around the Interior and Northern regions of Alaska. We have partnered with ILP staff to provide on-site evaluations and family meetings in Barrow. We have borrowed the ILP team staffing model to consider referrals of young adults and children from international adoptions.

A volunteer parent is working to rekindle a FAS parent support group. We are exploring new methods of sharing client information in order to streamline the diagnostic process. The FACES team is responding to needs in Fairbanks and rural/remote Alaska to support families of children with FASD in gaining access to appropriate services.

Speech Clinic

Bridging the Gap... with assistive technology

ACCA Speech Clinic finally has a full time Speech Language Pathologist. Speech Clinic is focused on addressing unmet speech and communication needs in the adult population of Fairbanks. Services are focused on individuals with Acquired Brain Injury (resulting from trauma, stroke, degenerative diseases and toxic exposures), high and low tech assistive technology (AT), augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), and Cochlear Implant Aural Rehabilitation.

Speech Clinic is building collaborations with Access Alaska, Fairbanks Resource Agency, Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and other providers who support adults with disabilities. We are providing training to direct service providers who work with our clients. Overall, ACCA Speech Clinic is focused on encouraging functional communication in daily living situations.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Training Services

ACCA served as a local partner with the Alaska Child Trauma Center to provide Advanced DC: 0-3 Training. We hosted DynaVox for local providers to learn about Augmentative Communication devices. We hosted ATLA for a Technology for Disabilities Community Event. As a Pyramid Demonstration Site we hosted Ron Roybal from University of Colorado. Also ACCA staff provided Pyramid trainings across our region. FACES Team staff and volunteers provided FAS training.

ACCA works as a local partner to bring quality disability related trainings to our region.

Parent Support & Playgroups

The ACCA facility is utilized by the Autism Society of Alaska and the Down Syndrome Society of Interior Alaska for parent group meetings. FACES is supporting a volunteer to host an FAS Parent Group. One parent led evening playgroup meets weekly at ACCA and a morning playgroup is starting this fall. ILP is hosting “It Takes Two to Talk”, an eight week series of parent training sessions.

ACCA is supporting parents who are supporting each other.

Grow Your Own Speech Therapist

Grow Your Own Speech Therapist efforts led to our recruitment of a Speech Pathologist for Speech Clinic. We continue to partner with UAA and East Carolina University to support Fairbanks students in becoming licensed Speech Pathologists. Clinical Practicum placements for local students are scheduled at ACCA over the next several years.

The goal of this program is to address the need for more Speech Pathologists in Fairbanks and across Alaska.

Hearing & Vision Screening

Through the generous support of Quota International and the State of Alaska, ACCA has acquired state of the art hearing and vision screening equipment. We provide a free monthly hearing and vision screening clinic for children ages 0-5 years in Fairbanks. We also provide screenings at health fairs across our region. We partnered with Quota to provide adult hearing screenings at a Fairbanks health fair. We worked with the North Pole Lions to provide vision screenings at the Alyeska Best Beginnings Family Fair.

By identifying hearing and vision concerns in children and adults we can help prevent disabling conditions related to hearing and vision.

FACILITY RENOVATION & EXPANSION

Life is a bridge over the sea of changes.

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba

The ACCA facility has been located at the corner of 10th and Barnette since the early 1960's. Our original facility is still on site and is leased to the FNA Head Start Program. It has reached the end of its useful life. Our current facility was built through a legislative appropriation in 1988. It is in need of updates, such as boiler and roof replacement, as well as upgrades to address ADA and building code changes. Our service region and programs have grown over the past 20 years and the space in our facility can no longer meet our needs.

With guidance and support from the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program, sponsored by the Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, ACCA has developed plans for a Facility Renovation and Expansion project. The ACCA Facility Upgrade and Expansion will give us more professional space for our existing programs. In addition, it will provide a separate public building area which will be available for use by parent groups and community partners.

Over the next several years, ACCA will be pursuing funding and support for this project. We will be providing more opportunities for our clients and supporters to learn about our plans, as well as to give input as we move the project forward.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to all of our donors, supporters, members, volunteers & community partners who help support our mission.

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Please accept our sincere apologies for anyone we may have inadvertently left out or listed incorrectly.

Access Alaska	Fairbanks Resource Agency
ATLA Assistive Technology of Alaska	Fort Greeley Child Development Center
Autism Society of Alaska	Ft Wainwright Child Development Services
Best Beginnings	Ft Wainwright EFMP
Building Blocks	Hope Counseling
Child Protective Services	Imagination Library
Chitina Tribal and Community Health Center	North Pole Lions Club
Connecting Ties	North Slope Borough
Conversation Station	North Slope Borough School District
Copper River Regional Health Network	Quota International of Fairbanks
Copper River School District	RurAL CAP
Delta Community Library	SESA Special Education Service Agency
Delta/Greeley School District	State of Alaska Public Health
Deltana Community Services Partnership	Stone Soup Group
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Talkabout
Down Syndrome Society of Interior Alaska	Tanana Chiefs Conference ILP
EHDI Early Hearing Detection & Intervention	Tanana Valley Clinic
Eielson Child Development	Thread Alaska
Fairbanks Clinic	Thrivalaska Early Head Start
Fairbanks Native Association Early Headstart	University of Alaska Anchorage
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	WIC

FACES Team Volunteers

Marvin Bergeson, MD	John DeRuyter, PsyD
Mary MacFarlane, MD	Claudia French, PhD
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Charlotte Canon, SLP	Art DeLaune
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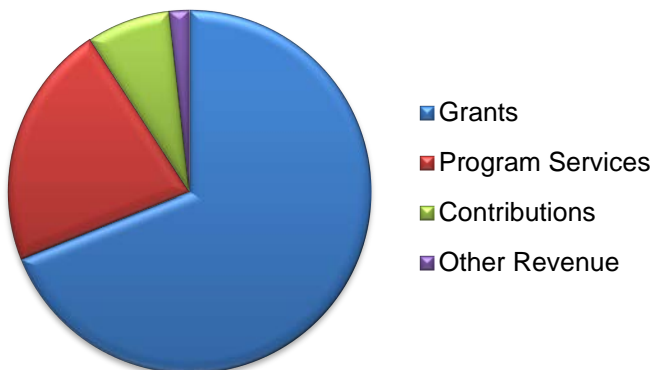
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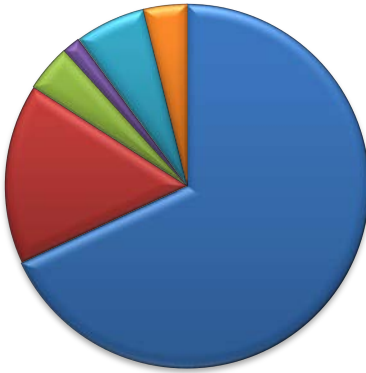
FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (\$)			
June 30, 2011 & 2010		2011	Audited 2010
Assets	Cash & Cash equivalents	1,100,843	1,027,527
	Receivables	137,354	118,783
	Prepaid Expenses	20,978	25,133
	Investments	69,692	69,045
	PPE - Net	106,617	134,125
	Total Assets	1,435,484	1,374,613
Liabilities & Net Assets	Payables	15,596	4,907
	Accrued Expenses	195,437	131,092
	Deferred Revenue	-	-
	Total Liabilities	211,033	135,999
	Net Assets - Unrestricted		
	Designated	141,468	121,908
	Undesignated	356,128	417,731
	Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	726,855	698,975
	Total Net Assets	1,224,451	1,238,614
	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	1,435,484	1,374,613

Revenue FY 2011



Expenses FY 2011



- Personnel Services
- Professional Fees/Contracts
- Facility Expense
- Supplies/Equipment
- Travel/Conferences
- Other Expense

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (\$)				
For the years ending June 30, 2011 & 2010		2011	Audited 2010	
Revenue	Grants	1,155,580	997,437	
	Program Services	365,921	283,739	
	Contributions	124,933	90,047	
	Fundraisers	-	-	
	Other Revenue	29,749	31,832	
	Total Revenue	1,676,183	1,403,055	
Expenses	Personnel Services	1,132,059	943,003	
	Professional Fees/Contracts	266,484	148,143	
	Facility Expense	69,895	59,644	
	Supplies/Equipment	26,622	18,567	
	Travel/Conferences	104,025	126,019	
	Event/Fundraising Costs	-	-	
	Other Expense	63,804	43,164	
		Expenses before Depreciation	1,662,889	1,374,880
		Depreciation	36,313	36,340
	Total Expenses	1,699,202	1,374,880	
Net Asset Changes	Change in Net Assets	(23,019)	28,175	
	Beginning Net Assets	1,238,614	1,210,439	
	Ending Net Assets	1,215,595	1,238,614	



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