



The Arc®

Capital Area

2016 Annual Report

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The Arc of the Capital Area, a nonprofit organization, is committed to empowering Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through compassionate case management and innovative programs.

Dear Friends,

Since I joined The Arc of the Capital Area in June 2016, I have been impressed the dedication of the staff at The Arc of the Capital Area to bringing truly innovative programs to Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. Susan Eason, in her 35 years as the Executive Director of The Arc of the Capital Area, established a strong foundation for the organization to build on.

Through several collaborations with local organizations, we are expanding the experiences available to the community we serve. As you will read about in this annual report, we are partnering with Divine Canines to bring dog therapy to the students with I/DD in The Arc of the Arts program. We are also partnering with Austin Community College to bring inclusive college-level fine arts continuing education classes to the community.

Over the coming years, we will have the opportunity to bridge service gaps and empower our community members with I/DD to achieve their full potential. Thank you to all of our supporters for being part of our work. Together, we can transform the lives of Central Texans with I/DD by providing them the same opportunities as people without disabilities to pursue full and productive lives.

Thank you,

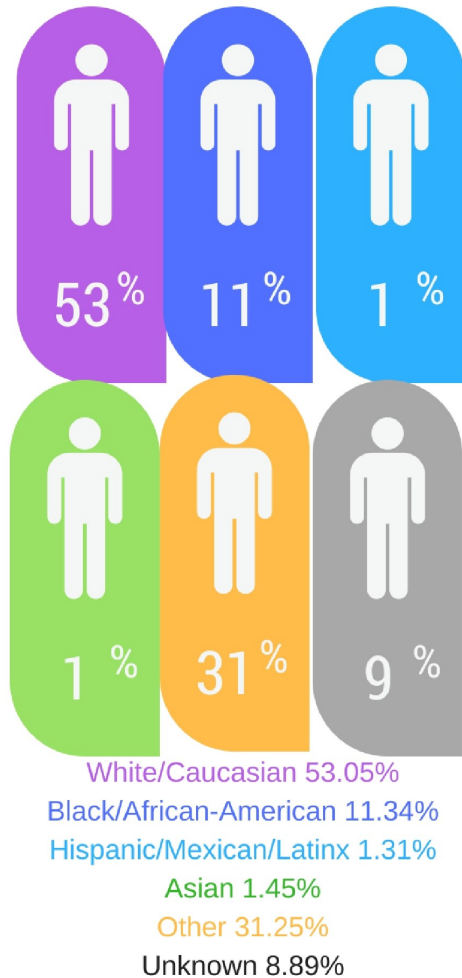
Mary VanHaneghan, Ed.D
Executive Director



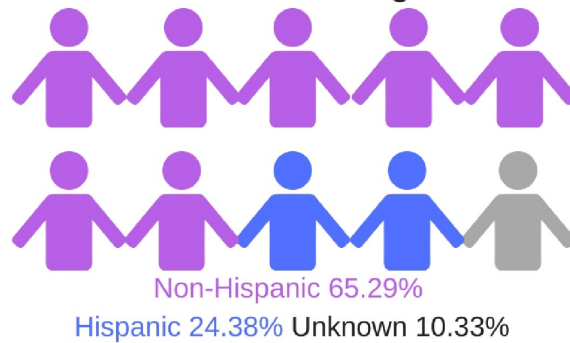
WHO WE SERVE

Client Self-Reported Demographic Data for 2016

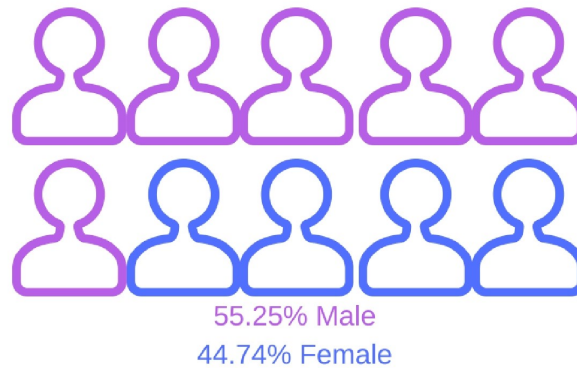
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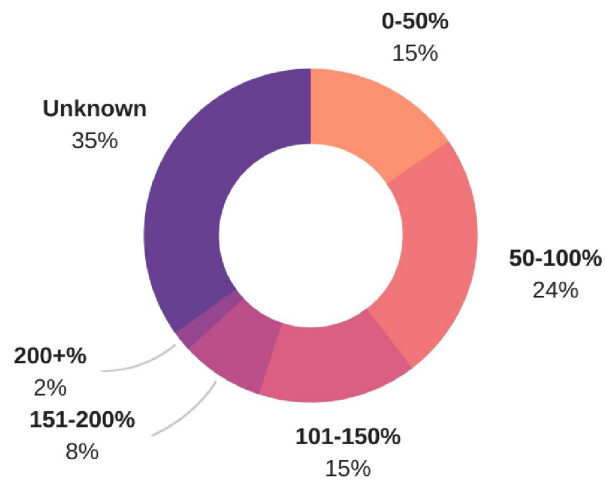
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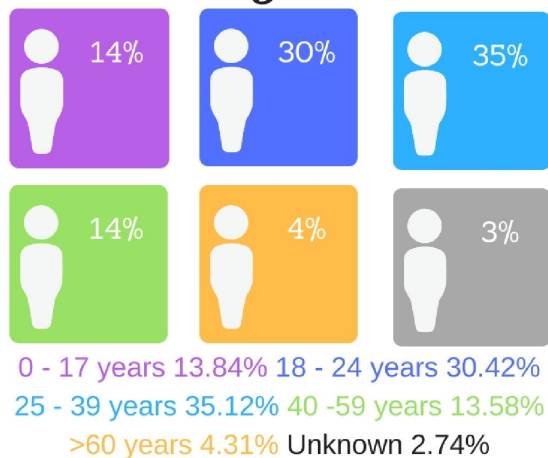
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Income Bracket



Age



Percent of Federal Poverty Level

Note: Race and Ethnicity data divided according to U.S. Census Bureau collection standards



DOGS REALLY ARE THE ARC'S BEST FRIENDS

Therapy Dogs at The Arc of the Arts

This year, The Arc of the Capital Area partnered with Divine Canines, a nonprofit organization that provides free therapy dog services to thousands of Central Texans in need each year. Divine Canines trains teams of dogs and their owners in an American Kennel Club-recognized program. Divine Canines teams visit The Arc of the Arts program to provide onsite pet therapy. The trained dog-an-handler teams are integrated throughout The Arc's art classes to provide safe, positive animal interactions to The Arc's clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The Arc of the Arts students love the dogs. It is easy to see the joy on the students' faces when a Divine Canines team arrives in the office. The program was spearheaded by The Arc of the Capital Area's new Executive Director, Mary VanHaneghan. Mary has a dog, named Peso, who holds her own American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen certificate. Peso is a regular visitor to the office and the art studio.

The Arc of the Arts is one of The Arc of the Capital Area's most successful programs. Launched in 2008,

The Arc of the Arts provides art students with I/DD opportunities for self-expression, social integration, and job-skill training. Art instructors encourage students to create self-direct art projects and challenge them to push the boundaries of their artistic skills. Art is a powerful tool for self-expression for people who often find it difficult to communicate through conventional means. The program also empowers caregivers to remain in the workforce. The average flat daily fee for someone with I/DD to participate in a day program is \$57.96. The Arc of the Arts, in comparison, costs \$25/day. Without affordable day programs, caregivers are often forced to choose between remaining in the workforce or staying home to provide care for their child, sibling, or parent with I/DD.

Creative collaborations, such as the partnership with Divine Canines, provides students with unique and fun experiences in their day program. The Arc of the Capital Area is committed to working with partners throughout the community to bring a wide variety of experiences to our students with I/DD.



ART FOR ALL

Innovative Partnership with Austin Community College to Bring Inclusive Art Education to Austin

The Arc of the Capital Area is thrilled to announce that we are partnering with the Austin Community College (ACC) Skills, Training, Education and Personal Success (STEPS) program to offer evening and weekend art classes. These classes are designed for people of all abilities and will be offered on a semester basis, kicking off this summer. The program provides a great opportunity for all members of the Central Texas community, disabled and non-disabled alike, to learn new art skills

at convenient times, in a convenient location, for a reasonable price, all while earning college course credits.

Historically, The Arc of the Capital Area's arts education program was exclusively for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and ACC's STEPS program was exclusively for people with mild or moderate disabilities (including physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities). This expansion represents the first time either organization

has offered classes for students of all abilities. Prior to this partnership, all the classes offered through STEPS were business oriented. Through this collaboration, STEPS students have the opportunity to study art. For many Austin-area residents, the STEPS program makes the dream of attending college achievable. “I have always wanted to go to college, and the programs at ACC were just what I needed to get me started,” said Rachel, a student in the STEPS program.

“ACC STEPS students have been asking for art classes that meet their needs for years!” ACC STEPS Program Director, Mariah Lossing, said of the collaboration, “Finally we've found the perfect fit for our students with

classes offered at The Arc of the Arts. This partnership offers students all over Austin expanded opportunities to explore artistic expression. Art classes through The Arc add vitality to the STEPS Program and breaks down barriers to education”

“We are beyond thrilled to officially begin this partnership with ACC. Through this new endeavor, students of all abilities will receive an opportunity to participate in a high quality arts education program at a reasonable price and receive Continuing Education Units (CUE's)

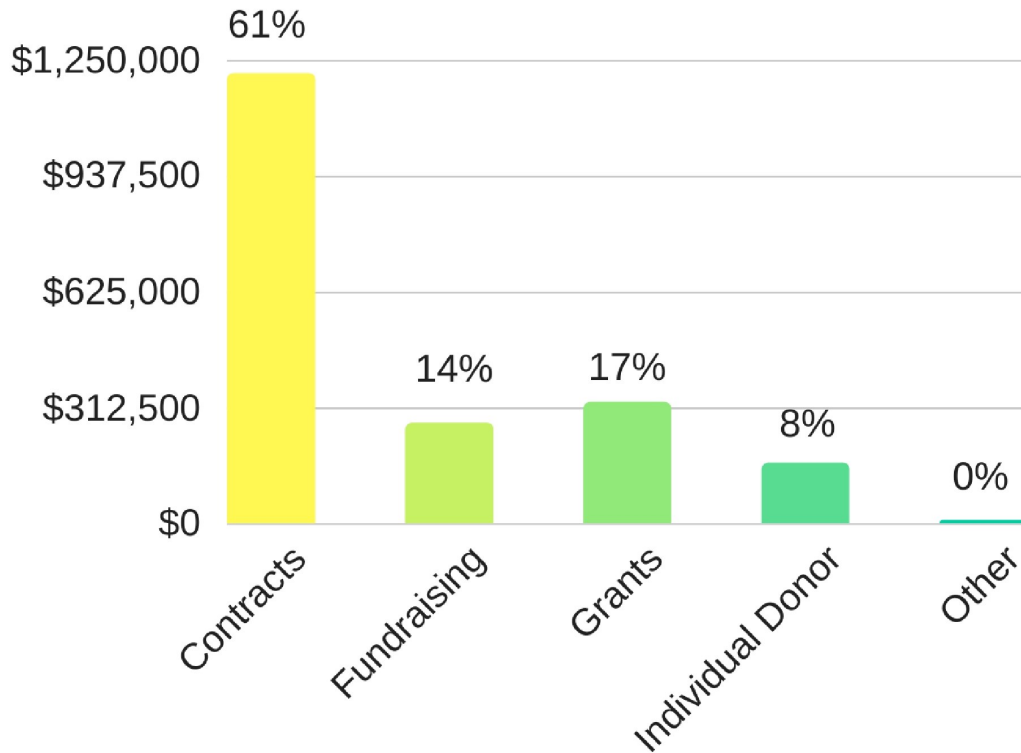
through ACC.” said Mary Van Haneghan Executive Director at The Arc. “This will create a bridge for both the intellectual and developmental disability

This will create a bridge for both the intellectual and developmental disability community and the Austin community resulting in an all-inclusive program here in our building – I couldn't be happier.

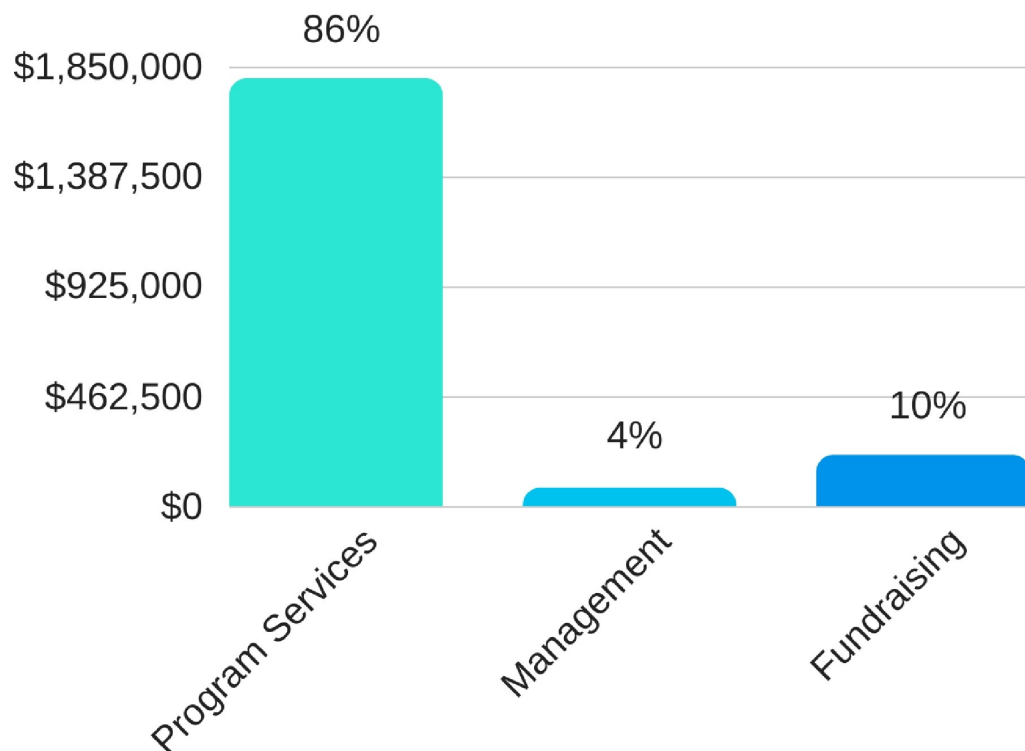


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2016 Revenue



2016 Expenses



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