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Annual Report 2016



moving families forward

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1960, the Ackerman Institute for the Family is one of the premier institutions for family therapy in the United States. The Institute serves all kinds of families at all stages of family life by offering programs addressing a broad array of issues and concerns.

Ackerman also is one of the best-known and most highly regarded training facilities for family therapists. Each year, the Institute provides educational programs and workshops for family therapists and mental health professionals on site and in hospitals and clinics in New York, nationally and internationally.

Ackerman faculty members author influential articles and books, and present papers across the country and around the world. The innovative, cutting-edge research they undertake focuses on both the development of new treatment models and new training techniques.

WHAT WE DO

Family therapy is a form of psychotherapy that brings family members together to solve their shared problems. It is based on the belief that families are the single most powerful resource available to individuals attempting to cope successfully with major psychological or medical issues or even those difficulties caused by society.

In traditional forms of psychotherapy, each individual works separately to solve his or her problems. In family therapy, family members work together to solve problems. By allowing families to harness and strengthen existing resources, and by helping family members work collaboratively toward inventive solutions to tough problems, family therapy has proven to be of great benefit to people at times of major life stress.

The Ackerman Institute has played a major role in expanding the scope of the field of mental health, and is widely acknowledged as a pioneer and leader in the field of family therapy. The Institute and its faculty have received multiple major awards from the nation's leading professional organizations, including the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and the American Family Therapy Academy.

Through its dynamic interaction of training, treatment and research, the Ackerman Institute's work positively affects generations of families, provides mental health care professionals with new skills, and brings innovative perspectives to community service agencies and other health care facilities.

About the Ackerman Institute: A Unique, Integrated Approach

The Ackerman Institute for the Family was founded in 1960, with a mission to develop cutting-edge and effective models of treatment for families in distress and to train clinicians in the implementation of those models. Since then, we have been unique in our focus on communities and the context surrounding an individual facing difficulties. We remain a forerunner in developing and constantly testing therapeutic models of family therapy to move away from individual psychodynamic models of treatment and improve our approach. To this end, the Ackerman Institute's principal activities are:

Treatment

Ackerman's on-site Treatment Center is at the heart of all of our service programs, training initiatives and research projects. Highly trained therapists help families from all ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds, as well as heterosexual and same-sex families and couples. Our goal is to harness and strengthen family resources, and help family members work collaboratively towards solutions to their problems. Ackerman is the only post-graduate training institute with a clinic licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Training

Ackerman's training programs in family therapy serves mental health professionals on-site and at community-based workplace sites, which include social service agencies, hospitals, family courts, community centers, and schools. We offer an advanced two- and three-year postgraduate externship for psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers, and a one-year course on family therapy theory and practice. In addition, we offer 32 different day-long education workshops on-site for mental health practitioners.

Research

Ackerman's faculty members are experts in their fields and highly motivated to develop issue- or population-focused projects, and they dive deeply into research, training, and field-building activities. Ackerman's research is about finding out what interventions work best in a given context – what approach for a particular problem yields the strongest results for children and families. Proven practices are shared with other experts in the field and brought back to trainees in our post-graduate training program. Each project has a unique focus that incorporates treatment, training and research for special populations. Projects change over time based on emerging issues and needs.

Through these integrated activities and responsive programming, the Ackerman Institute has been a major force in expanding the field of mental health's understanding that the problems of the individual are best understood and solved in their social context, the context of the family and the community.

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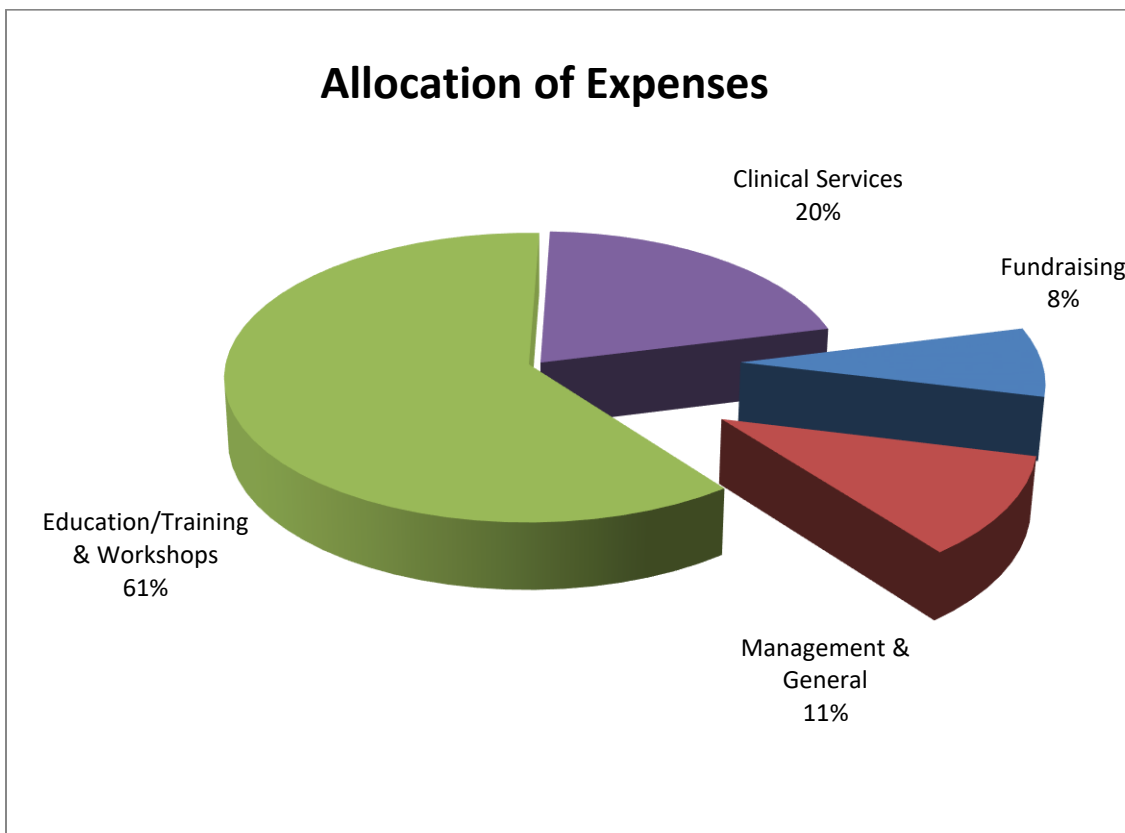
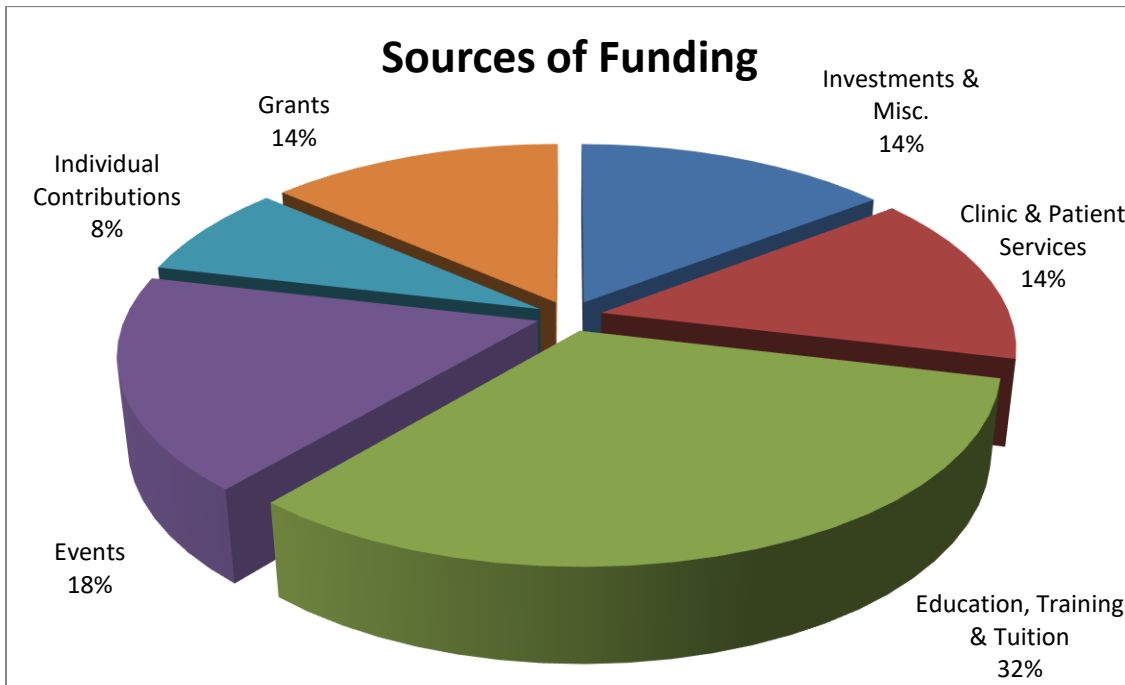
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Statement of Financial Position

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

ASSETS	TOTAL
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,667,042
Investments	9,734,246
Accounts Receivable	112,207
Contributions Receivable	142,100
Prepaid Expenses	<u>116,788</u>
Total Current Assets	13,772,383
Contributions receivable, net of current portion	28,000
Property and Equipment, at Cost, Net of	
Accumulated Depreciation	10,217,758
Deferred compensation	<u>61,690</u>
Total Assets	<u>24,079,831</u>
 LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	194,811
Salaries and Payroll Taxes Payable	59,839
Deferred Tuition and Fees	117,968
Deferred compensation	<u>61,690</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>434,308</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted & Board-Designated	8,245,318
Net Investment in Property & Equipment	10,217,758
Temporarily Restricted	2,409,014
Permanently Restricted	<u>2,773,433</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>23,645,523</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>24,079,831</u>

Statement of Financial Activities

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUE	TOTAL
Public Support:	
Grants and Contributions	720,776
Special Events, Net of Direct Costs of \$262,288	<u>594,193</u>
Total Public Support	1,314,969
Other Revenue:	
Patient Services	482,350
Tuition and fees	1,096,685
Rental Income	144,262
Investment Income	338,667
Miscellaneous	<u>8,422</u>
Total Other Revenue	2,070,386
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	<u>3,385,355</u>
EXPENSES	
Program Expenses:	
Clinical Services	803,081
Education & Workshops	<u>2,372,804</u>
Total Program Expenses	3,175,885
Supporting Services:	
Management & General	428,121
Fundraising	<u>300,118</u>
Total Supporting Services	728,239
Total Expenses	<u>3,904,124</u>
Increase (Decrease) from operating activities before other additions (deductions)	(518,769)
Unrealized gains (loss) on investments	<u>(504,393)</u>
Total Decrease in Net Assets	(1,023,162)
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>24,668,685</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u>23,645,523</u>

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