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CASI annual report FY2007

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Mission

Community Addiction Services of Indiana promotes growth, respect and integrity by providing affordable, accessible, community based services including education, advocacy and counseling for individuals and families.

Values

CASI exists to serve others and does so through the expression of our core values.

- Growth**—to help individuals reach their potential
- Respect**—to recognize the dignity of every person
- Integrity**—to be honest, fair and trustworthy
- Excellence**—to work at the highest level of performance with a commitment to continuous improvement

from the President

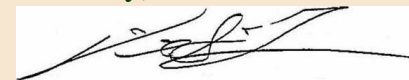
Dear Friends,

Someone once said the only constant is change. That has never been more true than this past year. We witnessed significant changes in the field of alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention. We saw changes in Medicaid funding as well as State funding of mental health and addictions treatment. We also heard new buzz words such as evidence-based practices, motivational enhancement and cognitive behavioral approaches. CASI adapted to the funding changes and focused on the quality of our services, utilizing those approaches best suited to the individuals and families we served.

Through it all, CASI endeavored to persevere. Since the foundation laid in 1979, CASI has remained committed to serving Indianapolis' near east side. With creativity and a committed staff we made quality services available to those who graced our doors. CASI remained fluid and broadened its focus. We made contractual agreements to ensure outpatient treatment services have been available for low-income persons on the south side of Indianapolis, Greenwood, Fort Wayne and Noblesville.

CASI has more than persevered. We strived to make CASI synonymous with services for young people. We expanded the Board of Directors, adding new members, and completed a feasibility study that will serve as a blueprint for CASI for many years to come. In 2008, we have exciting plans for the agency as well as those we serve. We have the opportunity to not only look toward our future, but to shape it. While we are not able to control the winds of change we can adjust our sails. As we transverse sometimes troubling waters, we see an optimistic future. We pledge to never lose sight of our origins. Many young people hope for an alternative to the hand life has dealt them. This is as true today as it was in 1979. Our role remains to instill that hope in those young people while providing them with opportunities. Doing this correctly will ensure their futures will be bright, as will CASI's.

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Failla,
Executive Director

a story of recovery

“Forced To Grow Up Quickly”

Jocelyn grew up in the foster care system. Jocelyn's mother smoked crack and wasn't able to care for her six children. Jocelyn and her siblings were in and out of foster care and group home placements throughout their childhoods. Although Jocelyn is the middle child in her family, she took on the caretaker role due to her mother's long history of drug use and the special needs of an older sibling.

At age 18, Jocelyn found herself starting her own family while still caring for her five siblings and mother. They all lived together in one apartment. Jocelyn needed to escape from the stress of this living situation and her caretaking responsibilities, and did so by smoking marijuana.

Jocelyn was referred to treatment at CASI after THC was found in her child's system at birth. She had been smoking pot regularly and drinking alcohol. Jocelyn's boyfriend, who also smoked marijuana regularly, was also referred for treatment. He never completed his program. Jocelyn did not initially succeed in treatment at CASI. She desperately wanted to ensure her child would not enter the foster care system. The guilt her mother would place on her, as well as her overriding feelings of obligation to her siblings, kept her struggling between creating a life of her own and maintaining the caretaking role in which she found herself. Jocelyn baby was removed from her care. Although it was less than one week, it was enough to terrify her into making necessary life changes for herself and her child. Jocelyn stopped using marijuana and alcohol. She obtained a full time job and an apartment of her own. Eventually, Jocelyn successfully completed her treatment program.

Today, Jocelyn works long hours, taking the bus to and from work. She attends church with her grandmother. She maintains a nicely furnished, clean apartment for herself and her child. She is working diligently to secure a positive daycare environment for her child. Jocelyn still looks after her mother and siblings. She checks on them daily, making certain their basic daily needs are met and supports them financially as best she can. She never wants for herself, but always looks out for her siblings.

Jocelyn's life has forced her to grow up quickly. Jocelyn turned 19 shortly after successfully completing treatment at CASI. While mature beyond her years, Jocelyn continues to need positive people her age who are focused on their future. Jocelyn maintains monthly telephone contact with her counselor at CASI, just to

Staff

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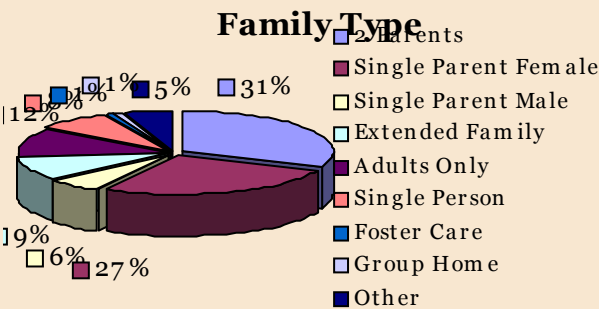
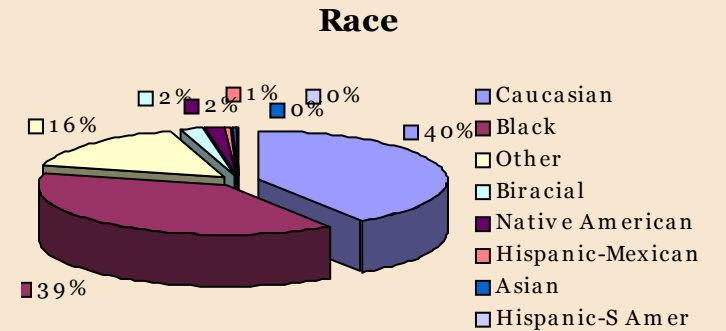
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Programs

Marion County Outpatient Treatment

The Indianapolis outpatient program saw a decrease in clients served from last year (50%). A total of 614 individuals were served in 2007. Of those, 55% were male and 45% were female.

Forty percent were Caucasian, 39% were African American, and the remaining 21% were divided among Hispanics, American Natives, those of bi-racial descent, and those identifying as



“other.” Nearly one-third (31%) were single adults. Another third (33%) were single parents. Twelve percent had no children, 8% lived alone, and 9% lived with extended family. Half of those served were between the ages of 24 and 44. Only 39% were

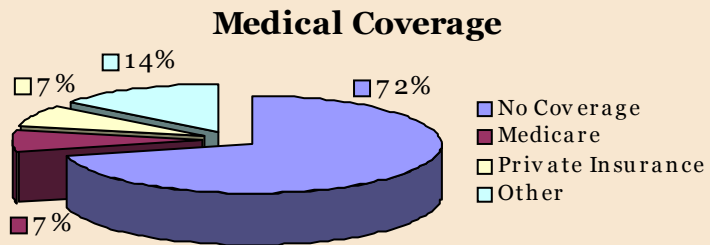
employed, and only 21% had medical coverage.

This year, CASI collaborated with the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction’s Hoosier Assurance Plan; Indiana Department of Corrections; Marion County Department of Child Services; Marion County Superior Courts ; the Urban Y and Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility; the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust; and the United Way of Central Indiana to provide vital treatment and prevention services throughout Central Indiana.

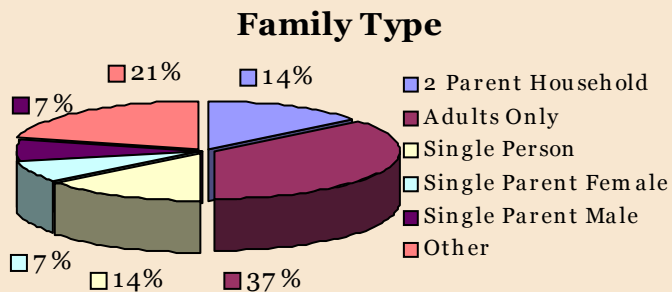
Hamilton County Outpatient Treatment

The outpatient services program in Hamilton County suffered in 2007. Staff cuts resulted in a decrease from three to only one full-time staff member. Shortly afterward, health issues prevented this counselor from working a majority of the year. Consequently, Hamilton County only served a total of 14 persons this year. This is a decrease of 90% from last year.

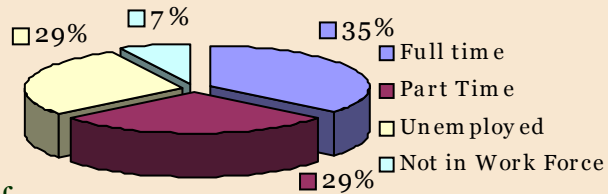
Those seeking services ranged between the ages of 18 and 44, with nearly an even split between males (54%) and females (46%). Just over half



28% had medical coverage. The combination of employment without medical coverage and makes CASI's services a valuable asset to clients in the Hamilton County community. Without affordable services offered by CASI, many of these individuals would have been unable to access needed treatment.



Employment

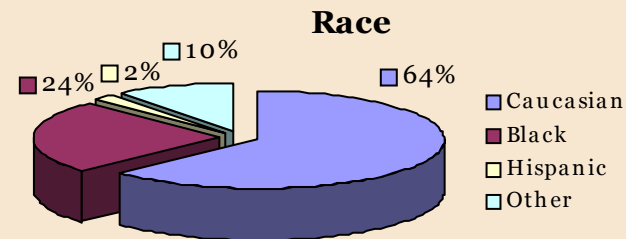


(51%) were non-parents, with 14% living in a two-parent family structure and another 14% living as single parents. Sixty-four percent were employed. Despite these employment rates, only

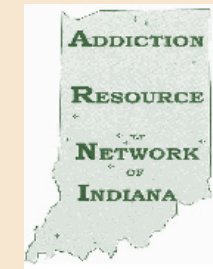
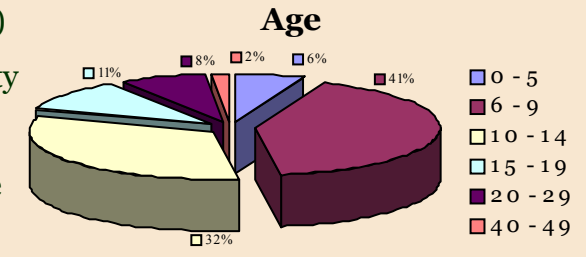
The Confidence Club

The Confidence Club enjoyed an increase of over 60% in participation this year from last year. A total of 74 individuals participated. The increase can be attributed to a stable home for the Club this year, after relocating last year to the same facility as the outpatient treatment center, as well as increased outreach efforts amongst the Club's staff.

The demographics of Club participants this year are typical of those from past years. Participants were closely matched in gender, male 59% and female 41%. Most were Caucasian (64%). African



Americans comprised about a quarter (24%) of participants, with a much smaller minority of Hispanics (2%). As in years past, a vast majority (73%) of participants ranged in age from six to 14 years.

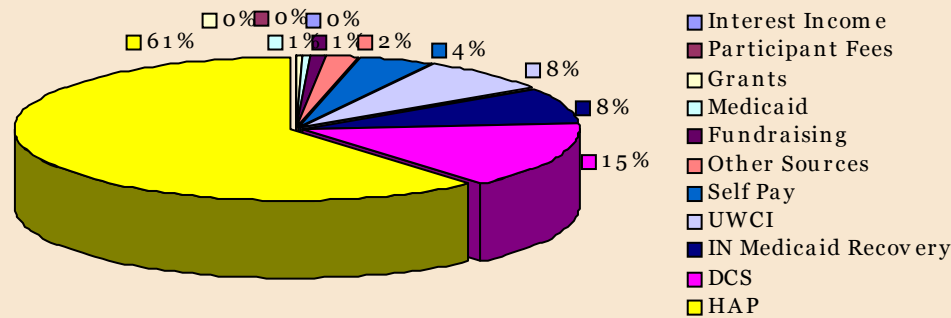


Financials

Revenue

Interest Income	\$ 252	Self Pay	\$ 67,166
Participant Fees	\$ 1,341	United Way (UWCI)	\$ 114,108
Grants	\$ 2,947	IN Medicaid Recovery	\$ 116,695
Medicaid	\$ 7,616	Dept of Child Services (DCS)	\$ 230,812
Fundraising	\$ 13,595	Hoosier Assurance Plan (HAP)	\$ 915,656
Other Sources	\$ 29,185		

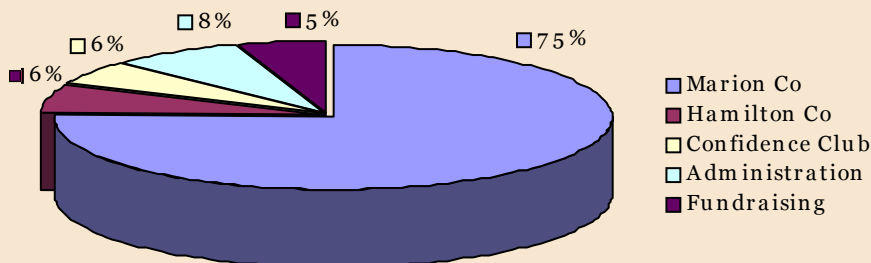
Total Revenue \$1,499,373



Expense

Fundraising	\$ 68,301	Administration	\$ 102,843
Confidence Club Services	\$ 74,594	Marion Co Services	\$1,010,898
Hamilton Co Services	\$ 81,174		

Total Expense \$1,337,810



Thank you!

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