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Board President & Executive Director Message

We invite you to review what we have accomplished during fiscal year 2006/07. As a local community based mental health agency, we believe that it is our responsibility to lead the way in making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and their families. Meeting the mental health needs of children and families can be both complex and rewarding, though at times especially challenging when families' needs require more and more resources for success. However, the first thing you will discover in this report is that through the enthusiasm and commitment of our staff, we have created a system of comprehensive services. In this respect, it is our goal to meeting the needs of children and their families in an environment that is client-centered and family focused, community-based and culturally competent. As you review the Annual Report, you will read about the many services provided that is responsive to the unique needs of our children and families. In addition, services are delivered with linkages to our collaborative partners, both private and public. Doing so ensures our clients' long-term stability and success.

We are especially proud of our newest programs, Early Attachments Infant/Toddler Center, a prevention and early intervention program serving infants/children ages 0-5 made possible by the B.C. McCabe Foundation and Sacchi Foundation, and our Full Service Partnership serving a more intensive population of children and their families made possible by funds from the California Mental Health Service Act.

In this report, we also provide information on what is known statistically for the purpose of demonstrating the critical need for expanded services. At the national level, infants are the fastest growing category of children entering the foster care system. It is reported that 21% of all children in foster care were admitted prior to their first birthday, and that 45% of all infants placements occurred within 30 days of the child's birth. At a local level (Southeast Regional Service Area), children ages 0-5 years of age make-up over one-quarter of the total child population in our community and is expected to increase by 11% in the next 5 years. Our region illustrates a sobering picture of concentrated pockets of low-wage earning families living in poverty; a large proportion of families who are uninsured; children facing a variety of health and mental health problems; a population that is undereducated; a high teen pregnancy rate at 9.9%, slightly more than the rate of births to teens in the state (9.5%); and, the total child abuse and neglect referrals in 2006/07 was 19,518.

As we look forward to reporting on the success of our newest program, we embrace the opportunity to provide, with compassion, a full range of integrated services to our most vulnerable populations – infants and children.

On behalf of children and families of the Greater Whittier Area, ICGC Staff, Board of Directors and Community Partners, thank you for sharing in our mission of promoting healthy children and families.

Sincerely,

Janice Roodzant
Board President

Charlene Dimas-Peinado, L.C.S.W.
Executive Director

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Service Year in Review

6,999

Children and their families received therapeutic and social services in the year ending June 30, 2007.

2,131

Children, adolescents and their families were serviced through our Outpatient Services that include individual, family and group therapy, case management, psychological testing, and medication support/management to improve social and emotional functioning in the home, school and community.

3,020

Clients were served by direct therapeutic treatment and outreach services provided through the Early School Success Program funded by First 5 Los Angeles. Children, 0-5 years, and their parents took part in Bi-lingual Twilight Pre-school, literacy programs, and the Teen Parent Conference. Early School Success provides a broad range of social services for families to help them support their children's development.

427

Children and adolescents received mental health treatment through our School Based Services provided on-site at 22 local elementary, middle, and high schools decreasing emotional and behavioral problems and increasing academic functioning.

410

Individual mothers received services through our Cal WORKS Program where we assess and treat the stressors that impact family and employment.

325

Parents participated in our Parent Education Course to improve their parenting skills and help them build stronger parent-child relationships. The program is offered in both English and Spanish.

224

Children ages 7-12 diagnosed with severe emotional and behavioral problems benefited from our 5 days-per-week HOPE Intensive Treatment Program designed to promote successful home, school and community functioning by enhancing self-esteem, encouraging personal growth and development, and improving socialization skills.

148

Children living in foster care benefited from our Enhanced & Specialized Foster Care Program, working directly with them and their foster family, to minimize their time in placement and reducing the anxieties created from being in foster care that impacts a child's emotional, physical and educational development.

82

High-risk families received mental health services offering critical guidance and support to ensure that children live in safe and nurturing environments. Family Preservation actively seeks to obtain or directly provide the services needed to enable children to remain within their family system.

SPA 7 Statistics

18,977 Child abuse and neglect referrals¹

4,000 Substantiated child abuse and neglect referrals²

2,573 Children in out-of-home placement³

144 Children placed in adoptive homes⁴

19 Child deaths⁵

¹Data Source is CWS/CMS Datamart as of 6/30/2008.

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³Data source is CWS/CMS History Database and the data represent point-in-time information as of June 30, 2007.

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⁵Data provided by DCFSS, Children not served by DCFSS. Data source is GFL/FA, and the data based on referrals received during FY 2006-2007 for the children with death date.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2007

With comparative totals at June 30, 2006

	2007	2006	Changes
Assets			
Cash	\$135,193	\$121,413	\$13,780
Accounts receivable	166,502	441,113	\$(274,611)
Grants receivable	-	8,620	\$(8,620)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	39,230	53,083	\$(13,853)
Endowment assets (Note 10)	2,038,475	1,842,691	\$195,784
Property and equipment (Note 3)	77,543	92,931	\$(15,388)
Total assets	\$2,456,943	\$2,559,851	(102,908)
Liabilities and net assets			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$17,937	\$38,976	(21,039)
Accrued liabilities (Note 4)	781,452	349,717	431,735
Accrued unemployment liability (Note 5)	16,686	-	16,686
Line of credit (Note 6)	-	100,000	(100,000)
Total liabilities	816,075	488,693	327,382
Net assets			
Unrestricted	1,449,298	1,947,254	(497,956)
Temporarily restricted (Note 8)	191,570	123,904	67,666
Total net assets	1,640,868	2,071,158	(430,290)
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,456,943	\$2,559,851	\$(102,908)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2007

With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2007	2006	Changes
Revenue and support					
Fees and grants from government agencies	\$3,701,260	\$-	\$3,701,260	\$3,716,530	\$(15,270.00)
Contributions	142,774	156,600	299,374	186,319	113,055
Investment income - endowment assets	195,784		195,784	43,558	152,226
Other income	41,343		41,343	44,964	(3,621)
Net assets released from program restrictions	88,934	(88,934)	-	-	-
Total revenue and support	4,170,095	67,666	4,237,761	3,991,371	246,390
Expenses					
Program services	3,331,364		3,331,364	3,320,250	11,114
Management and general	757,627		757,627	426,221	331,406
Fundraising	164,733		164,733	100,020	64,713
Total expenses	4,253,724	-	4,253,724	3,846,491	342,520
Other Changes					
Prior-year contract settlements (Note 7)	414,327		414,327	-	414,327
Change in net assets	(497,956)	67,666	(430,290)	144,880	(96,130)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,947,254	123,904	2,071,158	1,926,278	144,880
Net assets, end of year	\$1,449,298	\$191,570	\$1,640,868	\$2,071,158	\$48,750

Activities

Intercommunity Child Guidance Guild held the 38th Annual Luncheon Auction on November 6, 2006 bringing together more than 300 guests who gathered to support the services offered by ICGC. The Guild Luncheon raised a record number of sponsorships, for a total contribution of \$45,000 to ICGC to help us continue to provide high quality mental health services to every child in need.

On December 20, 2006 we hosted the 16th Annual Holiday Sharing of Gifts that distributed a record number of gifts, 400 bags in total, to more than 1,000 children. Thanks to the generosity of the City of Santa Fe Springs we were able to offer 27 food baskets to some of our most needy families.

In an effort to bring professional development resources to Southeast Los Angeles County mental health, social service, education and health professional seeking continuing education, we launched the Professional Development Series. For ten months out of the year we invited child mental health experts to address topics such as, Back In Control; Developing Empathy for the Angry Child; Play Therapy with Children, Adolescents and their Families; Identifying Pathology in Children, among other topics of interest in children's mental health. The series was successfully attended by 150 professionals throughout the year.

In April 2007, via the Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, and with the support of many of our local businesses, we began discussions with East Whittier City School District to implement the Growing Up Safe program using the Think First, Stay Safe curriculum in their schools beginning early 2008.

We launched a redesigned website, in May 2007, with a professional and inviting colorful new look. The website includes comprehensive information on our programs and services as well as being a portal where families and professional can access mental health resources. The website includes a Parent section with content on various topics of child development, common mental health problems, and parenting topics that are of interest to parents, caregivers and educators.

June 2, 2007 in partnership with the City of Santa Se Springs, we hosted the Healthy Minds Healthy Lives Children's Carnival to encourage children and families to live healthy, active lifestyles. More than 2,000 families were in attendance taking advantage of the 17 health screeners that provided various free health services and 28 health resource agencies offering a full range of health/social service information. Kids thoroughly enjoyed the interactive fun zone, participated in energetic performances on the entertainment stage, and received a variety of free give-aways that included gym memberships, dance lessons, and bikes!

Received a \$25,000 grant from the Albert and Bettie Sacchi Foundation in December 2006 to fund Snug Harbor, our child care facility, providing free child care services for parents participating in treatment services. The grant makes it possible for us to staff Snug Harbor with a part-time child care professional that supervises and engages children in activities that help with their cognitive, emotional and physical development.

Accomplishments

Received \$100,000 grant from B.C. McCabe Foundation to establish the Early Attachments Infant-Toddler Center, a program of early intervention and prevention. Working in partnership with Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, the Infant-Toddler Center is designed to protect the health and well-being of infants while also working with their families to strengthen their parenting skills, help the family meet its basic needs, and address the family's overall emotional stability. The Infant-Toddler Center encompasses a unique approach to strengthening the development and well-being of infants within secure and stable parent-child relationships to reduce/eliminate their risk for abuse and neglect.

Received an expansion in our contract with First 5 Los Angeles to continue the Early School Success Program in partnership with Montebello Unified School District. Funding was for \$1.2 Million for 2008-2011 to provide direct educational support, mental health services and access to community resources for teen mothers and parents with children 0 – 5 years so their children are prepared to enter kindergarten and succeed in their academic life.

Success Story

Two brothers were brought to ICGC for mental health services by their mother, ages seven and nine. Mother reported a recent separation from her spouse, the children's father. Both boys presented with depressive symptoms including irritability, crying outbursts, social withdrawal, inappropriate guilt, suicidal thinking, and feelings of worthlessness. During the assessment process, it was revealed that the boys had been exposed to domestic violence and corporal punishment before their parents separated. The therapist worked with the boys in individual and family sessions to process their feelings related to their trauma as well as develop healthier coping skills by utilizing a variety of art and play therapy interventions. The therapist also worked with the mother to assist her in developing the effective and nurturing parenting skills needed in her new role as a single parent. Given the family's challenges with reliable transportation, therapy was conducted both at school and in the home to best meet the needs of the family. Additionally, a case manager worked closely with the mother to assist her in obtaining supportive services such as legal representation, food banks, and clothing resources. By using a systems approach to treatment and ensuring that the family's basic needs were met, both boys were able to eliminate their emotional and behavioral symptoms and successfully achieve their treatment goals, resulting in an improved parent child relationship and healthier sibling relationship.

Mother verbalized to the therapist, "You have taught me many skills on how I can discipline them and how to stop and listen to them. I thank you so much."



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