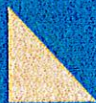


The Arc of Palm Beach County

Since 1958



# Annual Report 2008-2009

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*Having been the Treasurer of The Arc for many years, I am confident that The Arc is moving in the right direction. Despite the economic storms we've all been facing in the last several years, we're right on track with our fundraising and budget reviews and are keeping expenses as low as possible without compromising program quality. It remains a challenge, but we are up to it.*

- Chuck Kramer

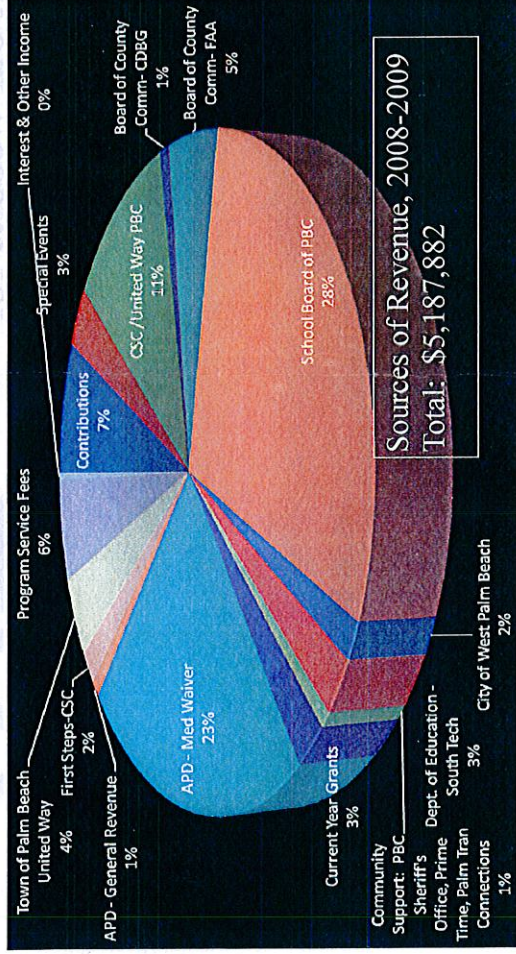
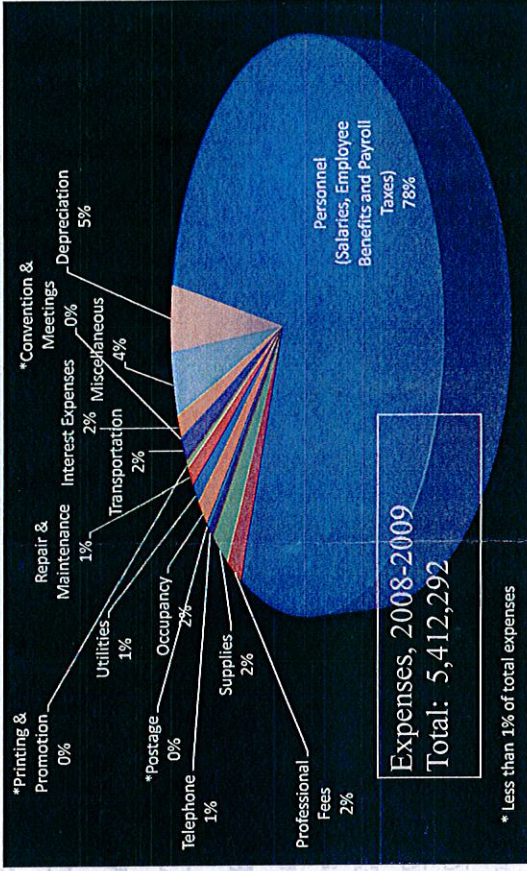
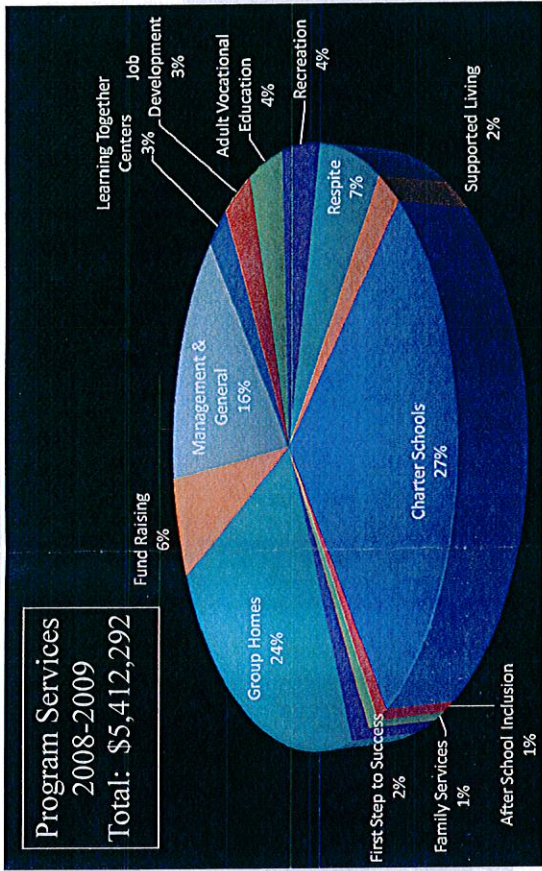
## Revenues, Program Services, and Expenses

**Revenues:** Many of our clients are surprised to learn that The Arc is not a governmental agency. To the contrary, The Arc is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, fully dependent on grants, contracts and private donations from many sources to sustain its services, its educational and advocacy programs. Key to The Arc's stability are the diversified funding streams that invest in our programs. No one source supports any program 100%; thus, cuts from one source do not place an entire program at risk.

Public funding sources comprise 81% of our revenue streams; private sources, including the Annual Fund, special events and foundation grants, are 13%.

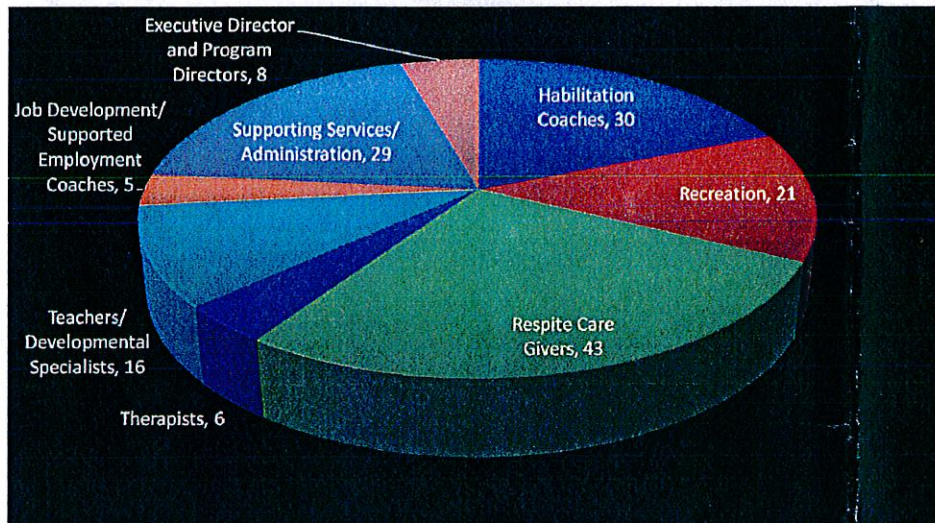
**Program Services:** The two Potentials Schools and our four group residences comprise the largest programs, in terms of expenditures, operated by The Arc. All programs for children and families make up 45% of our operations; all programs for adults, 33%. Our overhead is low and our management costs are only 16% of the overall budget, well within appropriate norms and quite reasonable given the number of programs (12) and locations (more than 10) we operate throughout Palm Beach County.

**Expenses:** The Arc is known for the caliber of its programs. Established in 1958, The Arc now has 52 years' experience in providing services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. The vast majority of our expenses are for personnel. This work is all about people. The Arc employs nearly 200 individuals, including group home and supported living habilitation coaches; recreation leaders; respite care providers; physical, occupational, speech/language and vision therapists; special educators; developmental specialists; job developers and supported employment coaches; job skills teachers; and family support providers. Program operations are our next largest expense, 15%.

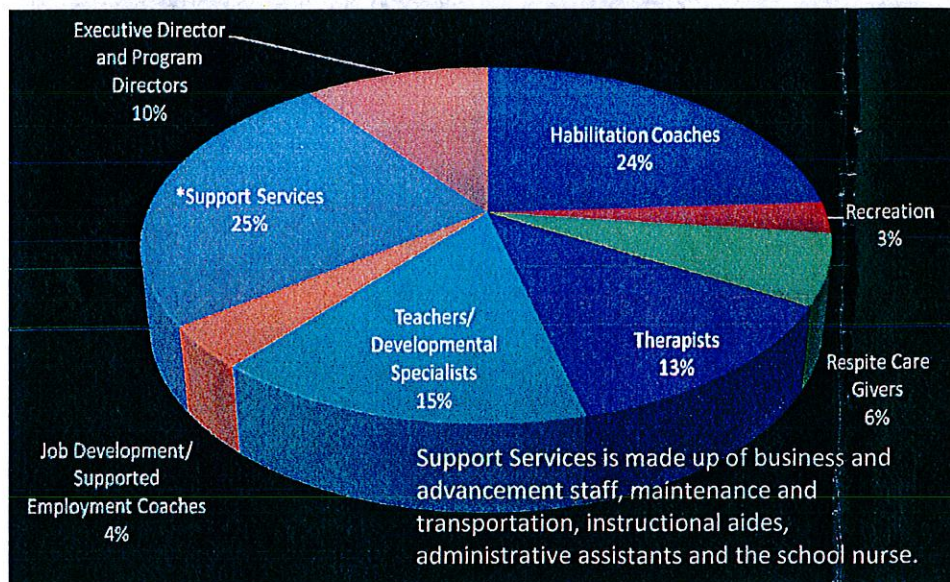


## Our People Make Us What We Are

When you think of The Arc, you most likely think of the people we serve, but there are more than 150 professionals and support staff who are key to our ability to improve the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.



Therapists, special educators, vocational trainers, job developers, respite care givers, habilitation coaches, developmental specialists, supported living and supported employment coaches, recreation leaders . . . each and every one dedicated to our mission of inclusion and to **making Palm Beach County a Community for All.**



## The Arc is Stable and Expanding

Despite a challenging year of public funding cuts and an economic crisis nationwide in which Florida was particularly hard hit, The Arc of Palm Beach County is sound. It sustained all twelve (12) of its current program areas and even expanded programming for disability prevention during FY09.

The Arc's leadership, both at the Board and staff levels, rose to the challenge of sustaining services to our clients even as expenditures had to be tightened. Creative and collaborative efforts examined all aspects of Arc operations, finding savings where possible and looking for new sources of funds as well.

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