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"From early childhood through high school, families make key contributions to student learning. School improvement programs are much more effective when schools enlist families in the process. Regardless of income or education, families can and do support their children's success and the more the relationship between families and the school is a real partnership, the more student achievement increases."

-Henderson, Anne T. and Mapp, Karen, L. et al

Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships, New York: The New Press, 2007

All About PIC

The Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc. (PIC) is a statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and administers Delaware's only federally mandated Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) designated by the US Department of Education to provide information, training, technical assistance and support to families of children and youth with all disabilities from birth to age 26. There are 105 such Parent Training and Community Parent Resource Centers in the US and territories.

PIC serves over 3,000 families and professionals each year by providing: individual technical assistance and problem solving, training seminars, large conferences, a weekly e-newsletter with a circulation of 5,000, a lending library and a website (www.picofdel.org).

These services are designed to help parents of children with learning, intellectual, emotional and physical disabilities gain greater understanding of their children's special needs and to acquire the advocacy skills necessary to secure appropriate educational and other services.

PIC's Mission

To improve outcomes for all children, in particular children with disabilities, and their families by providing information, education and support.

PIC's Vision

Is for **all children** to fulfill their potential to lead productive and independent lives in their communities.



"I am glad I found out about PIC... This is not just a school thing. It is a life-long thing. PIC is a godsend."

-PIC parent

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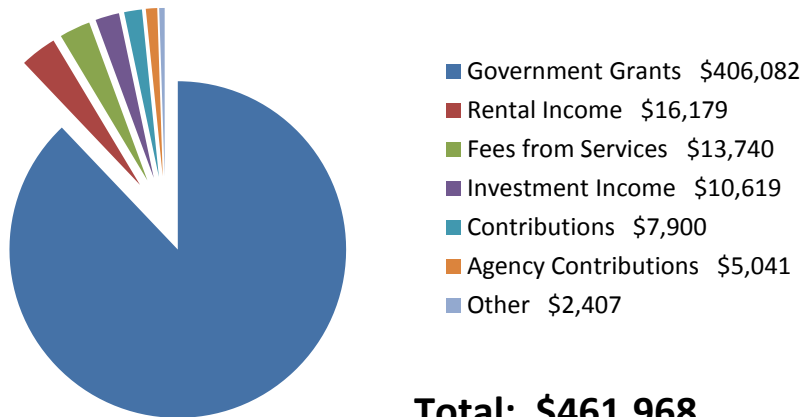
US Department of Education – Office of Special Education Programs- CFDA 84.328M, CFDA 84.310A, Delaware Department of Education, State of Delaware Grant-in-Aid Program, the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, and USDE Office of Parental Options and Innovations.

PIC also greatly depends on foundation grants, gifts and donations from individuals and corporations to fund its programs and services for children and families.

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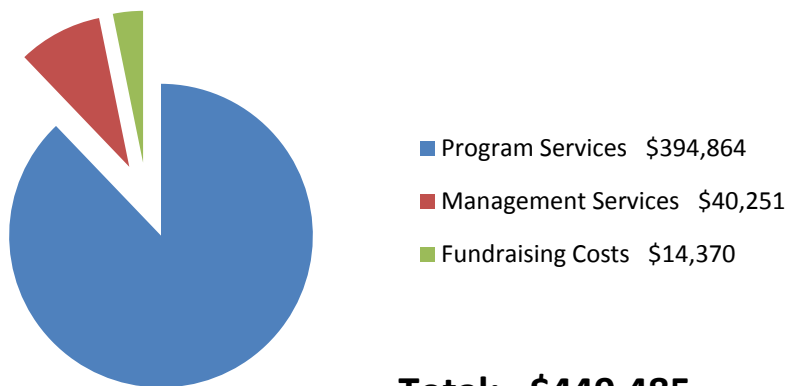
Our Financials

Revenue



Total: \$461,968

Expenses



Total: \$449,485

Our Accomplishments:

Parent Training and Information

This year, our PTI:

- Provided one-on-one assistance to 1,193 individuals for information, training, referrals and support regarding children and youth with disabilities.
- Trained over 600 parents and 145 professionals through workshops, presentations and conferences.
- Presented 52 workshops and learning opportunities on topics such as Understanding the IEP, Recognizing and Preventing Bullying, and Managing School Transitions.
- Assisted 648 underserved families (economically disadvantaged, kinship caregivers, homeless, migrant, and foster families, or whose children may have been inappropriately diagnosed) through all of PIC's services.
- Reached over 4,800 subscribers with our weekly e-newsletter.
- Hosted presentations for parent groups, state agencies, foster care agencies, after school programs, parent education programs, day care centers, and early childhood and Head Start Centers.
- Attended 69 IEP meetings, 2 mediations, and 22 other educational meetings with parents.
- Worked with families of children aged birth to 26, whose disabilities included ADHA, learning disabilities, autism, mental retardation, and emotional disabilities.
- Logged over 40,000 hits to our website (www.picofdel.org) with 56% of visitors new to the site, and 44% repeat visitors.

Delaware Parent Information and Resource Center

The Delaware PIRC (DEPIRC) is mandated by the US Department of Education as the Parental Information and Resource Center for Delaware and is administered by the Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc.

PIRCs serve parents living in urban and rural areas throughout a state, parents of low-income, minority and Limited English Proficient children and districts and schools that receive funding under Title 1 of NCLB and would like to strengthen their parental involvement practices and policies.

PIRCs are designed to work hand-in-hand with state and federal programs to provide information and resources about parental involvement and family-community-school connections from early childhood through high school and to help implement successful and effective parental involvement practices, policies and programs that lead to improved student academic achievement.

About DEPIRC:

The PIRC focuses on promoting equal and beneficial partnerships between families and public schools, in particular low- income families, Title I and low performing schools. The DEPIRC is designed to improve student achievement through improved parent engagement.



Got Kids? Get Involved!

Our Accomplishments:

Parent Information and Resource Center

This year, the DEPIRC:

- Provided service to 1,295 families on education related topics such as Public School Choice, Bullying, and State Accountability.
- Expanded the Parents as Teachers program to serve 442 families of children aged 3-5.
- Conducted over 300 home visits and over 150 parent group activities with Parents as Teachers.
- Created 2 Transition Teams to help at-risk kids better prepare to start school.
- Trained 823 families of school-aged children in the best practices of parent involvement.
- Graduated 30 Parent Leaders through the Delaware Parent Leadership Institute.
- Reached 1,532 Limited English Proficient families through workshops and one-on-one direct services.
- Established 10 Resource Centers directly in Schools throughout the state as a place for parents to gather and find information and support.
- Promoted Parental Involvement Month in October, by hosting workshops, conferences, and presentations throughout the state.
- Maintained a website (www.depirc.org) that hosts news, events, and resources for parents, educators, and professionals.