



2007

Annual Report



**If your child has special needs,
you may too...**



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A Snapshot



Helping Families of Children and Adults with Disabilities

Parent to Parent of Miami is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1986 by parents of children with disabilities. The organization provides peer support, information, educational training and advocacy to families who have children, youths and adults with disabilities.

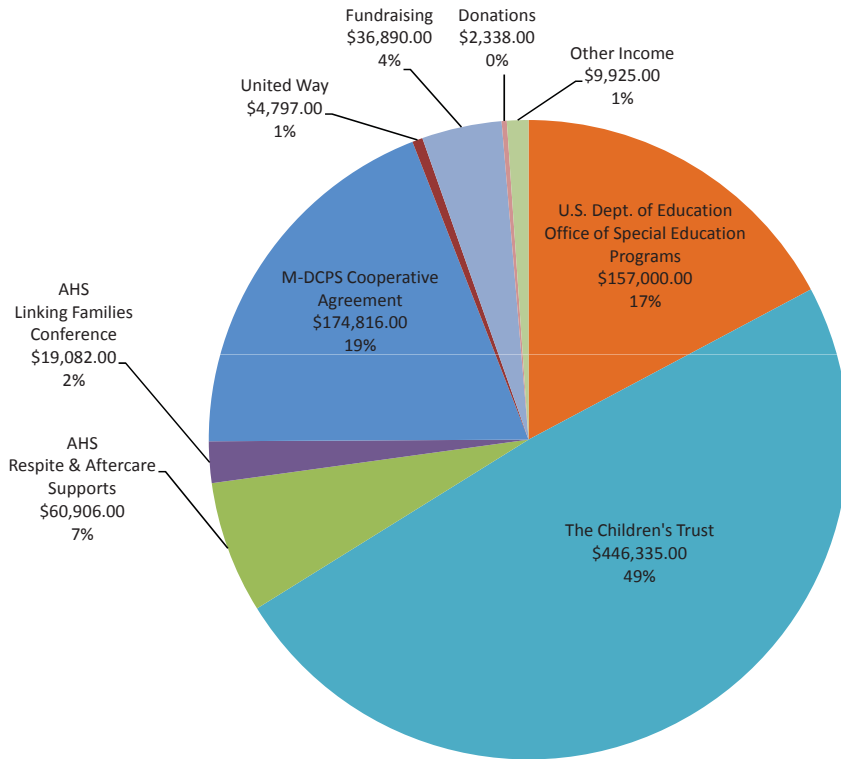
Supporting Our Growth

Our **Community Parent Resource Center (CPRC)** provides much needed training and assistance to the families of 40,000 children and youths with disabilities in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The CPRCs are funded through the U.S. Department of Education under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) of 2004.

Parent Centers specifically help families:

- ♦ Understand their children's disabilities and educational needs
- ♦ Communicate more effectively with school personnel
- ♦ Understand their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)
- ♦ Obtain appropriate services for their children
- ♦ Connect with other community resources that assist children, youths and adults with disabilities
 - ♦ **Alliance for Human Services** provides funding for the Linking Families Conference and the Respite and Aftercare Project
 - ♦ **Hispanics in Philanthropy** provides funding for professional staff development. The Funders' Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities was created to address key issues of sustainability, growth and long-term development faced by Latino nonprofit organizations, while also cultivating the next generation of Latino leaders. Capacity building grants support projects such as the enhancement of resource development capabilities, development of board and staff leadership, and improvement of governance structures.
 - ♦ **Families Building a Community of Excellence through Support, Training & Leadership Project funded by The Children's Trust in 2004**, expands Parent to Parent of Miami's outreach efforts at the Mailman Center for Child Development, Miami Children's Hospital, Jackson Memorial Pediatric Clinics, and the Department of Children and Families Foster and Adoptive Program. Six Parent Resource Specialists provide one-to-one peer counseling, support, information and education to over 3,000 families who have children with disabilities and special needs.

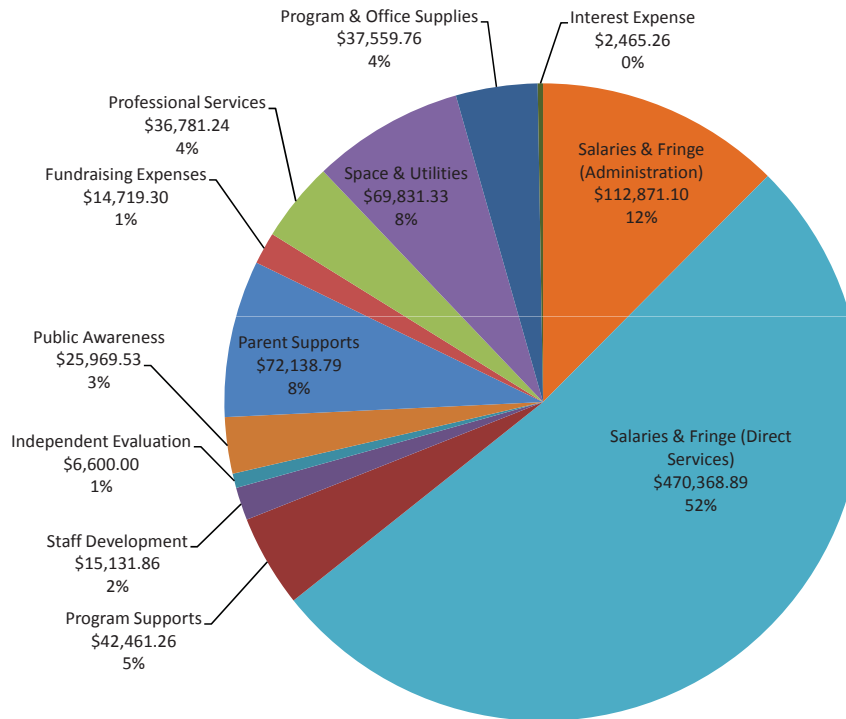
Sources of Revenue



Disabilities

ADD/ADHD	14.0%
Autism	19.2%
Deaf/ Hearing Impaired	1.0%
Developmental Delay	9.7%
Emotional Disabilities	3.0%
Gifted	0.1%
Mental Retardation	11.0%
Multiple Disabilities	3.4%
Neurological Impairment	10.0%
Orthopedic/ Physical	1.4%
Other	3.0%
Other Health Impairment	2.1%
Specific Learning Disabilities	6.1%
Speech & Language Impairment	6.0%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.4%
Unknown	9.0%
Visual Impairment/ Blindness	0.6%

Program Expenses



Testimonial

On behalf of the Cilley family, I like to express my gratitude towards the thoughtful and considerate actions your group has bestowed unto my family. I greatly appreciate and admire Parent to Parent for providing me with the opportunity to enjoy these beautiful holidays with financial support. Rosie and Yamilet have been most phenomenal and deserve my outmost appreciation. I do not have enough words to describe the valuable time they have spent collaborating with my family countless of times. Thank you!

-The Cilley Family



Impact in the Community

- 92% of the parents/caregivers attending a workshop reported increased knowledge regarding disabilities, available services and statues
- 98.4 % of the parents/caregivers attending workshops reported feeling confident with making decisions about the educational needs of their child
- 76% of the parents accessing information and support reported receiving peer support
- 80 % of the parents attending workshops rated the sessions as excellent
- 91% reported that they would be able to advocate for their child using the information learned
- 99% reported that they would recommend the workshops to other families

Supporting our Cause the generosity of our "DONORS"

With the support of our donors, Parent to Parent of Miami was able to raise over \$105,000 for the 2007 Journey of Dreams Benefit. Our special thanks to those donors whose leadership, support and unwavering commitment over the past year have made it possible for us to continue to succeed.

Looking forward to 2008- Plans include accessing additional funds to provide transition to community supports for youth and adults with disabilities and building partnerships within the business community to provide access to information to families in alternative formats.

Parent to Parent of Miami's annual Journey of Dreams Benefit will take place November 15, 2008 at the J W Marriott. The goal of the benefit is to honor individuals in our community who are dedicated to improving and promoting initiatives that benefit children and adults with disabilities and their families. If you are interested in assisting our organization with this endeavor or would like to submit a nomination, please visit www.journeyofdreams.info

The growth and sustainability of all non-profits is dependent upon the ability to effectively fundraise. Parent to Parent of Miami has a vision and a purpose that collectively inspires us all to dream big for the future of our children and our community. It is through fundraising that our organization will soar to new heights in advocacy and support. Parent to Parent of Miami is striving to build a brighter tomorrow, because we are in the business of building futures.

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Ethnicity	
African American	9.5%
American Indian	0.1%
Anglo	9.0%
Haitian	3.4%
Hispanic	65.0%
Migrant	0.8%
Other	3.0%
Unknown	9.2%

- 60 Individualized Education Plan Meetings
- 18,000 one to one contacts with families
- 84 Workshops & Trainings
- 43 Direct Assistance Activities
- 10 Foster Parent Trainings
- 15 Support Groups
- 130 families accessed Respite and Aftercare Supports
- 400 families attended the Linking Families Conference
- 1,180 parents attended trainings & presentations
- 1106 contacts with professionals
- 452 professionals attended trainings & presentations
- 140 community systems advocacy meetings

- Peer Support
- Direct Assistance at the Medical Clinics
- Individualized Education Plan Workgroups
- Educational Advocacy Individualized Education Plan face to face meetings
- Parent Leadership Development Project
- Support Parent Training
- Assistance to Foster & Adoptive Parents
- Parents as Faculty Project
- Parents' Legislative Network
- Online system of support
- University of Miami Pediatric Residents "Family Perspective Project"
- e-Newsletter "Empowerment"