

CCAR Industries

Annual Report FY-2008

July 1, 2007 –June 30, 2008

Dear Friends of CCAR Industries,

Time has gone by so quickly. Yet again another very exciting year has been completed. I wanted to start by talking about one of the most recent system changes and that is how the PUNS data system is being used for individuals entering the system. The PUNS appears to have become a waiting list. At this point, it is extremely important that if you have a child or family member with a developmental disability who is not currently receiving services you should contact your local PAS agent and have them entered on the PUNS. Currently, outside of an emergency, only a small number each month will be randomly selected across the state to qualify for adult services. This could mean that your wait for services could be many years. This means for day services as well as those looking for residential services. This will be a huge concern for those leaving the local school system in the coming years. If you would like more information regarding this, please contact Bobbie Eastin.

Last year I wrote about working on our strategic plan and the many things that we learned through that process. This year we continued to be guided by that information and tried very hard to remain focused on what people with disabilities and their families want from CCAR Industries. After looking back at what we have all accomplished; I am very, very pleased. One of our proudest moments this year was when we completed the renovation at the DT Lincoln site. We are very grateful for all the input that we received from families, as well as individuals served, concerning what they wanted to see. If you haven't had a chance to drop by and see it; you should. I must say that I was very impressed at how it turned out. You see I allowed the staff to work as a team with consumers and their families to guide us in this project. I, of course, was there to play the devils advocate. I tell you this because I believe it is a good example of our dedication to our mission and vision statements.

This new direction for CCAR goes hand in hand with some of the changes that are desperately needed in the Illinois system of services for people with disabilities. In the last couple of years I have begun to see a ray of hope that some of these changes just might occur. Part of this has happened with Lilia Teninty, becoming the Director of Developmental Disabilities Division(DDD) at the Department of Human Services(DHS). Within her time on the job, I have for the first time witnessed the division of DD services trying to honestly take a good look at what currently exists and what people want. For too many years those who made decisions that affect services knew very little about what these services looked like, very little about the people who used them, and consequently, many of those decisions did not make sense.

Over the last year there have been many opportunities for families to provide input to the Director in person. If you haven't taken the opportunity to participate, I would encourage you to go to the Illinois Department of Human Service website and look for opportunities to participate in any input opportunities. You can also find an email address for the Director and send her your ideas and issues as well.

In addition, because of lack of resources I am seeing a more thorough look at how Illinois spends its money on DD services. Just recently a decision was made to close Howe Developmental Center due to its inability to become recertified by the Federal Government. Trying to keep this center open for approximately 300 people has drained millions of dollars from our system this last year. The amount used to keep this facility open would have funded the cuts that we are looking at now.

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Even though living in your own community is perceived throughout the country as being the best choice. Illinois still spends a large proportion of its funding in 9 state institutions serving a small segment of the population. A rebalancing of funds would be a huge change for Illinois, but as a taxpayer it appears to me to be a necessary one. If some planning would be given to this, the opportunities for services in the community would be tremendous. This leads me to another point. Now more than ever, it is critical that you let your opinions be known; not only with the Director, but your local legislators and the Governor.

I believe that services in Illinois sit at a very challenging time, however; also a time of tremendous opportunities. Because of this I urge you to stay informed about what is happening. I have been told many times from a variety of legislators that they receive far more calls on other issues rather than services for people with disabilities. It is time to change that!! CCAR Industries has developed an email list in order to keep employees, families, and friends informed of issues arising and information on how to contact those who need to know. If you aren't currently on this list, please go to our website www.ccarindustries.org and send us your email address. In closing, I just want to say that we have many new and exciting things happening and invite you to stop in and see those for yourself. Again, a big thanks to all the individuals with disabilities, staff and families who are helping us to be the best we can be.

Lyla McGuire,
Executive Director

CCAR is active in the community!!

- Participating in Special Olympics
- Volunteering at the Animal Shelter
- Band Together for Kids –Citizens Against Child Abuse
- Fundraising for animals in need
- Partnering with Charleston Rotary Club to provide backpacks for foster children
- Fundraising for disaster victims
- SBLHS Baby Fair in October
- Hosting parties for Head Start children
- Camping at Eagle Creek State Park
- Visiting the Pumpkin Patch
- Partnering with Charleston Rotary Club to provide backpacks for foster children
- Attending local churches
- Snacks with Santa
- Picnicking at Walnut Point State Park
- Pre-school Round-up –Charleston, Mattoon, Villa Grove, Tuscola and Oakland
- Attending fireworks at the airport
- Charleston Recreation Department
- Festival of the Young Child
- Enjoying area public swimming pools
- Hosting parties for Head Start children
- Local purchasing of goods and services
- Two consumers visited Disney World through Guided Tours



Consumer and Stakeholder Satisfaction Report Card

Birth-Through-Two Program	100%
Client and Family Support Program	95%
Developmental Training	95%
Residential Services Program	84%
Respite Program	88%
Vocational Programs	95%

As a portion of the CCAR annual Outcome Measurements process, staff worked with program consumers and other interested individuals to evaluate the degree of satisfaction. Individual satisfaction surveys developed used specific questions from the national core indicators project. Most program areas exceeded their established goals in this area.

Comments from some respondents were:

My daughter has progressed so much with the Birth-Through-Two program. She was behind in all skills and now has gone ahead in most areas. Thank you so much!

My brother has never been so happy with himself. He can't wait to go to work every morning. We are very happy with the program and with the help we received from the staff.

The case manager has gone beyond my expectations when helping my daughter and myself. My daughter's self-esteem and confidence has increased dramatically!

I am very pleased with the CCAR group home. It was a rough decision but has worked very well. The staff are very professional and caring.

CCAR Industries

Serving persons with developmental disabilities throughout their lifespan

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide community-based services and supports that enhance the quality of life of East Central Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities and/or other functional limitations throughout their lifespan.

Highlights

The Developmental Training program was redesigned and renovated into three different program sites. One site has a focus on sensory integration and total communication. The second site has become a senior program and the last site is now a recycling center which diverted 931,447 pounds of paper, cardboard and books from the local landfill this year. All construction has been completed and the three sites are completely operational much to the delight of consumers and families.

CCAR received another 22-passenger bus from the Illinois Department of Transportation which entered the fleet of 45 vehicles to provide the transportation the programs and consumers need.

Consumers in the day-training programs earned \$537,607 in wages and fringe benefits this year.

Utilizing 45 vehicles, driving 408,076 miles, the Transportation Department continues to support agency staff and consumers.

CCAR Industries would like to thank those who contributed to our programs during the past year!

Ann Heise, Charleston	Donna Goble, Charleston	Jimmie J. Kite, Shelbyville
Barbara A. Weiner, Highland Park	Doug Gossett, Charleston	Judy Torbeck-Livesay
Baymont Inn, Mattoon	Dow Chemical, Charleston	Kathy D. Cairns, Fishers, IN
Bill Hall, Mattoon	Dr. Jerger, DDS, Decatur	Lorenz Wholesale Company
Bob Oetting & Assoc. Insurance	E.I.U. Information and Tech.	Mac Enterprises Uptowner/Cellar,
Bobbie Eastin	Emajonashon Street, Charleston	Mattoon Firefighters Local 691
Charleston Family Dental	Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Alpha	Mattoon PB & PA
Charleston Fire Department	Lambda Pledge Class, Paris	Polly Claeys
Charleston Firefighters Local 3200	Gary Nichols, Mattoon	Pschirrer Family Dentistry
Charleston/Mattoon Wal-Mart	Girl Scouts Troop 410, Charleston	Ruth H. Doty, Shelbyville
Child & Family Connections #19	Holiday World & Splashin' Safari,	St. Charles Borromeo Church,
Christi Swango, Charleston	Santa Claus Land, Indiana	Charleston
Colleen Higginson, Arthur	Home Medical, Mattoon	Safety Compliance Training
Comfort Suites, Mattoon	Howard & Pat Hitchings,	Services, Inc., Mattoon
Dairy Queen, Charleston	Raymond, IL	Salvation Army, Mattoon
Delta Theta Tau	Jim McShane, Crossroad	State Beauty Supply, Mattoon
	Workforce Investment Board	21st Century Dental, Charleston

CCAR Industries' Wish List

Children Programs

Nintendo Wii (and games "Bowling" and Wii Fit"), Children's magazines, Children's books, Non-breakable holiday decorations, Girl's clothes sizes 14-18, Small infant toys, Small toddler toys

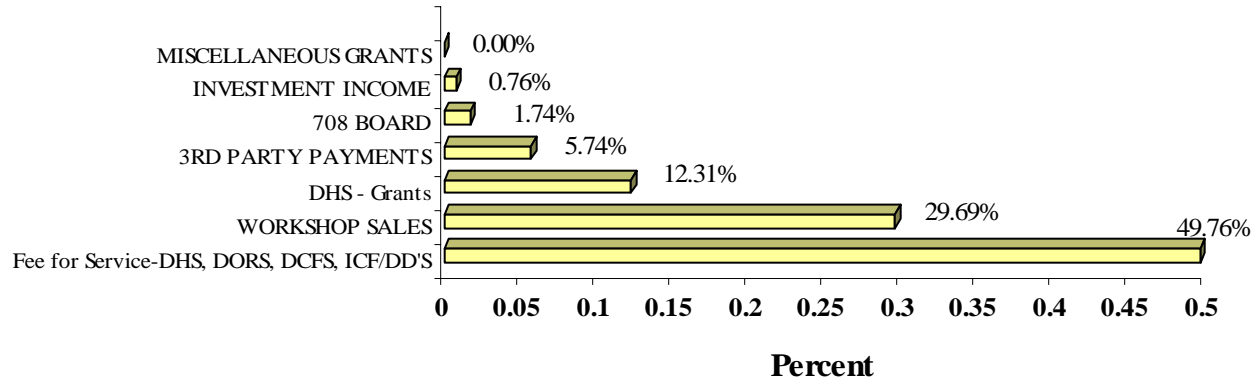
Adult Programs

Laminator, Stand lift, Stationary exercise bike, 78 sq. ft. Ceramic floor tile, Gazebo, Sewing machine, Recliners (vinyl or leather), Adult-size bean bag chair, Exercise Heart Monitors, AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators)

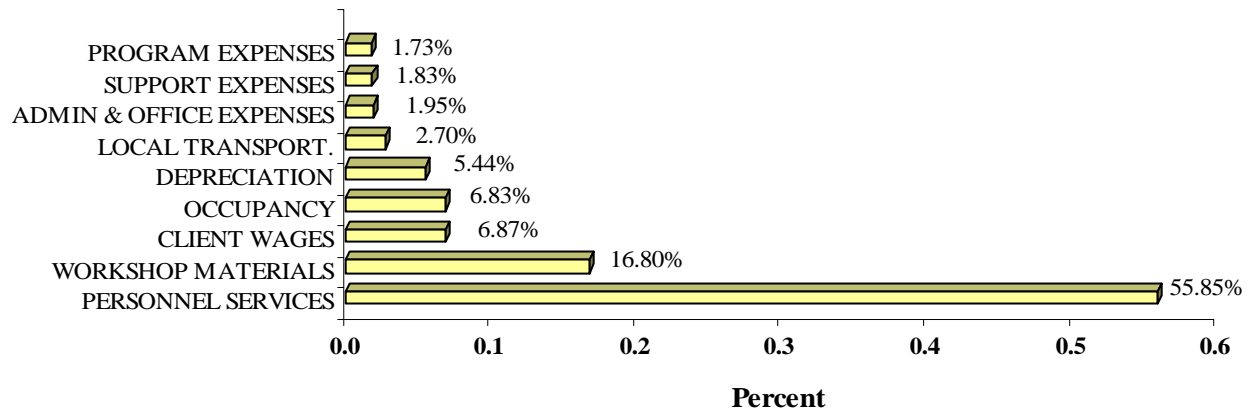
If you or your business have any of these items, or know of anyone who might be willing to donate any of these items, please contact Donna Leachman at: (217) 348-0127, extension 301. Remember all donations to CCAR are tax deductible to the extent provided by law and items must be in good working order.

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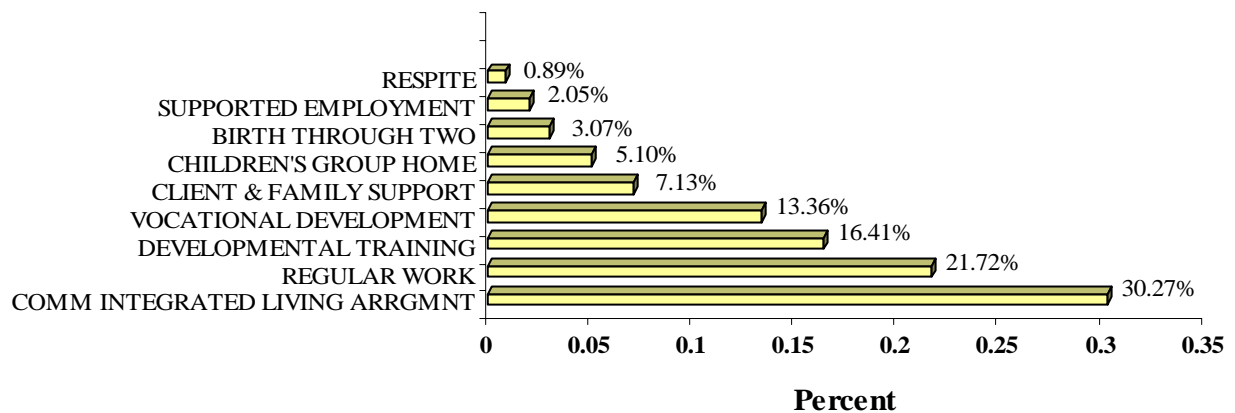
Where The Money Comes From



Where The Money Goes



How The Money Is Spent By Program



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