

TARC

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2024, TARC touched thousands of lives across Shawnee County—helping children take their first steps, empowering adults to secure meaningful work, and connecting families with the resources they need to thrive. Every milestone we reached this year was made possible because of you—our supporters, partners, and dedicated staff.

Our Infant Toddler Services supported 850 children and conducted 45 additional evaluations, with nearly 28% exiting services because they no longer needed them—clear proof that early intervention works. The Parents and Children Together (PACT) program supported 112 individuals, including 39 parents, helping them strengthen their skills and confidence. Our Feeding Clinic launched an emergency consultation service to assist children in urgent need, while our Family Support and Assistive Technology services provided 250 hours of training and 439 adaptive tools to 366 individuals.

Our Targeted Case Management team served 305 individuals, providing over 5,000 hours of personalized planning and support—with an incredible 97% satisfaction rate. The Avenues Day Program delivered 52 weeks of daily activities and over 3,600 community outings, plus 618 volunteer projects, proving that engagement and contribution go hand in hand.

Through TARC Industries, participants gained valuable skills with 51,298 hours of paid work training, and 47 individuals increased their personal hourly wages. The Self-Determination program empowered 65 people to choose their own support staff, with 14 achieving community employment.

Our fundraising events also saw great success, with the TARC Benefit Golf Tournament and Winter Wonderland continuing to raise significant funds. Winter Wonderland celebrated its 27th year, breaking records for attendance and funds raised, thanks to the overwhelming support from our community.

Behind every number is a story—of a parent's relief, a child's first words, a worker's first paycheck, a volunteer's pride in giving back. These stories are the reason we do what we do, and they are only possible because of your belief in our mission.

Together, we will continue to remove barriers, open doors, and build a community where everyone belongs.



Jayme Painter
Board President, TARC Inc.

TARC OVERVIEW

About Us

TARC was formed by a small group of local families in 1954. The families were all seeking to improve the lives of their children with intellectual disabilities. Since its inception, TARC has grown to serve over 2,500 individuals and families in the Topeka and Shawnee County area, providing service, support, and advocacy.

Our Mission

TARC enhances the lives of people affected by intellectual, developmental and related disabilities through commitment to excellence in service, support and advocacy.

Our Vision

All people, including those with intellectual, developmental and related disabilities, experience life to their potential.

PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

In 2024, the Children's Services and Assistive Technology Department at TARC made significant strides in supporting families across Kansas through a variety of impactful programs. Our Infant Toddler Services of Kansas provided by TARC program served 850 children and conducted 45 additional evaluations, with nearly 28% of children exiting services due to no longer meeting eligibility, an indicator of significant developmental progress. We maintained robust service delivery across other our programs including TARC's Feeding Clinic, and the Parents and Children Together (PACT) program. PACT alone supported 112 individuals, including 39 parents, and saw measurable gains in parenting quality through evidence-based interventions. TARC's Feeding Clinic developed an emergency consultation service for children who couldn't receive services immediately but needed some quick support. Our Feeding Clinic waiting list is currently over 30 children.

The department also expanded its reach through the Family Support Team and Assistive Technology services, benefiting 366 individuals with 250 hours of training and 439 pieces of adapted or modified equipment. Notable achievements included new partnerships with the Topeka Doula Project and Diaper Depot, as well as increased prenatal engagement leading to broader family support. Looking ahead, our department will focus on initiatives around mental health, movement-based therapies, and early literacy.

TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

In 2024, 305 Individuals received the benefit of Targeted Case Management (TCM) services. The TCM team welcomed a new Director and three new staff members, allowing TARC Inc. TCM to maintain an average caseload of 40 cases per staff member. Collectively, TCMs delivered over 5,000 hours of person-centered planning, resource and referral services, and monitoring of goal progress and supports.

Our commitment to comprehensive, high-quality support was reflected in continued improvements to service oversight and strong advocacy for individual lifestyle choice. As a result, 97% of individuals reported satisfaction with the TCM services received. We look forward to providing ongoing quality TCM services to both current and new individuals and families.

PROGRAMS

DAY AND WORK SERVICES

TARC's Avenues Day program was very successful in 2024 and provided 52 weeks of specific daily programming in the areas of art, cooking, movement, and STEM. There were 6,703 class participants throughout the year, coupled with 3,630 community integration activities. Our partnership with Bloom & Associates provided 881 range of motion sessions and 264 aquatic therapy sessions. TARC also focused on the importance of giving back to our local community by completing 618 volunteer activities. TARC's dedicated Direct Support Professionals ensured that individuals worked toward person-centered goal achievement each and every day.

TARC's Work Services programs were equally busy! TARC's production work-training facility, TARC Industries, provided work to customers all over Shawnee County and across the country. Through that process, 47 individuals saw an increase in their personal average hourly wage, and TARC Industries provided 51,298 hours of paid work training support. The partnerships that TARC Industries enjoys afford us the ability to offer work services to any eligible HCBS individual with a goal and interest in work. Community work exploration was achieved for 51 individuals and was provided via mobile work crews/enclaves supported by our local community partnerships. TARC worked continuously with Vocational Rehabilitation to provide assistance to individuals interested in community-integrated employment, and successfully offered job coaching and placement services to 20 individuals.

SELF-DETERMINATION

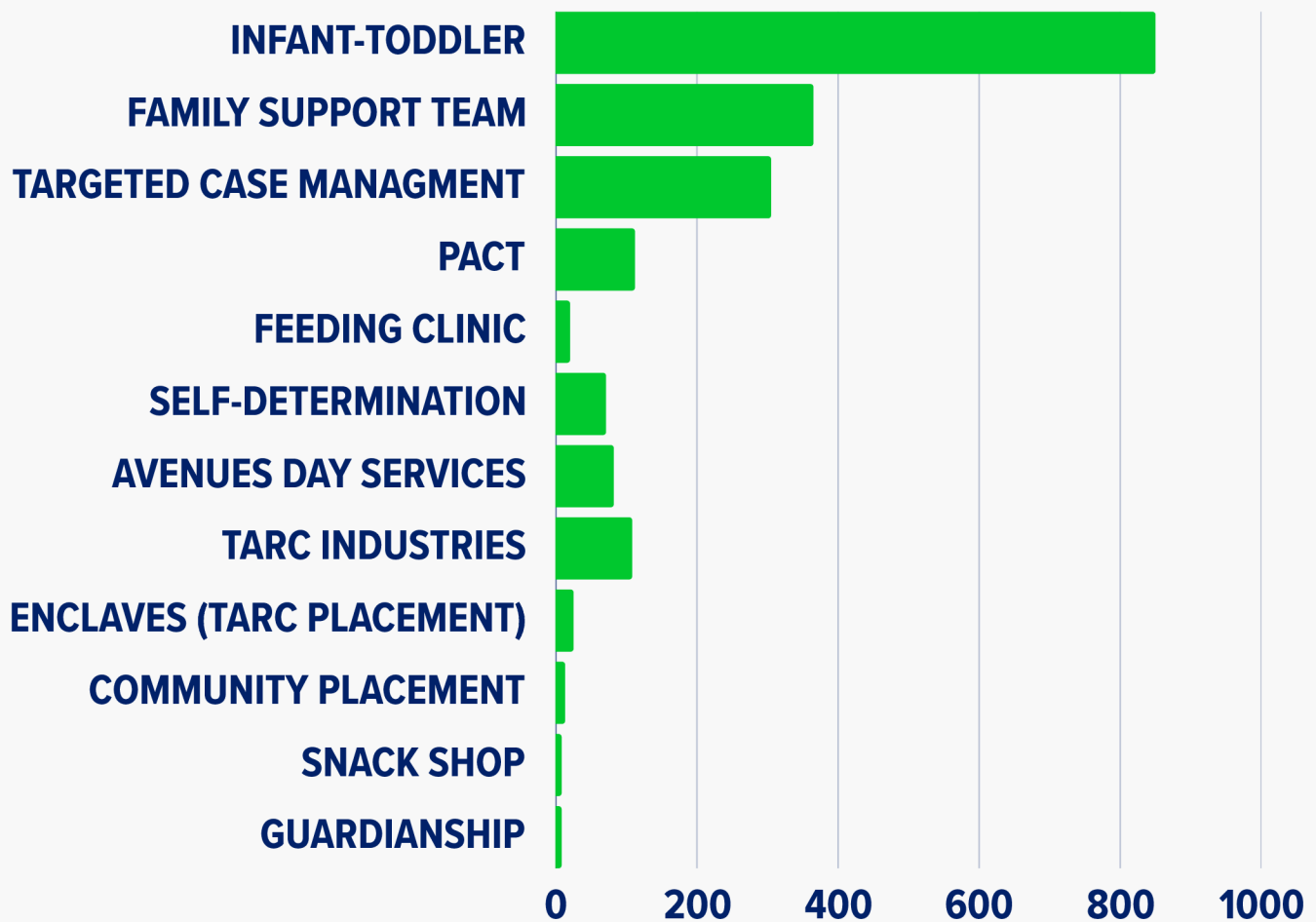
In 2024, our Self-Determination program empowered 65 participants to hire their own support staff for day, residential, or both. Fourteen participants opted for employment, successfully securing various job opportunities during the year, further promoting their independence and self-sufficiency.

Remaining committed to communication and engagement, Self-Determination continued its newsletter, The SD Scoop, throughout 2023. We continued our dedication to collaboration and service expansion by maintaining affiliations with six CDDO areas and remaining open for service referrals in each.

PERSONS SERVED

**TOTAL PERSONS SERVED:
1,415**

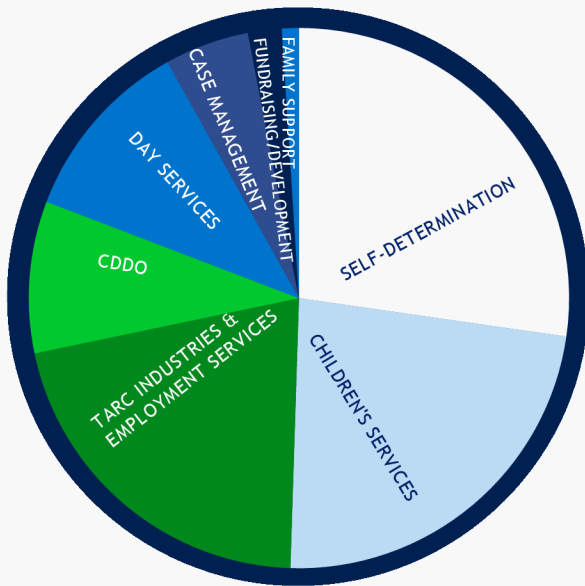
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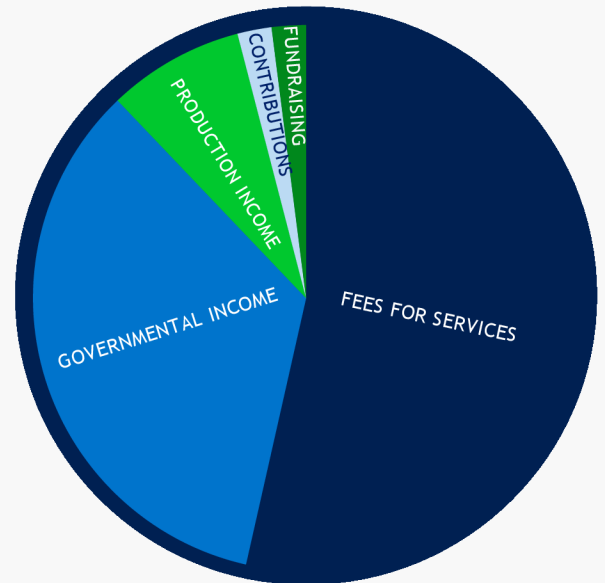
(Counts for programs may be duplicated if a person supported participates in more than one program/service)

REVENUE & EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES \$14,928,638



TOTAL REVENUE \$15,177,376



Ninety (90) cents of every dollar donated directly benefits TARC's programs and services for children, families, and adults facing developmental, intellectual, and related disabilities in our community.

Last year, TARC benefited immensely from the support of remarkable individuals, business partnerships, and foundations—your contributions included!

The support we received allowed us to significantly impact our programs, helping 1,415 children and adults in 2024. We are grateful for your commitment to our mission and thank you for being a vital part of our journey.



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