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"ABC really helped me learn to make good decisions like treating others the way you want to be treated. Now I am able to go to another school where I can learn and have fun." - John Wittenberg, ABC of NC student



"When my child entered the program, he did not speak or interact with almost anyone. Now he speaks over 100 words and loves to engage with other people, especially other children. He shows empathy toward others and engages willingly with his brother, sister, father, and me at home. He is a new child!"



"The staff blows me away with their genuine care and attention to detail. I don't know where you find so many big-hearted, smart people who truly treat each student as an individual, but I'm glad that you do. I know that my child's individual needs are being identified and targeted and that makes it worth every penny."

The vision of ABC of NC is that all children with autism spectrum disorder reach their full potential through effective teaching.

mission

ABC of NC is committed to providing quality individualized educational services based on evidencebased practices in the field of autism treatment to children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. We are committed to seeking funding from a variety of sources so that we can provide services to families from any economic background. We support each student in developing the skills and motivation necessary to be able to learn and thrive in the least restrictive setting possible.

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dear friends

Potential. All families want their children to reach their full potential—to achieve at the highest feasible level and to live happy, productive lives.

At ABC of NC Child Development Center, our vision is a world where children with autism spectrum disorder get that opportunity too. We are committed to effective teaching, evidence-based practices and affordable services so that the children with autism in our community have the best potential for success. We support each student in developing the skills and motivation necessary to be able to learn and thrive in the least restrictive setting possible.

As we invite our donors and volunteers to celebrate our 10th anniversary with us this year, we reflect on the impact our school has made on our community and the hundreds of families our center has served. Since 2002, ABC of NC has:

- Served over 300 children and their families
- Raised \$1.1 million in financial aid for Piedmont Triad families for autism services from our organization
- Added educational programs including self-contained and inclusive classrooms
- Established collaborations with school systems, universities and other community service providers
- Extended our services to include parent classes, professional training and research projects
- Founded a diagnostic autism clinic set to open in the next year
- Received accreditation from Advanc-Ed and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Traveled overseas to provide autism training and supplies to under-served families in Nepal and the Maldives
- Participated in long-reaching legislative activities including involvement in the state bill supporting autism insurance reform

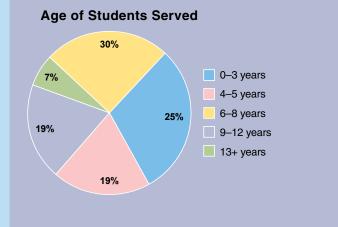
Thanks to our donors, our families, our employees and our community advocates, we have accomplished the seemingly impossible and have exceeded our dreams of potential. ABC of NC is here as a permanent addition to our generous community—improving, expanding and establishing programs for autism and meeting the demands of an everincreasing community of families.

Happy Birthday ABC of NC!

Felice Brenner

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demographics



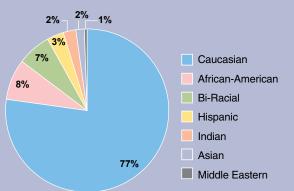
In North Carolina, autism affects an alarming one in 70 children and one in 43 boys.

- Centers for Disease Control, 2012

More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.

-Autism Speaks, 2012

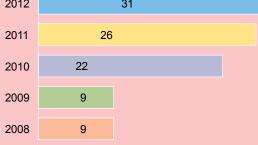
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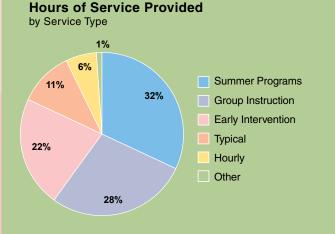
financial aid

Since its founding, ABC of NC has provided over 1 million dollars in financial aid to Piedmont Triad families.

Students Receiving Financial Aid 5 Year Comparison



students

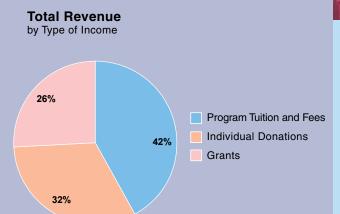


ABC of NC provided **50,416** hours of service to children in the 2011–2012 fiscal year.

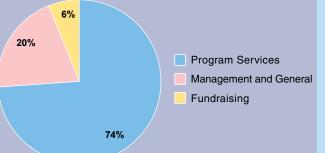


financials

34% of ABC of NC students with autism received financial assistance in fiscal year 2011–2012.



Functional Expense Allocation





Our son Josef began attending ABC of NC only two days per while he attended

week on a trial basis. his regular preschool for two days as well. Within six weeks, his teachers at his regular preschool told me they

saw a difference in him. He had begun sitting through circle time and following directions and participating in activities with the rest of the class. I was in disbelief. This, along with the fact that he loved coming to ABC of NC, convinced me he should be at ABC of NC full-time.

Sixteen months later, I am still in disbelief happy disbelief, at the progress he has made. I don't want to say he is a different child, because I now realize he had the potential to be so much more, and ABC of NC helped him realize this potential. Our experience has given me full faith in the staff and the philosophy of the school. The teachers and consultants work incredibly hard, focusing on the needs of each individual child. I am overwhelmed by their patience, warmth and commitment.

When we signed up for ABC of NC's diet expansion program, I knew that something good would come of it, as I had experienced so many times before with ABC of NC services. And, now that I have actually seen a diet expansion program in action, I am even more impressed and in awe of what the staff is able to accomplish. The fact that Josef will try new foods now is just so amazing and wonderful.

I can't thank the staff at ABC of NC enough. We have seen Josef blossom into a happy, talkative 4-year old, who loves being with his friends. He recently began attending a typical school full-time. We are very excited for him, and very grateful to ABC of NC.

Josef's mom

Name changed for confidentiality