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2016 Annual Report

A message from our leadership:

Dear friends,

This past year marks the second consecutive year in PACPI history with None Born Positive, that is, no babies born HIV-positive throughout the state of Illinois! This is a tremendous achievement and demonstrates that our statewide public-private collaborative efforts in policy, training and direct service delivery is saving lives. Our 24/7 Illinois Perinatal HIV Hotline works to ensure no woman is left behind -- that she is referred to state of the art prenatal care and receives the necessary supportive services from our intensive case management team through pregnancy and post-partum.

This year we also faced our most difficult year. The State of Illinois, PACPI's largest funder, went an entire year without an approved budget. All state contract payments were suspended. PACPI committed to delivering our unique services for as long as we could and worked through advocacy channels to ensure our contracted services received payment. Our advocacy efforts paid off here as well! Thanks in great part to one of our first PACPI clients, **LeSherri James**, and her brave act of kindness and willingness to share her story publicly. Her story demonstrates the value of PACPI services. I had the great pleasure of being PACPI's first case manager in 2002, and I had the honor to assist LeSherri during her pregnancy and beyond. LeSherri is living proof that PACPI saved her life and the future lives of her two beautiful children. PACPI is the only organization in the state of Illinois focused on serving pregnant women living with HIV and their families and is seen as a national model for preventing mother to baby transmission of HIV.

PACPI is continuing to grow and diversify our Board. We continue to identify new funding sources and will always rely on the support of our engaged and generous community supporters.

PACPI board and staff look forward to building on the successes of 2016 and the opportunities that 2017 will bring.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jaime Dirksen

PACPI Board Chair

Mission

PACPI's mission is to eliminate deaths from pediatric AIDS and to reduce transmission of the virus from mothers to their children in Illinois.

History

From 1990 to 1999, there were 88 known deaths among Illinois children due to complications of pediatric AIDS as a result of HIV transmission during pregnancy. In response to this epidemic, community and healthcare leaders from around the Chicagoland area congregated to devise an immediate plan to address the rising deaths among infants and children.

Thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Garrick Family Foundation, the Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative (PACPI) was established in 2000 to address the urgent needs of high-risk pregnant women living with HIV. First operating in Chicago due to higher prevalence rates, PACPI has made phenomenal strides in reducing the rate of perinatal HIV transmission and providing unsurpassed support to pregnant women and mothers living with HIV. Medical advances in perinatal HIV transmission and support from public and private funders allowed PACPI to expand our services and focus on the state's most vulnerable families and most challenging cases of perinatal HIV transmission.

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LeSherri's Story

PACPI has a deep, longstanding impact on the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable, hard-to-reach women in Illinois. Years ago, PACPI changed LeSherri's life. She reflects, "I was pregnant, homeless, and HIV-positive. But worst of all, I felt completely helpless and had nowhere to turn for help."

That's when LeSherri was connected to a PACPI case manager who made sure she made it to all her doctors' appointments, stayed on top of her medications, attended prenatal classes, was connected to health insurance and food assistance, and even got into her own apartment. Le Sherri says this "**support is the reason my daughter was born without HIV.** It is also the reason I am an empowered, strong, and independent mother."



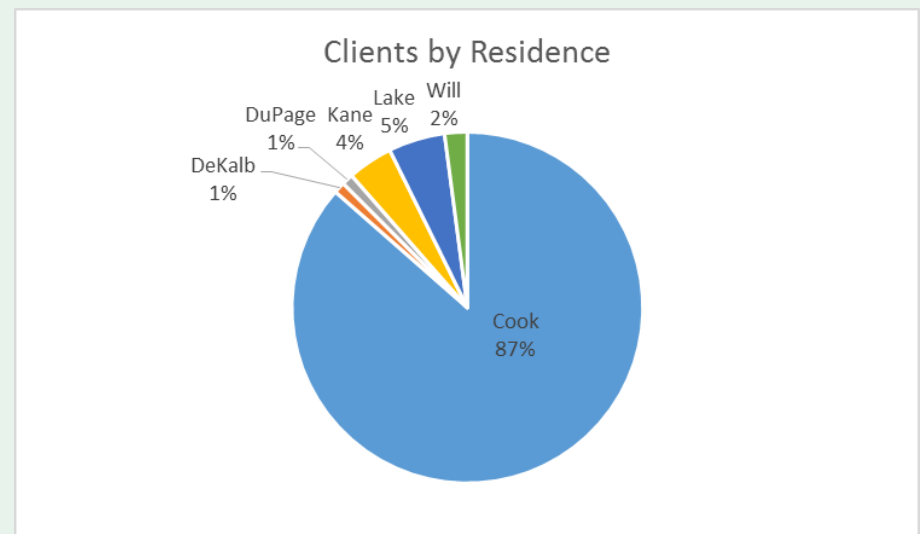
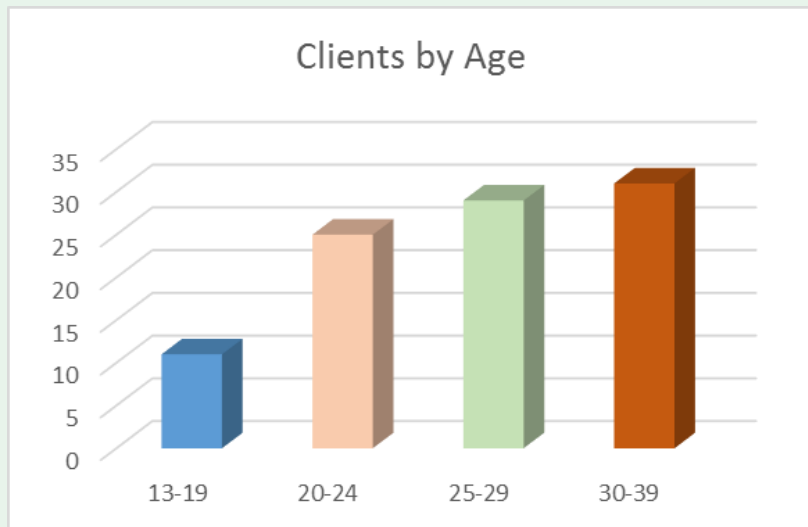
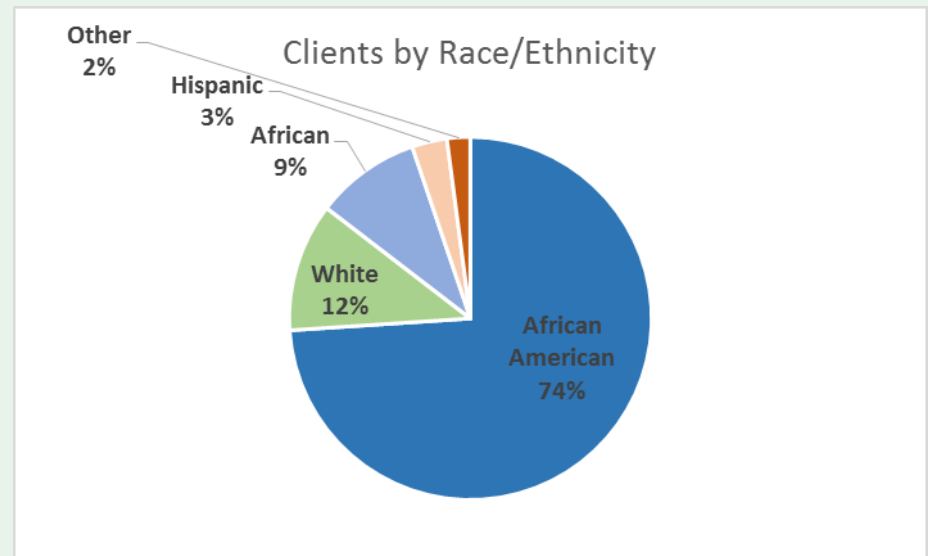
Today, LeSherri is the proud mother of two children, both HIV-negative. She is an activist for women living with HIV speaking at and attending conferences in Chicago, Springfield, and South Africa. She has been featured in [Crain's Chicago Business](#) magazine. And in November, LeSherri joined PACPI's board of directors to give back to the organization and help women experiencing what she went through.

Support like LeSherri received shouldn't be unique, every woman living with HIV should have the resources and guidance needed to have a health, HIV-negative baby. Community support makes a world of difference for the women and infants we serve.

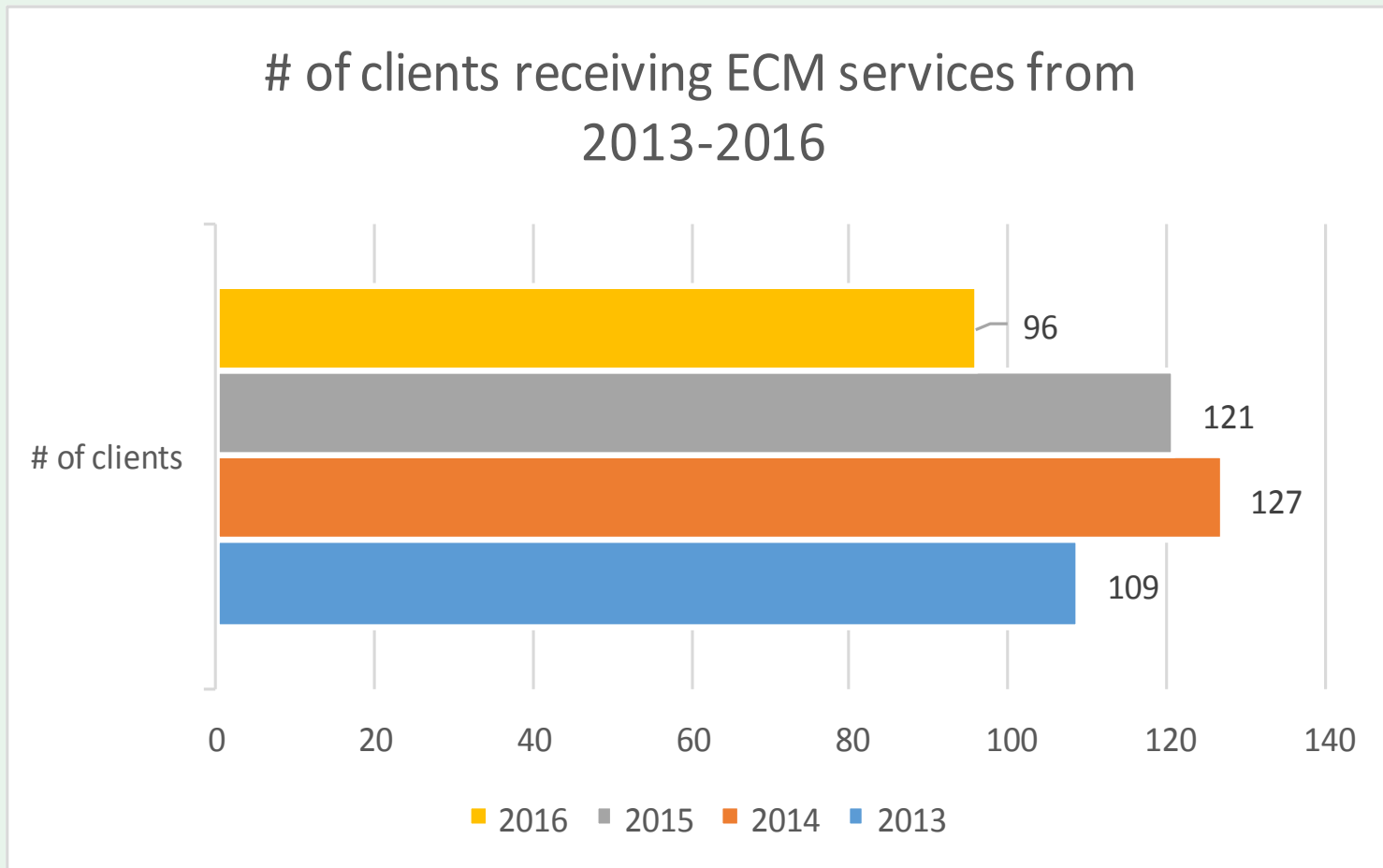
Women Served in 2016

96 women and their infants received PACPI services.

- 23 women were diagnosed with HIV during pregnancy.
- 10 women had AIDS diagnoses.

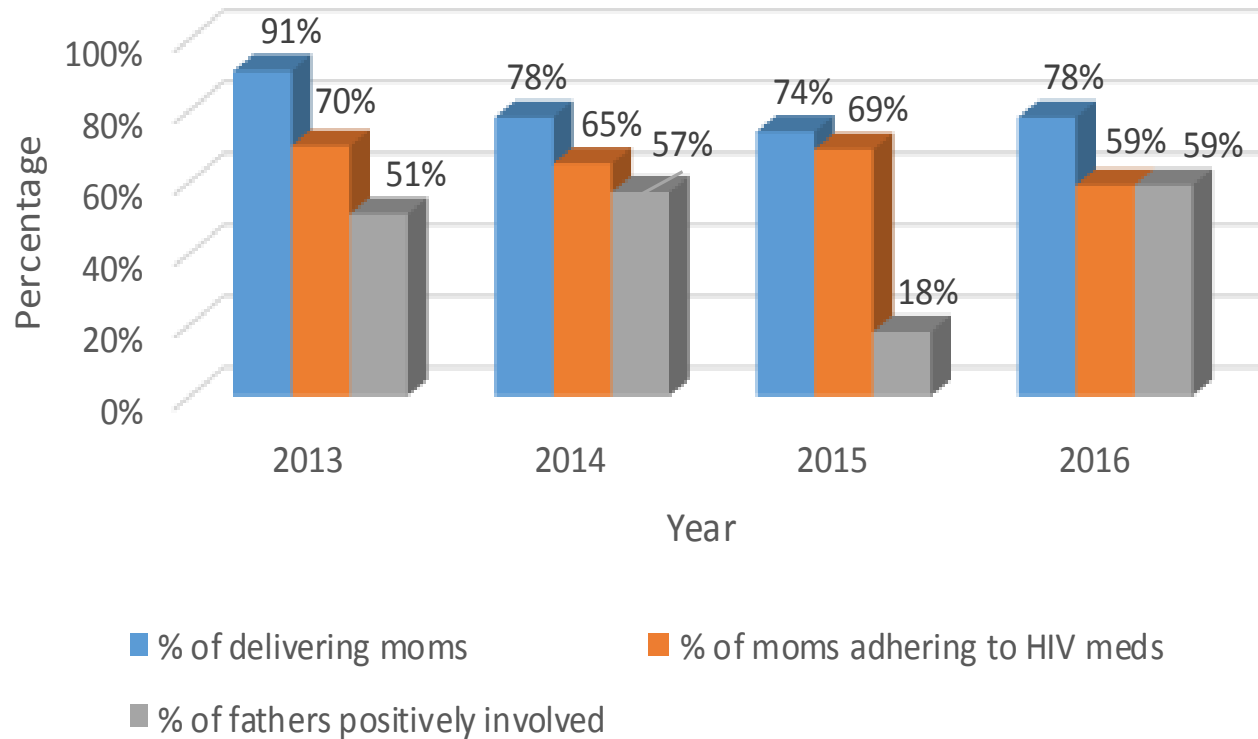


Data Trends



PACPI has served an annual average of 113 women through enhanced case management over the past four years. Each case manager has a maximum caseload of 12 clients at one time. PACPI has also noted a trend of increasing complexity among clients served over the past year.

2013-2016 ECM Data Trends



- In 2013, 76% of delivering moms adhered to HIV medication prior to labor and delivery, slightly increasing to 83% in 2014, 92% in 2015, and 76% in 2016. Overall, more than 75% of moms have been adhering to their medication throughout the years.
- Fathers may be positively involved during the prenatal period, at birth, and/or postpartum. The number of fathers positively involved increased from 57% in 2013 to 73% in 2014, and dropped to 24% in 2015 possibly due to missing data. Overall, there was more father involvement over time: 57% in 2013 to 76% in 2016.

PACPI Programs

Enhanced Case Management

The perinatal enhanced case management program helps women access comprehensive health services to achieve the best outcomes for her and her child. In 2016 our case managers linked 96 women living with HIV to care. About 30% of our clients learned their HIV status after becoming pregnant so PACPI case managers meet them at a time of great concern. PACPI case managers provide unique one-on-one support that creates trust and stewards the connection to vital healthcare for both mother and baby. Case managers communicate with each client on at least a weekly basis through home visits, phone calls, texts, and accompaniment on medical or social service appointments.

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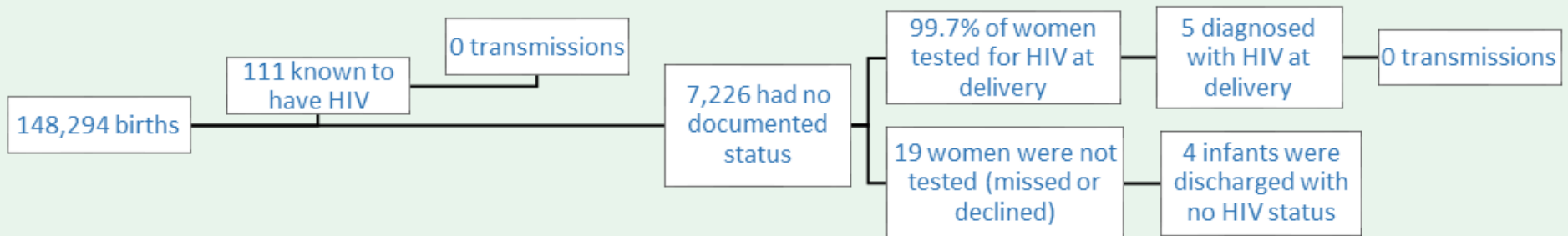
The Hotline provides real-time HIV medical consultation for perinatal care providers and social service providers for immediate linkage of newly diagnosed pregnant women to HIV and obstetric care. Hotline staff help provide follow-up of rapid HIV testing in labor and delivery units and perinatal HIV enhanced case management services.

- 50% of PACPI client referrals came from the Hotline in 2016.

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Rapid HIV Testing in Illinois Hospitals

The statewide Rapid Testing Program Implementation began in 2004 to assist hospitals in implementing rapid HIV testing in labor and delivery units, as stipulated by the Illinois Perinatal HIV Prevention Act. Currently, every birthing and non-birthing hospital must submit the Perinatal Rapid HIV Testing Monthly report detailing deliveries, HIV-exposed births, and rapid HIV testing of delivering women and infants born without a documented maternal HIV status. PACPI collects these reports from over 140 hospitals each month.

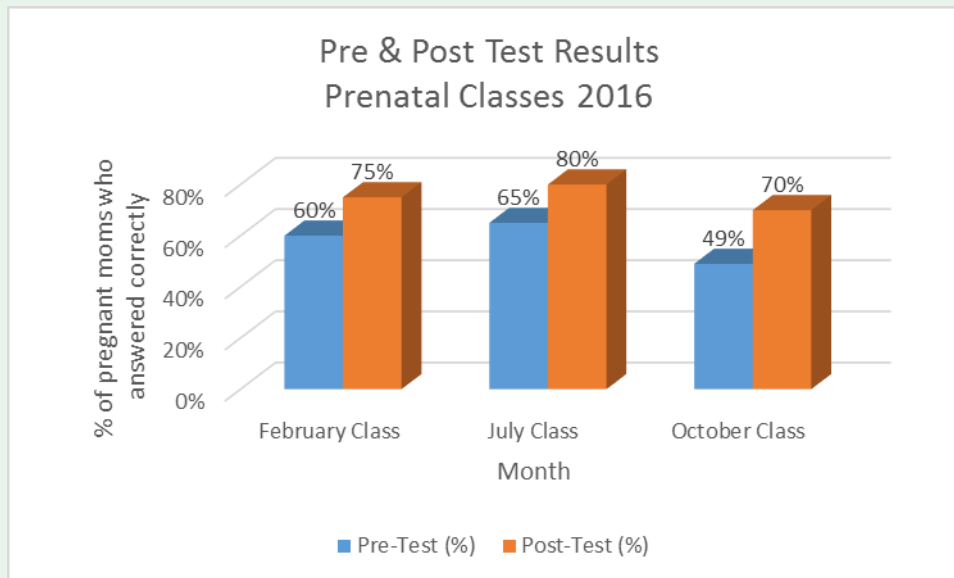


Prenatal Classes 2016

PACPI prenatal classes provide high-quality reproductive, maternal, and child health, as well as HIV education to women who are HIV positive regardless of their economic circumstances. Classes are taught by experienced medical and nutrition specialists in a small classroom setting, with an approach that promotes peer-based learning and health gains that are demonstrated to decrease the risk of transmission from mothers to their newborns.

11 women and 3 partners attended prenatal classes in 2016.

- Knowledge base increased from 58% to 75% resulting in a 17% knowledge improvement among pregnant women.
- 100% of pregnant moms were satisfied with prenatal instruction and class topics.



In 2016, 11 women who attended prenatal classes in February, July, and October completed both a pre and post-test. Pre and post-test surveys were conducted to assess improvement in participants' knowledge. The class increased their score from 60% to 75% in February. In July the group score increased from 65% to 80%, and in October the group score increased from 49% to 70%. There was improvement in knowledge for all 25 questions.

Media Highlights



On March 5, 2016 Fox 32 Good Day Chicago's Mike Flannery interviewed PACPI Executive Director, Anne Statton, and Emily Miller of Illinois Voices of Children on the impact of Illinois' state budget impasse to social service agencies.

<http://www.fox32chicago.com/politics/fox-32-sunday/100656582-story>

On May 13, 2016 Crain's Chicago Business magazine published an article written by former PACPI client, LeSherri James, drawing attention to the devastating effects of potential budget cuts to state programs.

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160513/>

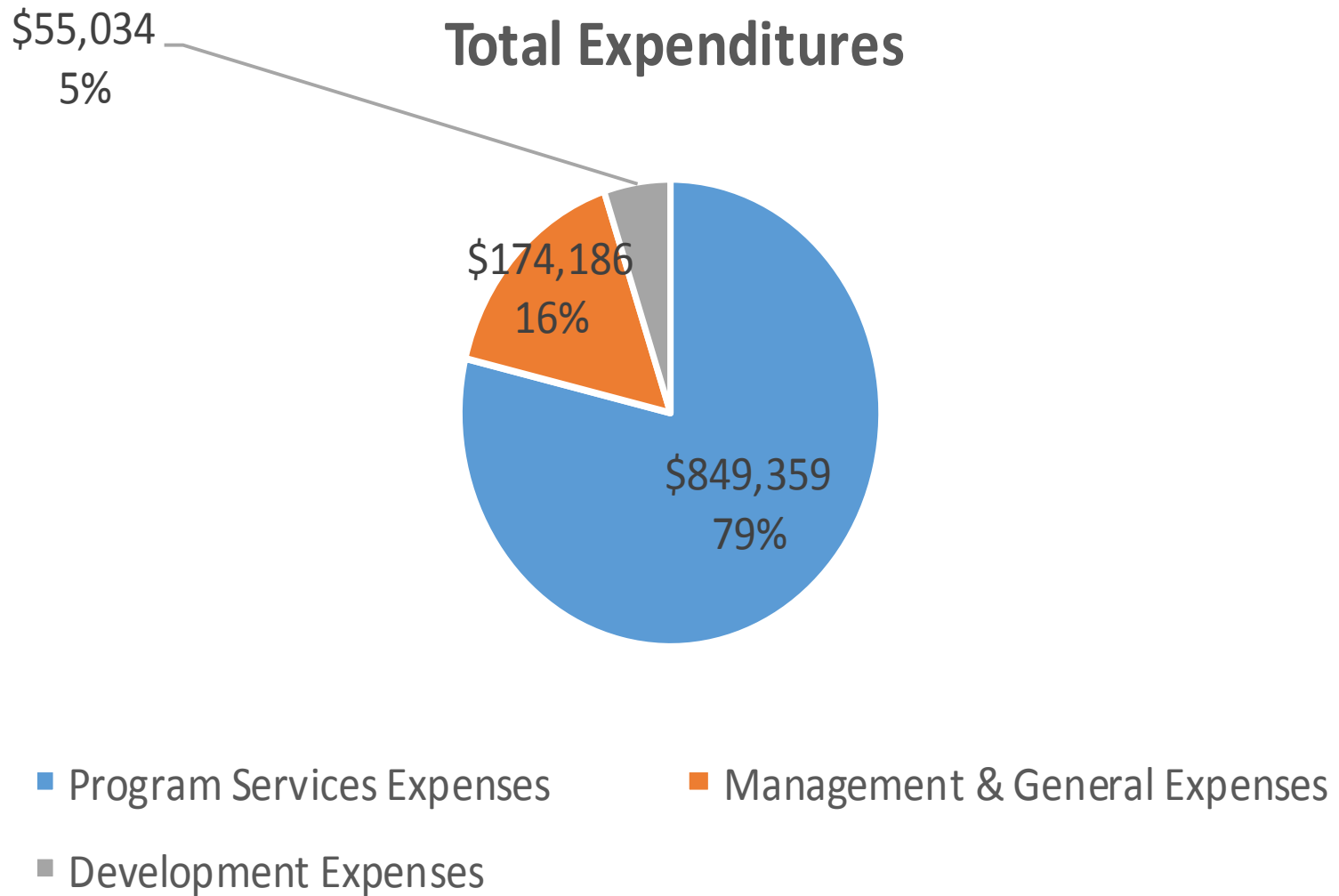
“PACPI saved me. I can't imagine my life without this organization. Besides my mother, PACPI was the only support I had during my pregnancy. Today, I am able to provide for myself and my children and, most importantly, my daughter and son are HIV-negative and completely healthy.”

On September 6, 2016 LeSherri James' journey as a mother living with HIV and connection to PACPI was highlighted on the Black Women's Health Imperative blog.

<https://www.bwhi.org/blog/pregnant-homeless-hivpositive>

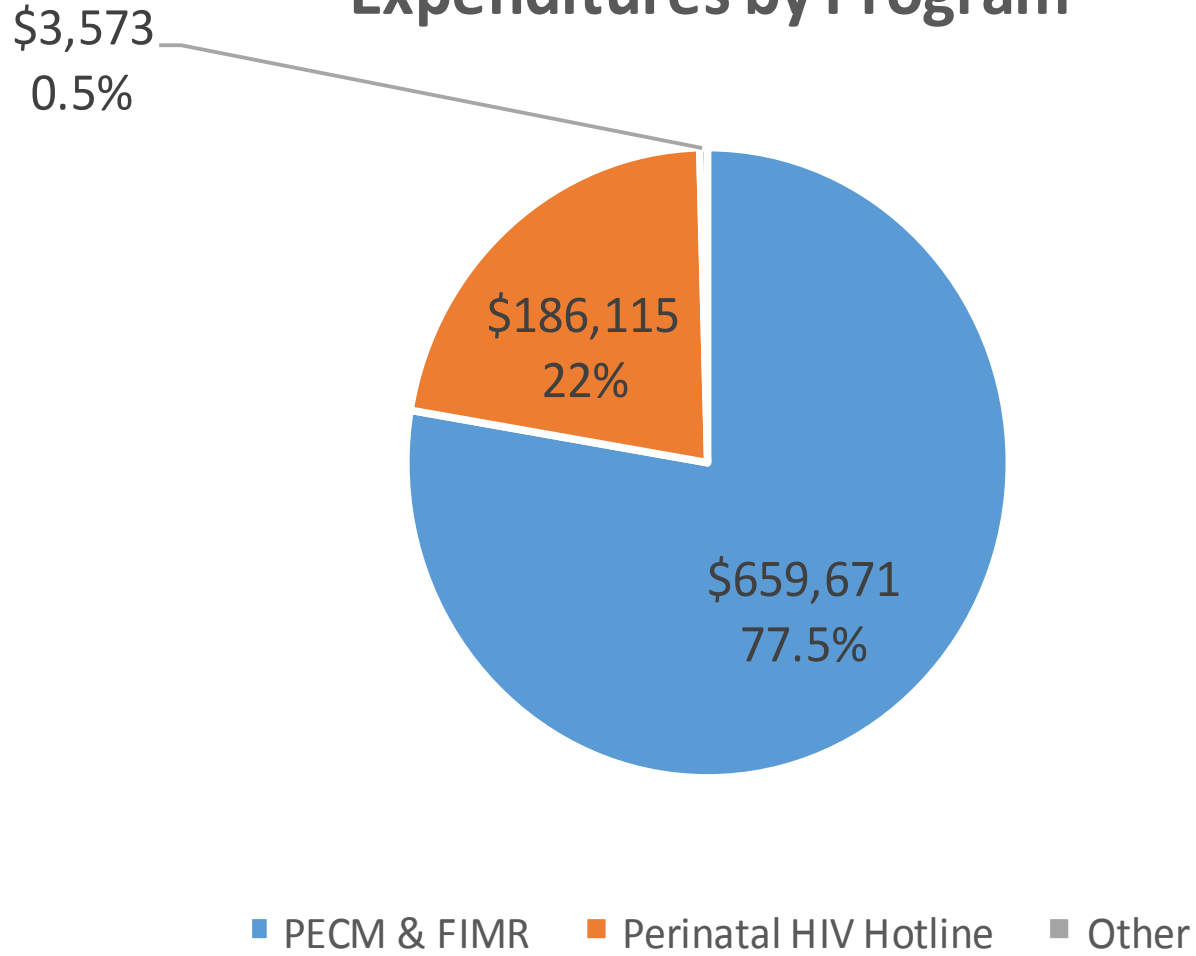


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