PACPI PEDIATRIC AIDS CHICAGO PREVENTION INITIATIVE



2017 Annual Report

A message from our leadership:

Dear Friends,

2017 was another successful year for PACPI! The state of Illinois passed a budget after long last, and PACPI was granted more state funding than ever before. Our Enhanced Case Management, 24/7 Illinois Perinatal HIV Hotline and prenatal classes continue to ensure that no woman or infant is left behind!

This year, PACPI cared for four babies born HIV-positive. Although this is not in line with our None Born Positive campaign, we have used this as an opportunity to learn and continue expanding our public-private partnerships throughout the state. 94 mothers and their babies were served, and 100% of them were linked to care. 100% of babies received their medication. 80% of moms made it to their HIV infectious disease post-partum appointments, which is 25% better than the national average. We began a new program, the Young Mothers Initiative, in partnership with DIFFA/ Chicago, which offers job training and educational opportunities to new moms under the age of 26. We were granted more funds from the state of Illinois than ever before. We hired a new case manager, which has allowed us to take on additional, more complex cases. We continued to expand our strong partnerships with hospitals to ensure all moms and babies are tested. I could not be more proud of our accomplishments in 2017 and cannot wait to see what 2018 has in store!

Our Board is committed to diversifying our funding sources. We are actively pursuing funding opportunities with foundations, corporations, individuals and other private grants to ensure we can continue providing our valuable programs and services to the moms and babies who need it most.

After careful consideration, it is with great sadness that I have decided to resign as Board Chair. I have enjoyed my time serving this amazing organization as both Board Chair and a case manager, and I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for all you do for PACPI. Whether it is as a donor, community partner, or volunteer, we could not do this without your ongoing support. I, along with the Board and PACPI staff, look forward to the opportunities and successes that 2018 has to bring. Thank you again for your continued support!

Jamie Dircksen, 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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Women Served in 2017

94 women and their infants received PACPI services.

- 14 women were diagnosed with HIV during pregnancy.
- 7 women had AIDS diagnoses.







2017 Data Trends



Over the past four years, an average of 109 women have received PACPI Enhanced Case Management services. This year, 94 mothers received Enhanced Case Management services. Of the 94 mothers who received case management services, 42 were delivering mothers. PACPI's case managers are able to serve 12 clients at one time, and have noted an increase in the complexity of cases over the past two years, which has required many families to request ongoing case management services. The increased complexity can be attributed to the fact that some women do not speak English and four women had HIV-positive babies.

2017 Data Trends



•80% of PACPI moms kept their infectious disease appointment 90 days postpartum, which is 25% greater than the national average. This drastic difference could be due to PACPI's transportation, quality of case management services, location of hospitals and prenatal education.

•10% of moms who missed their appointments had Medicaid insurance as a primary provider, lived in Cook County and did not have a positively involved father.

•50% of families who had a stable housing and a positively involved father were more likely to be consistent with medication and adhering to appointments.

•74% of fathers were considered to be positively involved, which is an increase of 15% from 2016, and the highest positive involvement in PACPI's history.

PACPI Programs

Perinatal Enhanced Case Management

PACPI's perinatal enhanced case management program helps women access comprehensive health services to achieve the best outcomes for her and her child. In 2017, our seven case managers linked all 94 women living with HIV/AIDS to care. In 2017, approximately 15% of our clients learned their HIV status after becoming pregnant, so PACPI case managers met 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. For many women, HIV/AIDS is not the only battle they are fighting. This is why we are here.

24/7 Illinois Perinatal HIV Hotline

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. 40% of PACPI referrals came from the 220 Hotline calls in 2017.

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Prenatal Classes

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 free, 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 newborn babies.

Participants are encouraged to bring a support system, like a partner, mother, or friend who knows about their HIV status and will be with them throughout the pregnancy. After completing the class, participants receive a car seat, as well as a diaper bag with newborn essentials. In 2017, 11 women attended PACPI's 12-hour prenatal classes.

Rapid HIV Testing in 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.

In 2017, approximately 75% of all Illinois women who gave birth knew their HIV status at the time of labor and delivery. Of the 25% who did not, all but one woman accepted rapid testing at the time of labor and delivery.



The Young Mothers Initiative

This fiscal year, PACPI applied and was granted an Excellence in Care Award from Design Industries Foundation Fight AIDS Chicago (DIFFA/Chicago) in the amount of \$10,000 to begin an exciting, new program: the Young Mothers Initiative. This initiative focuses on supporting the unique needs of our adolescent mothers who are under the age of 26. Through direct feedback from clients as well as communication from case managers, the biggest barriers our predominantly African American, young mothers living with HIV face are a lack of vocational skills as well as affordable child care to have the time to develop those skills. The Young Mothers Initiative aims to address and combat these issues.

In partnership with the Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC), New Moms and Chicago House, PACPI staff links participants to specific vocational training resources that will help them achieve their financial, educational, and employment goals. We hold Career Counseling Fairs and invite community agencies that specialize in vocational training and employment services to come with ideas, advice and job opportunities. Participants receive one-on-one career planning advice and guidance. Participants are then linked to an identified vocational training partner and child care is arranged if necessary.

Last year, PACPI held a Career Counseling Fair with the previously mentioned partners. Through their "Bright Endeavors" program, New Moms offered paid internships, making premium soy candles at \$10.50 per hour. JARC provided workforce training in manufacturing, business training and adult education. And Chicago House offered career coaching, resume development, interview skills, and job referrals. Six young women attended the fair and received career counseling. They are now enrolling in GED prep courses, exploring business courses, planning a career, and taking a computer coding class. PACPI would like to recognize one mother in particular, Moch-a, who is pursuing a career as a security guard.

Mocha's Story

Mocha's journey with PACPI began in October, 2017, after the birth of her daughter, when she received her diagnosis. She worked with case manager, Lucy, who she says, "She's more than a case manager. She's like my sister."

Once PACPI began the Young Mothers Initiative, Lucy enrolled her. Mocha attended a career fair where she learned about courses she could take, one being security guard training. PACPI worked with her to enroll in a 20-hour course and arrange childcare, all of which were paid for by the DIFFA/Chicago grant.

When asked why she was interested in this specific career, Mocha said, "I'm 5' 5", 120 pounds. I want to be able to protect myself and my baby." She learned self-defense, how to handle a gun, CPR and first aid. Mocha said she loved the course, but it was very grueling. "The hardest thing was the combat training. My muscles hurt every time, but it was worth it."

In December, Mocha completed her training and successfully passed her exam. She is now a certified security guard with a concealed carry license. Congratulations, Mocha! We cannot wait to see what you do next!



"I want to be able to take care of myself and my daughter. Be independent. Thanks to PACPI and Lucy, I can. I am proud of myself and empowered. I deserve this and so does my daughter. Now we can do this."

PACPI 2017 Financial Reports



PACPI spent a total of \$1,048,565. 82% of these expenses went towards Program Services. Approximately 11% were Management and General expenses, and the remaining 7% were Development expenses.

PACPI 2017 Financial Reports



PACPI raised a total of \$1,133,235 in 2017. Approximately 82% of this revenue was derived from government grants and contracts, about 8% from in-kind donations, over 5% from private foundation grants, 4% from individual and board donations, and the remaining less than 1% derived from other revenue sources.

Thank you for your support this year!

PACPI gratefully acknowledges our many donors, whose contributions are critical to sustaining PACPI's successful perinatal HIV prevention and care programs. We acknowledge the following donors for their gifts made between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

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