



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

*Working with people with disabilities, their families and the community, we create independence so that all may thrive.*



CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
HOME HEALTH CARE - CNA SCHOOL - ADVOCACY

# A NOTE FROM THE CEO

It's been a fun and interesting year. 2015 continued to be a year of growth for us as we restructured our Independent Living Programs and hired three new managers. We also took an innovative approach to grow our Home Health division by purchasing a CNA school! Thank you for being interested and being a part of The Independence Center. I am so pleased that The Independence Center has been able to continue to be a voice for, and a vital part of the community of people with disabilities in southern Colorado.



The IC celebrated the ADA anniversary with a luncheon that brought together 300 people representing consumers, sponsors, and community partners.

A Diabetes Awareness campaign funded by Myron Stratton Home Foundation inspired staff and consumers in to eat better and increase daily exercise.



A new Spinal Cord Injury Peer Support group began that included many accessible activities: skiing, boating, fishing and bowling etc.

We expanded our services to the outlying counties and hired a full time manager to oversee staff in those areas.

Front Range Nurse Aide Training Program is now

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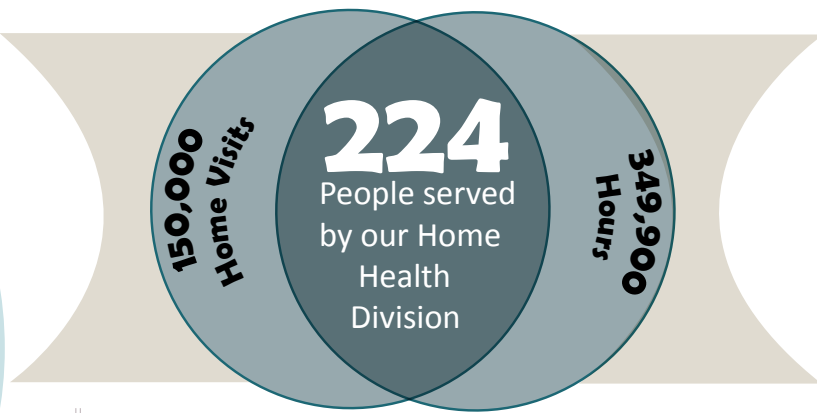
We purchased the Front Range Nurse Aide Training Program in the hope of obtaining qualified CNAs to become employees of The IC.



We added an Art Class and an Overcoming Barriers class to our programming.

The IC hosted a well-attended meeting of our local state legislative delegation to hear about our programs and concerns.

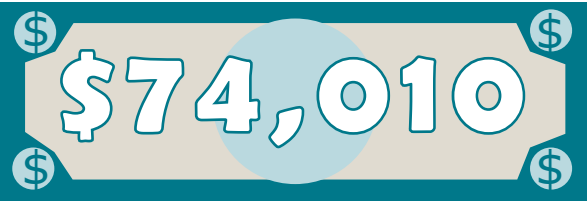
## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



Our Community Organizing team conducted 10 focus groups and a 'Housing for All' community forum to determine ways to help ease the housing crunch for people with low incomes.

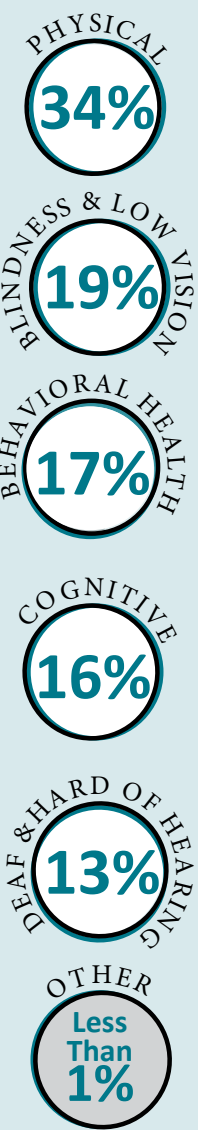


The IC became the first Independent Living Center in Colorado and the second in the nation to get approval to begin the Veteran directed Home Community Based Services program.

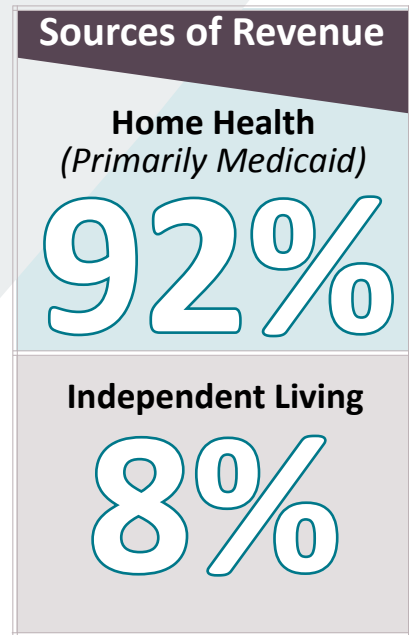


**THE IC FUND GAVE**  
TO 11 NON-PROFITS TO INCREASE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

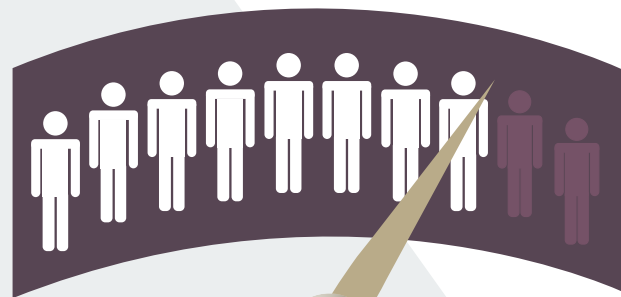
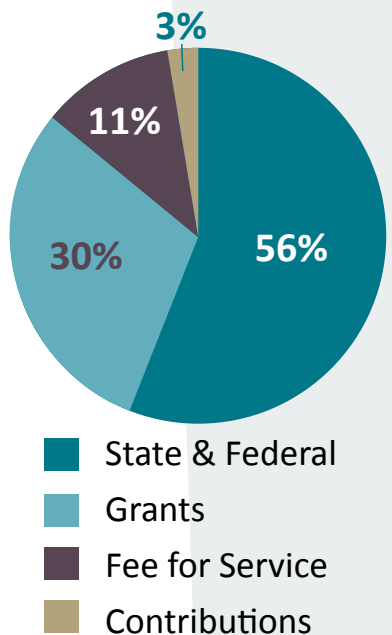
### Independent Living Types of Disabilities



## FINANCIALS



### Sources of IL Revenue



**81%**  
of total expenses is spent on programs benefiting consumers

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