



New Community Opportunities Center at ILRU Presents...

Building an Effective, Comprehensive CIL Youth Program

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Building Inclusive Communities

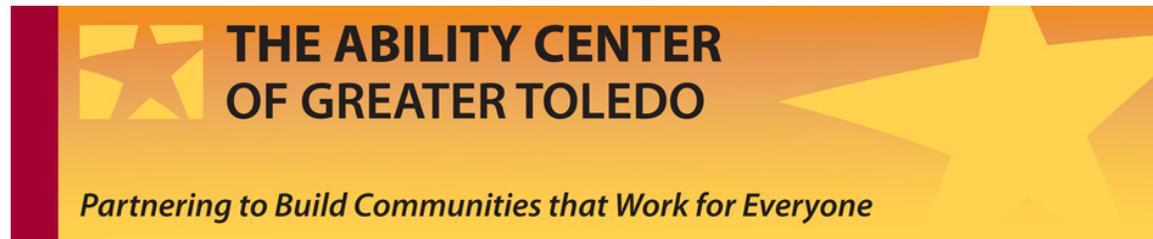
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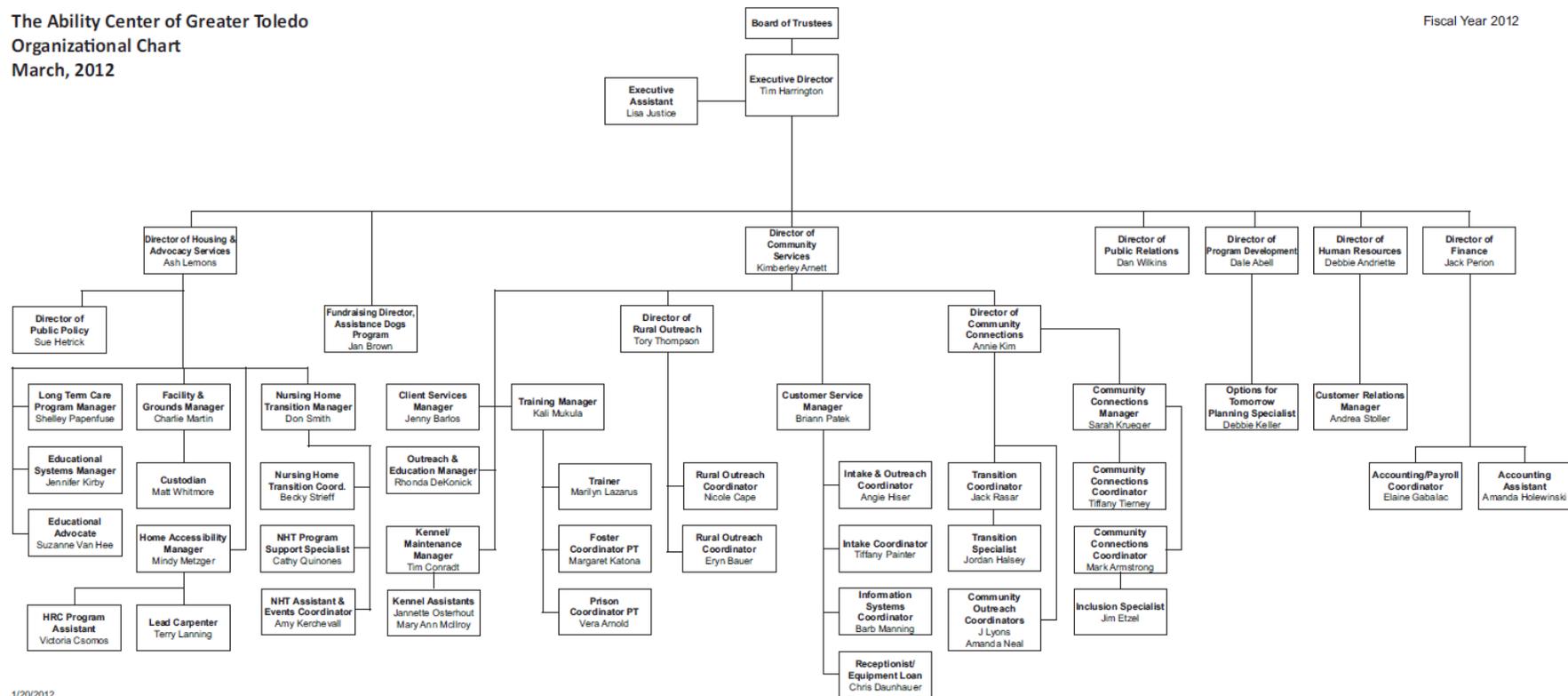
- Started in 1920 as Society for Crippled Children
- 53 Employees
- 5 Satellite Offices
 - 2 in Rural Counties
 - 1 at Adelante, 1 YMCA Downtown Toledo
 - 1 in Columbus, Director of Public Policy



ACT: Organization Chart

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo
Organizational Chart
March, 2012

Fiscal Year 2012

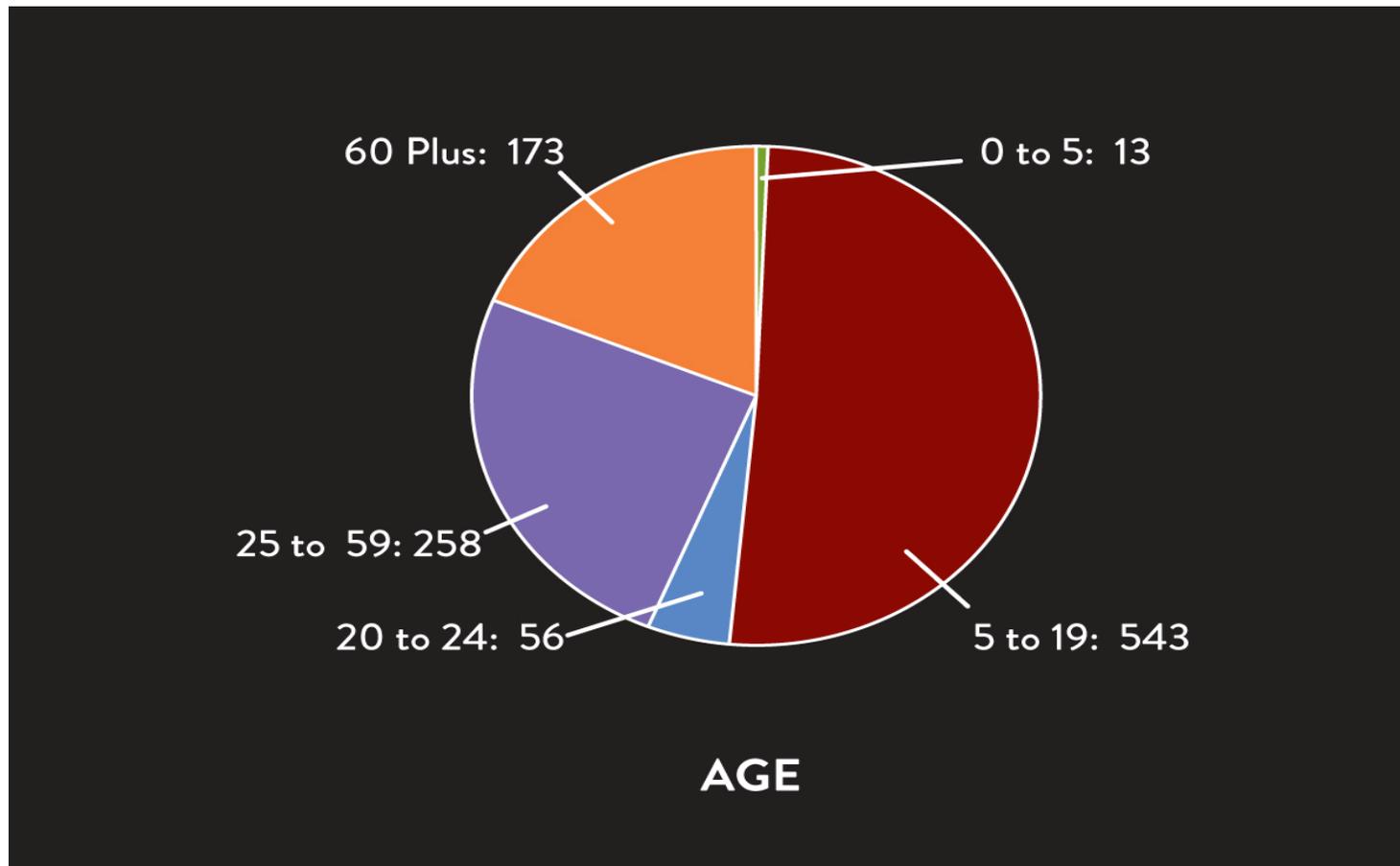


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ACT : Branches of Focus

- Assistance Dogs
- Housing Resource Center
- Community Connections
- Community Outreach
- Options for Tomorrow

ACT: Consumer Age Ranges



ACT: Assistance Dogs

- Assists individuals in achieving greater independence by training and placing service and therapy dogs to assist with the individual's daily needs. Assistance Dogs has helped transform the lives of over 160 individuals and their communities.



ACT : Housing Resource Center

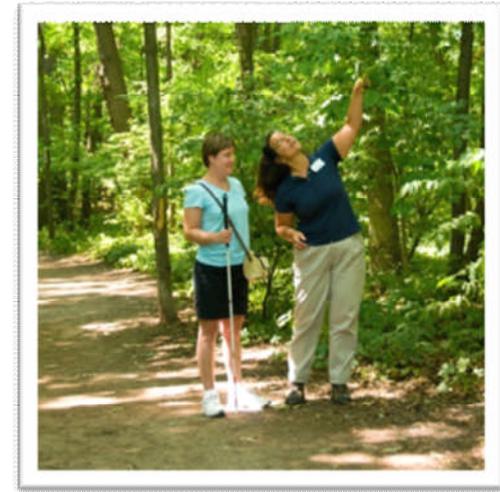


- Nursing Home Transition
 - Over 500 transitioned to date!
- Home Modification
 - 179 projects completed 2010/11
- Accessible Housing – Visitability



ACT: Community Connections

- Create and support community options for people living with disabilities by assisting individuals in developing goals, identifying dreams, and defining their vision for their life.
- Assists individuals in achieving their personal goals by making appropriate connections within the community and providing necessary information, resources, accommodations, and support.



ACT: Community Outreach

Using an enjoyable mix of videos, speakers, discussions and hands-on activities, our training sessions are specifically designed to give each participant a deeper appreciation of the issues and obstacles faced by people living with disabilities in everyday life.

1090 community members attended last year



ACT: Options for Tomorrow

- It is one of the last things that we, as parents, as family, want to have to think about: “what comes next?”
- Developed in 2009, as part of an Ability Center/Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities Grant, Options For Tomorrow has been helping families create safe, comfortable and inclusive futures for their loved ones living with disabilities.



ACT: Roles that Youth Play Within the Center

- Employment
- Board Members
- Camp Counselors
- Volunteers
- Interns
- Mentors
- Advocates



ACT: Types of Services for Youth

- Camp Cricket
- Educational Advocacy
- Youth Leadership
- Big Dreams New Horizons
- transition program
- Mentor Program
- Job Club
- IL in Action
- Intro into Recreation
- Community Connections



ACT: Staff Qualifications

- Selected based on experience/potential
- For most positions, a Bachelor degree in social service industries is preferred
- All new staff participate in full agency training, then are assigned a staff mentor.

ACT: Past Programs for Youth

- High School/High Tech
- Pathways Program
- Your Life, Your Dream!
- Project LIFE
*(Learn Independence through Friendships
and shared Experiences)*

ACT: Funding Streams

- Diana Princess of Wales Grant
- Project GAIN Grant
- Toledo Elks
- Ability Center Auxiliary
- ARRA Federal Stimulus Funds
- Lucas County Board of DD
- Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
- Department of Education
- United Way

ACT: Key Partners

- Wood County 4-H
- Girl/Boy Scouts
- YMCA
- University of Toledo - Project SCOUT
- Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Local High Schools
- Adelante Center

ACT: Educational Advocacy & Consulting Services

- Work with students, their families, other service providers and school districts to ensure that students with disabilities get the education and services they need.
- Ages 3 through 22 who need special education services (an IEP) or accommodations (a 504 Plan).
- Address both individual issues and systemic issues.

ACT: Strategic Plan



Purpose of the Project

This program is part of a series of trainings and other activities provided to the IL field by the New Community Opportunities Center at ILRU. The project's purpose is to assist CILs in developing self-sustaining programs that support community alternatives to institutionalization for individuals of any age, and youth transition from school to post-secondary education, employment, and community living.

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