

PHILADELPHIA FIGHT

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Philadelphia FIGHT 2008 Review

This past year has been one of accomplishment, success, and continued dedication to FIGHT's mission...*ending the AIDS epidemic within the lifetime of those currently living with HIV.* With the support of our countless volunteers, to whom I offer my deepest thanks, and with a staff working tirelessly to achieve progress, we are closer now more than ever to reaching that goal. The trust of our patients and patrons who seek our services is the fuel that keeps us going.

In 2008, we conducted an AIDS Education Month whose programs reached thousands, expanded our research efforts, and added classes and components to our youth and education departments...these new efforts in addition to the many services we already and continue to provide!

As we celebrate and remember our many accomplishments in 2008, we look forward to tackling the challenges ahead. I encourage you to read more about where we have been, where we are, and where we are going in this Annual Report.

With thanks,

Jane Shull
Executive Director



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Our Mission

Philadelphia FIGHT is a comprehensive AIDS service organization that offers HIV education, advocacy, social, mental health, and substance abuse services, youth prevention and leadership programs, outreach to people living with HIV and those at high risk, and access to the most advanced clinical research and state of the art, culturally competent HIV primary care. Our goal is to end the AIDS epidemic in the lifetime of those living with HIV.

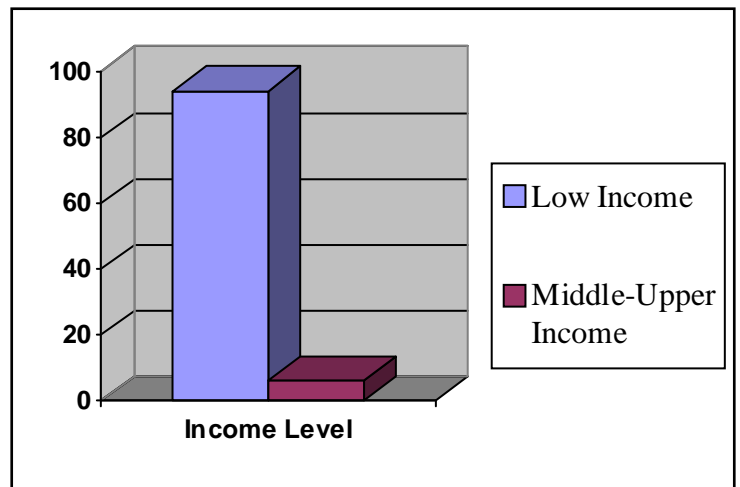
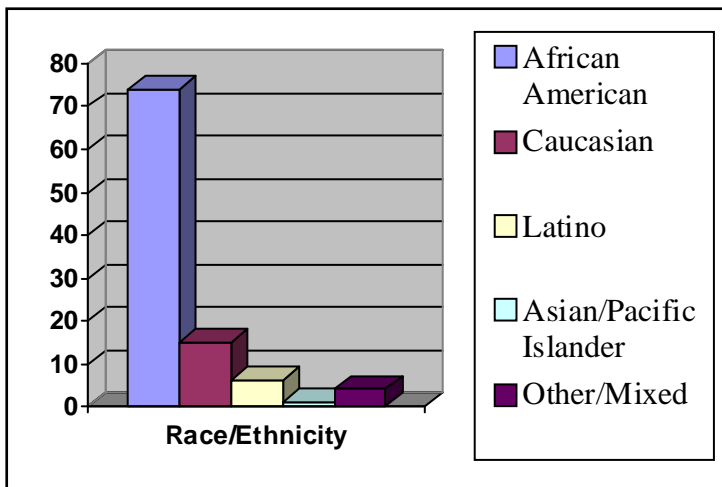
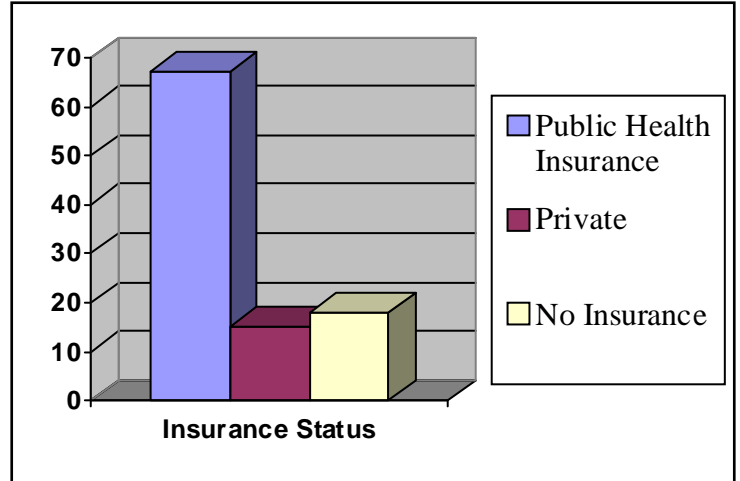
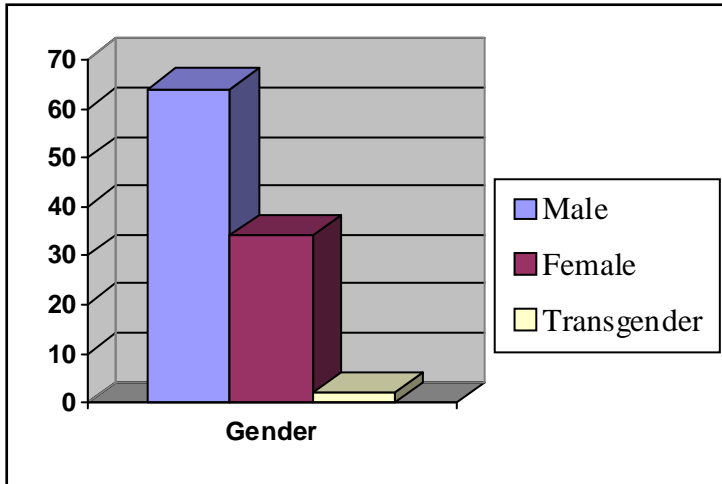
Our Model

One-Stop Servicing. It can be very difficult to access and navigate the health care system. We offer comprehensive care in one location to reduce health care barriers.

Our Clients

In 2008 we served over 8,000 clients and reached approximately 10,000 people through community outreach. We serve some of Philadelphia's most marginalized and disenfranchised individuals. Of our clients, 55% have a history of incarceration, 65% have a history of substance abuse and/or dependence, 55% were men who had sex with men (MSM), and 56% present with mental illness. See the included graphs for our client population by gender, race/ethnicity, insurance status, and income level.

The Clients We Served in 2008 (By Percentage)



*"I don't know if I would say that you saved my life. But you did save my future."
-TEACH Outside Graduate, Fall 2004*

"When you're caught in the system, you end up going right back into it. And that's what I'm trying to help prevent. I know it's a hard task, but by participating in TEACH Outside and the Philadelphia County Coalition for Prison Health Care, at least I know I'm trying."

-TEACH Outside Graduate, Winter 2004

Meet our Program Directors

Karam Mounzer, MD, Medical Director

I joined Philadelphia FIGHT as the Medical Director in 2000. It is a pleasure to work in a place where the clinic providers and all FIGHT staff are invested in enhancing each patient's well-being and quality of life. I am honored to oversee the healthcare delivery at the Jonathan Lax Center and the research studies at FIGHT.



Kevin Moore, PsyD, Administrative Director of the Lax Center, and Director of the Diana Baldwin Clinic

I have two primary roles at FIGHT. As Administrative Director of the Lax Center, I work to facilitate a positive environment for staff and patients. As Director of the Diana Baldwin Clinic, I work with psychotherapy clients and supervise therapists. In each of my roles, I aspire to carry messages of hope and personal responsibility for all FIGHT clients.



Juliet Fink, MEd, Education

As the Director of Education, my role is to ensure that FIGHT is a hub for learning, growth, and change for all people in Philadelphia, the surrounding area, and the AIDS community at-large. Through the AIDS Library, the Critical Path Project, Safety Counts, Counseling and Testing, AIDS Education Month, and our signature education program for people living with HIV, Project TEACH, my goal is to enable our community to access the life-saving information they need and empower individuals to develop skills to teach others about what they have learned.



Robin Brennan, PhD, Youth Health Empowerment Project

As the director of the Youth Health Empowerment Project (Y-HEP), I am responsible for ensuring that we fulfill our mission of empowering all youth (ages 13-24) to make healthy decisions as they transition into adulthood. Using a harm reduction model, we accomplish this mission through a variety of programs including our drop-in center, youth development programs, family planning clinic, and therapy, outreach and prevention services.



Staff Snapshots



Our Programs and Services

The **Jonathan Lax Center** offers access to HIV primary care, on-site laboratory services, and on-site medication assistance and adherence programs. Our services are provided by HIV specialists in a treatment-team environment that respects the dignity and worth of each individual who walks through our doors. We deliver all services without regard for ability to pay or insurance status.

We conduct advanced **clinical research** of new drugs and treatment options. We offer all expanded access protocols to assure that people in Philadelphia get early access to medications.

The **Diana Baldwin Clinic** offers a variety of mental health services such as individual psychotherapy, partner and family counseling, crisis sessions, and a women's support group. FIGHT also sponsors a variety of peer-run support groups, including a Long-Term Survivors Support Group.

Client Services staff work with individuals to meet such needs as housing, public entitlements, and health insurance. Our case managers partner with Lax Center providers to ensure that each individual's needs are fully addressed. Our care outreach workers focus on building client relationships, establishing a strong foundation for successful care.

The **HIV Counseling and Testing Team** wants you to get tested. If you want to know your status or are concerned about a friend or loved one we offer confidential, rapid testing on-site and outreach testing throughout Philadelphia.

Y-HEP (The Youth Health Empowerment Project) offers a safe space for youth 13-24 to talk about sexuality, gender, and HIV/STIs. YHEP offers a variety of clinical and outreach programs, including the Peer Education Academy, which trains youth to be leaders on social and sexual health issues, and the Drop In Center, which offers a unique space for youth to come in off the streets and have a meal, a shower, get clothes, or simply relax with staff and friends.

The AIDS Library offers a friendly environment with a wealth of resources and media to access HIV information. We have a computer classroom on site to build computer and Internet skills. Bimonthly computer classes are available.

Project TEACH (Treatment Education Advocates Combating HIV) is an HIV education program that focuses on medical information as well as topics that address individuals' psychosocial, social, and economic needs. TEACH welcomes all individuals with varying levels of HIV knowledge. We also offer TEACH Outside for individuals who are HIV-positive and formerly incarcerated and Frontline TEACH for allies who want to gain more information.

The **Prison Services Department** works with the Philadelphia Prison System to establish care connections with individuals while incarcerated. Our Care Outreach team is on site daily at the jails to visit inmates who are HIV-positive. We partner with families, providers, and other support networks in the transition home. Once released we offer services tailored to the ex-inmate community such as an HIV primary care clinic for ex-inmates, TEACH Outside, and a support group for previously incarcerated individuals.

The Critical Path AIDS Project was founded by people living with HIV/AIDS to offer a range of up-to-date, online HIV prevention and treatment information and research. This website aims to dismantle information barriers by ensuring that all individuals have access to lifesaving information. To do so we offer free web hosting for regional and national organizations.

Noteworthy Accomplishments and New Initiatives

AIDS Education Month The 14th Annual AIDS Education Month was an incredible success, comprised of educational events including a prison summit, youth gathering, prevention conference, a health fair, a testing day, and over two dozen other educational events and presentations. More than 1,000 people directly participated in June and we reached thousands more through community presentations.

Safety Counts, a harm reduction intervention program, was started in March, 2008. It aims to help those who may not be ready to stop using drugs reduce the risks associated with drug use, specifically HIV and Hepatitis C transmission. The program graduated over 50 individuals in its first year.

The Peer Education Academy (PEA) is a 6 week social and sexual health education program implemented at Y-HEP to support youth ages 15- 23 focusing on issues concerning truancy, peer pressure, violence, and their own sexual health. In 2008, there have been 5 cycles of PEA and over 60 graduates.

Project TEACH held its first class in Spanish in over six years and graduated a total of 78 individuals from three separate classes.

A National Library of Medicine Grant in the amount of \$60,000 was awarded to the AIDS Library to help the city's homeless understand how to prevent and manage HIV for themselves and each other. Work is set to begin in 2009.

TEACH Outside Support Group 'Reaching Out: Support With Action' was started last February, 2008, by TEACH Outside graduates. The group is peer led and focuses on developing the capacity of former prisoners with HIV to advocate for those living with HIV inside the Philadelphia Prison System.

Annual Gala The annual Lax Center Gala honored David Bangsberg, MD, from Massachusetts General Hospital, for his commitment to HIV at home and abroad. FIGHT raised nearly \$50,000 to directly benefit the Lax Center's lifesaving work.

AIDS Library Reorganization was completed in the Summer of 2008 to help patrons find materials more easily. An annual book drive was also established to help replenish lost materials.

Y-HEP's Family Planning Clinic began offering SelectPlan, a no cost plan for women offering birth control, pap tests, emergency contraceptives, STI testing, breast examinations and other routine women's health care.

OraSure Study FIGHT was selected for a registration study involving a rapid Hepatitis C oral swab. In four months, 686 participants, including 50 pregnant females, were enrolled.

Expanded Access Program for Intelence Tibotec Therapeutic's new antiretroviral treatment, Intelence, was approved in January and FIGHT's participation in the expanded access program allowed Lax Center patients to access this and several other lifesaving medications before FDA approval.

Suboxone Program Lax Center medical providers and Diana Baldwin Clinic therapists launched a therapy program for Suboxone, a new treatment in reducing opioid dependence

University of Pennsylvania Partnership Karen Goldstein, MD, was hired as the Lax Center's second full-time physician thanks to a partnership with the University of Pennsylvania.

Y-HIP HOP is a new program held every Monday at Y-HEP for youth to express themselves through the art of dance. Freestyle Fridays provides youth with the opportunity to write songs and share their points of view through music.

A Special Program of National Significance (SPNS) Grant was awarded to FIGHT from the US Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$1.6 million for "Enhancing Linkages to HIV Primary Care in Jail Settings."

AIDS Education Month
Opening Reception



Y-HEP Tables at the
Annual Health Fair



Mayor Nutter addresses
the Lax Center Gala



Statement of Audited Financial Position

through June 30, 2008

Revenue

Government contracts and grants	\$3,628,202
Other grants and contributions	\$860,848
Industry studies	\$187,938
Patient fees and insurance	\$141,149
Interest/miscellaneous income	\$1,044

Total Revenue **\$4,819,181**

Expenses

Educational programs	\$1,272,679
Youth programs	\$852,012
Client services	\$320,706
Patient services	\$1,452,146

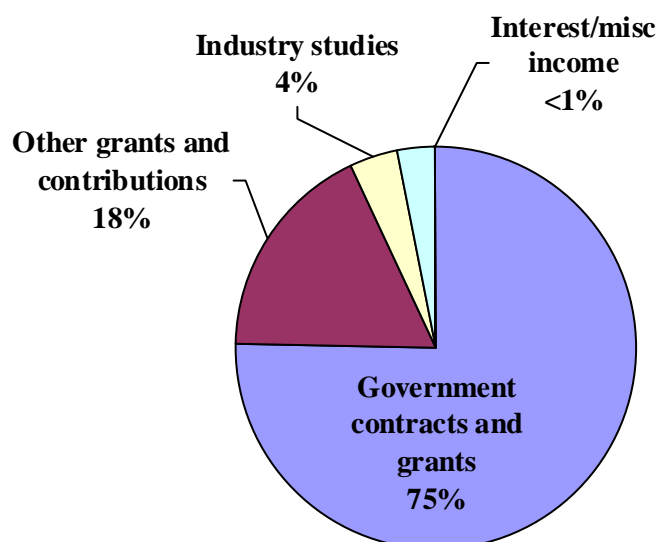
Total Program Expenses \$3,897,543

Administrative expenses	\$380,490
Fundraising expenses	\$140,292

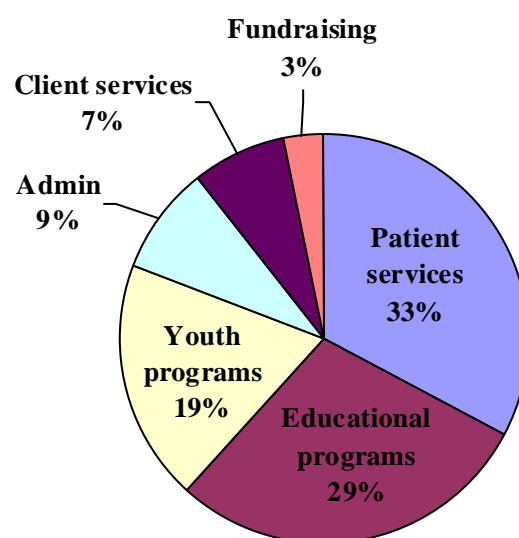
Total Expenses **\$4,418,325**

Changes in Net Assets **\$400,856**

Revenue



Expenses



2008 Sources of Revenue

Public Funders

City of Philadelphia

AIDS Activities Coordinating Office

Department of Human Services

Family Planning Council

Health Federation of Philadelphia

The Philadelphia AIDS Consortium

Public Health Management Corporation

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Coordinating Office for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs

Department of Public Health

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National Institutes of Health

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The Wistar Institute

2008 Sources of Revenue (Continued)

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AIDS Fund
AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania
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