

# REPORT 2019 October Cycle

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

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## REPORT INFORMATION

<b>Report Funding Cycle:</b> 2019 October Cycle	<b>Report Date:</b> 10/19/2020 12:00 am
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**1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.**

Awarded Amount: 45,000	Date: 10/28/2019
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**2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.**

Objective 1: Provide high quality and autism diagnostic services to under-served children and families. It is our goal to provide a minimum of 800 unduplicated services for children.

In 2019, ACN received 907 referrals from primary care physicians.\*

ACN conducted 579 Level 2 Focused Assessment (L2FA). 217 diagnostic evaluations were scheduled in 2019. 203 diagnostic evaluations were completed. Of the children evaluated, 145 received a positive diagnosis while 45 did not receive a positive diagnosis. (We are aware of the disparity in this number. The variance is likely the result of rare occasions when a family is given a provisional diagnosis, then asked to return for a follow up visit. Also, some diagnostic appointments bled into the early months of 2020.)

Objective 2: Provide high quality, best-practices education and intervention for children with autism, autism service providers, and families of children with autism. It is our goal to serve 1,250 through this effort.

ACN's Family Empowerment Program hosted 1,102 participants.

Objective 3: ACN will cultivate a high level of awareness of autism in the San Antonio area by creating social and recreational events for families that are safe for children and allow parents/caregivers to connect and generate opportunities for enhanced programming and service delivery through collaborations and partnerships in the community.

ACN posts to Facebook and Instagram platforms an average of 3 to 5 times per week as normal practice. Furthermore, newsletters are sent to registered participants regarding fundraising events and outreach opportunities.

**3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.**

Between October 28, 2019 and March 23, 2020 there were not changes. Due to COVID 19 our physical location remains closed to our patients and their families, Autism Community Network has continued diagnostic services, therapeutic and interventional services, and weekly, online caregiver classes via telemedicine and online platforms. We will sustain this manner of provision of services until we feel it is safe to resume in person care.

**4: What needs were addressed?**

ACN serves children, ages 0-6, suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder, through our Clinical Diagnostic Program. Children, ages 0-8, are served through our Caregiver Empowerment Program by providing their support system with online classes unique to the challenges of living alongside autism. Family Empowerment Courses are offered to the dyad (caregiver and child), also ages 0-8, with 8-12 week long courses.

ACN serves the community as one, of only two, nonprofit agencies providing medical diagnostic services to families who experience obstacles to quality health care. We have affected over

20,000 families since we first opened our doors in 2009. Families find great comfort in the experience and compassionate approach to diagnostics, interventional strategies, and therapeutic approaches.

ACN serves children ages 0-6, along with their caregivers. On average, 77% of our patients are boys and 23% are girls; 65% identify as Hispanic, 26% identify as White, 7% identify as Black, and 2% identify as Asian American. On average, 72% of our families are Medicaid eligible, while 27% are privately insured, and 1% are uninsured. A three-year average shows we served families from 104 unique zip codes from 22 different counties.

**5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?**

Evaluation methods for our Clinical Diagnostic Program include the use of family satisfaction surveys. Our goal is always for service to be rated at 4.5 or higher on a 5 point scale. We achieve that goal every year.

ACN provided training and educational services to 1,102 caregivers. Surveys were given to participants to measure their satisfaction, in addition to their increase in topic understanding. Family members in the Hands-On Family Empowerment Training Courses will demonstrate improvement in their interactions with their children by meeting performance outcomes specific to each hands-on training course.

**6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?**

ACN plans to continue this project. It is the backbone upon which our agency was created. Plans to sustain it include donations, foundation gifts, corporate gifts, third party reimbursement, United Way and COSA contracts, and special events.

**7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.**

\*Of the 907 children referred for our services, 83 were under the age of 24 months at the time of referral and thus placed into our Earliest Connections Clinic (ECC) Diagnostic program. Unfortunately, 82 of the 907 children referred were over the cut-off age to receive services through our agency (under age 6), and approximately 131 of these children were unable to be contacted or declined the recommended services. Of the 611 remaining children referred, ACN conducted 579 Level 2 Focused Assessment (L2FA). 214 were recommended to return for a diagnostic appointment with a full clinical team (4 disciplines), 180 were recommended to be placed on an expedited clinical team (data sufficient enough to suggest a patient will likely receive a positive diagnosis- two disciplines), and 60 additional children, children above age 24 months when referred, were also evaluated through the Earliest Connections Clinic (ECC).

**8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Requested Funds</b>	<b>Project Funds Actual</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Continuing Education and Professional Certification	\$7,500	\$0	\$4,319	\$0
Community Forum	\$7,500	\$0	\$10,510	\$0
Community Engagement	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,197	\$0
Contract Labor Expense	\$5,400	\$0	\$599	\$0
Development/Fundraising	\$11,000	\$0	\$7,174	\$0
Insurance Expense	\$9,162	\$0	\$7,832	\$0
Malpractice Insurance	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,283	\$0
Occupancy Expense	\$123,555	\$0	\$121,377	\$0
Office Expense	\$27,789	\$0	\$26,752	\$0
Payroll Expense	\$1,188,710	\$50,000	\$1,076,188	\$50,000
Professional Fees	\$60,106	\$0	\$60,934	\$0
Supplies and Materials	\$8,000	\$0	\$14,259	\$0
Direct Assistance	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,981	\$0
Travel and Meetings	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,309	\$0
Community Forum	\$5,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,471,222</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$1,337,714</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Signature**

Tiffany Fresher