

The Center

2023/2024
Annual Report



From the Executive Director

Have you ever said something that surprised you? During an interview with a potential hire, I was complementing the work performed by our amazing team members and said, “Beautiful things happen here every day.” After going home for the day, I gave more reflection to this thought and even went back the following day to share with some of my coworkers. Beautiful things do happen here every day. Consumers acquire new skills for independence, recovery from substance use is initiated or strengthened, years of unhealthy coping mechanisms are purged, youth are equipped with skills to identify the dangers of alcohol or illegal substances, and even staff are inspired by the strength of those we serve.

The Center has stood for over 54 years as a symbol that beautiful things can happen in all of our lives if we are properly equipped and given hope. Our organization strives to provide the best possible care to those we serve and that care does come with a cost. Proper investments to our workforce, equipment, and related expenses have always been a challenge to navigate, but it appears even more so now when state reimbursement rates fail to keep pace with the rapid cost of doing business. Our leadership team continues their commitment to identifying sustainable revenue streams, maximizing program efficiency, and looking to community partnerships. We will always believe that beautiful things happen here every day and that ***together we can change the world!***

Humbly,

Tony Kirkman, LCPC
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

David McLearin
BOARD PRESIDENT

The Center is committed to providing the highest quality of care, compassion, and support. Consider becoming a financial partner.

Our Mission

To inspire hope by supporting and advocating individuals, families, and the community

Our Vision

To be a trusted partner for supporting healthy lives and building relationships in our community

Our Values

- Respect for uniqueness and cultural differences
- Excellence in quality of our services
- Compassion-based approaches to services
- Integrity demonstrated in all operations of the organization
- Collaborative and Community-enriching solutions to combat present needs

Our Core Service Areas

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Community Day Services, Adult and Child Home-based Services, Respite, Family & Intermittent CILA, Vocational Training, and Special Olympics

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

School-based Youth Prevention Activities, Coalition Building, Communication Campaigns, and Special Events

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Counseling, Psychiatry, Case Management, Vocational Training, Community Education

ADDICTION SERVICES

Assessment, Individual and Group Counseling, Recovery Support, & DUI Services

The Center is proud to be
CARF accredited since 1997!



Developmental Services

Our goal is to provide services in an environment that promotes support to individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices. Through informed choice making, individuals in programming have the freedom to set their own schedule based upon individual preferences. Our agency is proud to serve not only Piatt, but most surrounding counties.

Individuals are supported in community engagement on an ongoing and frequent basis. The many community collaborations allow for ongoing learning opportunities for individuals served in programming. In addition to the many community activities, our programs offer a variety of weekly educational classes and individual programming based upon preferences of those served. The goal of each program is the success of the individual served. We believe one of the many ways our services are above the rest is our commitment to providing the most enriching experience for each individual.

If you or your organization would like to learn more about our services or ways you can partner with us to significantly impact individuals with developmental disabilities, we would love to hear from you.



Questions? Contact **Amy Dresback**, Developmental Services Director, at 217.762.8546 or adresback@piattmhc.org.

Thank You To Our Community Employers!

By providing employment opportunities for our vocational service participants, community employers positively influence individuals' emotional, financial and social well-being. Each individual placement is based on the personal preference of the person served.

The vocational program offers services to individuals who are 18 years or older with a vocational disability. Services included in this program are job development and job coaching. Many of the services offered are in partnership with the Division of Rehabilitation.

To learn more, contact **Amy Dresback**, Director of Developmental Services at 217.762.8546 or adresback@piattmhc.org.



Prevention Services

The Prevention Education Department provides evidence-based youth prevention education to 5th thru high school aged-students in Piatt and DeWitt County schools. Our Prevention Team has also partnered with all DeWitt and Piatt County schools to implement the 2024 IYS and shared this data with community stakeholders later this past year. Results from these surveys can be found by visiting <https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/results/county> (or scan the QR code)



Recovery Support Services

In 2021, we started a state-funded program called Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) in Piatt County, which is specifically designed to provide support to those in recovery and education to the communities in which they reside. Since this time, we have replicated the success of this program to DeWitt County in 2023 and have seen many served and empowered through this initiative. Monthly community stakeholders meet in each County to assess, discuss, and plan the best methods to advance recovery efforts and eliminate stigma in the community. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in either the Piatt or DeWitt County ROSC Councils, please check out our Facebook pages:



Questions? Contact **Jaime Porter**, LCSW, Clinical Director, at 217.762.5371 or jporter@piattmhc.org.

Mental Health & Addiction Services

According to some of the most recent U.S. statistics, 18.5% of all U.S. adults, or 43.8 million people, cope with some sort of mental health diagnosis. In addition, 20% of all teens live with a mental health condition and suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in individuals ages 10-24. While most of these individuals are able to lead very full and productive lives, many choose to utilize counseling and/or medication to assist them in addressing these needs. The Center is committed to walking along with them in their pursuit of wholeness.

At The Center, those who utilize our mental health outpatient, alcohol/substance use, or recovery support services will experience a high level of compassionate, clinical care by professionals who meet the high standards that have been long associated with our organization. While we realize that situations in an individual's life can be stressful and overwhelming to face alone, we are here to help.

- Masters prepared, licensed, clinically diverse staff
- Serving seniors, adults, youth, children, families, couples
- After school and evening hour appointments
- Psychiatric evaluations and medication monitoring

OF THOSE SERVED BY THE
CENTER THIS PAST YEAR

777 unduplicated
mental health
consumers

13 counties

58% Piatt County
residents

For more information regarding mental health and addiction services, contact **Jaime Porter, LCSW**, Clinical Director at 217.762.5371 or jporter@piattmhc.org.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL

217.762.5371

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8:30am-4:30pm

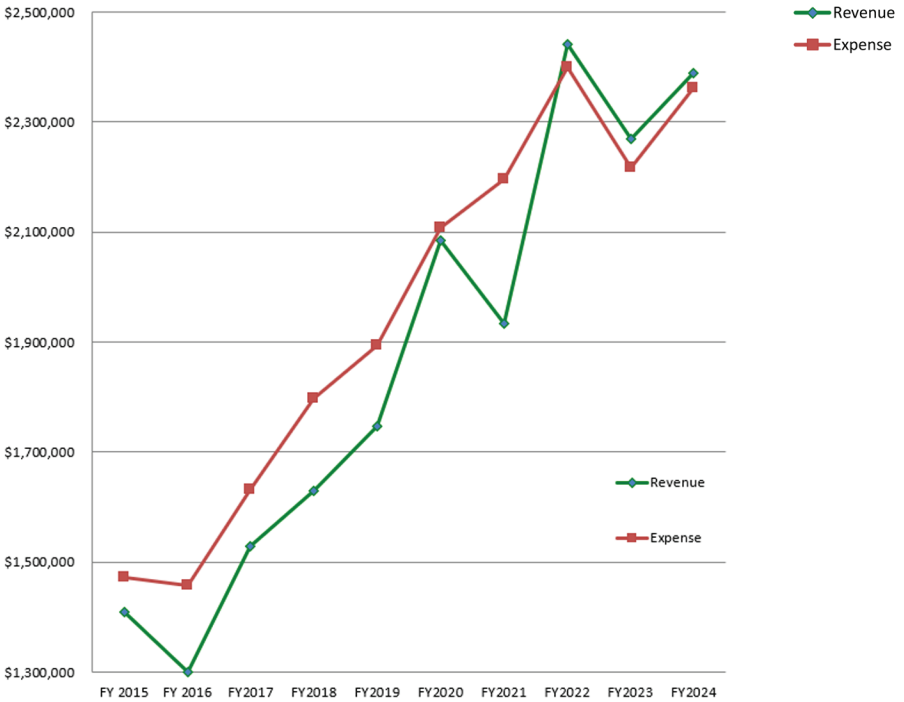
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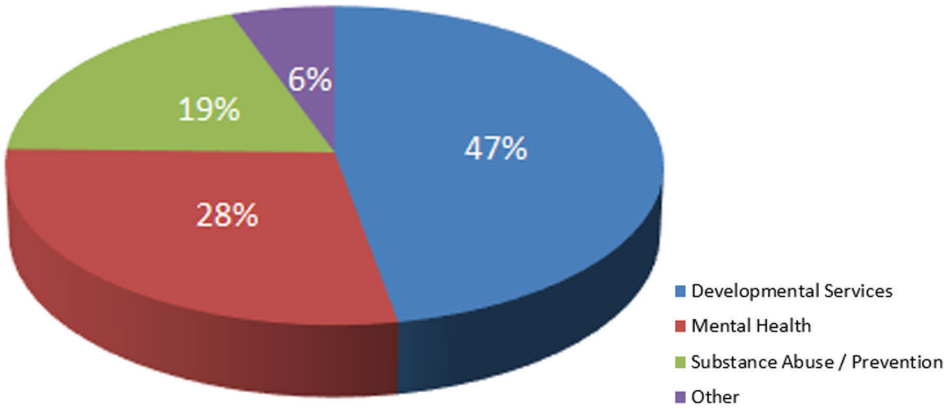
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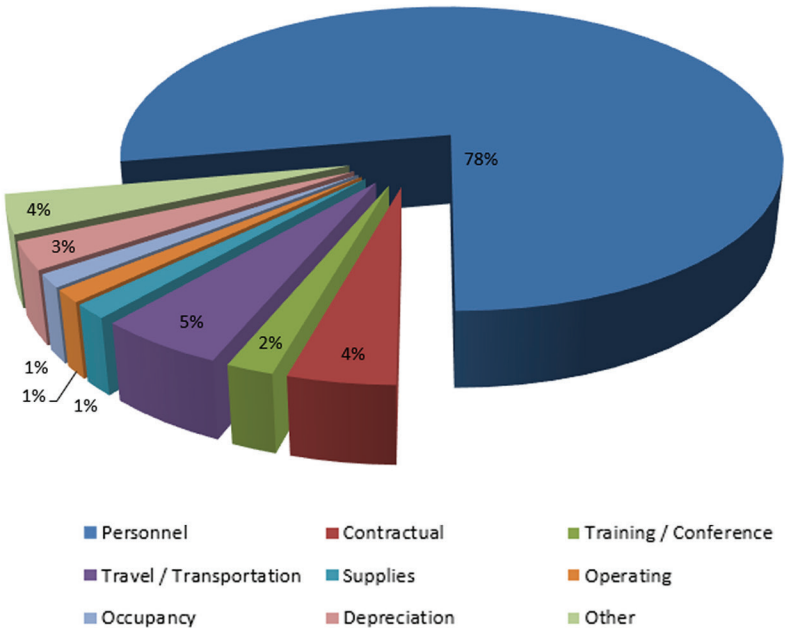
Similar to the conclusion of FY23, FY24 reports show that The Center finished without an operating deficit. While we are thankful that this consecutive year trend has not happened for over 12 years, we continue to remain very cautious about our financial position. FY24 continued to have a few favorable revenue anomalies that one should not include in future budgeting. These include a one-time approved increase in County approved funding to offset Behavioral Health Medicaid losses and a small capital improvement project. This past year, The Center saw a \$25,887 surplus. We are so thankful to our amazing staff who continue to provide excellent care within a cost-effective delivery model, resulting by keeping our service-related expenses down by 6% compared to FY23. Leadership will continue to closely monitor our financial status as we navigate inflation, rapid increase in transportation expenses and changes in our service rates across all department funding sources.

* FY24 final audited figures will be available after October 2024. Contact **Darlene Baker, CFO**, for additional financial reporting information at dbaker@piattmhc.org

FY24 Total Agency Revenue by Program



FY24 Total Agency Expense by Category



Looking Ahead To Fiscal Year 2024/2025

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

As you can imagine, with a 34-year-old building, the need to make regular updates keeps us busy. In FY24 we were able to make significant upgrades to our internal email/IT systems, purchase a new vehicle, replace a few of our pieces of exercise equipment, and secure electronic devices that ensure we maintain state reporting requirements. In FY25 we have identified several capital improvement projects which include: Repainting CDS classrooms, repainting main reception area, replacing the storage shed, assessing AC units to see which need repaired, hopefully finding funds to renovate two internal restrooms to enhance accessibility, and assessing and identifying ways to make us more efficient with utility usage.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Center continues to be quite proud of the many collaborative efforts made within our community. This includes partnerships with our Piatt/DeWitt ROSC Councils, DeWitt County Mental Health Board, Sexual Abuse Response Team, Community Coordinated Response Team (DV Focus), Piatt County Nonprofit Groups, Piatt County Service Provider Council, Local Emergency Planning Committee, working alongside the Piatt County Farm Bureau, as well as continuing to identify fruitful collaborations with all of our Piatt County School Districts.

AGENCY BUDGET / STRATEGIC PLANNING

In the upcoming year, the leadership team will continue to assess what programmatic and financial decisions will be needed to best support our community needs as well as identify any fruitful, emerging partnership opportunities. Funding changes, service delivery changes, and moves within the available workforce will be significant areas to be closely monitored. Lastly, The Center will be working in tandem with the County Officials to layout an objective claim as to why a 708 Mental Health Levy is needed to support the growing MH/DS/SUD needs of our community.

Governing Board

A nine-member Board of Directors composed of residents within Piatt County serves as the Piatt County Mental Health governing body.

Board members are appointed by the Piatt County Board and serve a three-year term.

The Board is responsible for

- hiring the Executive Director
- establishing and/or approving goals, policies, and procedures
- assisting with program development and evaluation
- monitoring The Center's financial operations.

If you have interest in serving on The Center's Board of Directors, contact **Tony Kirkman**, Executive Director, at 217.762.5371 or tkirkman@piattmhc.org.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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