



# FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Family Advocacy & Community Training**

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# ABOUT F.A.C.T.

## Our Mission

F.A.C.T.'s mission is to mentor and empower families through advocacy & training to improve the quality of life and opportunities for children & adults with disabilities.

## Our Vision

A community where ALL children & adults are supported through their challenges, valued for their diversity, and fully included as they choose.

## Core Values

**Family Driven:** Using a strength-based, culturally competent, and non-judgmental model to empower children, adults, and their families.

**Partnerships:** Building & maintaining collaborative working relationships with our community partners by acknowledging their expertise & commitment to children and adults with disabilities.

**Quality:** Providing advocacy in a manner that is representative of what is considered a model of best practices.

**Good Stewards of Our Resources:** Conducting all aspects of business openly, ethically, responsibly, and with integrity.

## What We Do

F.A.C.T. is a non-profit agency that provides support services & training to families & caregivers of children who have a behavioral health, developmental or physical disability.

# F.A.C.T. BOARD OF DIRECTORS & LEADERSHIP

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## F.A.C.T. Leadership

Heather Lytle – **Executive Director**

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# WHAT PROGRAMS WE OFFER

## Educational Advocacy

An Educational Advocate is a parent of a child with a disability and (nationally certified through COPAA) works with parents by assisting them in getting their children's special education needs met at school. An Advocate will provide information to parents about their rights, disability laws and school procedure in an effort to empower parents and guardians to effectively advocate on behalf of their children and youth. Advocates will attend school meetings with families to ensure the family voice is heard and considered in the IEP (Individual Education Plan) or 504 process. Advocates encourage parents to involve their children/youth in the decision-making process to promote self-determination.

## Partnership with Families (PWF)

The PWF Program uses a wraparound philosophy with System of Care Values and Principles to support families that have children with mental health and behavioral health challenges. F.A.C.T. works in conjunction with Compass Health to support these families in their homes and community. F.A.C.T. provides a nationally Certified Family Peer Specialist (CFPS) and uses a peer support model which means that all Parent Support Partners have a child with a disability themselves. Because we have been through the process and “walked the walk” we are able to support other parents/guardians through their journeys. Our main goal is to help families navigate systems, empower them, and build their resiliency so that they can handle any situation that may arise.

## Family Support Program

The FSP Program uses a wraparound philosophy with System of Care Values and Principles to support families that have children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. F.A.C.T. FSP's support these families in their homes and the community. F.A.C.T. provides a nationally Certified Family Peer Specialist (CFPS) and uses a peer support model which means that all Family Support Partners have a child with a disability themselves. Because we have been through the process and “walked the walk” we are able to support other parents/guardians through their journeys. Our main goal is to help families navigate systems, empower them, and build their resiliency so that they can handle any situation that may arise.

## People First

People First is an adult self-advocacy & self-help organization run by & for adults 18 years and older who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. People First teaches, mentors, coaches, guides & prepares adults to advocate for change in their community, state, and federal laws.



## Dees Scholarship Fund



Pictured: Karen Cooper, F.A.C.T. Training Specialist, Brady Steele, Scholarship Recipient, Suzanne Steele, Brady's mother

The Dees Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of John & Katie Dees who were both special education teachers in the Francis Howell School District. They perished in a house fire along with their daughter in 1987.

The Dees Scholarship is awarded through F.A.C.T. in conjunction with the Francis Howell Dees Scholarship Committee. Each year, one special education student is selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education & help them continue their quest in becoming an integral, productive member of society.

# SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2022

## Partnership with Families Empowerment Activities

- **Adopt-A-Family** - F.A.C.T. worked with the Franklin County Community Resource Board (FCCRB) to provide holiday gifts to 51 eligible children



- **No Hunger Holiday** – F.A.C.T. worked with the Harvester Knights of Columbus in Cottleville to get complete Thanksgiving dinners to almost 300 of our families in the PWF and Family Support Program.

- **Back-to-School** – Thanks in part to donations from Safety National & grants received by the Harmon Foundation & Franklin County Community Resource Board F.A.C.T. provided a “Back to School” pool party in St. Charles, Warren, Lincoln, Franklin & St. Louis Counties, and St. Louis City. We also gave away 860 backpacks filled with necessary school supplies to our PWF & FSP families.



- **People First** – The People First group's membership had 74 members.
- **Direct Educational Advocacy & Transitions** – Provided advocacy assistance to more than 240 families.
- **Direct Educational Advocacy in Warren County** – Provided advocacy assistance to 8 families.
- **Partnership with Families** – F.A.C.T. provided Parent Support Partner services to:
  - St. Charles County – 730 Families
  - Franklin County – 390 Families
  - Lincoln County – 179 Families
- **Family Support Program** – F.A.C.T. provided services to 877 families that include an individual with a developmental disability in St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, Jefferson Counties and St. Louis City.

# FINANCIAL POSTION

## Liabilities & Net Assets

### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$30,361
Accrued Expenses	\$152,041
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$182,402</u>

### Net Assets:

With Donor Restrictions	\$459,161
Without Donor Restrictions	\$583,034
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,042,195</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,224,597</u>

## Statement of Activities

### Revenue, Support, and Gains

	<u>Without Donor</u>	<u>With Donor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Program Service Fees	\$2,434,305	\$430,658	\$2,864,963
Contributions	\$30,648	\$47,287	\$77,935
Special Events Revenue (less cost of direct benefits to donors of \$34,069)	\$40,294	\$-	\$40,294
Net Investment Return	\$(49,225)	\$-	\$(49,225)
Miscellaneous	\$21,462	\$-	\$21,462
Net Assets released from restriction for satisfaction of program restrictions	\$448,693	\$(448,693)	\$-
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	<u>\$2,926,177</u>	<u>\$29,252</u>	<u>\$2,955,429</u>

### Expenses

Program Services			
Educational Advocacy	\$526,164	\$-	\$526,164
Family Support	\$1,129,398	\$-	\$1,129,398
Parent Support	\$762,276	\$-	\$762,276
People First	\$67,365	\$-	\$67,365
Other	\$16,149	\$-	\$16,149
Total Program Services	<u>\$2,501,352</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$2,501,352</u>

### Supporting Services

Management and General	\$390,000	\$-	\$390,000
Fundraising and Development	\$53,030	\$-	\$53,030
Total Supporting Activities	<u>\$443,030</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$443,030</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,944,382</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$2,944,382</u>

### Change in Net Assets

Net Assets – July 1	\$601,239	\$429,909	\$1,031,148
Net Assets – June 30	<u>\$583,034</u>	<u>\$459,161</u>	<u>\$1,042,195</u>



# SUPPORTERS

In FY 2022 F.A.C.T. had three fundraisers including our 1<sup>st</sup> Rock n Roll Bingo & Bourbon & Bocce Events, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Hopes & Dreams Gala, our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night, and our Rock n Roll Bingo. We thank our many donors & volunteers that spent their times and money working towards our mission.



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