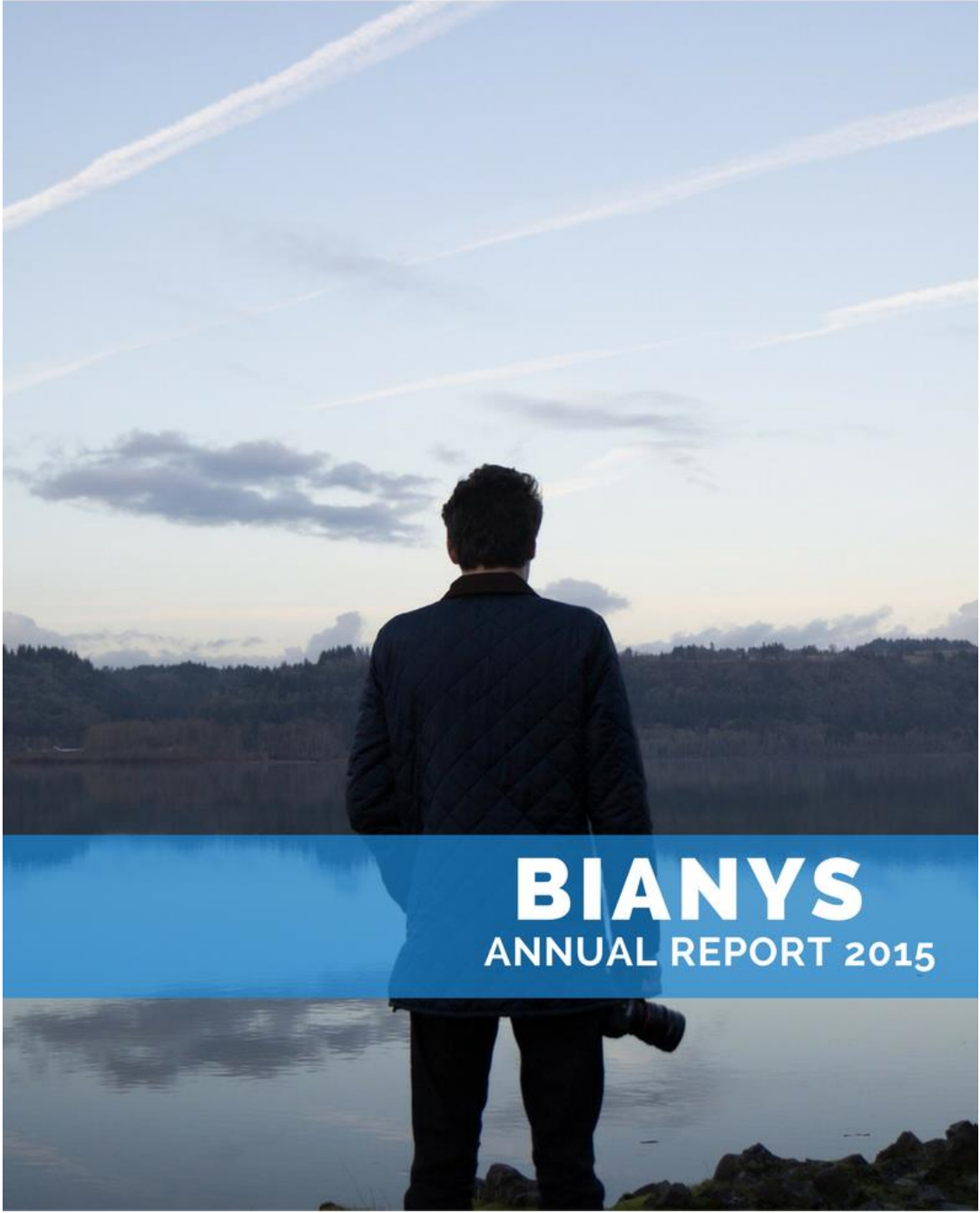




**BRAIN INJURY
ASSOCIATION**

OF NEW YORK STATE



BIANYS
ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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-Elena Mareno, New Paltz

A message from our President and Executive Director

Dear Friend and Supporter of the Brain Injury Association of New York State:

So, how can we describe 2015? Simply, it would be the “Year of the New!” New staff, new programs, new energy and a new direction.

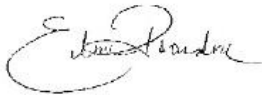
In 2015, BIANYS created a five-year Strategic Plan to build the idea of growth and prosperity. There are many goals to be reached by 2020, including increasing its visibility and to strengthen the organizations outreach and support services to individuals with brain injury and their families across the state

VISION

The vision of BIANYS is a community in which all individuals with brain injuries and their loved ones have access to the care and support needed in order to maximize their quality of life, and in which brain injury is minimized through awareness and prevention efforts.

This Annual Report provides a retrospect to the activities, accomplishments and achievements made by the organization. It truly demonstrates the work of many. The dedication and strength of all of us working together to have created the “Year of New!” Help us to obtain the vision that can only make the Brain Injury Association of NYS stronger and those we serve more resilient.

WITH DEEPEST RESPECT AND APPRECIATION,



Eileen Reardon
Executive Director



Barry Dain
Board President



WHO

We help...

The **mission** of the Brain Injury Association of New York State is to minimize brain injury through prevention and to support, educate and advocate for individuals with brain injuries, their families and the professionals who serve them.

HOW

We help...

Advocacy is the cornerstone of our mission. From one-on-one assistance to **public policy initiatives** and trainings, our advocacy has many forms and a variety of audiences. Our **one-on-one assistance** makes sure individuals who have sustained a brain injury have a place to go to ask questions and learn about available **resources** and **support**. Awareness and education are equally important as BIANYS strives to ensure professionals possess the most current knowledge about brain injury and the circle of people it affects. Through webinars, BIANYS-hosted Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) courses and the annual BIANYS Professional Symposium, the organization keeps professionals in knowledgeable regarding **cutting-edge research** and

WHY

We help...

When someone sustains a brain injury there are many questions – sometimes from that person, often from the people who live with and around that person. BIANYS is the organization people turn to **ask** their **questions**, learn about **support options** and, perhaps most of all, **know that they are not alone** and that there is **hope**. Our **membership** is a community of people who, if not for their **shared experience** of brain injury, may not have ever crossed paths.

Grassroots **advocacy** is our **voice for change**. BIANYS members know there is strength in the number of people who lend their support to the One Voice. Whether it's reaching out to a congressional representative or being present at Advocacy Day, being involved creates **awareness** and change.

BIANYS advocacy efforts rely on the community who have sustained a brain injury and the people who support them. BIANYS fosters this **community** by bringing together the injured, their caregivers and family, the professionals and the advocates. Our 2015 Professional Symposium and Conference drew hundreds who learned, shared and left with a greater understanding of who they are and how they fit into the brain injury community.

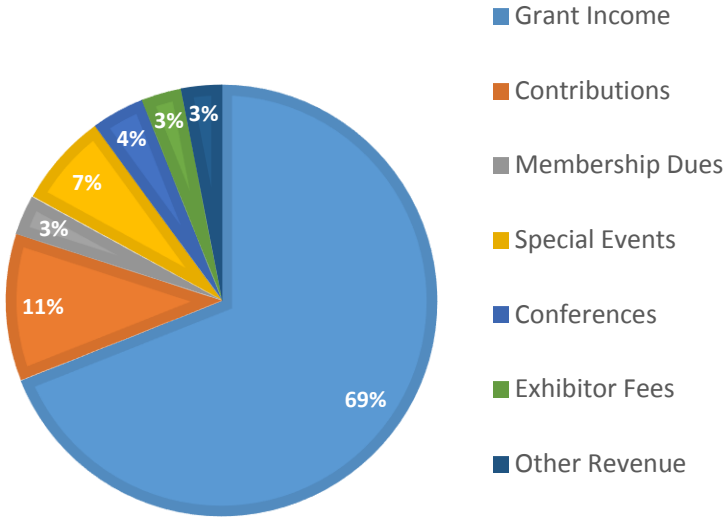
Choosing to be a **member** of BIANYS offers more than access to brain injury resources, information and conferences. It **strengthens the voice** that advocates for change and improvement. Membership solidifies the foundation of BIANYS so the organization can grow for and with our members.

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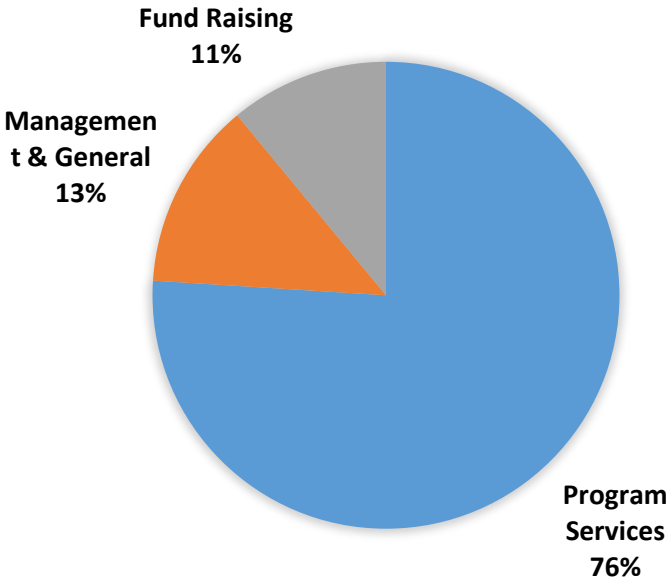


2015 Financial Summary

BIANYS SUPPORT & REVENUE



BIANYS EXPENSES



Agency Highlights



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015

- ✓ Successfully secured five-year contract through OPWDD for the FACTS Program.
- ✓ Held inaugural "March on for Brain Injury" Walk in Rochester
- ✓ Embarked on Meet & Greet tour to meet members and fellow Stakeholders. Meet & Greet days were held in Brooklyn, Bayshore, Long Island, Syracuse, Rochester and Albany
- ✓ Attended the 2015 BIAA Congressional Day in Washington DC
- ✓ Brain Injury Association of NYS hires first Development Director
- ✓ CBIS (Certified Brain Injury Specialist) Training has first off site class at St. Charles Hospital on Long Island
- ✓ Brain Injury Association of NYS launches new website
- ✓ Gary Busey was keynote speaker at the "Uniting as the Voice for Brain Injury" Annual Conference
- ✓ Educated 483 school personnel and 1199 early childhood staff brain injury across New York through the HRSA grant

- ✓ BIANYS BOARD AVOCATES FOR CARVE OUT OF TBI MEDICAID WAIVER TO PREVENT IT TO ENTERING INTO MANAGED CARE

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