



FEAT-Houston 2017 Annual Report

Families for Effective Autism Treatment

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Mission Statement

FEAT-Houston's mission is to improve the quality of life of those affected by developmental disabilities by increasing resources and providing information about applied behavior analysis (ABA).

Strategies

A non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, FEAT-Houston provides information through an email listserv, website (www.feathouston.org), a parent-manned telephone line, meetings and seminars. Information and scholarship-support activities for professional development are financed through donations, grocery-store share programs and conference projects. FEAT-Houston is currently run exclusively by volunteers.

Programs and Activities for 2017

FEAT-Houston strives to serve the community by providing up-to-date information on various educational trainings for parents, teachers and anyone involved with individuals on the autism spectrum. We do this through our online events calendar and our email listserv. A listing of the current month's ABA and Special Education Law trainings are sent to our listserv of more than 2000 contacts monthly with additional emails featuring news of interest to the community two to four times per month. This allows families and professionals to easily locate trainings useful to them in their area. In 2017, the FEAT Events calendar featured 68 ABA trainings in the Greater Houston area.

In 2017, FEAT-Houston sponsored four low-cost workshops in the ABC's of ABA and 123's of ABA to train parents, teachers and therapists in the essential elements of applied behavior analysis (ABA). A total of 81 people attended the ABC's & 123s workshops in 2017.

Workshop titles in this series are:

- Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA
- Maximizing Cooperative Behavior
- The ABC's of ABA
- Managing Aggressive Behavior in Adolescents and Adults

Scholarships

An important part of our work is to provide a variety of scholarships for parents, students and teachers to encourage opportunities for individuals to learn more about effective techniques in educating and treating individuals with autism. FEAT-Houston granted 20 scholarships to our workshops valued at \$1,000 to public school teachers, paraprofessionals and parents.

FEAT-Houston believes it is important for Houston teachers and therapists who are interested in furthering their knowledge of Applied Behavior Analysis to have the opportunity to do so. Almost since the organization's inception, FEAT has provided scholarships to workshops and reimbursement for college course work in applied behavior analysis. This last year FEAT provided \$1,000 in tuition-reimbursement scholarships to an area teacher enabling her to pursue certification in behavior analysis.

Community Outreach

In 2017, FEAT-Houston began a new parent training program. Three families were provided ABA Start-Up services at a cost of \$6,325. Families had to agree to complete a video training course and take an active part in the parent and child training they were given. Families without insurance coverage or no real access to ABA services were targeted for these grants.

FEAT also provided a grant to allow a local group to provide free childcare for five sessions of parent trainings that were offered to the community - allowing parents who might not be able to participate in trainings to do so.

FEAT-Houston has continued its outreach to the Spanish speaking community by ongoing distribution of its Spanish language DVD of the ABC's of ABA workshop. This year 59 DVD sets were provided to parents and professionals. This DVD set is also available in English and 113 of these sets in English were distributed in 2017.

A major source of information for the community is FEAT-Houston's website, www.feathouston.org. FEAT-Houston maintains an up-to-date calendar on the site of the applied behavior analysis trainings in the Greater Houston area. FEAT-Houston also provides event information through regular emailed event listings and operates a parent-manned phone line. These resources allow FEAT to inform parents and teachers of anything that might be available to help them in learning how to effectively teach individuals with autism spectrum disorders. FEAT-Houston strives to be the number one resource in our community for information on the many educational and support opportunities that are offered each month.

FEAT seeks to develop awareness of Applied Behavior Analysis in the Greater Houston area by exhibiting at various resource fairs and conferences as well as providing speakers for events. FEAT-Houston's President, Amy Wood, gave presentations and provided information to a wide variety of groups and FEAT Board members attended resource fairs and conferences in the area to provide information on effective treatment for Autism. FEAT-Houston also helped to sponsor the first annual conference of the Lone Star Association for Behavior Analysis. This

conference, focusing on ethics and best practices in autism treatment, served to bring our community of professionals together and to encourage collaboration and peer review.

Finally, in support of educators and the time they invest to maintain and develop new skills, FEAT-Houston continues to meet the requirements necessary for educators to receive continuing education credit for attending FEAT-Houston training events and workshops.

FEAT-Houston Board of Directors, December 31, 2017

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2017 FEAT-Houston Statement of Functional Expense

	Program Service: Information, Education & Support	Program Service: Training Projects	Fund Raising	Admin. Expense	Total Expenses
ABA Education & Awareness	474.16		41.58		515.74
Bank Charges (PayPal Service Fees)	68.40		18.52		86.92
DVD Expense	1,627.95				1,627.95
Insurance	500.00			674.00	1,174.00
Lending Library Expense	23.99				23.99
Payroll	366.40				366.40
Postage	29.07		4.90	17.97	51.94
Professional Resource Development		6,500.00			6,500.00
Training Projects: -ABA Coursework Tuition Reimbursement -Childcare for Training Events -ABA Start Up Grant Services		1,000.00 375.00 6,325.00			7,700.00
Voicemail Service	120.06				120.06
Workshop Expense	4,191.96				4,191.96
TOTAL	\$7,401.99	\$14,200.00	\$65.00	\$691.97	\$22,358.96

FEAT-Houston Income and Expense
January through December 2017

Income			
Workshop Income (ABC/123)		2,440.00	
Donations:			
Birdies for Charity	2,894.47		
Gen Donations	1,481.06		
Grocery/Amazon Share Programs	645.42		
Total Donations		5,020.95	
Total Income			7,460.95
Expense			
ABA Education & Awareness		515.74	
Bank Charges (PayPal Service Fees)		86.92	
DVD Expense		1,627.95	
Insurance		1,174.00	
Lending Library Expense		23.99	
Payroll		366.40	
Postage		51.94	
Professional Resource Development		6,500.00	
Telephone (Voicemail Service)		120.06	
Training Projects:			
ABA Course Tuition Reimbursement	1,000.00		
ABA Start Up Grant Services	6,325.00		
Childcare for Training Events	375.00		
Total Training Projects		7,700.00	
Workshop Expense (ABC/123)		4,191.96	
Total Expense			<u>22,358.96</u>
Net Loss for 2017			-14,898.01

Net Assets as of 12/31/2017: \$ 101,003.35

Unrestricted net assets: \$ 101,003.35

Note: The board has designated that \$ 34,000.00 of Unrestricted Net Assets will be used for the anticipated 2018 budget shortfall.