

# 2011 Annual Report



**Deeper Understanding, Better Care.**



ADVANCING HEALTH EDUCATION & RESEARCH



## **A Note From Bob Block, MD, FAAP AVA Chair**

This has been a year of great opportunities for the AVA. It's also been a year when I have had opportunities to link my work with the American Academy of Pediatrics with the mission and vision of the AVA. The AAP released a policy and technical report on the lifelong health consequences of adversities and toxic stress during childhood, emphasizing the importance of evolving science that supports the ACEs Studies and the work of the AVA. My AAP President's theme has been, simply, "all adults once were children."

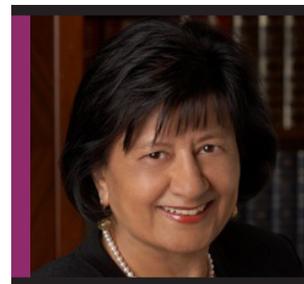
As the Chair of our AVA Board of Directors I am delighted to report this phrase is being repeated in Congress and has sparked considerable interest among the many journalists and media personalities I have been able to contact. It is going to be very important for us to persuade policy makers, politicians, commercial insurers, and others who control health care delivery about the incredible costs of violence and abuse. Although we know the emotional and physical harm associated with violence and abuse is the most important cost to victims, their families, and all of our society; we will have greater success through making the economic arguments that seem to guide business and political decision-makers. We will continue to increase research, knowledge, and understanding of the issues as the AVA gains members and momentum.

## **A Note from Tasneem Ismailji, MD, MPH AVA President**

There is increasing recognition that chronic diseases represent a major health threat accompanied with enormous economic consequences. Yet most healthcare professionals have largely overlooked the contribution of the health effects of violence and abuse to chronic diseases. This year, we highlighted the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs) in our successful biennial conference and completed production of our new ACEs DVD. The DVD includes fascinating personal interviews with Drs Felitti, Anda and Williamson, along with their keynote presentations and several ACE Study resources.

Our Core Competencies document continues to gain endorsements and support from various organizations and is being widely distributed. The Faculty Development Course that we conducted as a preconference this year was well received and we have plans to conduct four more courses in 2012. We also launched the AVA Research Reviews which have proved to be quite popular and are gaining a committed audience.

2011 has been a year of transitions and reaffirmation of our mission. Under the auspicious hospitality of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) we developed our second strategic plan and a diversified fund development plan. We reorganized our operations to a more efficient virtual office with Karla as our Administrative Director. We wished Mike, our Executive Director, our best in his new endeavors and we are looking forward to a vibrant and productive 2012.



## AVA Mission

The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) exists to advance health education and research on the prevention, recognition and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse.

## AVA Vision

By improving health professional education and research in the areas of violence and abuse, the Academy will integrate this knowledge into the training of all health professionals so as to improve health care for all people, to protect the most vulnerable among us and to advance health and social policy that promotes safe families, workplaces and communities. The AVA strives to be an academic leader in addressing the education needs of health professionals regarding violence and abuse and focusing on minimizing the effects of violence and abuse on people's health.

## 2011 AVA Accomplishments

- Hosted a very successful 2011 Scientific Conference *“The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding”*.
- Produced the AVA ACE Study DVD from the plenary presentations recorded at the 2011 Scientific Conference.
- Created, published and distributed the AVA Core Competencies: “Competencies Needed by Health Professionals to Address Exposure to Violence and Abuse in Patient Care”.
- Created and published the AVA Research Review - A peer-reviewed high quality and relevant monthly electronic Review of violence and abuse literature published within the preceding calendar year.
- Presented the AVA Faculty Development workshop at several major conferences.
- Maintained a widely recognized online resource library for violence and abuse materials recommended by members of the Academy.

## 2012 AVA Initiatives

- Plan the April 18-20, 2013 Scientific Conference *“Addressing Violence and Abuse in a Changing Health Care Environment”* being held in Minneapolis, MN.
- Institute the AVA Scholars Program – a mentorship program designed to improve the ability of junior researchers to conduct high quality research and to enter into productive careers focused on understanding and minimizing the effects of violence and abuse on people's health.
- Compile, publish and distribute a compendium of health care-based interventions for violence and abuse.
- Present the AVA Faculty Development workshop at four major conferences.
- Develop Pediatric and Family Medicine specific Core Competencies
- Continue distribution of the ACEs DVD and Core Competencies

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Our goal: safe families, workplaces and communities

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# Academy on Violence and Abuse – 2011 Financial Report

**BEGINNING NET ASSETS** **\$ 59,352**

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**INCOME**

Individual Contributions (Jessica’s Fund \$6,465)	\$77,532
Foundations	\$25,000
Federal Grants	\$50,000
Conference Revenue	\$20,217
Membership Dues	\$10,400
Interest	\$74
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$183,223</b>

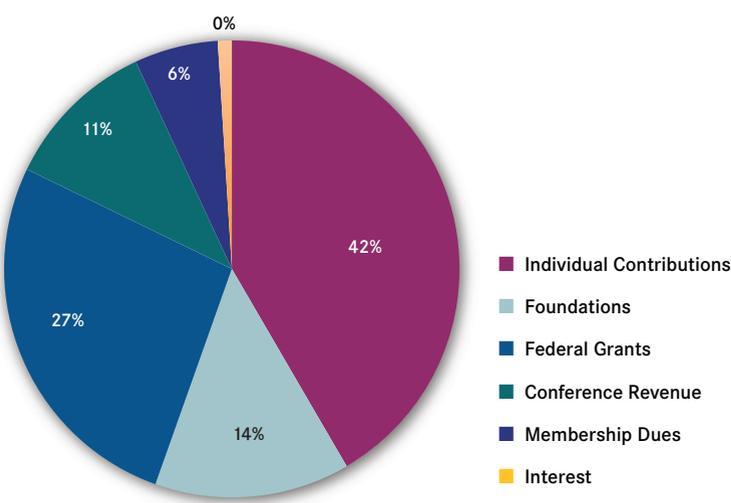
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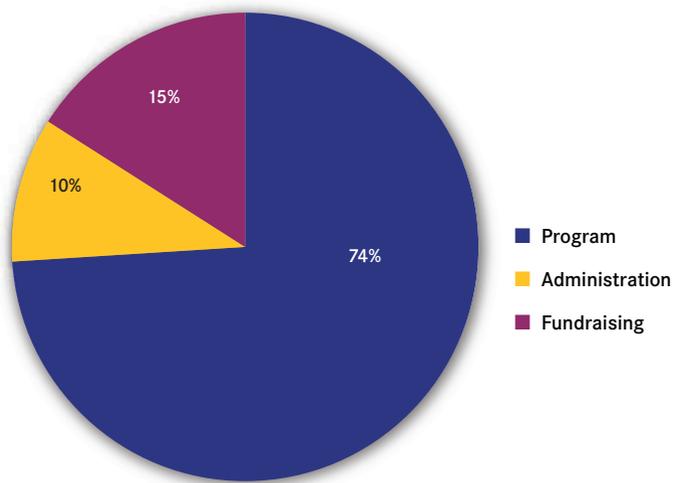
Program	\$142,581
Administration	\$19,268
Fundraising	\$3,828
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$192,677</b>

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**ENDING NET ASSETS** **\$49,898**



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**\$183,222**



**Total Expenses**  
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**Share our mission.** Increased awareness regarding the effects of violence and abuse on health is critical. Please help us by sharing this information with your colleagues and friends.

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**AVA is a non-profit, academic, membership-based organization. Our membership includes a variety of health care professionals, representing various facets of the health care field. We continue to expand health education and research and integrate knowledge about violence and abuse into the training of all health professionals to promote safe families, safe workplaces and safe communities.**



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