

An aerial photograph of a beach event. In the foreground, the turquoise ocean meets the shore with gentle waves. A sandy beach is populated with many people, some standing in small groups and others walking. Several bright yellow pop-up tents are set up on the beach, some in a row and others scattered. A blue canopy is also visible. In the background, there's a grassy area with more people and a few palm trees. The overall scene is vibrant and suggests a community gathering or festival.

AccesSurf 2020 Annual Report



During 2020, a year of extreme adversity, we at AccesSurf continued to fulfill our mission in very different but creative ways. Our regular programs require a lot of people and hands-on support. The public safety and state regulations prevented us from holding our regular programs after the middle of March in 2020. In addition to the effort we put into restructuring our existing programs in preparation for when we can hold programs again, we found many different ways to continue the social and healthy lifestyle support we provide our community.



"Being able to connect with AccesSurf during the program shut down kept our family close despite social distancing. It was a much-needed bit of normalcy in uncertain times"

- Chris and Anna Havard



Here are some of the things we did to keep connected and provide health & wellness and enhance our programs overall:

- Online photo adaptive surf contest.
- Online get moving challenge- at home exercise and hobbies.
- Health and Wellness Virtual clinics.
- Weekly virtual social call in's.
- Personal phone call check in's.
- Pop Up in the Park- land based social days.
- Piloted, AccessBuddy, a new program for one-on-one support for people independent on the water.
- Advanced trainings for volunteers.
- On line volunteer training manual.
- Hosted an international virtual call with adaptive sports organizations from around the world.
- Social connection videos:
 - AccesSurf Lifestyle video series.
 - Bi-weekly Talk Story Tuesday with special guests in the ASH community.
- Virtual outreach speaking engagements.
- Program survey to learn the needs of our community.

Our fundraisers also had a new twist in 2020

- On line auctions
- On line Wheels for Waves fundraiser for our new equipment van
- Ocean of Possibilities telecast show on local tv stations- Hawaii News Now



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Testimonial

Since life as we knew it was changed nearly a year ago due to the pandemic, I noticed my son slipping deeper and deeper into a depression. He missed seeing his peers at school quite a bit, but what he missed more than anything, was all of the friendly faces at AccesSurf.

Kamerin, or “Kamerin with a K”, as he likes to be known, seems to feel the most happiness when he’s at an AccesSurf event. The volunteers are all there to make others happy, & they do a bang-up job of it! Kamerin always wants to be the first one there and the last to leave. He never wants to miss out on a moment with this group of amazing people who make him feel so included.

Since then, the Access Buddy program has been put into place. First, Kamerin got a “get to know ya” call from volunteer Katie and has now struck up a friendship & call each other once or twice a week!

Kamerin was then paired up with Cece, and connected instantly! Kamerin & Cece connect on the phone once a week & gets in the ocean every 2-3 weeks. Having Cece as Kamerin’s buddy was the most perfect fit and I can see those two sharing a lot more activities together once the pandemic disappears.

Access Budy has made a wonderful difference in Kamerin’s day to day attitude, & how it has been so good for him. Kamerin’s depression has lightened up considerably, & I want to thank the friendly people at AccesSurf for this! The Access Buddy program has made living through a pandemic a lot more tolerable, & I have my happy son back!

–Kierstin

Kamerin with a K’s mom





What lies ahead in 2021 and beyond...

In 2020 we learned more than ever how much our social and overall health and wellbeing our programs impact the community. This includes families/caregivers, volunteers and supporters. As we navigate the coming year, we will follow the public safety and state regulations and continue the programs and support created in 2020 until we are able to safely run in person group programs.

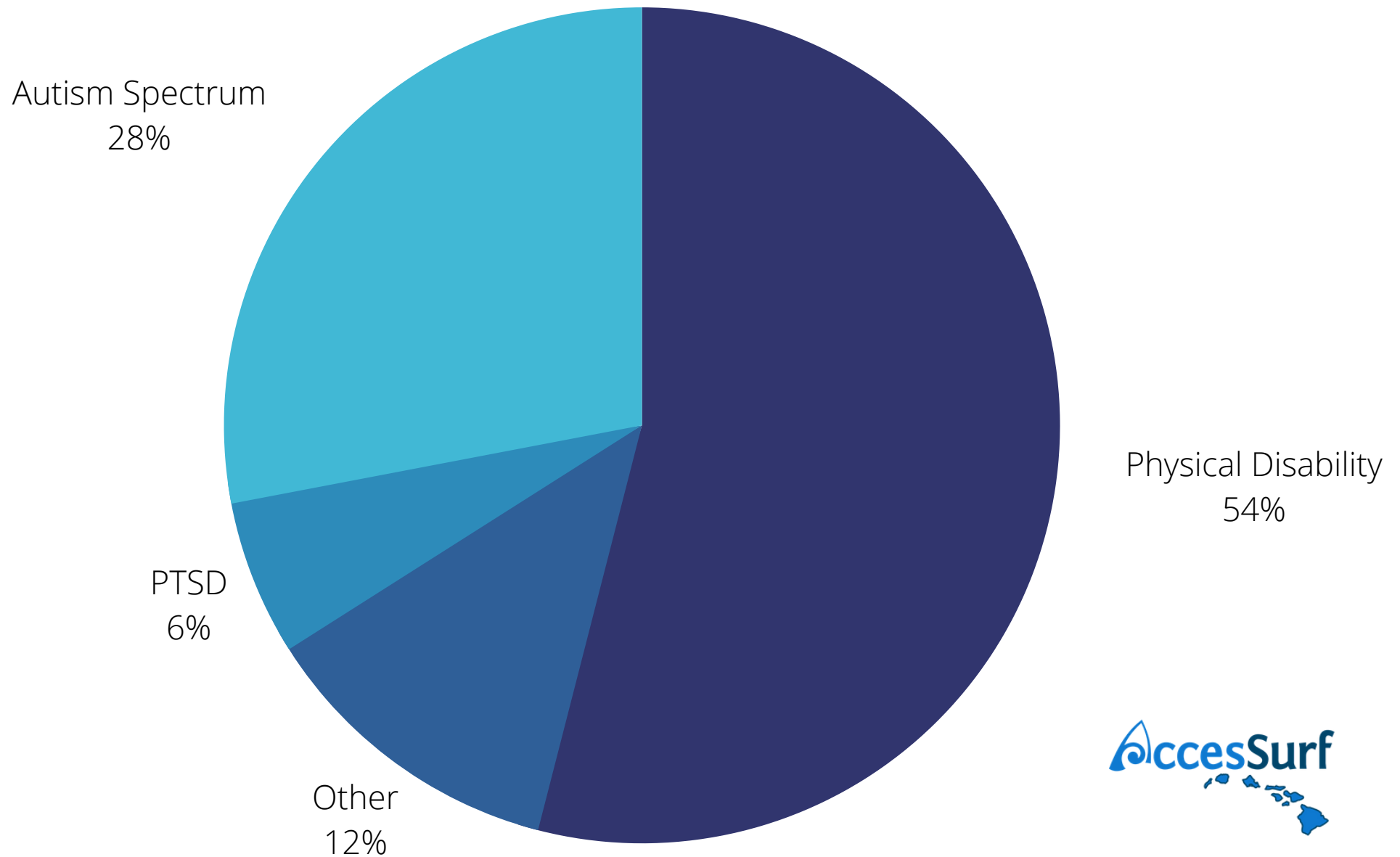
Once safety and regulations allow some changes to our existing programs before COVID-19 will include:

- Pre-registration
- Smaller group sizes
- COVID-19 protocols as needed
- Advanced training for COVID-19 protocols

We hope to get back to as many of our regular programs as possible in 2021. From there we will evaluate the needs of our community to continue expand programs and outreach.



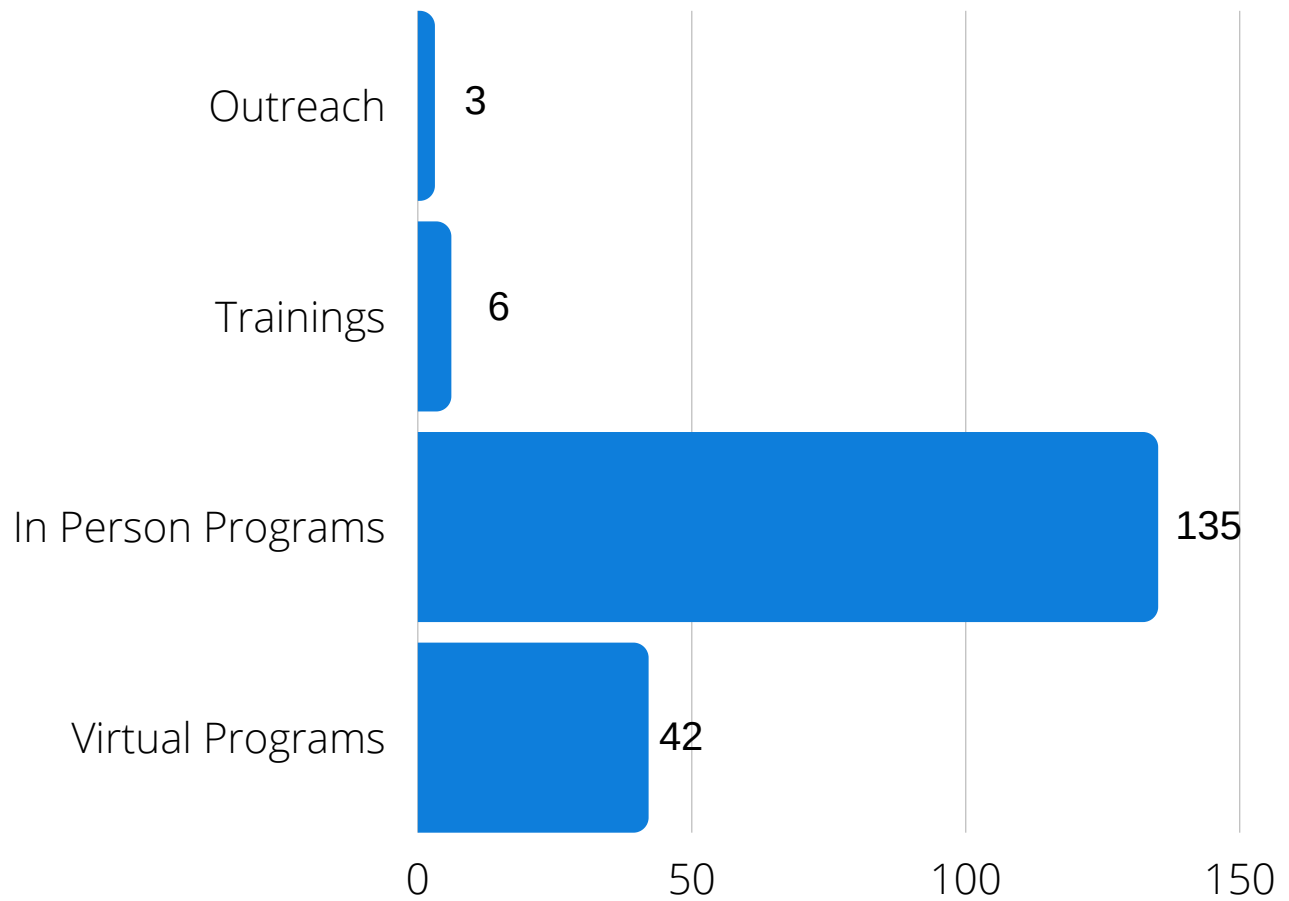
AccesSurf Demographics (2020)





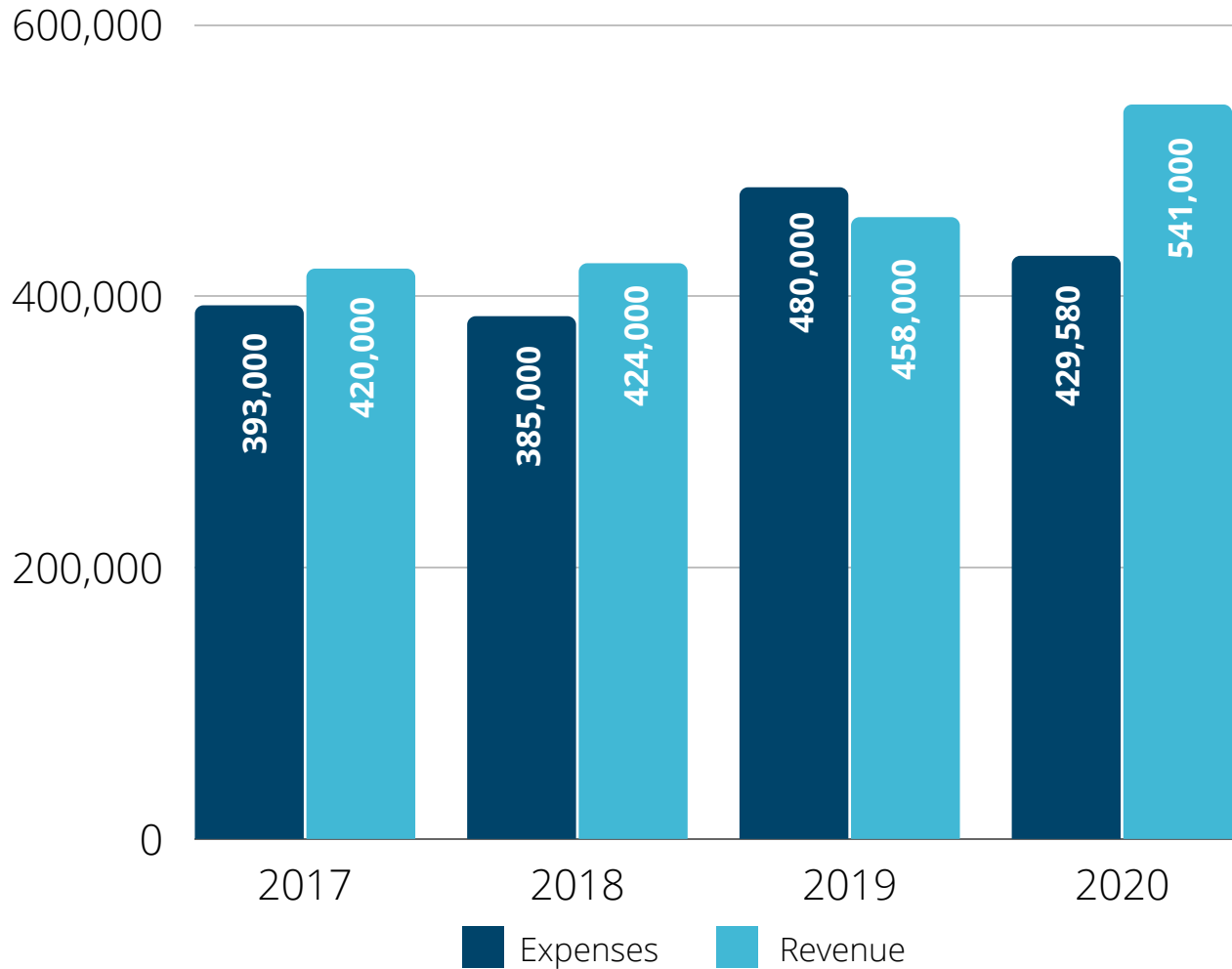
2020 Programs

**Number of program days with a total of 540 participant registrations
and 1099 volunteer registrations (duplicated individuals)**





AccesSurf Financial Review



2020 Revenue:

Grants: 31%

Events/Sponsorships/Fundraisers: 24%

Individual: 19%

Corporate: 12%

Other: 14%

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