

Liberation Institute

Executive Director / CEO

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Adina Ascher, Executive Director / CEO** (\$41,215) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **66** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the **33rd** percentile of comparable organizations within the typical range

Benchmarked executive: Adina Ascher — reported title “Clincial Director”, selected as the organization's **highest-paid individual** — no exact title match, so confirm this is a comparable role.

How comparable organizations were selected

SECTOR Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (F22).

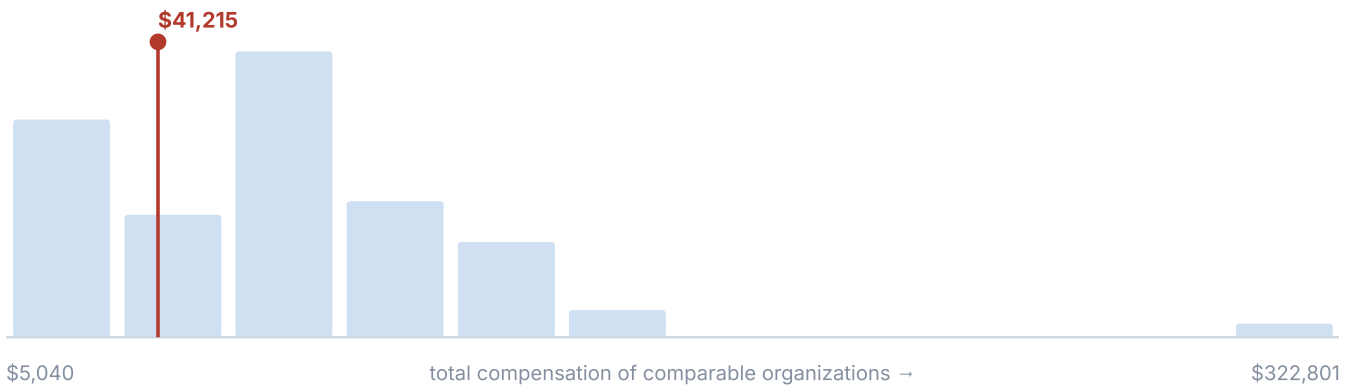
BUDGET Total revenue between \$314,223 and \$703,485 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$468,990 (the band tightens as size grows).

GEOGRAPHY Same NTEE sector (F22), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.

66 organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography

→ **66** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

Distribution of comparable compensation



\$17,899	\$32,464	\$71,593	\$92,750	\$126,785	\$41,215
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● Comparable organizations

Each figure is Form 990 Part VII columns D + F (reportable pay plus other compensation and benefits; column F may include amounts from related organizations), normalized to HI cost of living (BEA RPP, 2023) and to its filing year (CPI-U); the reported amount is on each linked 990.

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Darp Inc	OK	\$468,439	President	\$80,600	\$96,574	2025
Aaron B Lackey Ministries	GA	\$470,460	President	\$26,000	\$30,062	2023
The Etheridge Foundation	CA	\$463,479	Executive Director	\$96,500	\$93,072	2024
Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home Inc	WV	\$480,927	Executive Director	\$58,738	\$73,133	2023
Northwest Network Btlg Survivors Abuse0	WA	\$457,014	Executive Dir.	\$322,801	\$322,801	2024
A Place Of Restoration	LA	\$456,923	Director	\$59,085	\$72,669	2024
Turning Point Evaluation Inc	IA	\$483,893	Member	\$93,575	\$114,440	2024
Acacia Counseling Inc	CO	\$451,559	President	\$57,595	\$61,685	2024
Alabaster House	SC	\$489,645	Director	\$71,182	\$82,944	2024
East Los Angeles Alcoholism Council	CA	\$490,169	Chairman	\$14,600	\$14,081	2024
Will Work For Recovery	MN	\$436,741	President	\$116,981	\$132,920	2023
Fundacion Creemos En Ti Corporation	PR	\$504,204	Vicepresident	\$8,000	\$8,000	2024
Be The Bush Ministries	TN	\$430,427	Executive Director	\$43,600	\$51,189	2024
Potters House Substance Abuse Center	AZ	\$507,627	Ceo	\$4,557	\$5,040	2023
Sarasota Addiction Recovery Assistance Inc	FL	\$428,021	President	\$42,000	\$45,372	2023
Forge Recovery Center Inc	GA	\$511,887	Director	\$27,308	\$31,575	2023

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Thirteen Step House Inc	IN	\$512,241	Executive Director	\$65,000	\$78,823	2023
Solus Christus Inc	NC	\$422,724	Executive Di	\$62,000	\$71,554	2024
Keene Serenity Center Inc	NH	\$421,322	Executive Director	\$63,888	\$65,890	2024
Addict li Athlete	UT	\$418,827	Director And Officer	\$80,288	\$91,782	2024
Palmer Drug Abuse Program Houston Inc	TX	\$523,914	Executive Director	\$111,240	\$124,287	2024
Alcoholics Anonymous Cleveland Dist	OH	\$411,140	Secretary/tr	\$72,200	\$87,936	2023
Treatment Communities Of America	DC	\$408,833	Executive Di	\$137,500	\$134,770	2024
Victory Family Outreach Ministries	TX	\$407,627	Trustee	\$24,339	\$27,997	2023
End It For Good Inc	MS	\$532,175	Ceo	\$50,454	\$62,764	2024

Comp (reported) is the figure on each organization's Form 990 (columns D + F); **Comp (adjusted)** normalizes it to HI cost of living and 2024 dollars. Click any organization to verify the figure on ProPublica.

Methodology

Comparable organizations were drawn from electronically filed IRS Form 990 returns and matched on sector (NTEE code), budget (a size-adaptive revenue band that tightens as the organization grows), and geography (same-state first, broadening only when too few peers qualify); every organization within the band forms the peer set. To compare fairly across regions and years, peer compensation is normalized to HI cost of living (BEA Regional Price Parities, 2023) and to the subject's filing year (CPI-U). The figure benchmarked is Form 990 Part VII, Section A, columns D + F — reportable pay plus other compensation, benefits, and deferred amounts (column F may include amounts from related organizations) — with the chief executive matched by role. Related-organization amounts (column E) and institutional trustees are excluded. Full methodology: peerbasis.org/methodology.

Sample, role match & sensitivity

PEER COUNT 66 organizations. Compensation range \$5,040–\$322,801; filing years 2021–2025.

SIZE BASIS Matched on total revenue (\$468,990); for reference, expenses \$469,145 and assets \$77.

ROLE MATCH Adina Ascher, reported title "*Clinical Director*", benchmarked as Executive Director / CEO. **Selected as the organization's highest-paid individual without an exact title match — the**

board should confirm this is a comparable role.

RELATED-ORG PAY	4 peers report related-organization compensation (column E), which the D + F benchmark does not fully capture; review where material.
OUTLIERS	1 peer fall outside 1.5× the interquartile range — consider whether any reflect one-time payments (severance, deferred-comp payouts).

Sensitivity — the subject's percentile under alternative compensation definitions:

BASIS	SUBJECT PERCENTILE
Total compensation (D + F), cost-of-living + inflation adjusted — the PeerBasis default	33 rd
Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)	33 rd
Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted	33 rd
All sources (D + E + F), adjusted	30 th

If the percentile moves materially across these definitions, the result is sensitive to methodology choices, and the board should weigh which basis best fits its facts.

● **Rebuttable presumption of reasonableness · 26 CFR 53.4958-6**

Compensation paid by a tax-exempt organization is presumed reasonable — shifting the burden to the IRS — when three requirements are met. This report supplies the comparability data for the second. The board should record the following in its minutes *concurrently* with its decision:

Draft board minutes – executive compensation

1. The compensation of the Executive Director / CEO (Adina Ascher) was approved in advance by [the Board / Compensation Committee], composed of members with no conflict of interest with respect to the arrangement.
2. Prior to its determination, the authorized body obtained and relied upon appropriate comparability data, namely the PeerBasis Compensation Comparability Determination dated June 9, 2026, comparing compensation against 66 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (F22), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$41,215 is reasonable (approximately the 33rd percentile of comparable organizations) and documented the basis for this determination concurrently, on [date], by a vote of [__ for / __ against].

Sources: IRS Form 990 e-file data (apps.irs.gov); IRS Business Master File (NTEE classification). Every figure traces to an original public filing — click any organization above to verify it on ProPublica. PeerBasis is a service of Prismind Analytics; its [methodology is published](#), was commissioned for independent adversarial review, and discloses its own limitations. This report is comparability

data to support a board's good-faith determination under IRC 4958; it is not legal or tax advice. Generated by PeerBasis on June 9, 2026.