



Denver Children's  
Advocacy Center

# Where Children & Families Come First

2021 Annual Report 



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Dear DCAC Supporter,

We want to share a story with you. A mother came to us after experiencing domestic violence from an alcoholic partner. Her older daughter also experienced verbal and emotional abuse from this man. Through the therapeutic process, the mother not only learned how to identify and express the pain caused by this dysfunctional relationship, but also learned about the cycle of abuse and how it can impact mental health.

She was also connected to additional services, such as access to food resources and mental health services for her daughter. The mother continued to attend DCAC's monthly support groups in addition to individual therapy. She reconnected with her family in Mexico, and with the support of her family and community from the groups, she left this abusive relationship and started a new life with her daughters, free of violence and abuse.

In 2021, moments like this are what kept us motivated. Like so many other non-profits, businesses, and individual families, DCAC is still adjusting to the tremendous changes stimulated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of how our team has not just survived the crisis and its ongoing impact but has also managed to respond in a way that actually yielded growth and ever more agile service. Consider these examples:

Our Prevention program is benefitting communities by educating caregivers, teachers, and children about healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to prevent child abuse and neglect. This approach could lead to more disclosures of child abuse and neglect, which may have gone unreported if not for the prevention education and training.

DCAC's Rapid Response program provides immediate support for child victims of abuse and neglect, including forensic interviews, victim advocacy, and trauma-informed behavioral healthcare. This growing and vital program yielded almost 700 forensic interviews in 2021; we anticipate this number will grow further next year.

While our treatment program gradually began to bring clients back in for in-person therapy sessions, our telehealth options continued to grow. They are now a viable and ongoing service option that allows us to meet the needs of clients with even more flexibility than before.

Through our community outreach initiatives, we developed partnerships with community organizations to connect our clients with resources and extra-curricular activities which facilitate growth and mental wellness.

Thank you for being such a vital part of these achievements. Your commitment to supporting our work and enthusiasm for a vision that prioritizes the innocence of childhood and unification of families enables us to keep pressing forward. We could not do it without your support!



Angela Davidson  
Executive Director



Will Braunstein  
DCAC Board Chair



# CORE PROGRAMS

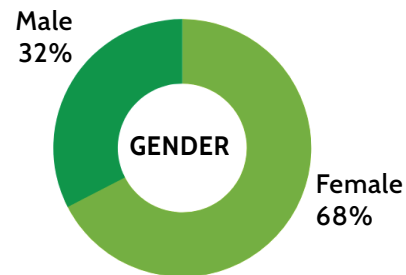
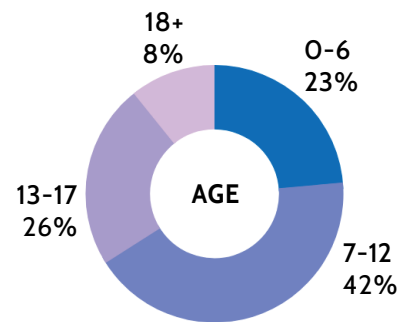
1,178 Total Clients    10,869 Total Population Served

## DCAC TREATMENT AND INTEGRATED SERVICES

We use developmentally sensitive, biologically respectful approach to coordinated health and mental health care for child trauma victims and their non-offending family members. Children often struggle to process their trauma through talk therapy alone. DCAC offers a variety of evidence-based, non-verbal modalities to meet the specific needs of each child.

**7,204** Treatment Sessions  
73% - English  
27% Spanish

**21,073** Case Management Sessions  
77% - English  
23% Spanish

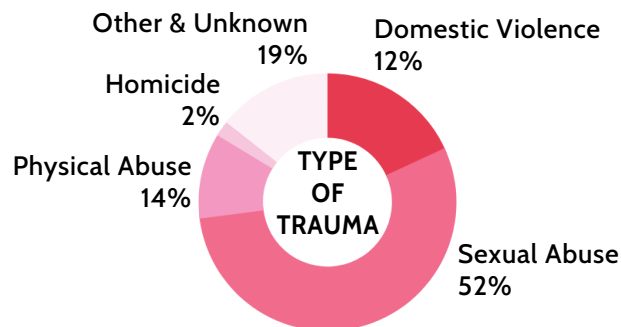
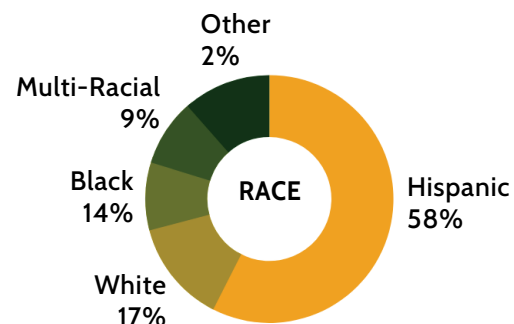


## DCAC RAPID RESPONSE

Victim advocacy and forensic interviews are of vital importance in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and other crimes against children. DCAC's highly qualified rapid response team conducts neutral, fact-finding interviews in a welcoming, child-friendly environment. Our organization is a member of the child-focused, multidisciplinary team of first responders to reports of child abuse in the City and County of Denver.

**686** Forensic Interviews  
93% - English  
7% Spanish

**1,529** Victim Advocacy Sessions  
96% - English  
4% Spanish



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## DENVER SAFE FROM THE START

Our bilingual, school-centered prevention program for children ages 3-10 is based on the premise that strengthening families helps to protect children from abuse and ensure their healthy development. The program:

- Teaches educators about child abuse prevention.
- Provides child development education for families.
- Empowers young children with self-protective skills.

3,905 Students Trained

+ 1,234 Caregivers  
+ 351 Teachers and School Staff

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DCAC staff provide customized trainings and consultation for professionals and community members about the causes of trauma, its impact on children, and how to build trauma-sensitive environments in day care, schools, homes, and anywhere that children live, learn and play. DCAC offers great flexibility, including sessions in Spanish, to meet the needs of organizations throughout the state.

71 Trainings

with 2,307 Participants

## EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultation is a voluntary caregiver support program for parents, teachers and other caregivers caring for children ages six and under who desire extra support to foster the social-emotional development and mental health of the children in their care.

13 Mental Health Consultation Sites

493 Children Served

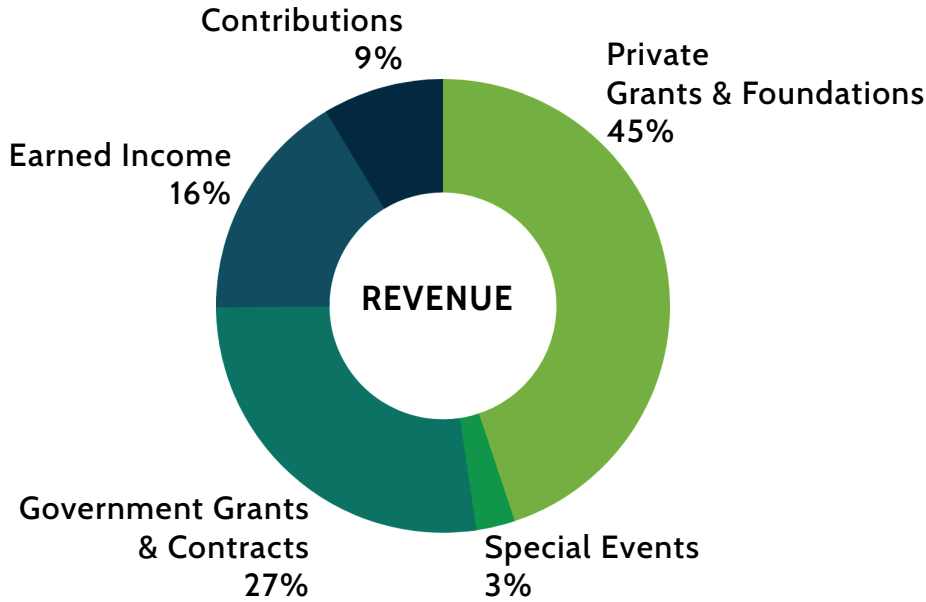
88 Caregivers Served

## COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIONS

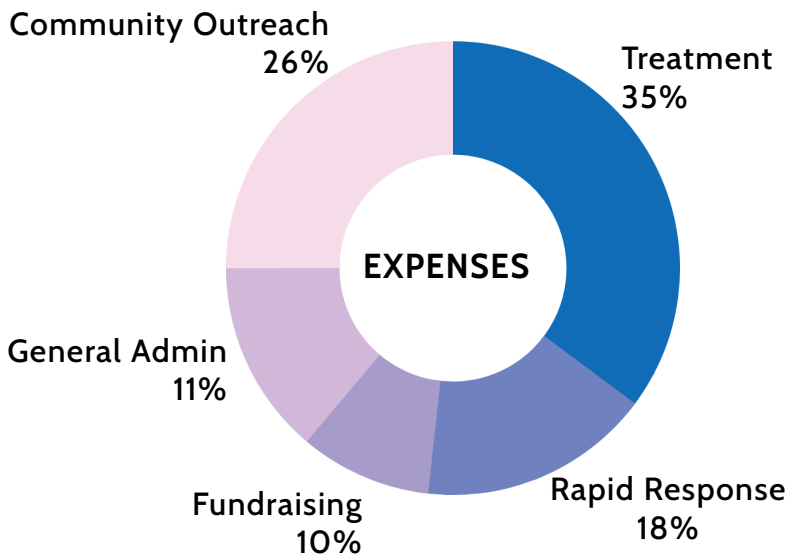
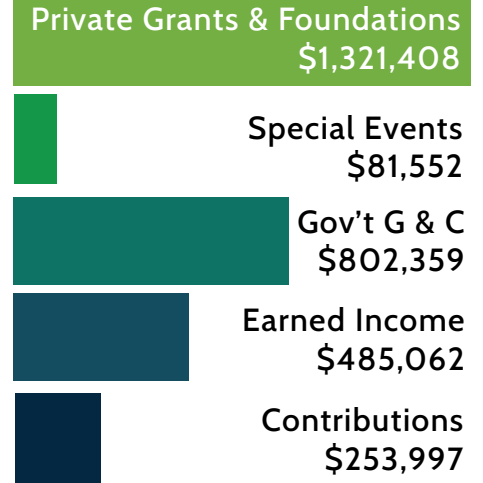
DCAC forms partnerships to provide mental wellbeing supports to community members and immigrants in the Denver Metro area. The following are just a few examples:

- Alongside MSU and CIRC, we provided wellbeing trainings and developed **UnDocuHub**, a website and warmline to help undocumented individuals access resources.
- With **Piñata de Aprendizaje**, we provided support groups and training for immigrant and Latinx families.
- We supplied mental health resources to the **Amigos de Mexico** community, along with preventative trainings.
- Our regular trainings and mental health consultation for **Re:Vision** community members pertain to self-care and mental wellbeing as well as abuse prevention.
- With **Lutheran Family Services and Empowering Communities Globally**, we trained childcare providers from Burma, Afghanistan, and Turkey in social emotional education for children.

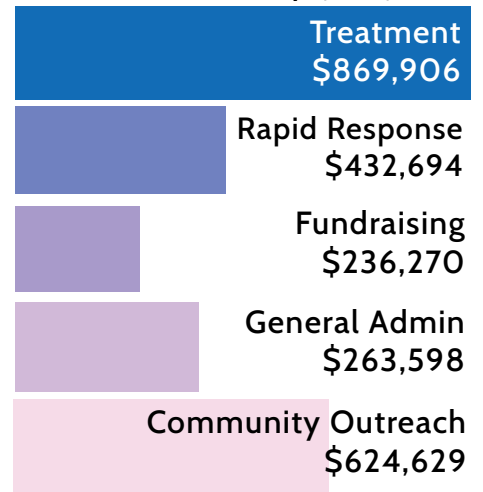
# FINANCIALS



**TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,944,378**



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,427,097**



**TOTAL ASSETS: \$5,469,548**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$988,341**

# We are so grateful to all of our supporters

Your generosity funded mental health programs, education and prevention, rapid response, community outreach, and more. We want to acknowledge the donors and sponsors who contributed \$100 or more in 2021.

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Baby Ruth celebrated her first birthday collecting and donating toys for our toy drive!

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Audrey arranged another toy drive for DCAC clients. That's quite a haul!

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DCAC took every care to ensure the accuracy of these donor lists. If your name or business is not listed or we have made some other error, we sincerely apologize. Please let us know – and please also know how truly grateful we are for your support.





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