

Annual Report

2013

Prevent Abuse
Strengthen Families
Restore Childhood



Denver Children's
Advocacy Center

June 2014



A Message from the Executive Director & Board Chair



Dear Friends of Denver Children's Advocacy Center,

This is such an exciting time for the Denver Children's Advocacy Center. What is so rewarding for all of us is that our biggest successes throughout 2013 and into 2014 come from the many community partnerships that help us meet our mission. The following are just the highlights:

The third house on our campus, which opened on June 16, 2014, is an incredible public/private partnership designed in collaboration with Denver Health with the long-term goal of providing 24/7 medical services to traumatized child victims.

A wonderful new collaboration with Mental Health Corporation of Denver (MHCD) provides our child clients with access to psychiatrists. Typically MHCD only provides consultation for children it is treating in its own facility; this new initiative involves close collaboration between MHCD doctors and DCAC therapists who can be seen at either location.

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center staff are onsite two days a week working with our therapists and victim advocates to help kinship families, those where a family member takes in children who have been removed from their home. Absence of legal status makes it difficult for grandparents, aunts, older siblings and others to provide a stable home, and this project – funded by the Colorado Department of Human Services with a Children's Justice Act grant - is already benefiting our clients.

Several partnerships started or expanded in 2013 focus on support for young single-parent families when intervention can have a positive impact on their parenting skills and their infants' healthy development. We are working with the Nurse Family Partnership at St. Anthony North and Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado to reach vulnerable teenage mothers, many of whom are themselves victims of child abuse and neglect. Our partnership with Adams County Head Start is growing, as is our long-term collaboration with Mile High United Way. We are also honored to have been a part of the planning for the Rose Andom Center, whose mission is to "improve the lives of domestic violence victims by combining community resources in a single, safe location," and whose partners are too numerous to mention here. This report is a very big thank you to all of our many partners who work with us to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,


Dr. Gizane Indart
Executive Director



Matt Hogan
Board Chair

Our Programs

DCAC provides a continuum of care for high-risk children and vulnerable families through four integrated programs.

Prevention of abuse and neglect, and the promotion of healthy childhood development, is at the heart of our programming. In addition to **Denver Safe from the Start**, our Prevention program at preschools and elementary schools, we collaborate with other organizations that support new parents to ensure that every child has the best possible start in life.

Forensic Interviews are of vital importance in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and other crimes against children. DCAC coordinates the multidisciplinary team – Denver Police Department, Denver District Attorney’s Office, Denver Department of Human Services, and Denver Health - that responds to allegations of child sexual abuse and in cases where children have witnessed homicide or acute violence.

The Child and Adolescent Assessment and Treatment Program serves children ages 0-17 who have been sexually abused, neglected, or traumatized by witnessing homicide or severe violence. We provide mental health treatment for the child and intensive support for family members so that they can help the victim heal.

Training and Community Education: Even with the best intentions, adults can exacerbate, rather than ameliorate child trauma, especially if they are unaware that the child is traumatized. DCAC provides training for professionals and community members with the goal of creating a network of caring adults who understand child trauma and how to work with vulnerable children.

The need is real: The National Children’s Alliance reports that the number of children served by Child Advocacy Centers across the country has risen 193% since 2000.

Program Successes

Forensic Interviews

437

Children

6

Adults

Assessment & Treatment

977

Children

645

Parents & Caregivers

Denver Safe from the Start Prevention Program

1,610

Children

114

Parents & Caregivers

76

Teachers

In 2013, DCAC served 3,568 people – 2,803 children and 765 adults (including parents and caregivers) – an increase of nearly 5% over 2012.

Training and Community Education

3,181

Professionals & Community Members

By the Numbers

Age of Child Victims



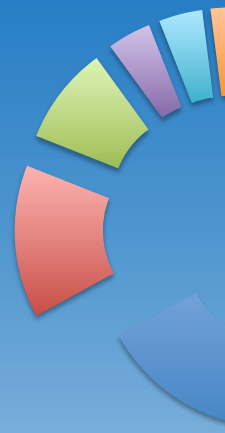
34% 0-6 years old

42% 7-12 years old

24% 13-18 years old

One in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18.
Source: National Children's Alliance

Types of Child Abuse



67% Sexual Abuse

14% Witness to Violence

9% Physical Abuse

4% Neglect

4% Other Trauma

2% Survivor of Homicide

Relationship to Child Victim



33% Other Relative

27% Other Known Person

20% Parent

9% Parent's Boyfriend/Girlfriend

7% Stepparent

4% Unknown Person

10,482 Colorado children were confirmed victims of abuse, neglect, or other maltreatment in 2012.
Source: US Dept. of Health & Human Services

Financial Activity

Revenue



- 62.2% - Private Grants: \$1,131,981
- 13% - Fee Income: \$237,113
- 10.2% - Government Grants: \$186,147
- 5.9% - Special Events: \$118,953
- 4.5% - Individual Giving: \$81,687
- 4.1% - Corporate Giving: \$75,087
- 0.1% - Bank Interest: \$963

Expenses



- 28.8% - Treatment: \$438,319
- 23.1% - Forensic Interviews: \$349,789
- 14.3% - Management: \$218,080
- 14.1% - Prevention: \$214,818
- 10.9% - Fundraising: \$165,351
- 8.8% - Training: \$134,573

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