




2014 Annual Report



Denver Children's Advocacy Center
Prevent Abuse. Strengthen Families. Restore Childhood.



A Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair



June 2015

Dear Friends of the Denver Children's Advocacy Center,

As we look back to 2014 in this annual report, we are also celebrating our 20th anniversary, and looking ahead to a future that will enable us to meet the changing needs of Denver's most vulnerable children and families.

Now that the dust has settled on the 2014 opening of the third house on our campus, the "Medical House," children and families are able to access almost all the services they need in one child-friendly location. At DCAC, our goal is for the healing to begin from the moment child victims of abuse, neglect and violence are connected with rescuers. Forensic interviewers, police officers, district attorneys and victim advocates work as a team to investigate these terrible crimes, and the house is open and accessible for any child whose forensic interview indicates the need for a medical exam.

The Medical House was designed in partnership with Denver Health. Dr. Kathryn Wells, the Medical Director of the Denver Health Clinic at the Family Crisis Center and Attending Physician for Denver Health and Children's Hospital Colorado, shared a dream with us for many years that there should be a special place on the campus for child victims where their medical needs can be met with kindness and compassion. Young victims are also benefiting from the new house's beautiful "sensory" playground, which is specially designed to calm and soothe traumatized children.

As we grow the capacity of our Children's Campus, we are also expanding our outreach into the community. We don't wait for high-risk and fragile families to find us. We meet children and families where they are – in their homes, their early childhood centers, and their schools - where our interventions can have the most impact. In 2014, in partnership with Clayton Early Learning Center, Florence Crittenton Services, Head Start, Mile High United Way, Nurse Family Partnership, and other community partners, more than 1,000 families were served offsite. Last year – both onsite and off-site - we served more than 4,000 children, plus their parents and caregivers. We couldn't do that without the incredible support of a very caring community.

We are celebrating our 20th anniversary throughout 2015 with a mix of events designed to engage new supporters and thank the good friends who have championed our cause for many years. Whether you are a new friend, an old friend, or have yet to be introduced to DCAC, we hope you will join us to share in the celebration of our 20-year journey.

Sincerely,



Gizane Indart, PsyD., Executive Director



Matthew Hogan, Esq., Board Chair

New Medical House



In June, DCAC opened the third building on our child-friendly campus, the Medical House. In collaboration with Denver Health, we are now able to perform medical exams onsite. This significant accomplishment came after years of planning and fundraising.

Major funding for the new house was provided by Ben and Lucy Ana Walton. Other generous donors include the Boettcher Foundation, the Gates Family Foundation, MDU Resources, Ready Foods, the National Children's Alliance, and the Colorado Garden Show. A sensory-integrated playground specially designed to calm and soothe traumatized children was donated and installed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

We are proud to be an integral part of the collaborative work happening in the child welfare community in Denver.



Our Programs

COMMUNITY OUTREACH—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



Denver Safe from the Start - Our abuse prevention program for children ages 3-8, and their parents and teachers, is offered in partnership with Denver Public Schools. We focus on low-income communities with high rates of violence, crime, and child abuse or neglect.

Early Childhood Development – Our mental health specialists work with Clayton Early Learning Center, Florence Crittenton Services, Head Start, Mile High United Way, Nurse Family Partnership, and other community partners to provide home visits, on-site assessments, and referrals for mental health treatment.

Trauma-Informed Training and Consultation – We educate and support the many professionals and community members who are not mental health specialists, but who work with traumatized children—day care providers, educators, foster parents, and people in law enforcement and social services.



RAPID RESPONSE—IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR CHILD VICTIMS

Forensic Interviews – DCAC coordinates the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) that responds to allegations of child abuse and neglect, as well as cases where children have witnessed homicide or acute violence. Immediately after a crime is suspected, child victims are interviewed by DCAC's highly qualified, neutral forensic interviewers in warm, welcoming child-friendly facilities that help to mitigate their trauma.

Victim Advocacy – Each family has a victim advocate who provides support throughout the investigation, explains the criminal justice process and victims' rights, and coordinates services. Staff are on call around the clock to respond to families in crisis, and to support our colleagues on the MDT.

Integrated Medical Care - A doctor and medical assistant are onsite two days a week to conduct immediate medical examinations for children where abuse is suspected. Many young victims also suffer from lack of primary medical and dental care, which exacerbates their trauma. DCAC coordinates referrals to ensure they receive the integrated medical and mental health care that is essential to healing.



TREATMENT & INTEGRATED SERVICES—HELPING FAMILIES RECOVER FROM TRAUMA

Assessment and Mental Health Treatment - We use a developmentally sensitive, biologically respectful approach to coordinated health and mental health care for child trauma victims. Intensive, coordinated care management draws in all people involved in the child's life— family members, foster parents, social service caseworkers, day care providers, prosecutors, victim advocates, doctors, teachers and school personnel.

Psychiatric Care – When child trauma victims need psychiatric care, onsite consultation is available through our growing partnership with Mental Health Corporation of Denver.

Legal Services – Through a partnership with Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, onsite legal staff coordinate with our therapists and victim advocates to help "kinship" families, those where family members take in children who have been removed from their homes, to understand their legal rights.

The Impact

485

forensic interviews

481

children received
intensive mental health
treatment

1,344

children received
assessment, crisis
management & therapy

744

parents and caregivers
received family support
services

2,081

children

51 & 97

parents

teachers

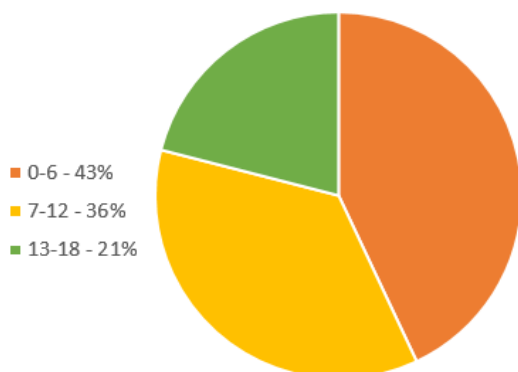
received prevention
programming

2,281

professionals &
community members
received training &
consultation

By the Numbers

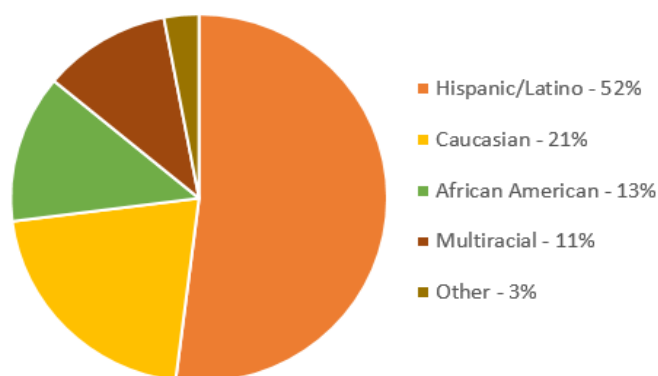
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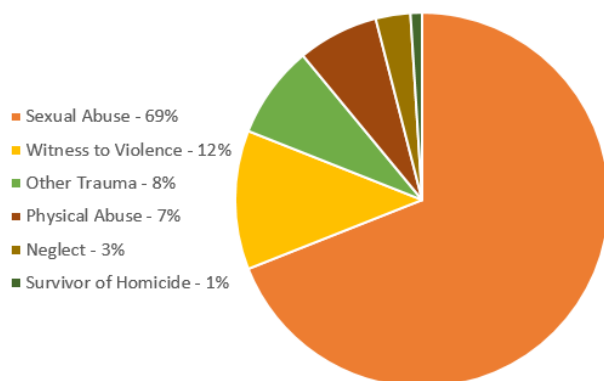
One in four girls & *one in six* boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.

Source: National Sexual Violence Resource Center

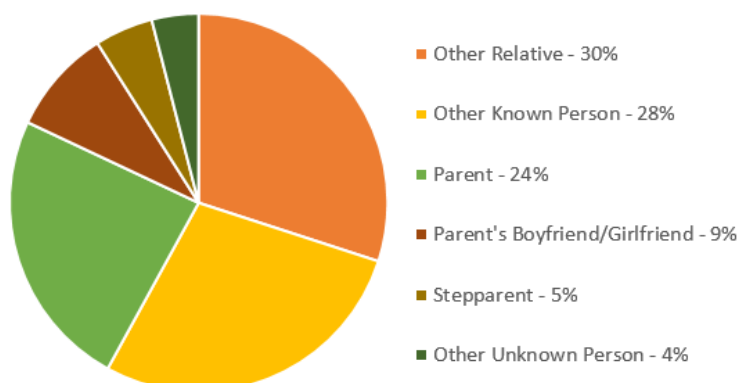
Race of Children Served



Types of Child Abuse

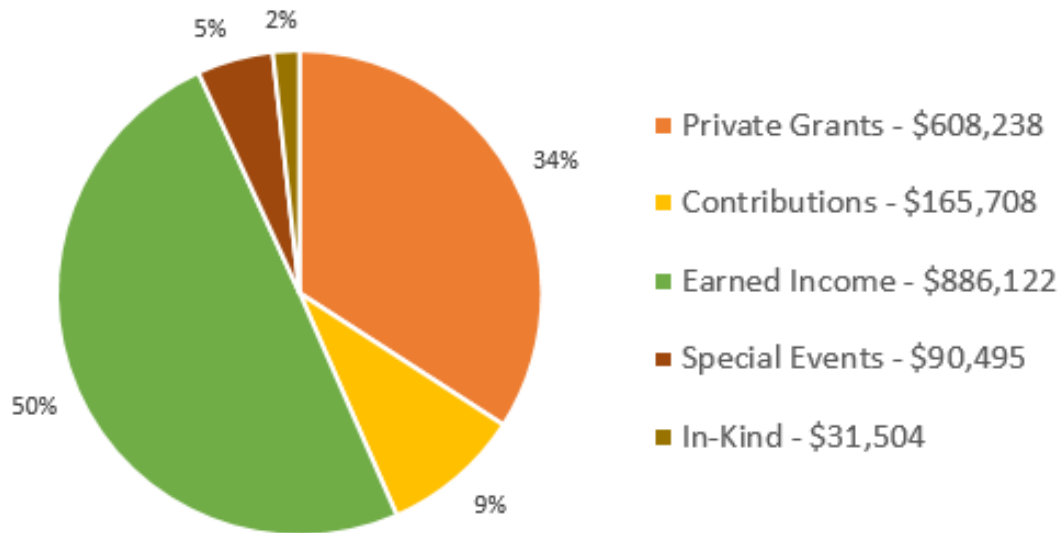


Relationship to Victim



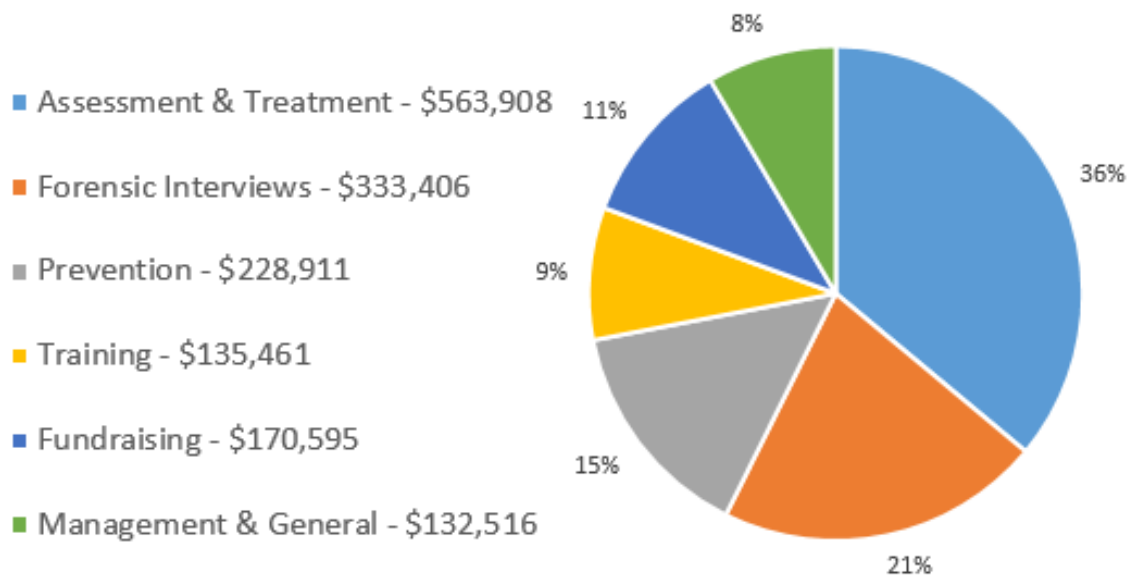
Financial Activity

Revenue



Total Revenue—\$1,782,067

Expenses



Total Expenses—\$1,564,797

Leadership

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