



DENVER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
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THANK YOU

FOR BEING PART OF OUR WORK ON
BEHALF OF DENVER'S MOST
VULNERABLE CHILDREN & THEIR
FAMILIES.

The Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) is committed to our mission of preventing abuse, strengthening families and restoring childhood. Our programs fall along a three-part continuum of care that includes Community Outreach, Rapid Response, and Treatment and Integrated Services. We strive to meet the needs of all traumatized children, as well as those at risk of abuse.

“OBVIOUSLY NO ONE EVER FEELS
THAT ABUSE WILL HAPPEN IN
THEIR FAMILY, BUT I KNOW THAT
MY DAUGHTER, MY FAMILY AND I
WILL BE OKAY. THANK YOU FOR
ALL OF THE SUPPORT.”

- DCAC PARENT



DEAR FRIENDS OF DCAC,

With your help, 2016 was a year of continued growth across all of our programs. We are especially pleased to report that Denver Safe from the Start and our Community Outreach Mental Health Initiative together served almost 4,000 children plus over 500 parents, caregivers and professionals.

DCAC's prevention and early childhood intervention programs strive to reach struggling families as early in life as possible to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and violence. Many of the mothers served by community outreach partnerships were abused or neglected as children and have no role model for being a loving mother. Changing the generational dynamic and helping them to care for their children – and themselves – is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work.

While we wish we could protect all children from trauma, in 2016 we continued to see children who had experienced horrific physical and sexual abuse, neglect and/or violence. We are constantly amazed at the resiliency of children who have lived such fractured lives but can still respond to interventions that address their trauma and support a return to a healthy childhood.

Four young children were brought in for forensic interviews after witnessing a violent fight between their mother and stepfather that ended with the stepdad dying. With their mother in jail, the traumatized siblings were placed with a family member. Though only five, the youngest boy quickly saw the benefit of his visits with the therapist: "I'm here for my check-up," he would announce, "You're like a doctor, but you check up on my emotions."

So, to all of you who support DCAC's mission, thank you for seeing hope where others see only hopelessness, because you give children the gift of childhood.



Gizane Indart
PsyD, Executive Director



Matthew Hogan
Esq., Board Chair



KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Community Outreach

Denver Safe from the Start – Denver Safe from the Start is a bilingual school-centered prevention program for children ages three to ten. It is based on the premise that strengthening families helps to protect children from abuse and ensure their healthy development. The program works to increase the safety and well-being of children by:

- Teaching educators about child abuse prevention and how to help families access resources.
- Providing child development education for parents together with access to critical resources to strengthen families.
- Teaching young children basic self-protective and healthy living skills.

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

Trauma-Informed Training and Consultation – We are committed to providing training opportunities for professionals and community members who work with high-risk children, including therapists, foster parents, caseworkers, police, prosecutors, victim advocates, medical doctors, school personnel, and family members.



3,005 CHILDREN
IN DENVER SAFE FROM THE START



190 STAFF MEMBERS
IN DENVER SAFE FROM THE START



57 PARENTS
IN DENVER SAFE FROM THE START



251 ATTENDEES
AT COMMUNITY TRAININGS



961 CHILDREN
PROVIDED WITH CLASSROOM SUPPORT



141 PARENTS
PROVIDED WITH THERAPY &
GROUP SUPPORT



140 CHILDREN
PROVIDED WITH MENTAL
HEALTH INTERVENTIONS



139 PROFESSIONALS
PROVIDED WITH CASE CONSULTATION
& TRAINING

IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT VICTIMS

Rapid Response

DCAC is child-focused and coordinates the multidisciplinary team (MDT) of first responders to reports of child abuse in the City and County of Denver and metro area:

- Denver Police Department (DPD)
- Denver District Attorney's Office
- Denver Department of Human Services (DDHS)
- Denver Health
- Denver Public Schools

Children and their needs are at the center of the MDT's work. Police, prosecutors, social workers, and medical staff come to DCAC to mitigate the child's trauma, coordinate medical and mental health care, and provide ongoing support for families as the case moves through the judicial system.

Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviews are of vital importance in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and other crimes against children. DCAC's highly qualified, neutral forensic interviewers interview child victims in a warm, welcoming child-friendly facility. This helps mitigate their trauma while police and prosecutors watch the interviews in observation rooms. First responders are on call around the clock to help families in crisis, and to support our colleagues on the multidisciplinary team.

Victim Advocacy

Our victim advocates are there for the family from the time they arrive at DCAC until the case has concluded. We provide immediate crisis counseling, ongoing support throughout the criminal investigation, and referrals to treatment and community resources.

Integrated Medical Care

Through a partnership with Denver Health, a doctor and medical assistant are onsite two days every week to conduct medical examinations for children where abuse is suspected. Many young victims also suffer from a lack of primary medical and dental care which exacerbates their trauma. DCAC coordinates referrals to ensure that victims receive the integrated medical and mental health care that is essential to healing.



594

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS



856

VICTIM ADVOCACY HOURS



57

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS



176

ACTIVE MDT MEMBERS



4,316

REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
SCREENED BY DPD AND DDHS

HELP FAMILIES RECOVER

Assessment & Treatment

Assessment and Mental Health Treatment

Child victims of sexual abuse, neglect and exposure to violence suffer from trauma which affects every aspect of their life: brain development, sexual development, language development, and memory development.

We specialize in treating complex cases of child trauma, including vulnerable families whose challenging cases of multi-level, intergenerational sexual abuse and violence require intensive and extensive treatment. Because these painful experiences are occurring during a developmentally sensitive period of rapid brain growth, without intervention the children are at risk for long-term psychological, physical, social, and behavioral disorders.

DCAC's therapists participate in ongoing training for the effective delivery of evidence-based treatments. We also employ new and promising approaches where research indicates the intervention has a positive impact, but there is not yet a conclusive body of evidence.

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 the 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. By working together as an integrated team, adults are able to help children heal more effectively.

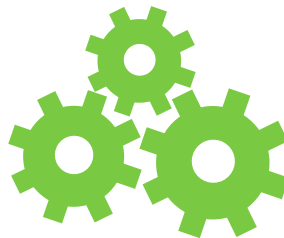
Psychiatric Care

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



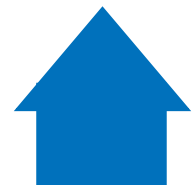
1,432 CHILDREN

PROVIDED WITH ASSESSMENT, CRISIS
MANAGEMENT & MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT



590 CHILDREN

PROVIDED WITH INTENSIVE
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

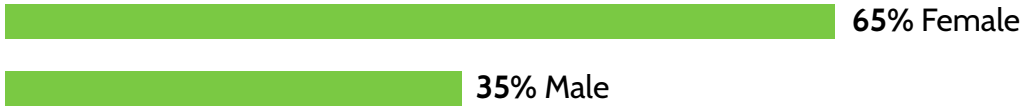


967 PARENTS

PROVIDED WITH ASSESSMENT, CRISIS
MANAGEMENT & MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

2016 VICTIM STATISTICS

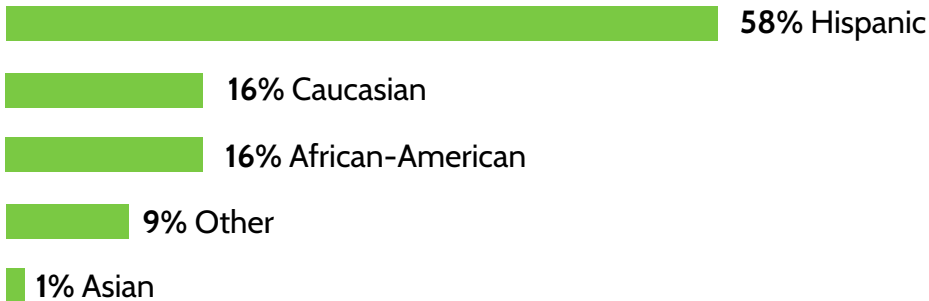
GENDER OF VICTIMS



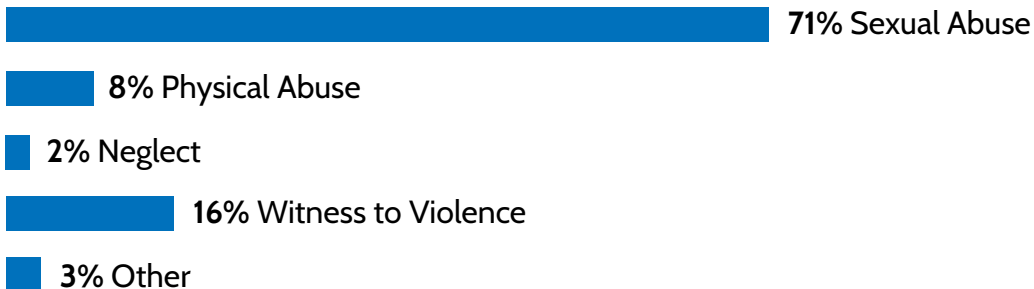
AGE OF VICTIMS



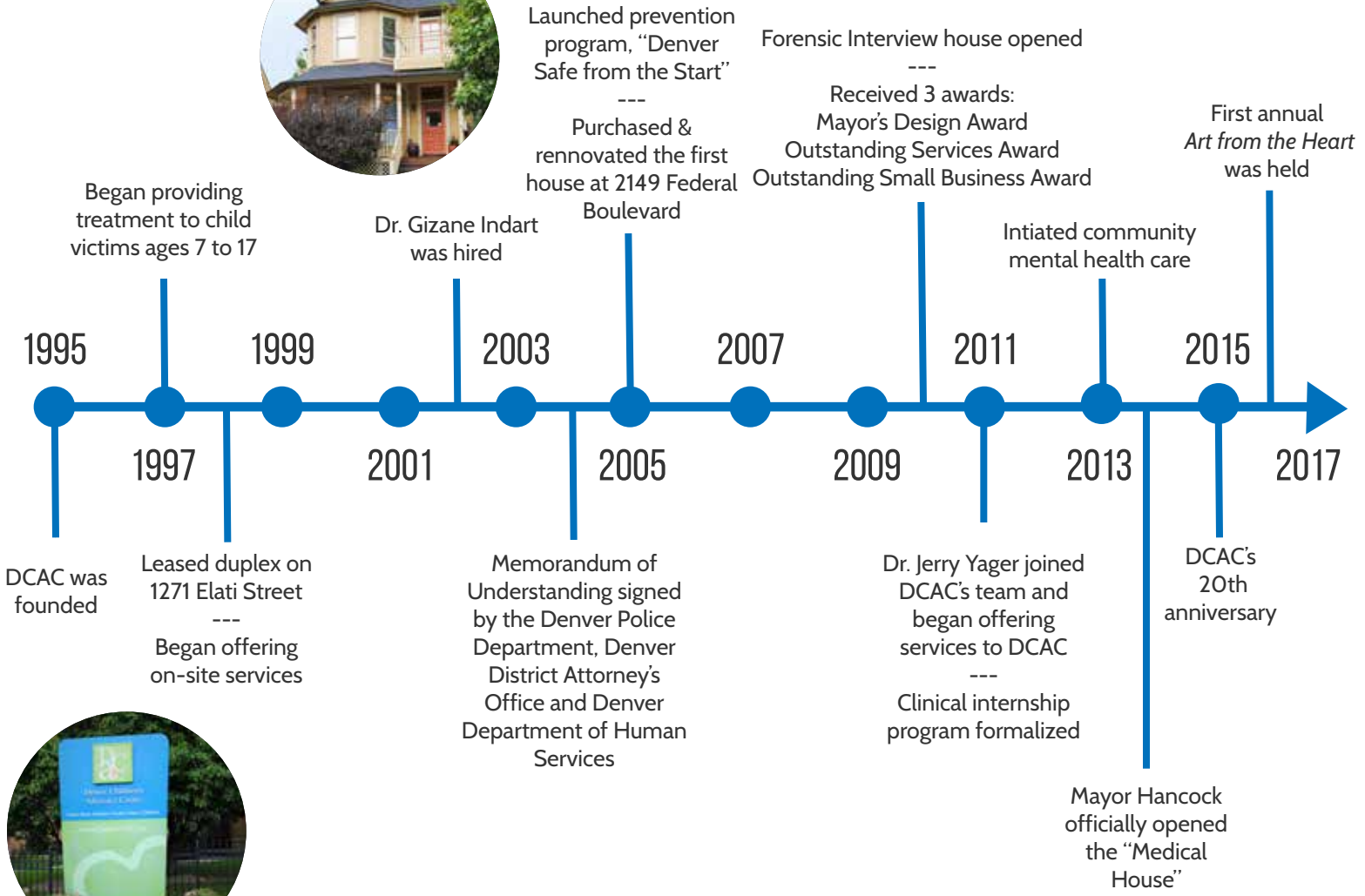
ETHNICITY OF VICTIMS



PRIMARY ALLEGATION



DCAC'S HISTORY



ART FROM THE HEART

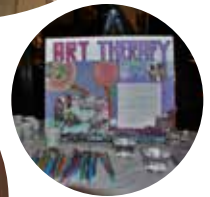
In September of 2016, we hosted our inaugural *Art from the Heart* fundraising event at Space Gallery in the beautiful and unique Santa Fe Art District. The event highlighted art created by many of DCAC's clients. Featuring their work at *Art from the Heart* drew attention to the transformative power of art and art therapy - a powerful tool utilized by DCAC in working with traumatized children. The distinctive event helped to raise funds for DCAC's many programs that provide a positive impact on the lives of children who are seen at our facility as well as children in the community.

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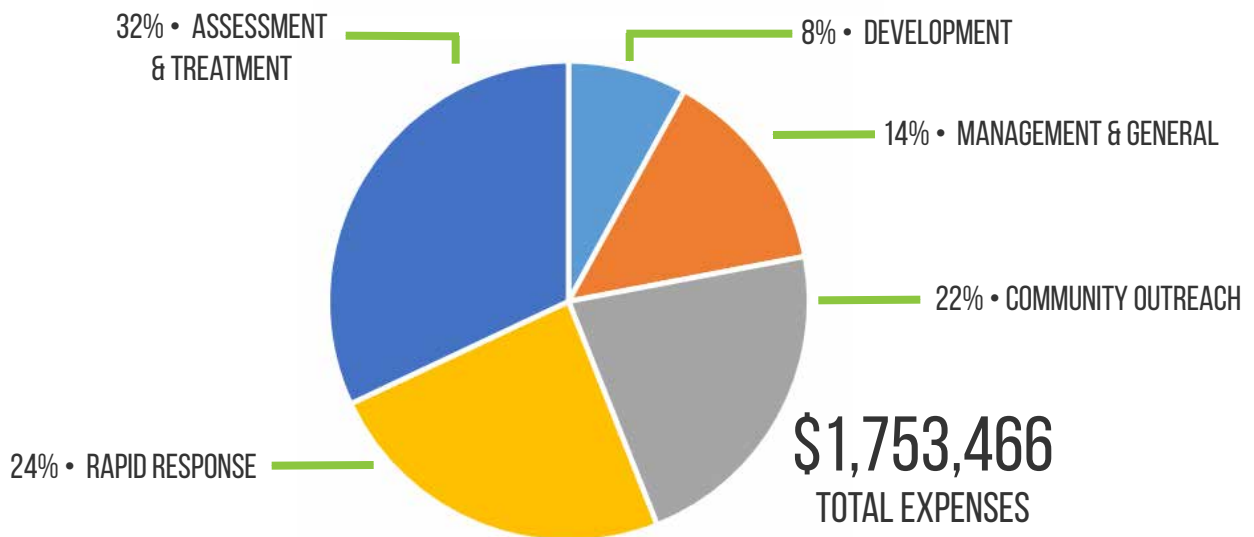
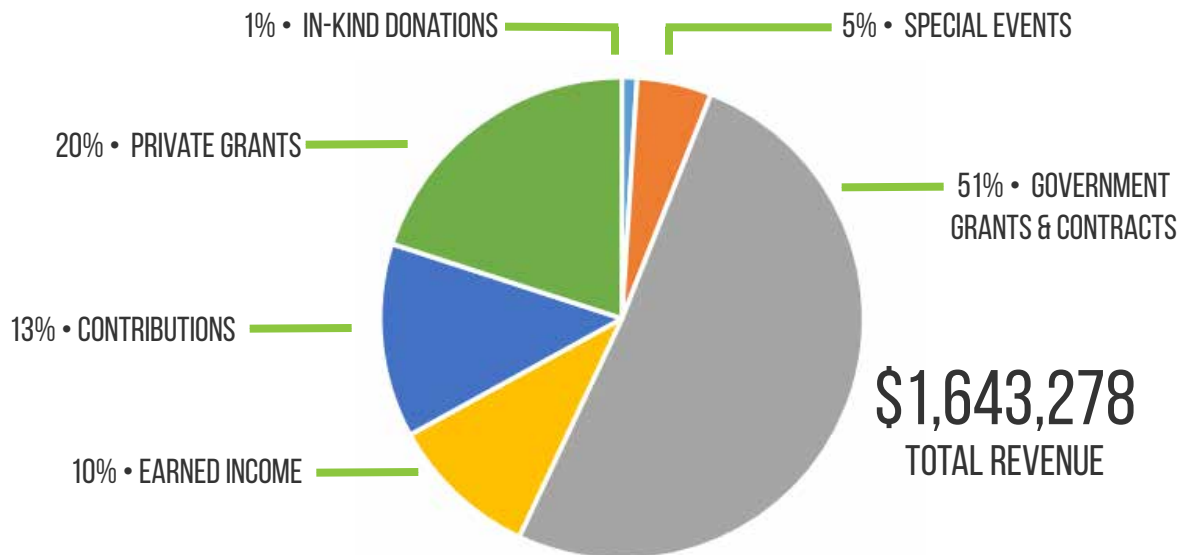
Dr. Tom Barrett: Program Evaluation

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2016 FINANCIALS



\$3,697,767
TOTAL ASSETS

\$438,850
TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$3,258,917
TOTAL NET ASSETS

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