



Denver Children's
Advocacy Center

Where Children & Families Come First

2020 Annual Report 



June 2021

Dear Denver Children's Advocacy Center Supporters,

2020 was unlike any year we have experienced. In January, DCAC was full of hope and energy to take on the new year. We had plans to respond to more reports of child abuse and neglect through victim advocacy and forensic interviews, to collaborate with new community partners, to meet the mental health needs of more children and families, and to grow our child abuse prevention program with expanded education and outreach. When our nation shut down during the third week of March, the momentum we were building hit a major roadblock. Yet, DCAC's staff and volunteers continued supporting our community's children and families with creativity and agility. DCAC never closed its doors.

Our forensic interview team stayed on the front lines, supporting children and families in their hour of need. As first responders to reports of child abuse and neglect in the City and County of Denver, they continued their work in-person.

DCAC's mental health team pivoted to virtual appointments just one week into the crisis. They developed creative and interactive ways to engage with children on virtual platforms, ensuring the continuity of high-quality mental health service delivery. In-person appointments were also provided for children and families who needed them. DCAC added online emotional support groups four times a week for people experiencing heightened stress due to the pandemic. We provided webinar trainings for professionals and caregivers and offered virtual Safe from the Start prevention education. And as the year progressed, we returned to providing in-person appointments for children in need of face-to-face interactions.

The pandemic may have presented difficult challenges for us, but in many ways, they were nothing like the hardships it posed to so many in our community. During times of crisis, we know that children often suffer the most. Of all that we accomplished in 2020, providing vital services to children and families in need despite the obstacles was all the reward we needed. We are forever thankful to all the children, families and community members who trusted us with their care.

While we were adjusting to the hurdles of the pandemic, so were supporters like you. And yet, you still found a way to prioritize the needs of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Thank you for standing with us to ensure that whatever challenges may come our way, DCAC is a place that our community can continue to rely upon.



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Executive Director

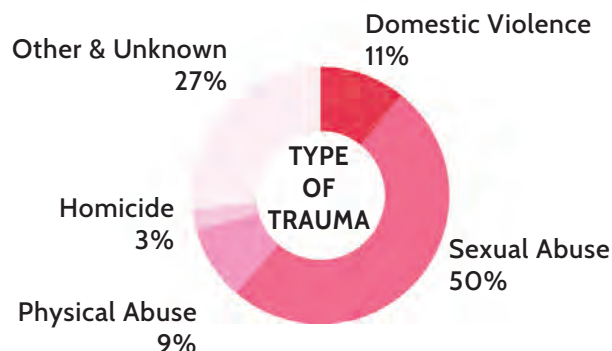
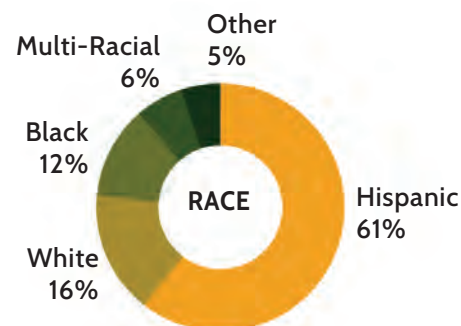
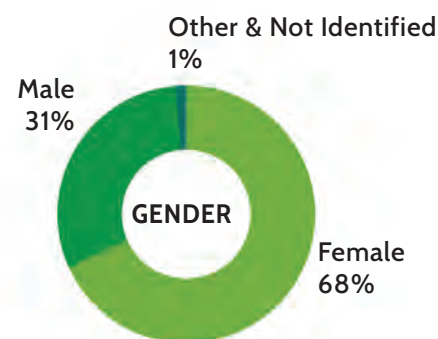
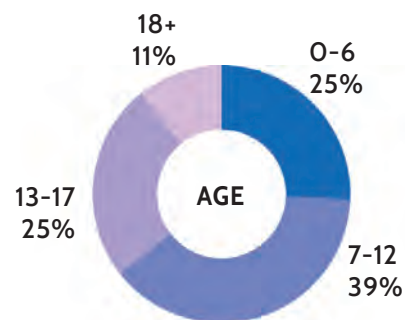


Barry Henderson
Board Chair

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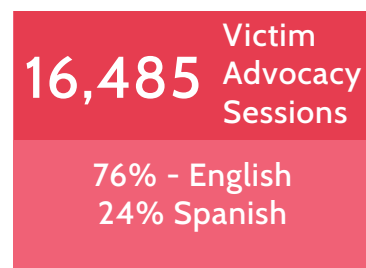
TREATMENT AND INTEGRATED SERVICES

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.



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 forensic interviewers conduct natural, 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.



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.

3,468 Students Trained

+ 889 Caregivers
+ 339 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.

41 Trainings

with 1,103 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.

10 Mental Health Consultation Sites

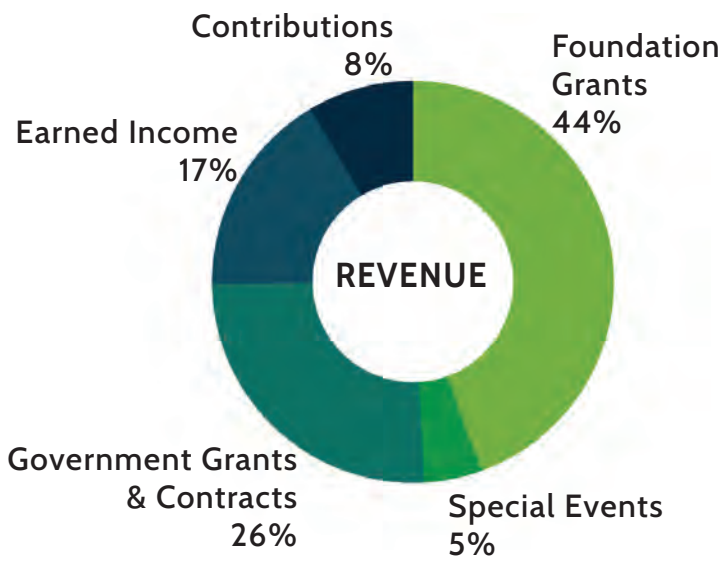
with 582 Children

COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIONS

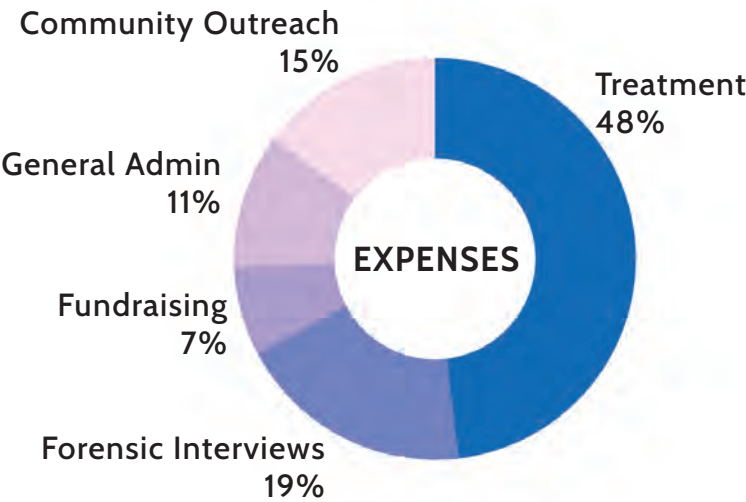
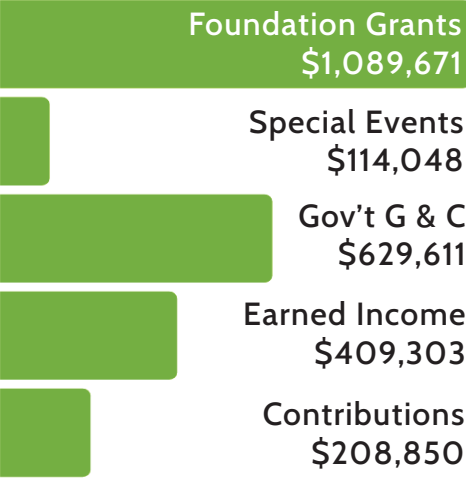
DCAC works alongside immigrants and refugees to bring communities mental health resources and support:

- Healthy Foods for Denver Kids Curriculum: advocating for healthy eating, mental health, and academic growth.
- Re:Vision: Mindfulness practices and education on self-care with Yoga and Zumba classes.
- Piñata de Aprendizaje: Therapy and a support group for immigrants and families with preschoolers.
- MSU DACA Processing Groups: Providing a safe space for DACA and DREAMER students to talk and process.
- Village Exchange Center: Weekly work with immigrant families and providing support groups.
- UndocuHub: Partnership with MSU and CIRC to connect undocumented immigrants to resources across the state of Colorado, including mental health resources.

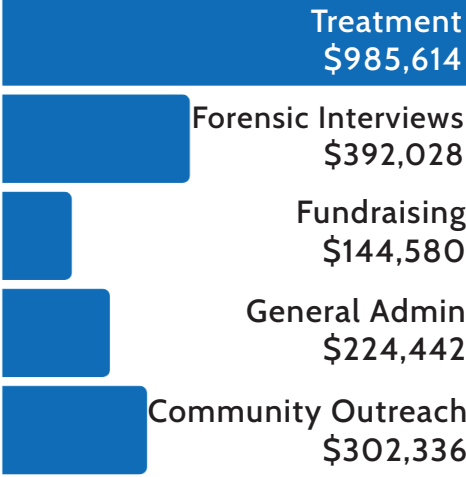
FINANCIALS



TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,451,483



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,049,000



TOTAL ASSETS: \$4,927,114

TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$963,188

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Your generosity funded mental health programs, education and prevention, forensic interviews, community outreach, and more. We want to acknowledge the donors and sponsors who contributed \$100 or more in 2020.

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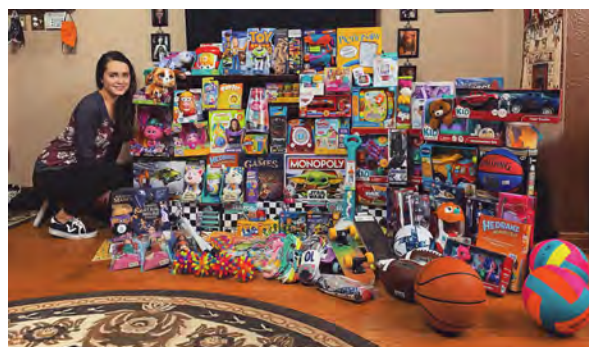
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Audrey hosted a toy drive that resulted in a sleigh-full of gifts for our clients during the 2020 holiday season.

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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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