



Denver Children's
Advocacy Center

Where Children & Families Come First

2023 Annual Report 



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your commitment to ending child abuse and restoring childhood in Denver. I am honored to present to you Denver Children's Advocacy Center's (DCAC) annual report. Over the past year, our team at DCAC has continued to be at the forefront of preventing and responding to child abuse in our community. Through our dedicated efforts in community outreach, assessment and treatment, rapid response, and collaboration with partners, we have made significant strides in fulfilling our mission.

One of our key focuses has been on community outreach and prevention. As Denver experienced an unprecedented influx in newcomer families, we have risen to the challenge and lended our expertise in mental health and trauma-informed care to children and families migrating to Denver. This work, which has strengthened our ties within the community and allowed us to uphold our commitment to racial equity, includes support groups in schools, connection to valuable resources, and essential treatment services. In 2023, we reached 4,533 children and 512 parents and caregivers with our community outreach and prevention work.

We have also dedicated significant focus to strengthening and broadening the work of our Rapid Response services. Our Rapid Response team are truly first responders to reports of child abuse and neglect in Denver county, providing caring, trauma-informed crisis response for child victims and their families. This year, we invested concentrated effort into staff development, enhancing our victim advocate program and deepening collaborations so that we are able to deliver the best quality services to children and families in Denver. Meanwhile, we conducted 923 forensic interviews and 6,586 victim advocacy sessions.

Furthermore, our commitment to professional development has created great opportunities for our team members to grow and excel in their roles. We have prioritized diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by investing in training, conversations, and education around DEI principles, ensuring that our organization is inclusive and accessible to all.

Collaboration has been a cornerstone of our work, as we continue to partner with community organizations and the Denver Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). This approach has enabled us to effectively address the complex needs of our community and deliver comprehensive services to those in need.

As I reflect on the past 20 years of my tenure with DCAC, I am proud of the growth and impact we have achieved together. My biggest takeaways are the resilience and strength of our team, the unwavering support of our partners and supporters, and the transformative difference we have made in the lives of countless children and families. I will forever be inspired by this work.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. Together, we can create a safer and brighter future for all.

Warm regards,



Angela Davidson

Executive Director

Treatment & Rapid Response



MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT & ASSESSMENT

We use a developmentally sensitive and biologically respectful approach to coordinated mental health care for child trauma victims and their non-offending family members.

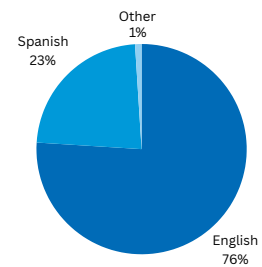
Therapists individualize the treatment interventions with a sensitivity to the personality and cultural characteristics of the child and their family. DCAC offers a variety of evidence-based, modalities to meet the specific needs of each child.

RAPID RESPONSE

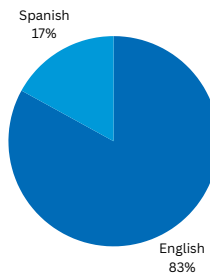
Family advocacy and forensic interviews are of vital importance in the investigation, intervention and prosecution of sexual assault and other crimes against children. DCAC's highly qualified rapid response team conducts neutral, factfinding interviews in a welcoming, child-friendly environment.

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.

687 clients
5,810 treatment sessions



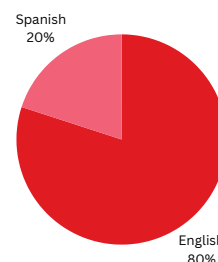
13,434 case management sessions



923 forensic interviews



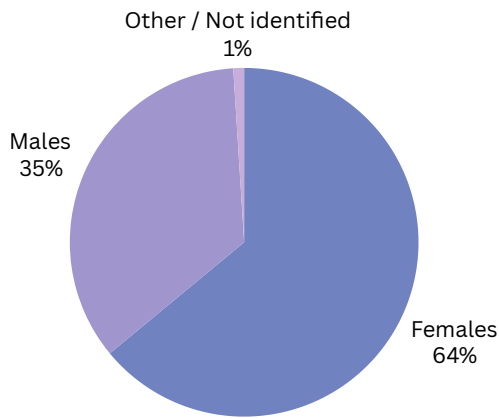
6,586 victim advocacy sessions



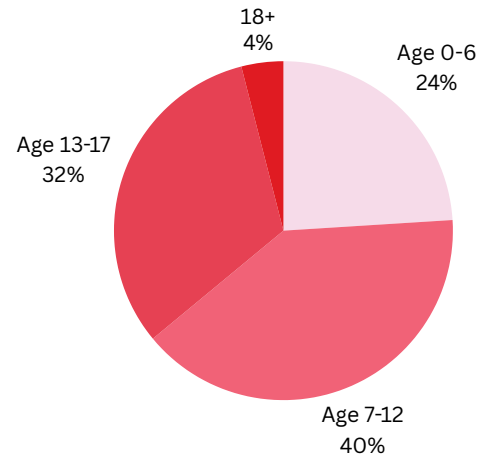
Our Clients



Gender



Age



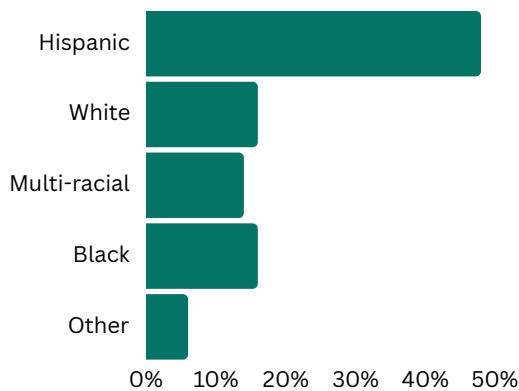
1,692 children

(doesn't include prevention or Mental Health Consultation)

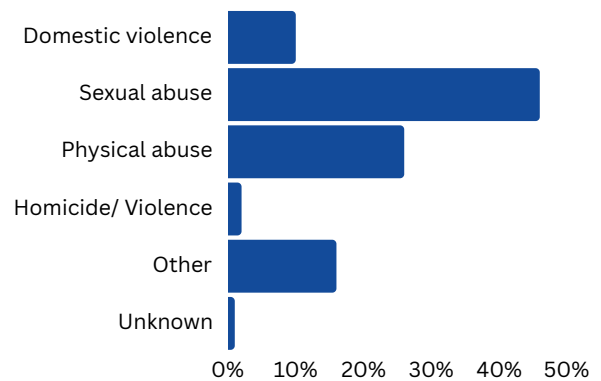
10,631 total population

and their non-offending family members served in 2023

Race



Trauma



Community Outreach



DENVER SAFE FROM THE START

A bilingual, school-centered prevention program for children ages 3-10. Based on the premise of strengthening families, this program educates teachers, children, and their families.

4,533 students reached

+ 512 Caregivers
+ 404 Teachers and School Staff

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Organizations across Colorado request customized trainings from DCAC on building trauma-informed spaces for children.

49 trainings

with 949 participants

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

A support program for schools and caregivers who care for children ages 0-6, helping to create safe, trauma-informed space for young children.

14 mental health consultation sites

+ 434 Children served
+ 203 Adults served
+ 487 individual consultations

COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIONS

With a heavy focus on reaching immigrant and Latinx families, DCAC forges partnerships that equip local organizations with the resources to support their communities' mental health.

Garden & Art Groups



This year, DCAC had some amazing groups for kids, including Garden Club, Summer Group, and Art Club. In Garden Club, nine children joined DCAC from June to October to see the complete cycle of a garden, from planting to fall harvest. The children formed friendships with each other and bonds with DCAC's community outreach team members who led the group. Besides being a learning experience and a lot of fun, Garden Club is a trauma informed program, and helps children heal as they grow.

Art Group is a wonderful opportunity for children ages 6 to 14 to explore creativity and have fun. Every cycle kids meet once a week to spend time together, learn about and do art, including the basics of drawing, painting with acrylics, and working with clay.

At the end of every cycle there is a showcase gallery, where family and friends get to admire all of the art created during the group's time together.

"The best part of Art Group is just letting kids be kids. Having a space where there are no rules or an agenda to follow has allowed our kiddos to create pieces of art that they feel proud to show to their families and friends."

- Marlen Montanez

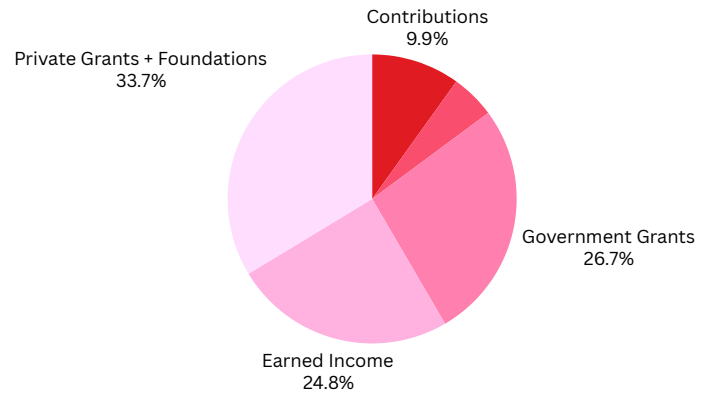
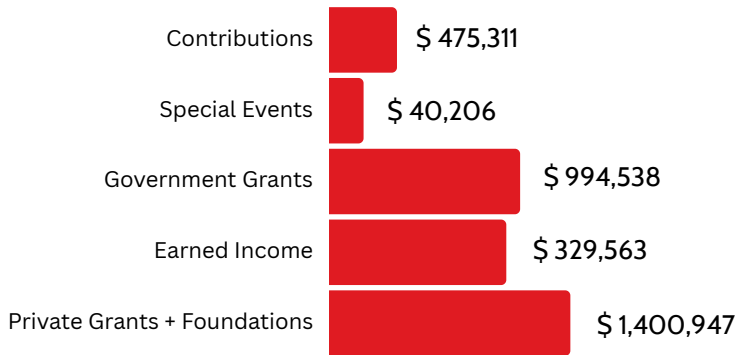
Community Mental Health Coordinator
& Art Group Facilitator



Financials



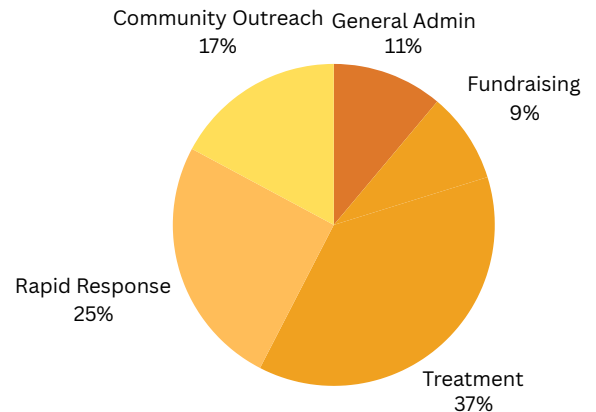
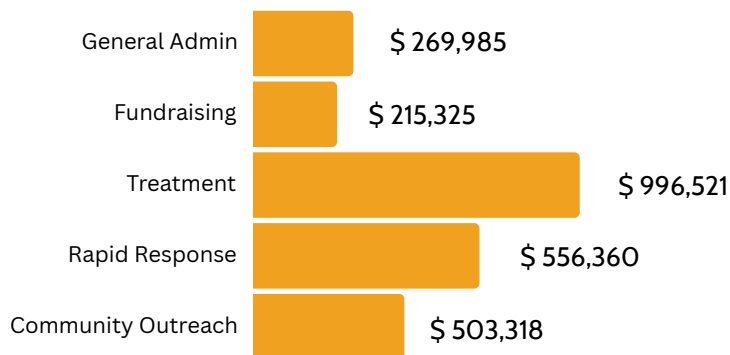
TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 3,384,273



Total assets: \$ 5,858,525
Total liabilities: \$ 351,978

We are so grateful to all of our supporters! Your generosity funded mental health programs, education and prevention, rapid response, community outreach, and more. View all donors and sponsors on our website: denvercac.org.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 3,057,988



A Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I share the remarkable strides taken by the Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) in the past year. Our unwavering commitment to protecting and supporting vulnerable children has been fortified by the generous support of our community.

At the heart of our mission lies the collaborative effort to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect in Denver. We coordinate multidisciplinary teams of first responders, provide comprehensive counseling services to child victims and their non-offending family members, and spearhead prevention-focused initiatives. This holistic approach ensures that no child falls through the cracks.

The past year has been marked by significant growth, both in funding and in the depth of our services. Thanks to our supporters' overwhelming generosity, we have expanded our programs, offering more comprehensive support and resources to those in need. Events like the inaugural "Swing for Hope" fundraiser, the annual "Clays for Kids," and the Charity Golf Event sponsored by KB Homes have played a pivotal role in fueling our mission.

Executive Director Angela Davidson leads our extraordinary team. Her leadership and commitment have been invaluable in delivering transformative results to our community. Their relentless efforts truly embody the spirit of the DCAC.

As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we are grateful for the unwavering support of our community partners, volunteers, and donors. Your belief in our mission has been the driving force behind our success, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to creating a brighter future for the children we serve.

Thank you for your continued trust and support in the Denver Children's Advocacy Center.

Sincerely,



Will Braunstein
Outgoing Board Chair

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