

# Heart of Collaboration



2018 Impact Report



# A message from our Executive Director and CAC Board Chair

Dear Friends,  
Courage, hope, compassion, strength, and healing are experienced every day at the Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County. The children served at the CAC come from many different backgrounds, but no matter their story, their journey to healing begins as soon as they walk through our doors. In 2018, we were able to strengthen our programs to offer improved services to the children and families we serve as well as educate more community members and professionals on recognizing and reporting child abuse. This was made possible because of friends like you who strive for a community where every child feels safe. Helen Keller stated, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Together, we have been able to offer 977 children a place to tell their story. A place that educates on how to prevent child abuse from even occurring and labors to break the cycle. It is through the heart of collaboration that we are successful. Thank you for your partnership in this difficult, but possible endeavor!

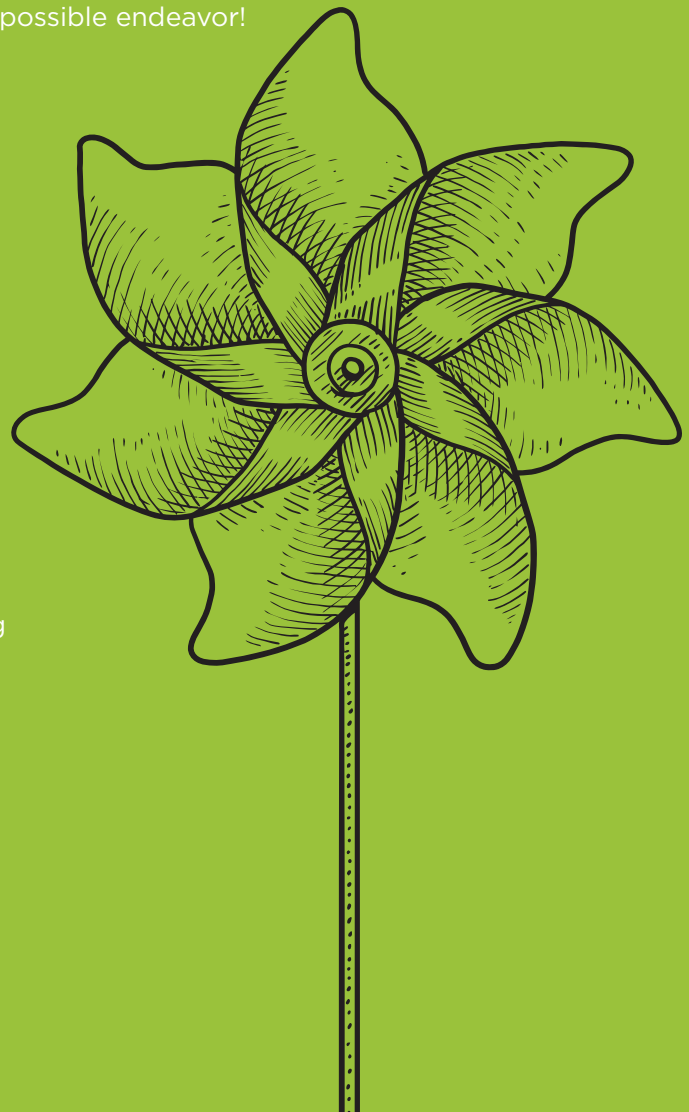
Sincerely,  
**Natalie Tibbs**, Executive Director

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As Board Chair, let me start by saying thank you. Thank you for your support and your partnership. As you peruse our 2018 report, I'd like to draw your attention to the 977 children here in Benton County alone that needed our services. This is a disconcerting number, but it's our community's reality. Know that in addition to serving these children by providing all that they need in one location, we are also focused on prevention. We have an education specialist dedicated solely to building awareness and educating our community.

We're passionate about and committed to breaking the cycle of abuse. With the community's support, we can make a difference in this generation and future generations.

Sincerely,  
**Lori Collins**, Board Chairman



# Thank You

Thank You For Being Part of Our Work  
on Behalf of Benton County's Most  
Vulnerable Children & Their Families.

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**At the Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County**, abused children and their families can receive the support needed to deal with the trauma. We are available to serve all Benton County child abuse victims under age 18 after a report has been made to the child abuse hotline.

**We provide:**

- A child-friendly and non-threatening environment
  - Trained forensic interviewers (bilingual services available)
  - Specialized Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and an on-site medical exam room
  - Child advocates to assess family needs and provide follow-up, support, and referral services
  - On-site counselors available to meet with the child and non-offending family members
  - All services provided at no charge to the family
  - Trainings provided at no charge
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"Caiden asked me, 'where are we going?' I told him we are going to the only place I know is safe right now."  
- CAC Parent

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# Continuing the Conversation

## EDUCATION

CAC of Benton County's education program helps empower our community with the tools and resources necessary to recognize and report child abuse.

### IMPACT MADE

The CAC impacted a total of 6,003 people through trainings, tours, and community events in 2018

The CAC spent 340 hours conducting over 100 trainings

NUMBER/TYPE		ADULTS	YOUTH
101	Trainings	2,448	1,021
46	Tours	164	28
18	Community Events	1,592	750
165	Total	4,204	1,799

AUDIENCE TYPE	ADULTS	YOUTH
School Staff*	660	40
Primary Students (K-12 <sup>th</sup> )	32	1,687
Secondary Students (college)	217	-
Law Enforcement	341	-
Medical	146	-
Teachers	29	-
Counselors	35	-
Public Service	299	-
MDT	219	-
Community	2,226	72

\*includes teachers, counselors, nurses, etc.





## Our Services

The core of the Children's Advocacy Center model is to minimize trauma by facilitating a multi-disciplinary team approach. From the initial allegation of abuse, children are brought to our center to receive services in a child-friendly and safe facility. Forensic Interviewers give the child

the opportunity to share their story in a safe, legally-sound, and neutral setting. Advocates, nurses, counselors, and investigators work together to guide the investigation and treatment to ensure the greatest level of protection and care for the child and his/her family.

### FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

936

Specially trained Forensic Interviewers work with the MDT to ensure victims are not interviewed unnecessarily and allow them to do so in a safe, legally sound and neutral setting.

### ADVOCACY SERVICES

977

Advocacy focuses on the needs of the child and non-offending caregiver(s) in the aftermath of their crisis and trauma, by providing needed support and information along with a compassionate, listening ear.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

134

Specialized medical evaluations are offered for the purpose of cultivating healing and offering reassurance in order to instill hope in children during times of need.

### MENTAL HEALTH

2,333

Specialized evidenced based, trauma-focused mental health services sessions are offered to provide quality, holistic counseling services to children and their families by treating the whole child systemically to help them cope with the trauma and to assist them throughout the healing process.



A child's dreams and heart,  
Wounded by the wicked and torn apart.

The ultimate evil within mankind,  
Innocence lost in a world so blind.

Who can hear what their voices say,  
When whispers so quickly fade away.

In the darkness and surrounded by pain,  
Can they know what it is to be loved again?

Hope created by the spark of a friend,  
One who will be at their side with a love  
that knows no end.

A place full of angels and their caring heart,  
The moment in life where they can make a new start.

No memory completely erased,  
But in time and with love slowly replaced

The promise of tomorrow and the start of a new day,  
A friend to help them find their way.

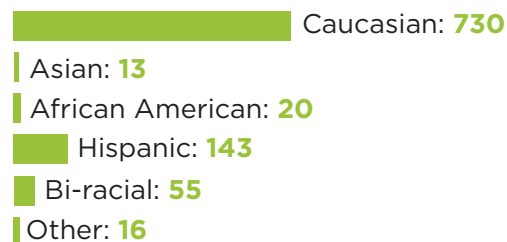
A child's dreams and heart,  
Healing with the help of a center with a new start.

Poem by Adam Holland. CAC Volunteer

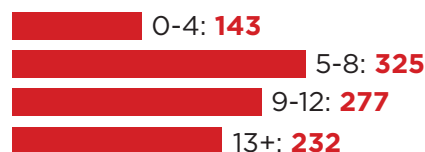


# CAC Statistics

## RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES



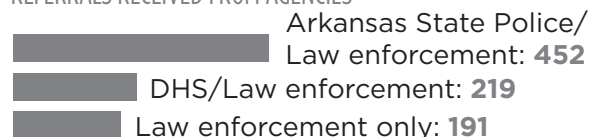
## AGE OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES



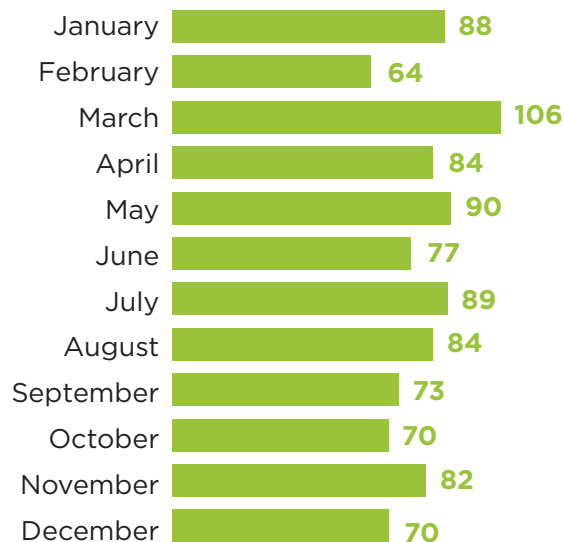
## GENDER OF CLIENTS



## REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM AGENCIES

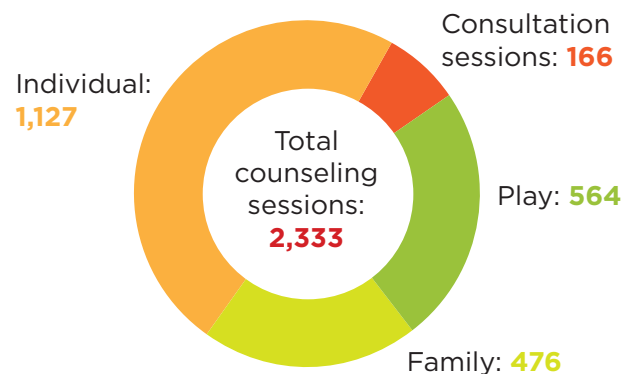


## TOTAL SERVED (FOR INITIAL SERVICES)

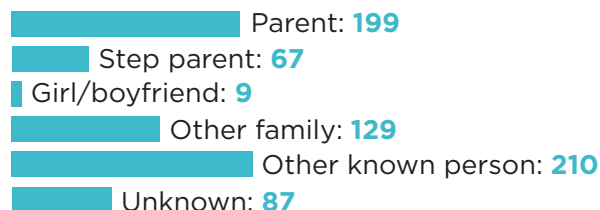


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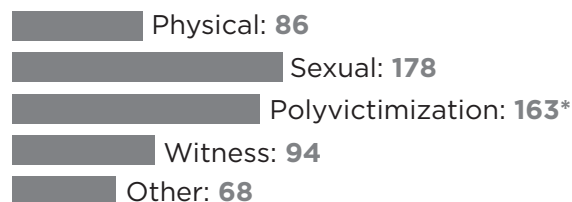
Total therapy clients: 180  
Bilingual sessions: 231



## ALLEGED OFFENDERS BY RELATIONSHIP

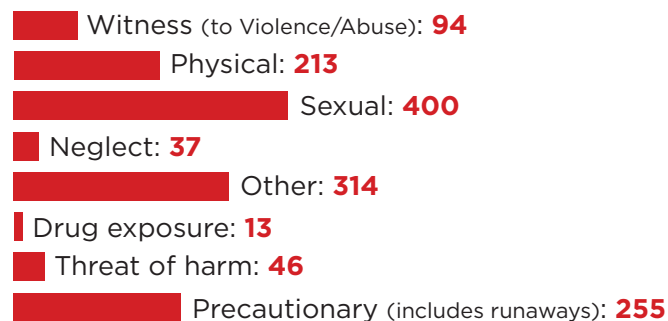


## TYPES OF INTERVIEW DISCLOSURES



\*disclosed more than one form of abuse

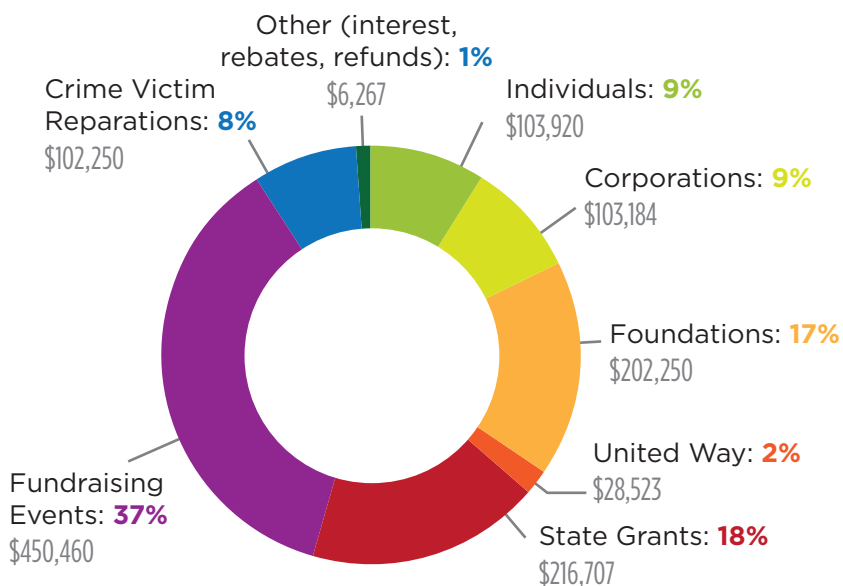
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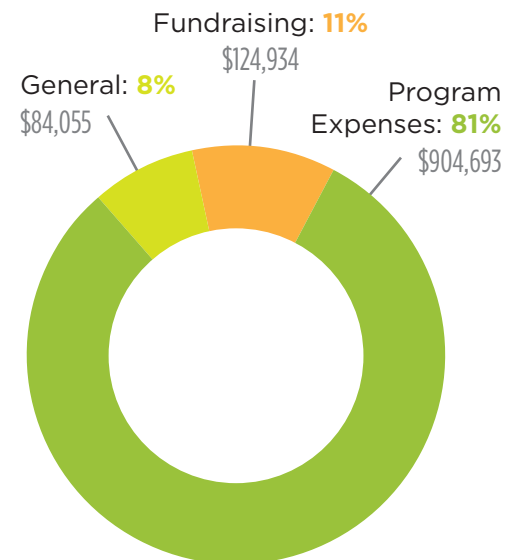


The CAC of Benton County relies on community support to fulfill our mission. Each year, many individuals and businesses help us provide services to abused children. Nearly 320 volunteers provided over 1,588 hours of service during the 2018 fiscal year. Others provided monetary help through corporate sponsorships, annual fund donations, or attending special events. On behalf of the children and staff, thank you for supporting the work we do each day.

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,213,561



YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

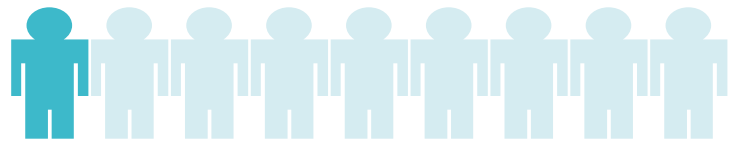






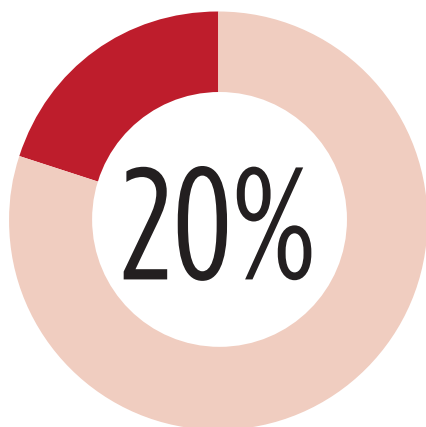
**1 in 10 Children**

WILL BE SEXUALLY ABUSED  
BEFORE THE AGE OF 18.

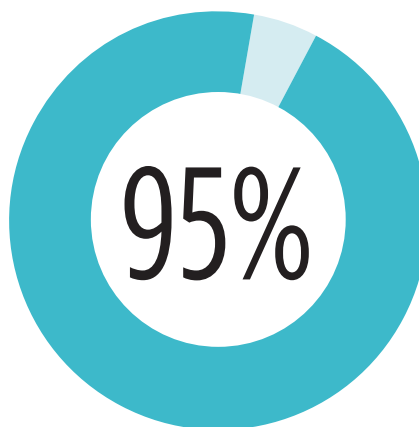


**1 in 5 Children**

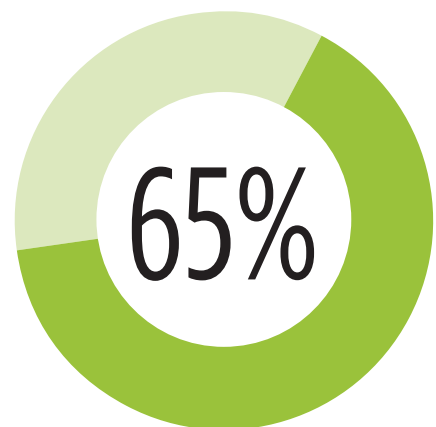
ARE SOLICITED SEXUALLY  
WHILE ON THE INTERNET



OF CHILDREN ARE  
SEXUALLY ABUSED  
BEFORE THE AGE OF 8



OF CHILD VICTIMS ARE ABUSED  
BY A FAMILY MEMBER OR  
SOMEONE THEY KNOW AND TRUST



OF CHILD SEXUAL  
ABUSE VICTIMS  
NEVER TELL ANYONE

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Regina Welch  
*Contract Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner*



# 2019 SIGNATURE EVENTS

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## **Cherishing Children 5k Glow Run, 1-Mile Fun Walk, & 400-Yd Dash**

Friday, April 12, 2019 | Downtown Rogers | 5:00 p.m.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherishing Children Glow Run features family-friendly nighttime events including a 10k, a 1-Mile Fun Walk, a 400-Yard Super Hero Dash, and a chip-timed 5K Glow Run beginning in Downtown Rogers.



## **Cherishing Children Dinner & Awards Presentation**

Thursday, September 5, 2019 | John Q. Hammons Center, Rogers | 6:30 p.m.



**Cherishing  
Children**

Each year the CAC staff, community supporters, law enforcement and others who work with victims of child abuse are invited to hear an inspiring message from a guest speaker. This year, Rachael Denhollander will share her personal story to raise awareness about the issue.

## **Sweetest Day**

Saturday, October 12, 2019 | Pinnacle Hills, Rogers | 6:00 p.m.

This event brings like-minded individuals together to socialize, have fun, and raise awareness and funds for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Benton County.







## THANK YOU

FOR EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO FIND THEIR VOICE

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