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2014 Annual Report

The Children's Advocacy Center
of Tom Green County, Inc.

Fiscal Year 2014

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Our Mission

To champion the prevention of child abuse and to serve as an ally of abused children with a dedication to securing for each child a safe and nurturing home.

From the President

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is an organization that is near and dear to my heart. I am thankful for the opportunity to work beside an incredible staff and volunteers that strive to make the lives of all children better. They are dedicated to the mission, "To champion the prevention of child abuse and to serve as an ally of abused children with a dedication to securing for each child a safe and nurturing home." Through the tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers children are offered a safe place to tell their story and begin the healing.

The CAC provides hope by operating as an umbrella organization with programs that focus on the intervention and prevention of child abuse. The programs offered at CAC are Hope House, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Family Enrichment Services, and the Child Fatality Review Team. In the Annual Report you will find the background, statistics and number of those served in the fiscal year 2014. The CAC continues to serve thirteen counties including Tom Green, Irion, McCulloch, Reagan, Concho, Menard, Sterling, Sutton, Crockett, Schleicher, Runnels, Coke and Kimble. We could not serve these children without your support. Through your sponsoring and support of Champagne and Diamonds, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Slamfest and Christmas for Kids you are making a difference in the lives of the children and families of our community!

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, we cannot thank you enough for choosing to be a part of this mission. You are making an investment in children and our future.

Vicki Housley,
Board President

Hope House



Historically, when responding to reports of child abuse and neglect, numerous problems have been encountered, including excessive interviews of child victims, development of physical evidence and lack of communication among involved agencies. Having recognized these issues, Tom Green County developed a cooperative team approach to the investigation of child abuse and neglect. In November of 1992, the first child was interviewed at Hope House. Hope House staff work with a team of experts from Child Protective Services, the police department, the sheriff's office, the district attorney's office, medical personnel, therapists and other community service agencies. Together they review cases of children who have been abused and determine if there is enough evidence to pursue prosecution against the alleged perpetrator, always keeping the child victim's healing and well-being at the forefront of the case. Hope House provides a warm, home-like, neutral environment for children who, upon an outcry of alleged abuse or neglect, are brought here for the interview process.

Hope House Advisory Board

Heather Ward, Executive Director

Melody Jeter, Hope House Program Director

Chief Tim Vasquez, San Angelo Police Department

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Allison Palmer, 51st District Attorney's Office

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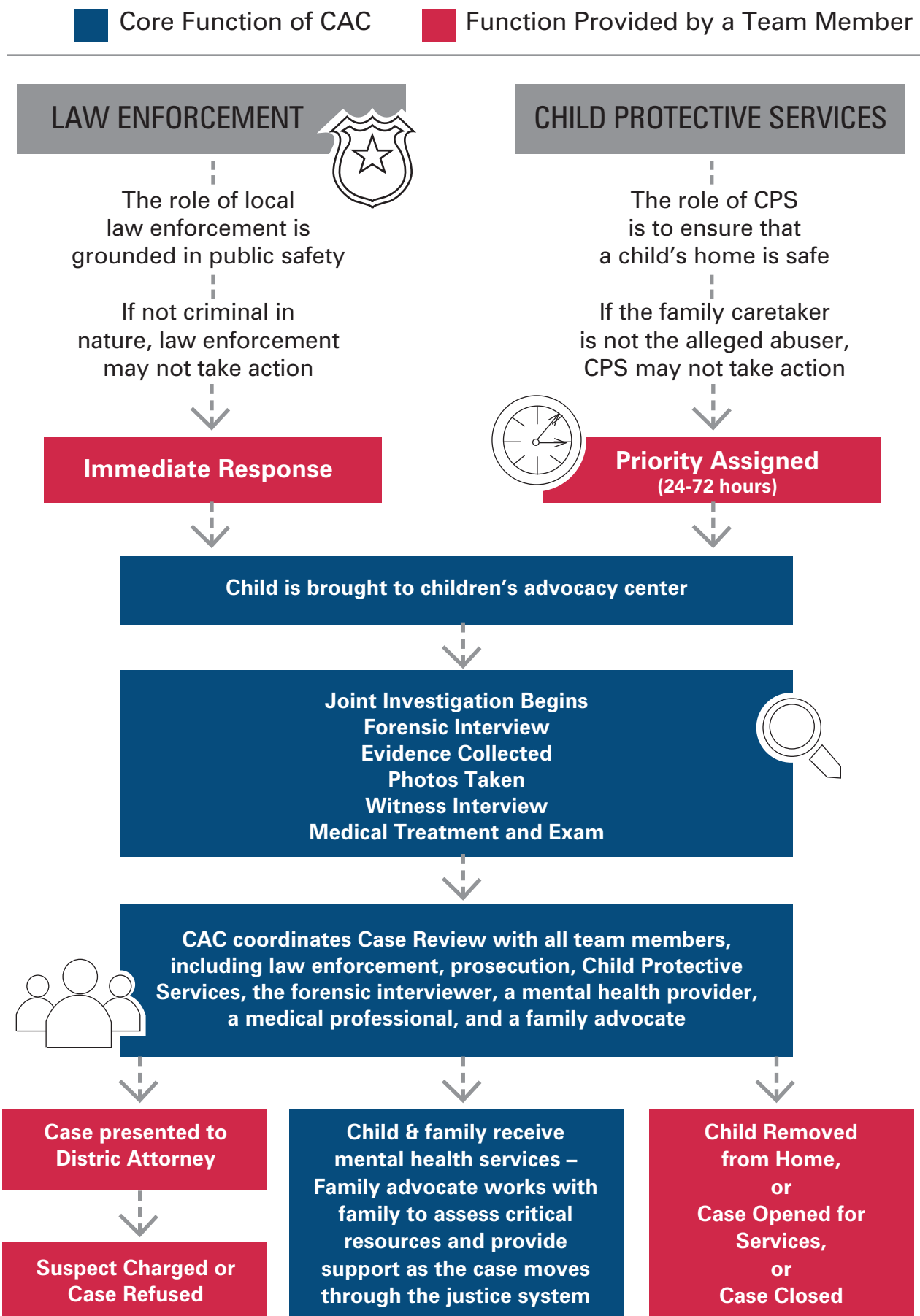
Dr. Joe Munoz, Angelo State University

Report Suspected Abuse

Call 1-800-252-5400 or 9-1-1

www.txabusehotline.org

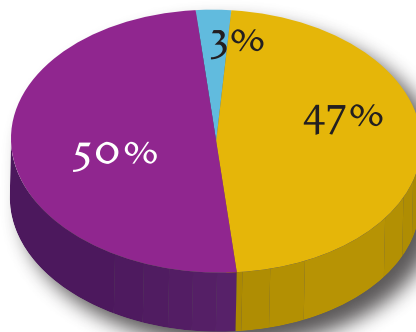
HOW DOES THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER MODEL WORK?



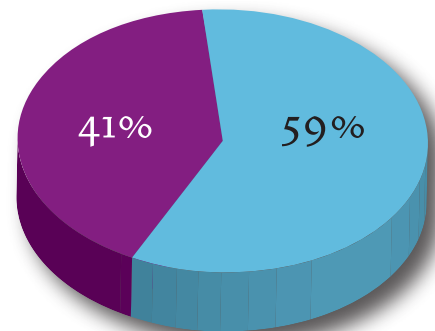
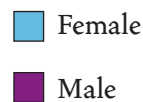
Hope House Statistics

During fiscal year 2014, 294 children were seen through Hope House. Twenty-two cases were classified as physical abuse, 131 were sexual abuse, 23 were neglect or abandonment, and 15 were crime witnesses. Seventy-six clients received counseling, 5 adults and 71 children. Data sources include the San Angelo Police Department, Child Protective Services, Reagan County and Tom Green County Sheriff's Departments and the Children's Advocacy Center case tracking and files.

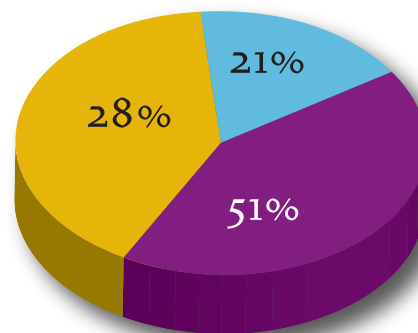
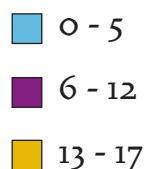
Ethnicity



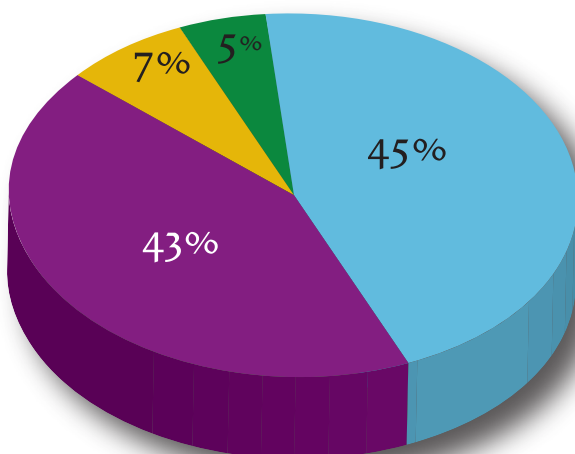
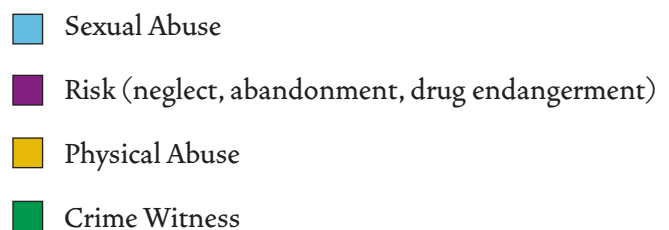
Gender



Age



Victimization



The Total Estimated Lifetime Economic Costs of Child Abuse

Every year, millions of children in the United States suffer from some type of abuse or neglect. **The Perryman Group** estimates more than **3.3 million** children were maltreated for the first time in 2014. Even beyond the horrific physical and mental costs of child maltreatment, there is also a tremendous economic cost. For more information, visit www.perrymangroup.com.

-\$1.66 trillion
personal income

-27.88 million
person-years
of employment



Equals a loss of **1 million** person-years of employment due to lost business earnings associated with non-fatal child abuse

Equals a loss of **1 million** person-years of employment due to social costs associated to non-fatal child abuse

Equals a loss of **1 million** person-years of employment due to fatal child abuse

-\$726.82 billion
retail sales

Definitions:

Person-years of employment: A measure of the number of full-time equivalent jobs generated by an activity, equal to a person working for one year.

Personal income: The sum of all dollars that end up in the hands of people in the area, measured in 2014 US dollars.

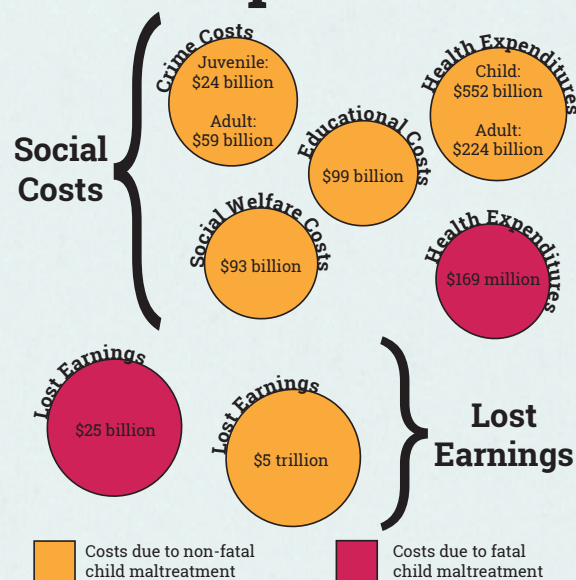
Total expenditures: The sum total of every dollar that changes hands in any transaction, measured in 2014 US dollars.

Gross product: The value of all final goods produced in a given region for a specific period of time, measured in constant 2014 US dollars.

-\$2.68 trillion
gross product

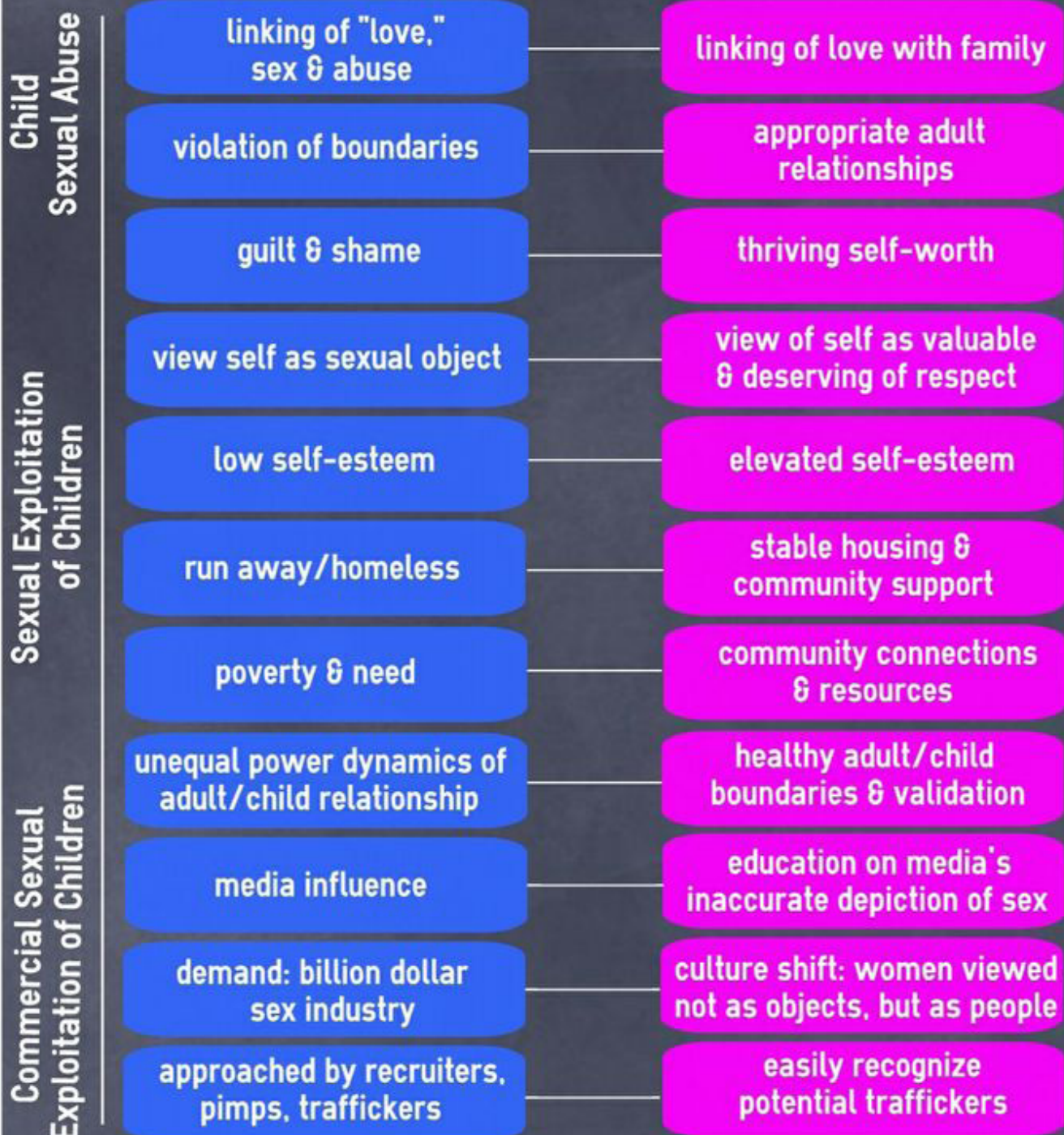


-\$5.87 trillion
total expenditures



Continuum of Child Sexual Abuse & Sex Trafficking

No one wakes up at 16 and chooses to be prostituted...



Courtesy of GEMS

Together, we can prevent child sex trafficking!



Court Appointed Special Advocates



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) began serving children in the Concho Valley as the direct result of the death of a local child by physical abuse. The original founders organized in November of 1986. They called themselves PACA, Parents Against Child Abuse. The group became formally incorporated as CASA of Tom Green County on March 26, 1987. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) joined the Children's Advocacy Center in 1998. The program's mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children whose

future home will be determined by a Court of Law. Volunteers embody the spirit of the program and CASA's goal is to provide each child a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

Who are our volunteers?

CASA volunteers are ordinary people who are trained by a court-approved program and appointed by a district judge. In the life of a case, a CASA volunteer monitors the child's situation to make sure he or she remains safe. The CASA is instrumental in ensuring that a child or family receives services the court has ordered---therapy, substance abuse counseling and/or special medical or educational needs. The CASA will represent the best interests of the children they serve; this may not always be what the child wants. Ultimately, the CASA must remain objective in their recommendations to the court.

Research shows that a child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to be adopted, half as likely to re-enter foster care, more likely to have a plan for permanency, and substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care. CASA volunteers improve representation of children, reduce the time needed by lawyers, are more likely than paid lawyers to file written reports, and are highly effective in having their recommendations adopted by the court.

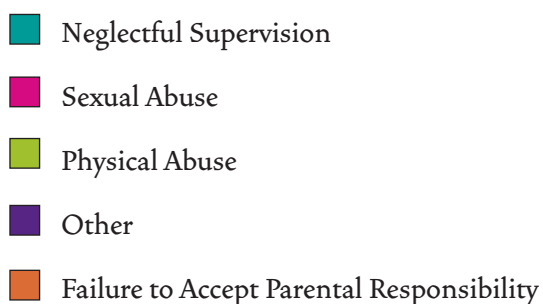
Counties Served:

Tom Green, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Runnels, Reagan,
Sutton, Sterling, Schleicher, Irion

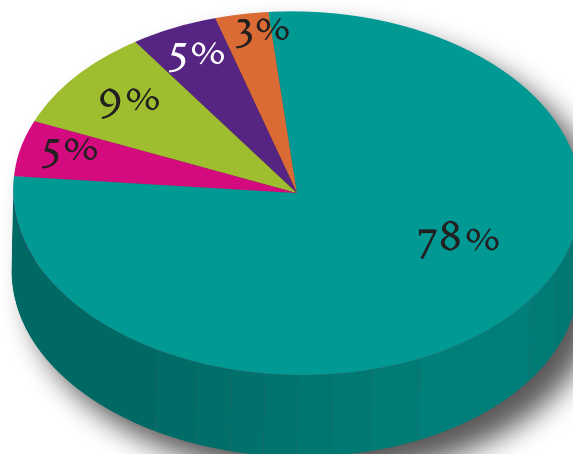
CASA Statistics

In 2014, CASA advocated for 254 cases involving 473 children. There were 92 cases involving 179 children open and 105 cases involving 181 children closed. Some cases carry over from the previous year and CASA continues to advocate for these children.

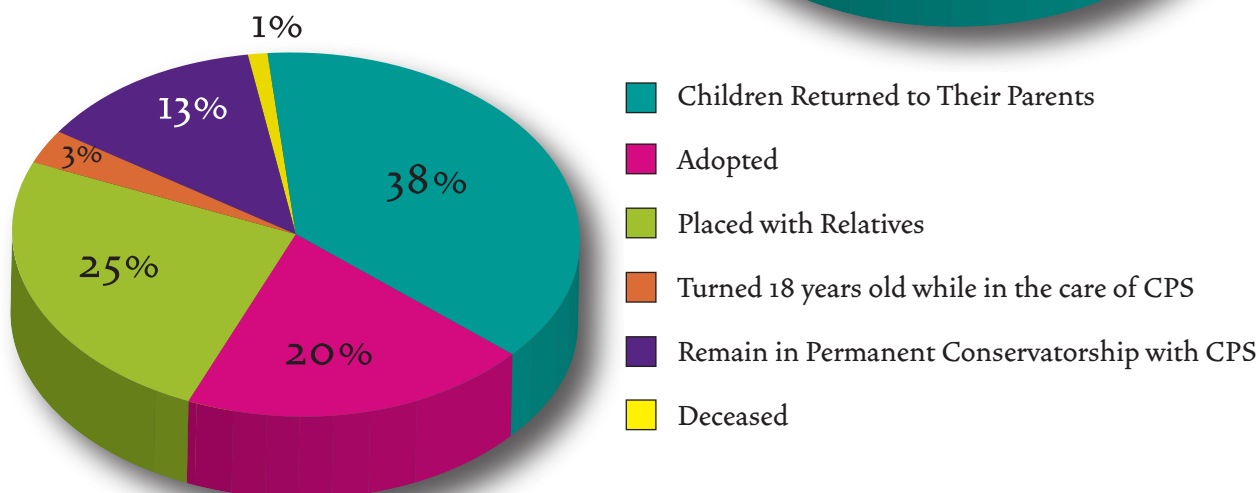
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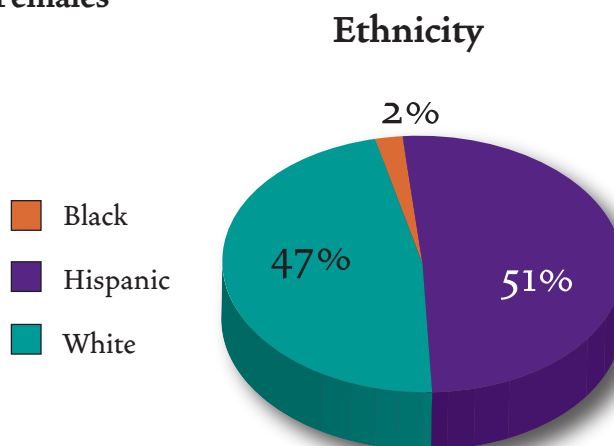
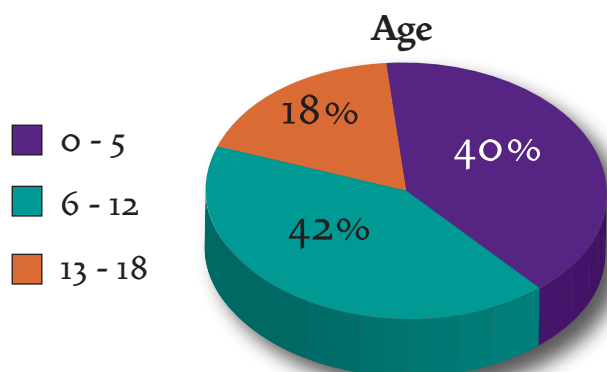
Children with Open Cases



Children with Closed Cases



Demographics of the 473 children served in 2014 259 Males and 214 Females



CASA is a GOOD INVESTMENT in Texas' Future

1 PAID
CASA
STAFF



SUPPORTS
30
VOLUNTEERS



WHO SERVE
75
CHILDREN



**1 YEAR OF
CASA
ADVOCACY**



**1 MONTH OF
FOSTER CARE**



Children with a CASA Volunteer are:



Less likely to
spend 3 or
more years in
foster care



Less likely to
re-enter care
once they find
a permanent
home



More likely
to pass all
classes in
school

**We need MORE RESOURCES to recruit & train more
volunteers to speak up for more children in care.**

49% of children in care
DO NOT HAVE A CASA Volunteer



46,649

Number of children
in care in 2013

23,621

Number of children
who had a CASA
in 2013

The Bottom Line:

**CASA saves children's lives and
taxpayers' money.**



TEXASCASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Learn more at BecomeACASA.org

Family Enrichment Services



Family Enrichment Services (FES), created in 1999, offers a whole family approach to strengthening the family. Services are offered in Tom Green, Concho, and Runnels counties. FES is for any parent or caregiver who is interested in making their parenting journey easier and more effective.

Parent Mentor Program

The Parent Mentor program was designed by parents in the Concho Valley in 2006. The program uses parent input and research based tools to identify areas to strengthen. The program is for anyone seeking parenting tips or guidance but who may not want to attend a large group setting. Our trained Parent Mentors meet with families at least once a week in their homes, or another location that is comfortable for the parent, and tailor services specific to that family. Parenting topics range from increasing your child's self esteem, to coping with an "out of control" child, to navigating local resources. The Parent Mentor Program served 141 adults, 182 children and 89 families. The curriculum can also be delivered in a small group setting and FES served 66 adults.

Parents Anonymous® of the Concho Valley






Parents Anonymous® was created to provide parents ongoing support and a safe place to vent and talk to other parents going through similar experiences. Children's groups occur simultaneously to provide a safe, structured environment for children while their parents attend support group. Parent's Anonymous® served 16 adults and 49 children in child care.

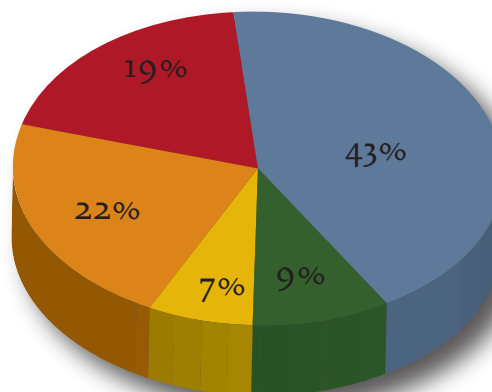
The Parent Project® for parents of teenagers ages 13-17

The Parent Project® is a program designed specifically for parents with strong-willed or out-of-control children. The Parent Project® helps to prevent, identify, and intervene in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors. The Parent Project® served 29 adults and 24 teenagers. Teen classes are available and offered at the same time.

Family Preservation

These are services offered to families referred by the Tom Green County Juvenile Probation Department to provide short-term, intensive, in-home counseling services, aimed at keeping children in the home and families together. Family Preservation served 63 adults and 99 teenagers and 38 families.

-  Parent Mentor Program
-  Parents Anonymous®
-  The Parent Project®
-  Family Preservation
-  Group Setting Classes



**Total Individuals
Served = 748**

The Child Fatality Review Team

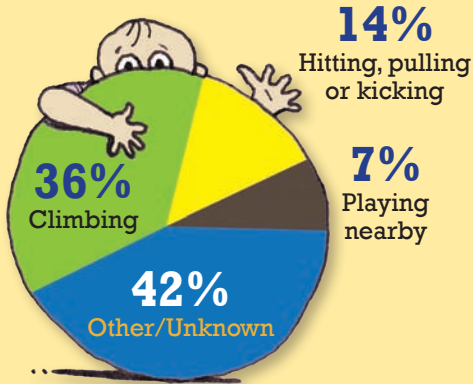
The Child Fatality Review Team evaluates every child death in a 13-county region with the goal of improving the response to child fatalities, while learning how to prevent future fatalities. Additionally, the CFRT strives to provide accurate information on how and why children in our area are dying. The team has established an effective review and standardized data collection system for all child fatalities. The team reviews all child deaths regardless of the cause. Members include law enforcement, prosecutors, medical examiners, justices of the peace, health care professionals, Child Protective Services, public and mental health professionals, educators and child advocates. These teams are uniquely qualified to understand what no single agency or group working alone can: how and why children are dying in their community. In 2014, the CFRT developed public awareness campaigns such as “Don’t Text and Drive” and “Anchor It.” The campaigns were based on trends and aimed toward preventing child deaths in the community. Other campaigns include co-sleeping endangerment and all-terrain vehicle safety.



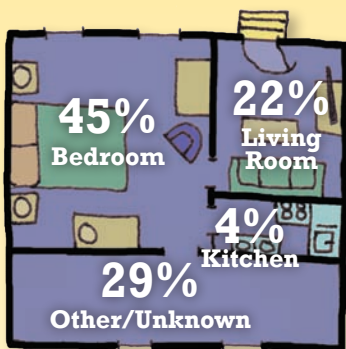
To view state wide statistics, please reference: www.dshs.state.tx.uschildfatalityreview

Child Fatality Review Team of 2014

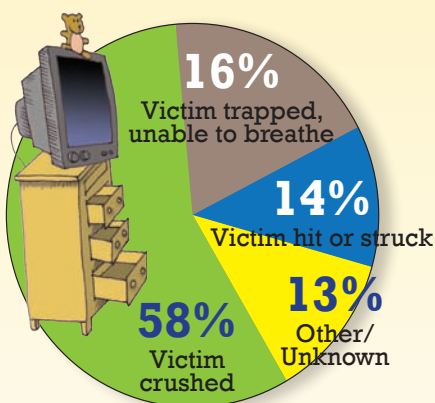
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Johnny Garza, Goodfellow AFB	Ron Sanders, TG Co. Sheriff's office
Shirley Grosshans, Compassionate Friends	Lt. Randy Swick, TG Co. Sheriff's office
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Nick Hanna, Texas Rangers	Monica Escobedo, CAC -Hope House Case Mgr
Beth Henderson, ECI	Steve Torres, DPS State Trooper
Rusty Herndon, San Angelo Police Dept	Isaac Lopez, DFPS
Judge Eddie Howard, Justice of the Peace, Pct 4	Heather Ward, CAC - Executive Director
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Toni Keltz, RN, Texas DSHS	Dr. Elizabeth Young, Shannon Clinic
Angela King, Texas DSHS	Melissa Melton, RN, Shannon Medical Center
Kelly Lajoie, San Angelo Police Dept	



Why
does it happen?



Where
does it happen?



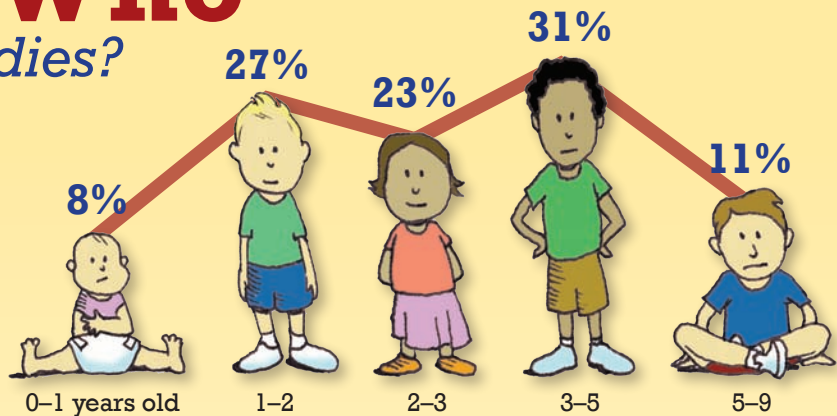
How
do victims die?

1 CHILD DIES EVERY 2 WEEKS

When a TV, furniture or appliance falls on him or her

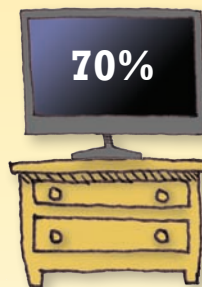
Who

dies?



What

falls on them?



Televisions and furniture

70%



Furniture: dressers, tables

26%



Appliances, etc.

4%

Injuries: about 3 per hour 71 per day 2,117 per month 25,400 per year

These tragedies can be prevented by taking low-cost steps to stabilize TVs, furniture and appliances.

ANCHOR IT AND PROTECT A CHILD



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Fundraisers & Events



Fundraisers & Events



Save the Date for 2015 Events

- Champagne & Diamonds Fundraiser: February 14, 2015, Cactus Hotel
- CASA Volunteer Training: January 26th-29th & February 2nd – 5th, May 11th - 14th & May 18th-21st, July 20th-23rd & July 27th-30th, September 28th-October 1st & October 5th-8th
- April - Child Abuse Prevention Month: Events held all month to promote awareness
- Pinwheel Ceremony: April 14, 2015 (Noon)
- Picnic in the Park: April 19, 2015, Kirby Park
- Children's Advocacy Center Golf Tournament: September 14, 2015
- Christmas for Kids: November 17 – December 10th, toy drive and donations

Fundraisers & Events



Community Resources and Trainings

Trainings are offered to the community, professionals, child care facilities, school districts, and other individuals/groups interested

- **Darkness to Light (D2L) Stewards of Children:** Training that raises awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse. Education regarding prevention, recognition and responsibility of all adults in order to protect children.
- **Shaken Baby Syndrome, SIDS, and Early Brain Development:** Training to educate adults and childcare providers regarding important preventative steps and stress management.
- **Recognizing and Reporting:** The training is aimed at recognizing signs of child abuse and how to report to proper authorities. The CAC trained over 600 individuals in Recognizing and Reporting training from the following: TLCA, Head Start SAISD, Wall ISD, St. Luke Child Development Center, Sierra Vista, Early Childhood Center and Mosaic Child Care Center.

Fundraisers & Events



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month:

While the CAC promotes prevention and awareness throughout the year, April is a great time to encourage the community to take a stand against child abuse and neglect and recognize that we all play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During April, the CAC provides a variety of awareness events that include the annual "Picnic in the Park" which gathered over 1200 participants and 25 local agencies and businesses in 2014. The pinwheel display on the Court House lawn is a reminder that each pinwheel represents a case of child abuse and neglect in Tom Green County. Blue is the national color for child abuse prevention and the community is encouraged to wear blue every Friday in April for "Go Blue Friday."

Memorials

In memory of Kathy Baker
Bobby & Val Frank

In memory of Dora Sugg Pfluger
Bentwood Country Club

In memory of Karen Sue Booth
David Forbes

In memory of John Wilde
Dean and Suzette McIntyre

In memory of Cath Dickson
*Kevin Collins, Courtney Nagel,
and the Bentwood Tennis Family*

Fundraisers & Events



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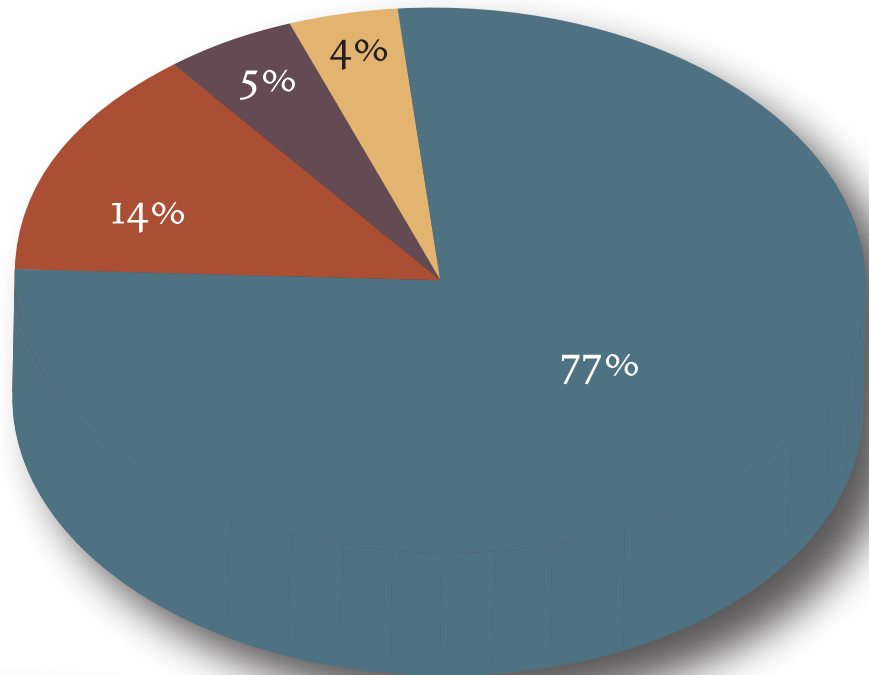
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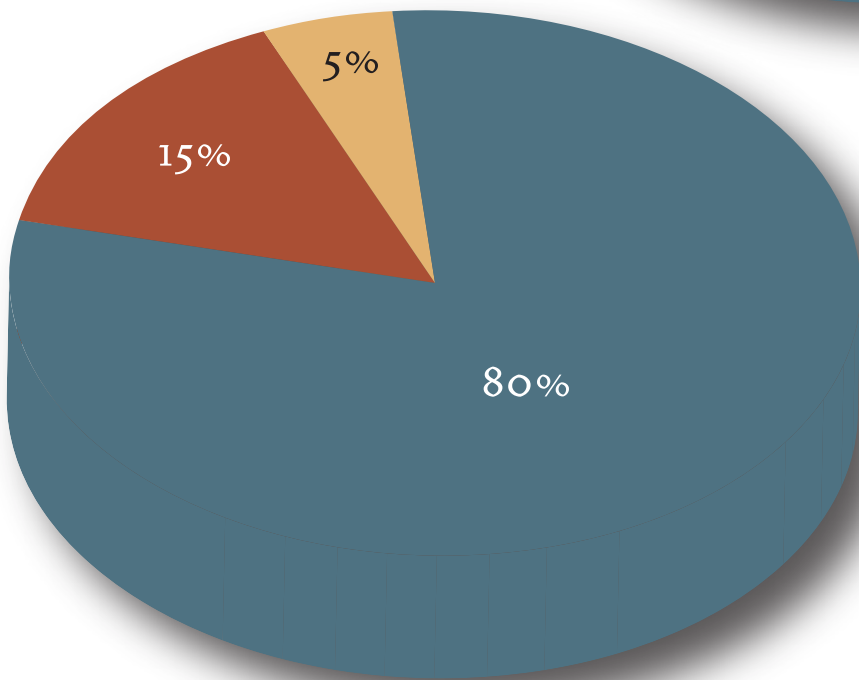
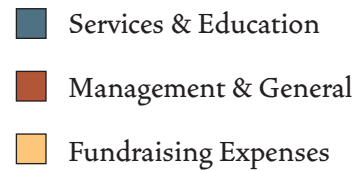
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Financial Highlights

Revenue \$ 982,594



Expenses \$ 983,403



2015 Financial Goals

- Restore and increase the endowment fund to ensure the CAC's long-term sustainability
- Increase planned giving to decrease grant dependence

Information contained in the Annual Report reflect the fiscal year September 2013 through August 2014



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