

# Annual Review 2017





## **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center is to respond to child abuse through a team approach designed to reduce trauma, seek justice, and provide hope and healing for children and their families.

## **OUR GOALS**

- Reduce trauma suffered by child victims
- Strengthen families to provide safe homes
- Increase the successful prosecution of their abusers

### WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Forensic interviews
- Medical evaluations
- Immediate and ongoing advocacy and support
- Referral to mental health support services
- Court school
- Case coordination
- Professional training
- Hair testing for drug exposure

In 2017, we served more than twice the number of children than just 10 years ago.

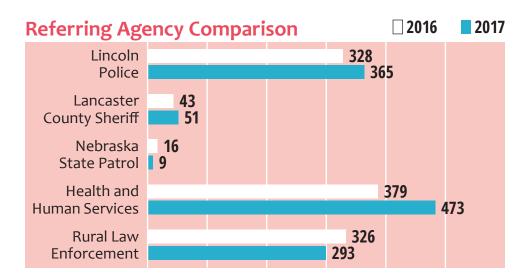
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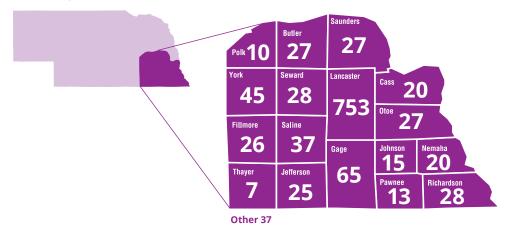
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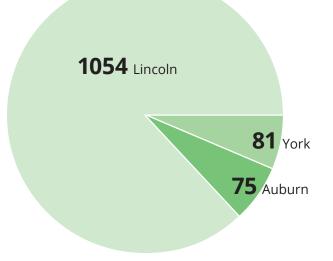
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## **County of Jurisdiction**

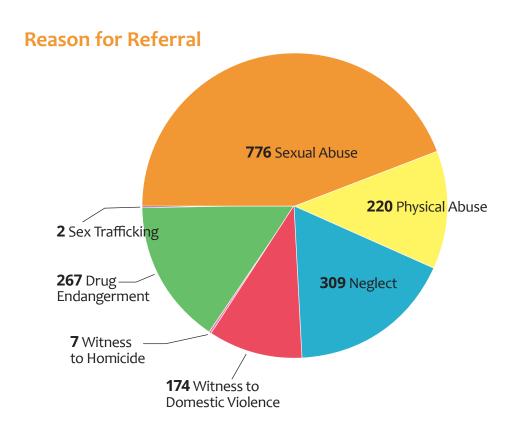


## Utilization of Satellite Offices Children Seen by Location

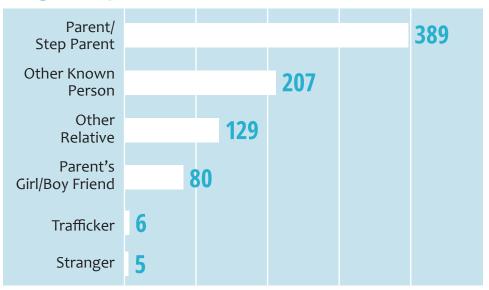


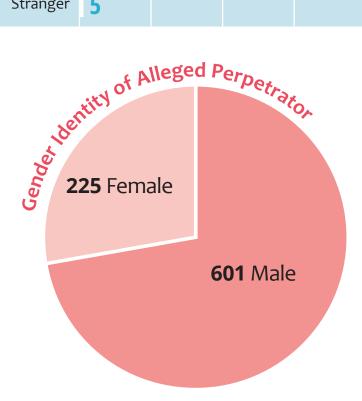


# "We never felt judged or blamed. I'm so impressed with the CAC, our children need you." – Caregiver



## **Alleged Perpetrator**





## Age of Alleged Perpetrator

19-24 <b>76</b>	25-30 <b>148</b>	31-50 <b>342</b>	50+ <b>68</b>

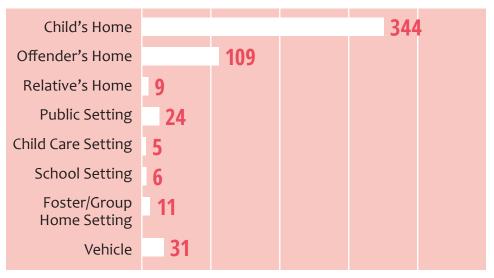
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**1106** Total Number of Forensic Interviews Conducted in 2017

"The CAC is so welcoming and friendly. It was a stressful time that was made better because of the caring people." – Caregiver 
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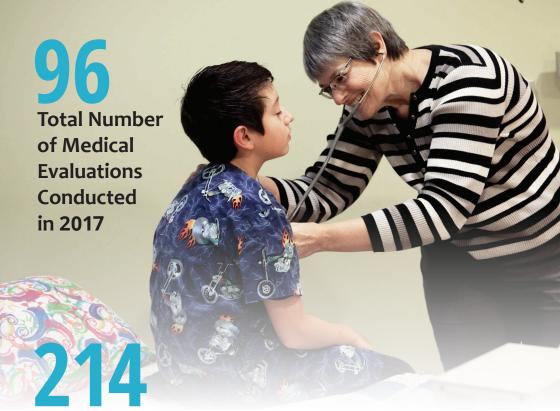
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## **Location of Abuse**

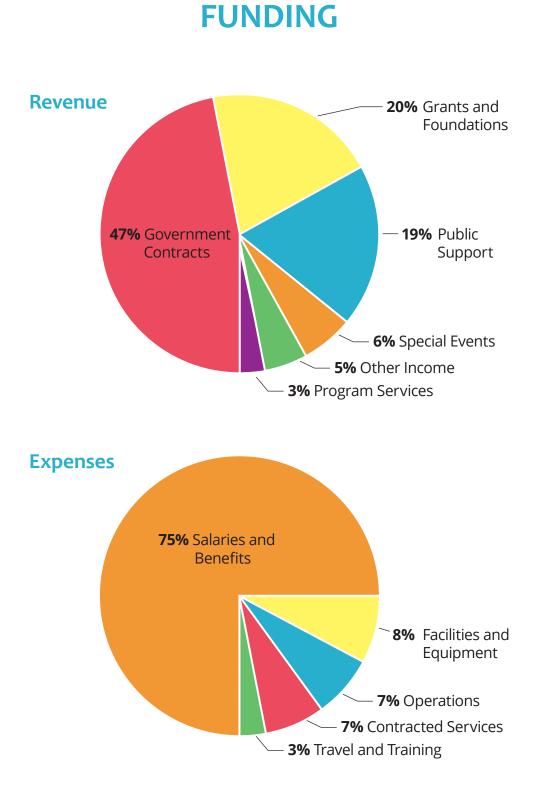


"The CAC is awesome-no one in city or county government has ever questioned funding or the value of this agency. They simply fund it. That says a lot about the leadership and the cause for which they respond to every day."

- Multidisciplinary Team Member



Total Hair Tests for Drug Exposure – 55% Positive Findings



All services provided at the Child Advocacy Center are at no charge to families served.

# Take A Stand for Kids:

#### **Attend a training**

One of the best ways for you to engage with the CAC is to become educated on the issue of child abuse. Check out our Event Calendar at www.smallvoices.org to find a training to attend.

#### Trainings include:

- Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children learn about child sexual abuse and the steps you can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly.
- Child Abuse and Neglect 101 learn about your role as a mandatory reporter and gain the knowledge and skills to recognize and report child abuse and neglect.
- Child Abuse and Neglect 201 learn about the roles and responsibilities of the multidisciplinary team members when they respond to child abuse and neglect.

#### Volunteer

Volunteers help at the CAC in a multitude of ways, ranging from aiding in day-to-day tasks to assisting with awareness and fundraising events. **Potential volunteer activities could include:** 

- Serving on an event planning committee/aiding day of the event
- Landscaping/building maintenance
- Helping with clerical projects
- Providing office support in the lobby by answering phones, playing board games, and/or reading to children

#### Donate

Donations from individuals and corporate partners provide us with the resources we need to help child victims and their families. Donations of any amount are welcome.

Here's how far your donation can go:

- On-going advocacy and support for one child = \$3,000
- Medical evaluation for one child = \$600
- Forensic interview for one child = \$500
- Court School for one child = \$100

#### **Contribute to our Wish List Items**

Here are a list of items we need to help families we serve on a daily basis. Consider sharing this list with an organization you are involved with as a fundraising activity!

- Juice boxes
- Individually packaged snack foods (peanut free)
- Target or Walmart gift cards for items listed above
- Coffee K-Cups
- \$10 gas station gift cards to help families who struggle with getting to and from counseling and court appointments



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