



**child advocacy center**  
*Where small voices can be heard.*

# Annual Review 2021





## 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

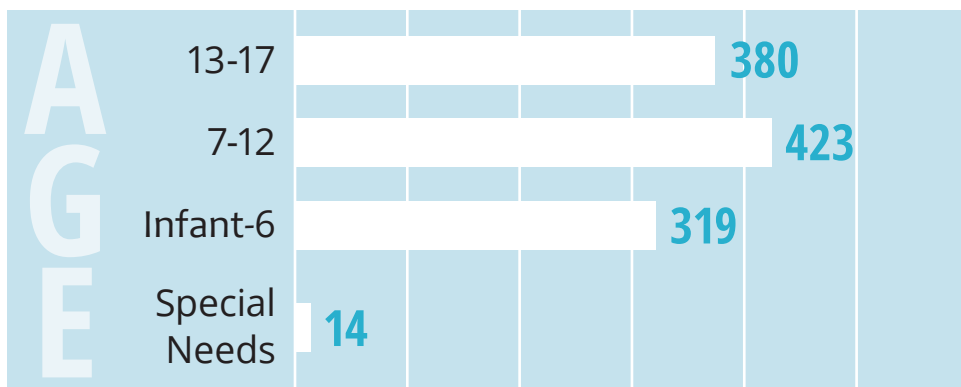
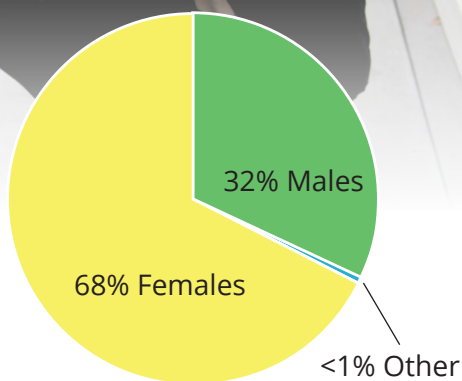
*44% of children who disclosed to us in 2021  
were abused in their own home.*

***The need continues to grow.***



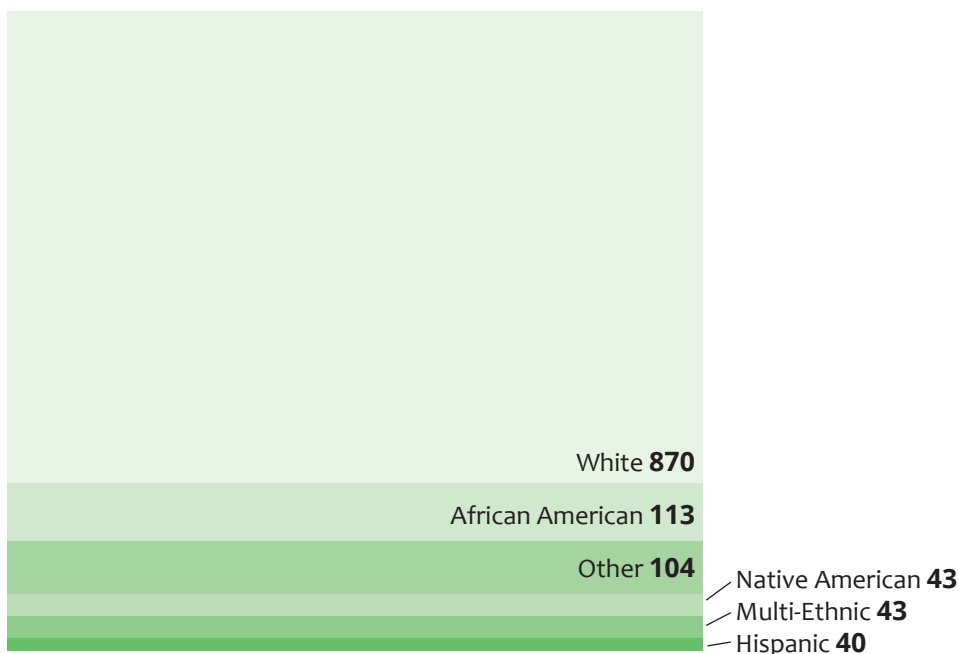
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Total Number of  
Unduplicated Child  
Victims Seen in 2021

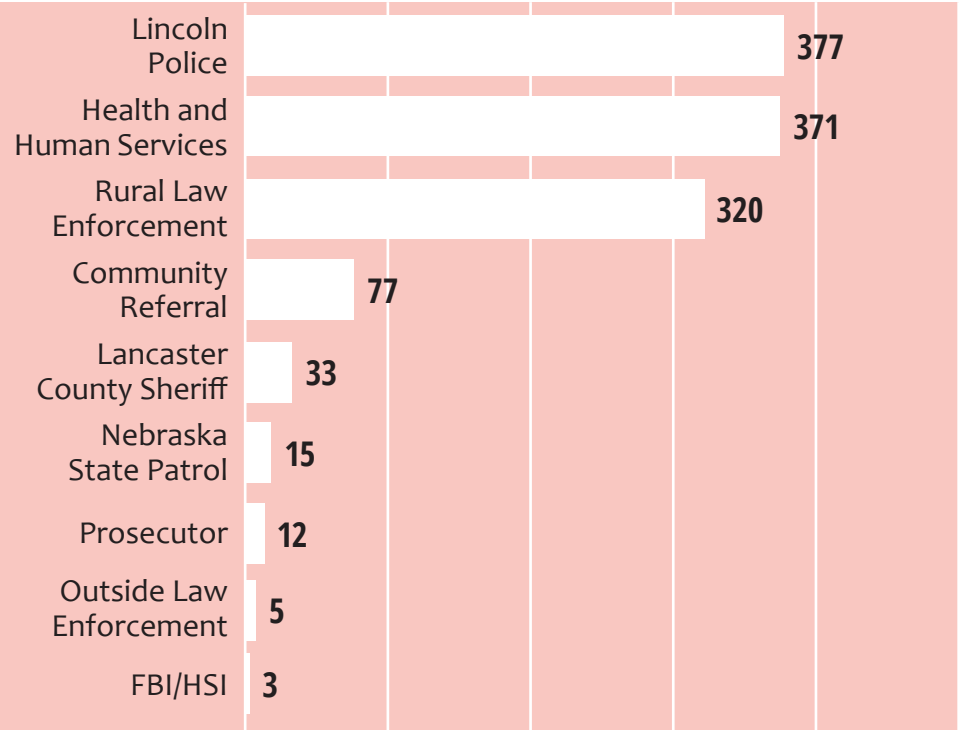


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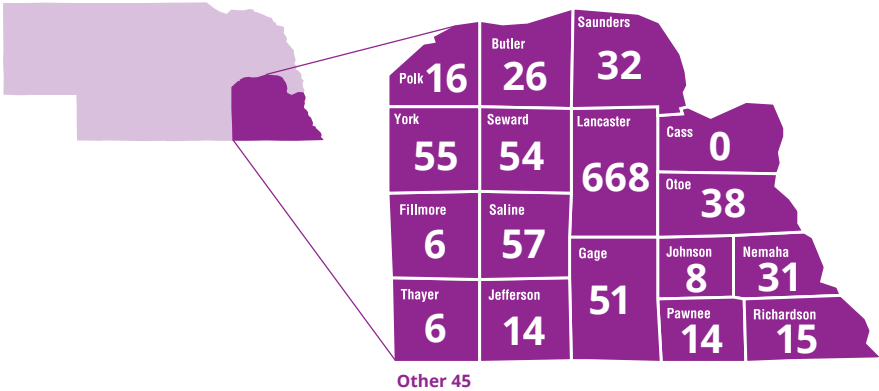
### Ethnicity of Child Victims



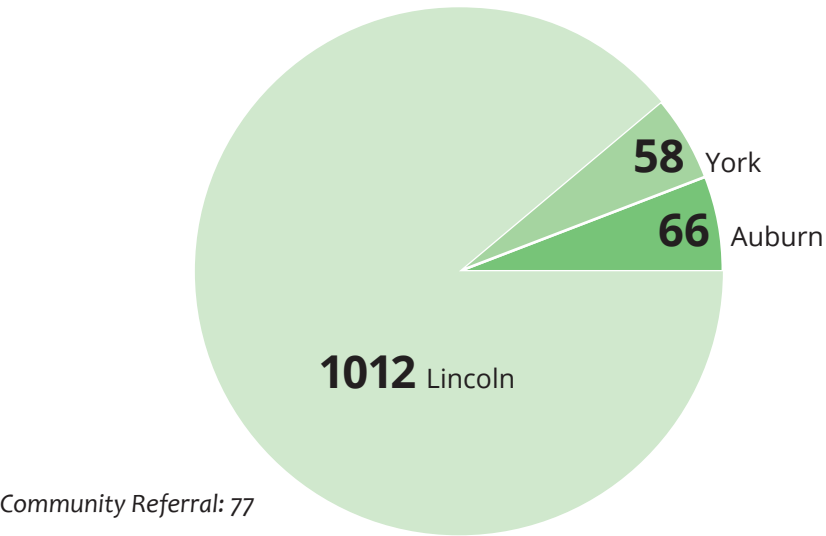
## Referring Agency Comparison



## County of Jurisdiction



## Utilization of Satellite Offices *Children Seen by Location*

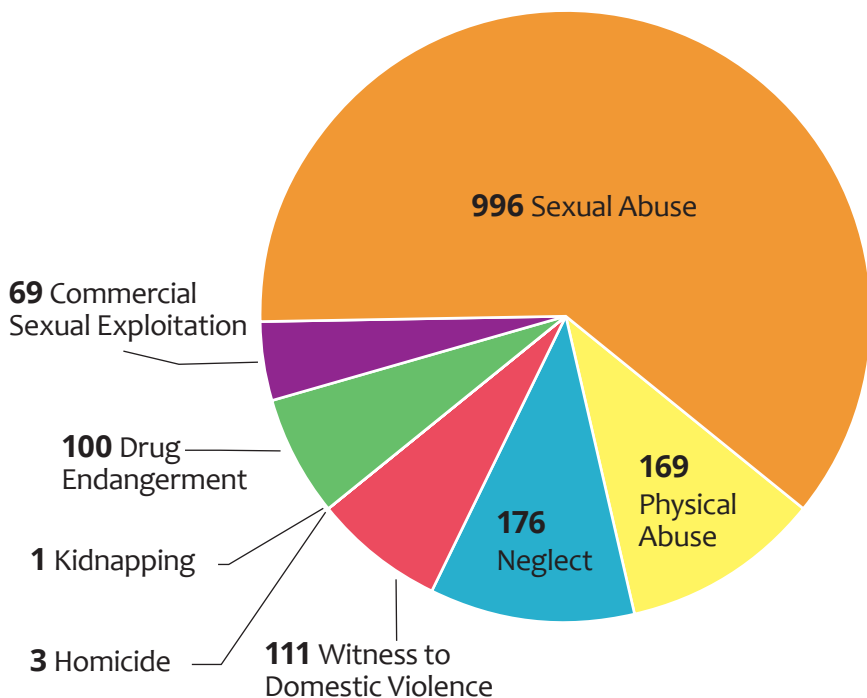




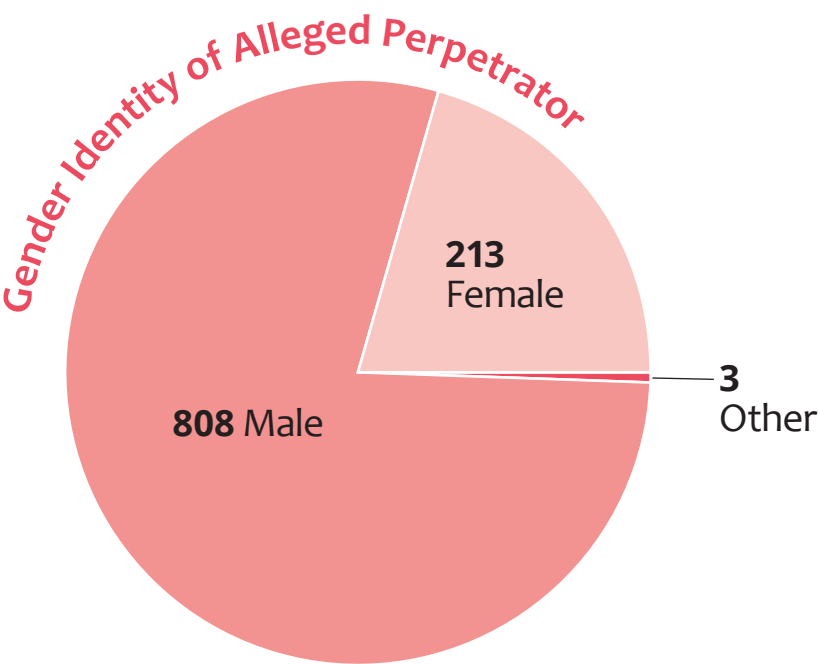
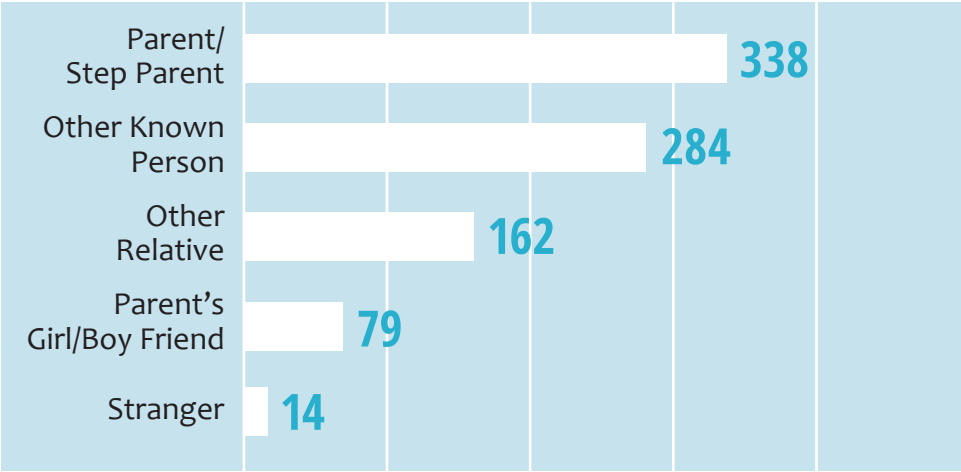
*“We loved how kind and genuine everyone was. We left feeling relieved, at ease, and educated on what happens next. Thank you for your above and beyond work you have provided for me and my girls.”*

*– Mother of 5- and 7-year-old girls served by the CAC*

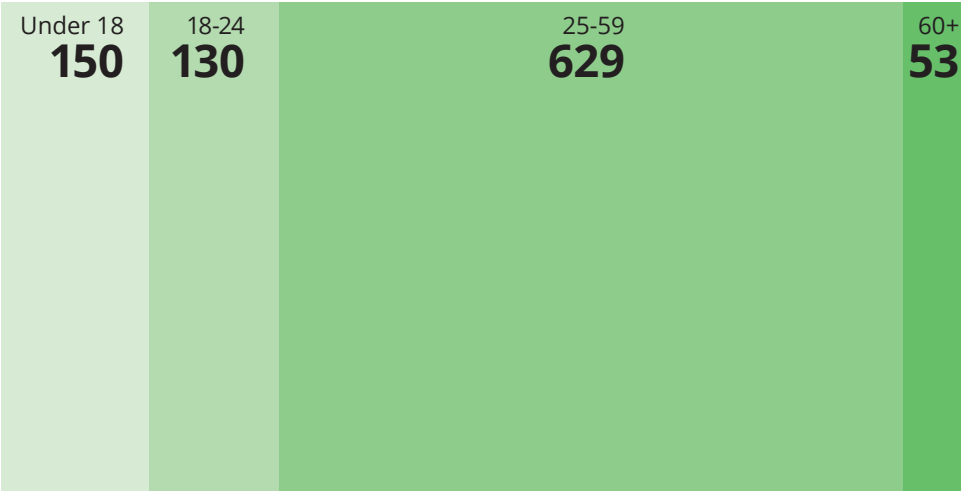
## Reason for Referral



## Alleged Perpetrator



## Age of Alleged Perpetrator





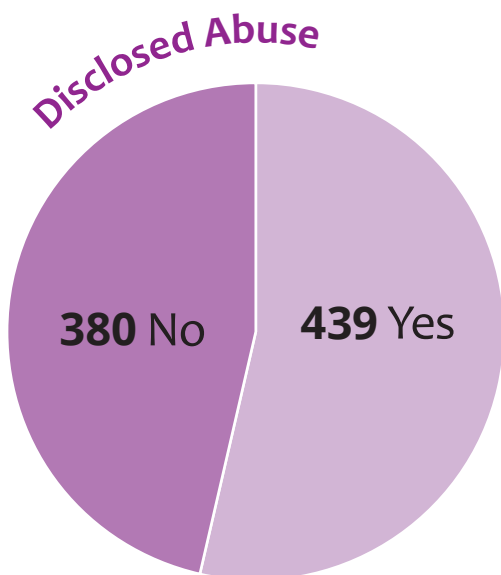


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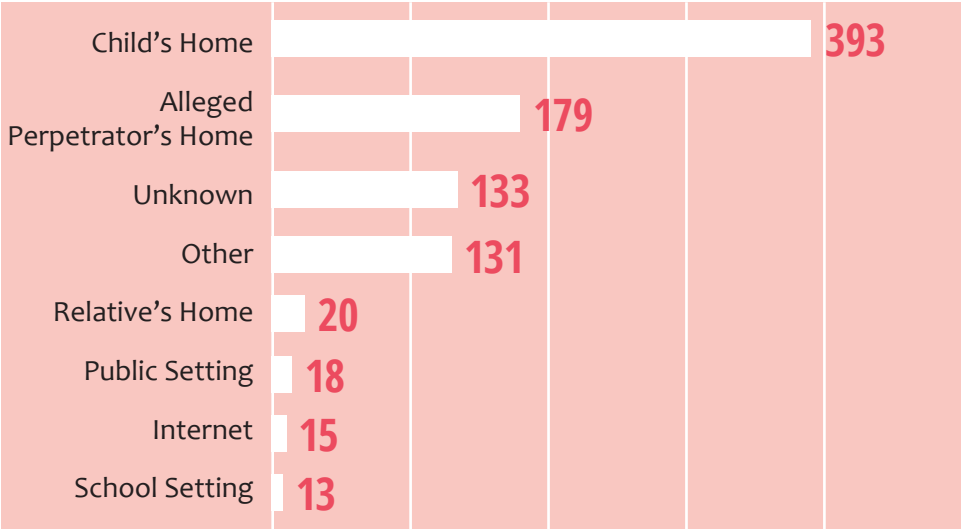
Total Number of Forensic Interviews Conducted in 2021

*“Everyone was very calm and friendly and took their time talking to me. It made an uncomfortable situation feel easier to deal with.”*

– 15-year-old boy served by the CAC



## Location of Abuse



*“I love the fact that my daughter and I were able to tell the truth without judgment. I also think it was amazing that we were given an advocate who is bilingual and willing to answer any questions or concerns.”*

*– Mother of a 12-year-old girl served by the CAC*



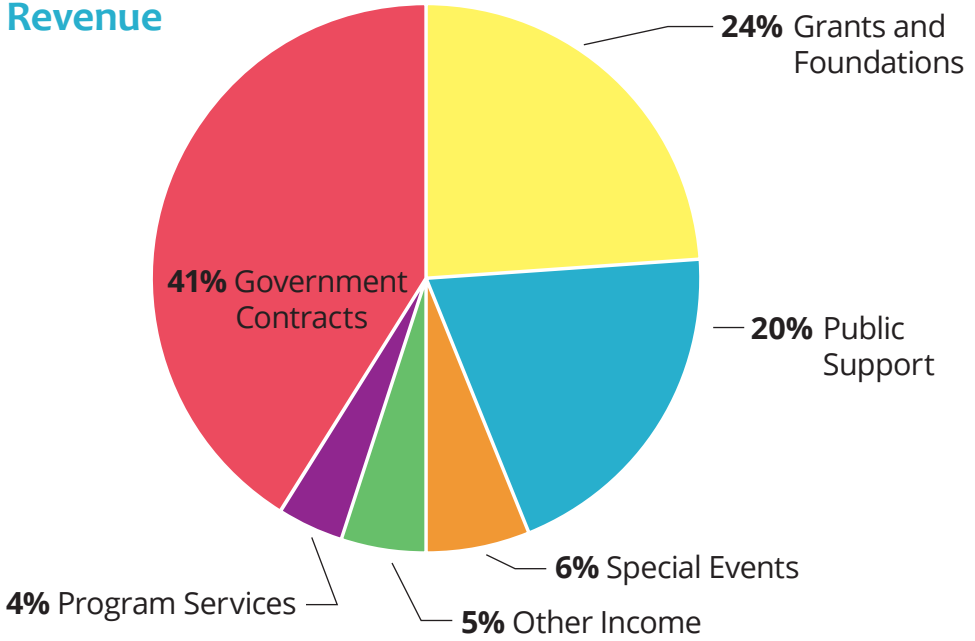
**224**  
Total Number  
of Medical  
Evaluations  
Conducted  
in 2021

**40**  
Total Hair Tests for Drug Exposure – 73% Positive Findings

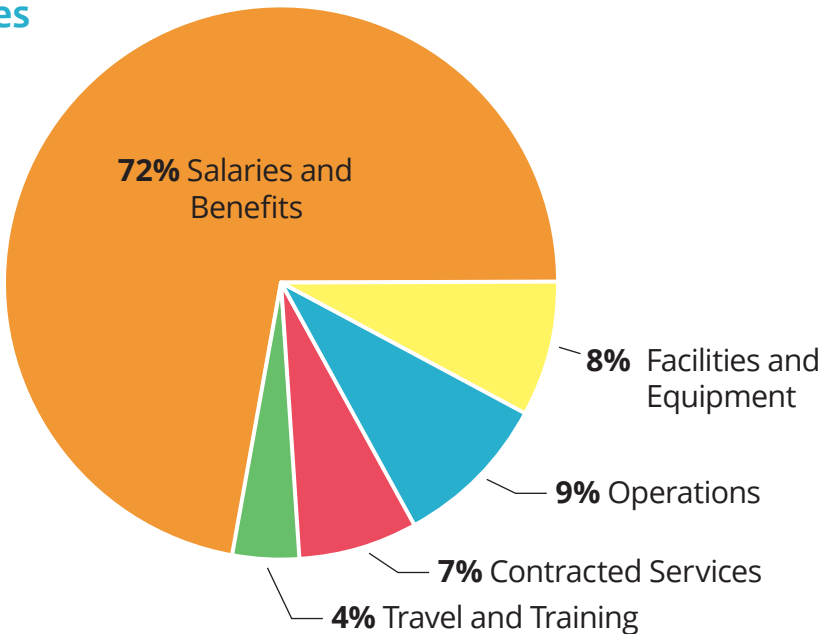


# FUNDING

## Revenue



## Expenses



*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](http://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.
- **Online Safety** – With 1 in 5 children experiencing solicitation online, the dangers of technology are undeniable. Most parents feel overwhelmed when it comes to setting boundaries around technology – join us to understand where to start.

## 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 like mailings, cleaning and organization
- The CAC is happy to accommodate group volunteer projects on an as-needed basis.

## 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

See the full list at [smallvoices.org/wishlist](http://smallvoices.org/wishlist)

- Juice boxes
- Individually packaged snack foods (peanut free)
- Gift cards to fast food, groceries or gas stations

# The Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors:

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