



child advocacy center
Where small voices can be heard.

Annual Review 2019





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

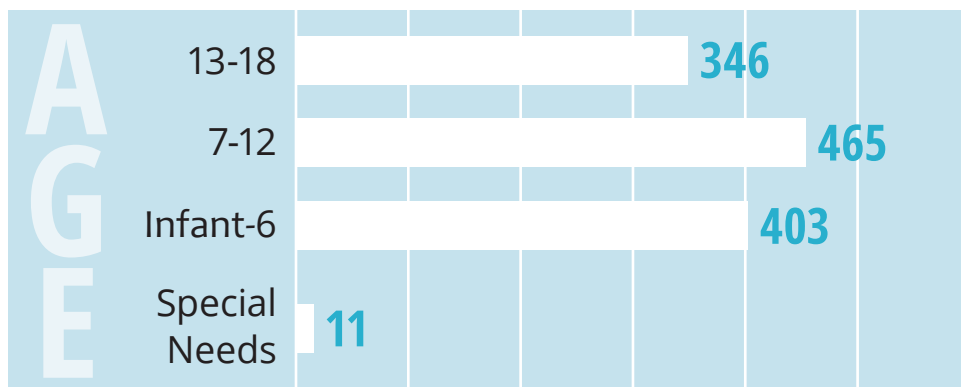
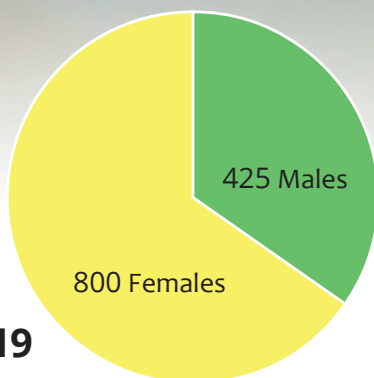
- Forensic interviews
- Medical evaluations
- Immediate and ongoing advocacy and support
- Referral to mental health support services
- Court school
- Case coordination
- Professional training
- Hair testing for drug exposure

Since 2009, we have seen a 61% increase in the number of children served per year.

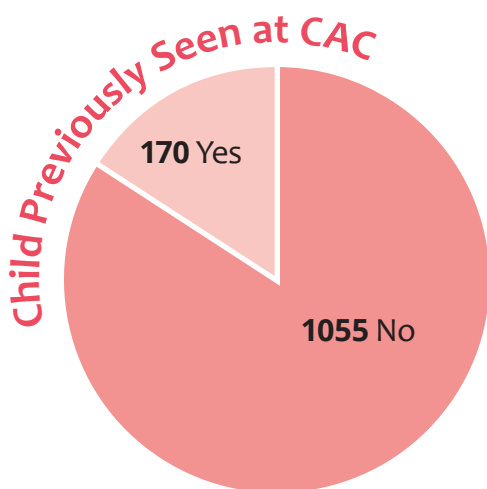
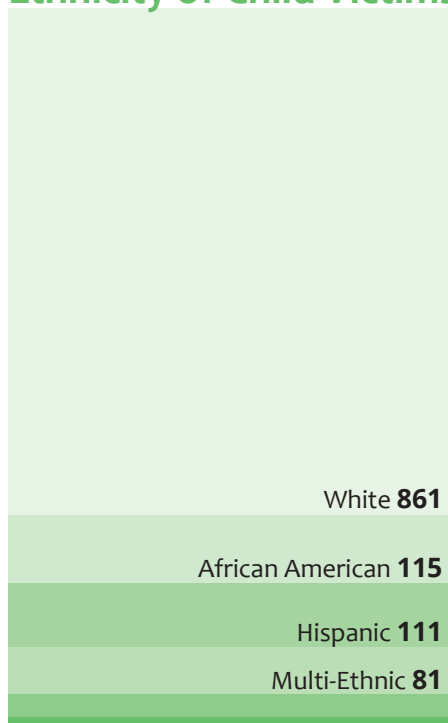
The need continues to grow.



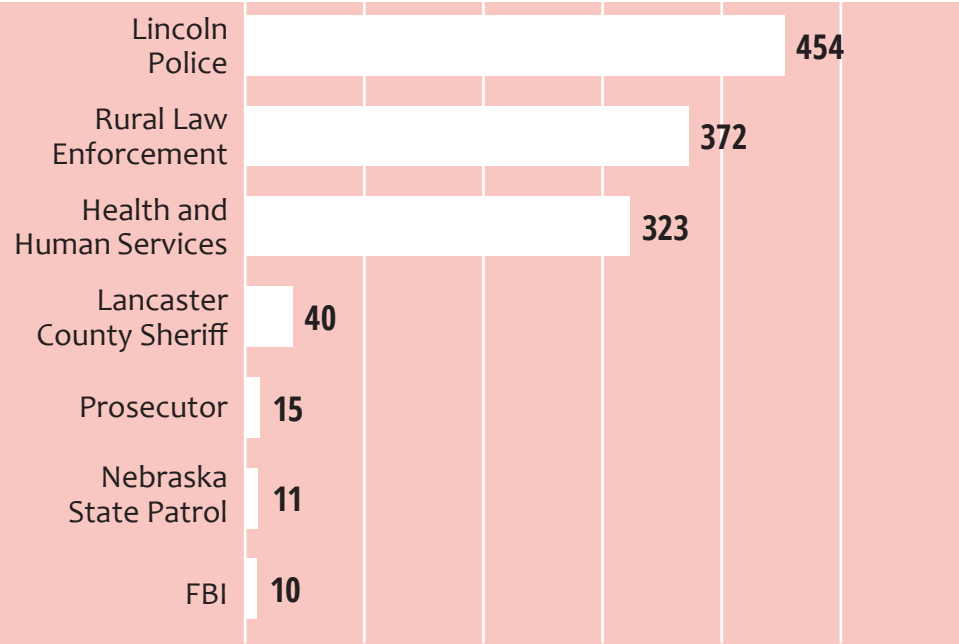
1225 Total Number of Unduplicated Child Victims Seen in 2019



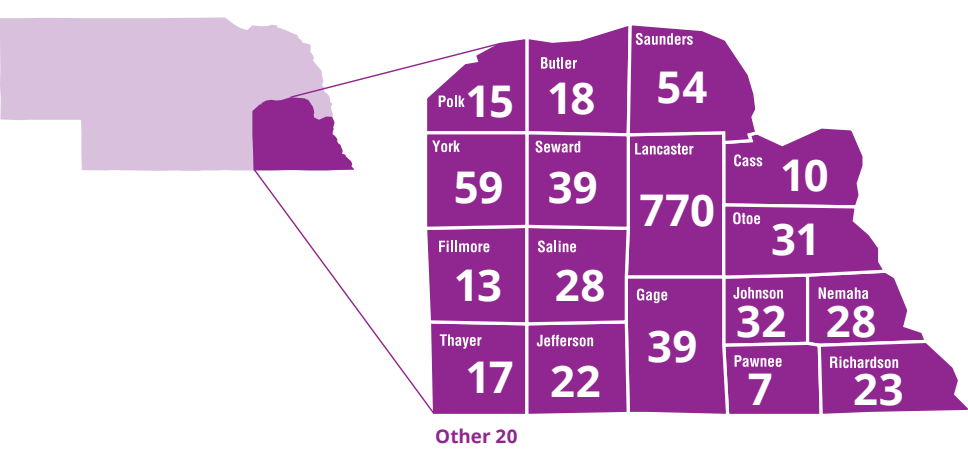
Ethnicity of Child Victims



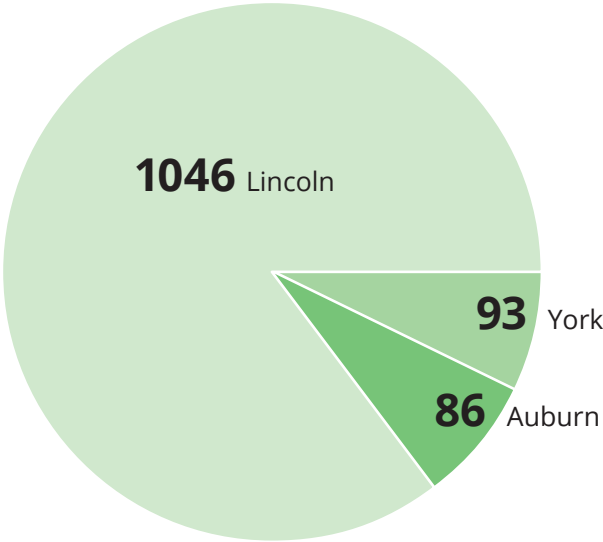
Referring Agency Comparison



County of Jurisdiction



Utilization of Satellite Offices *Children Seen by Location*

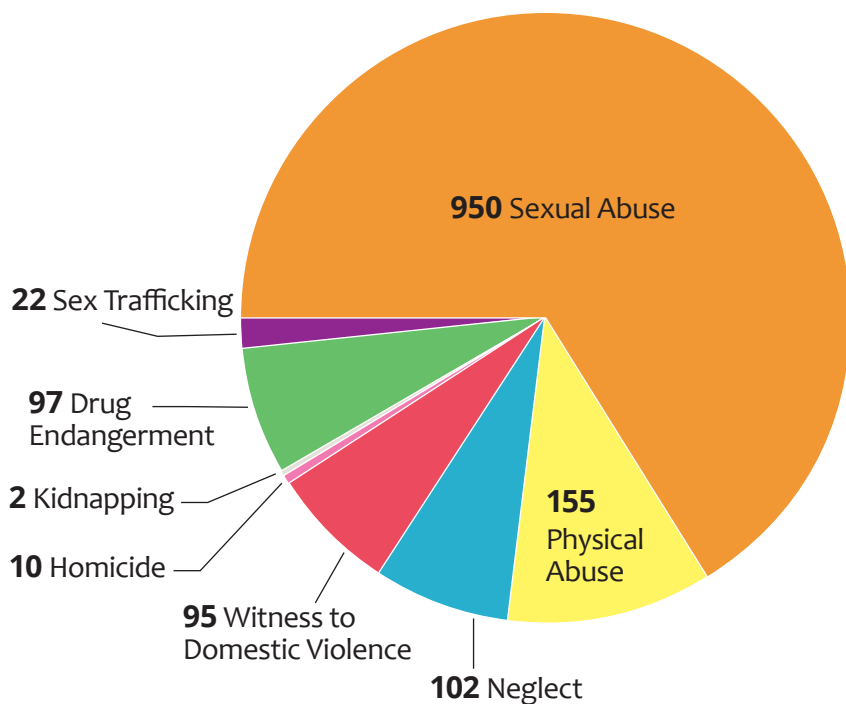




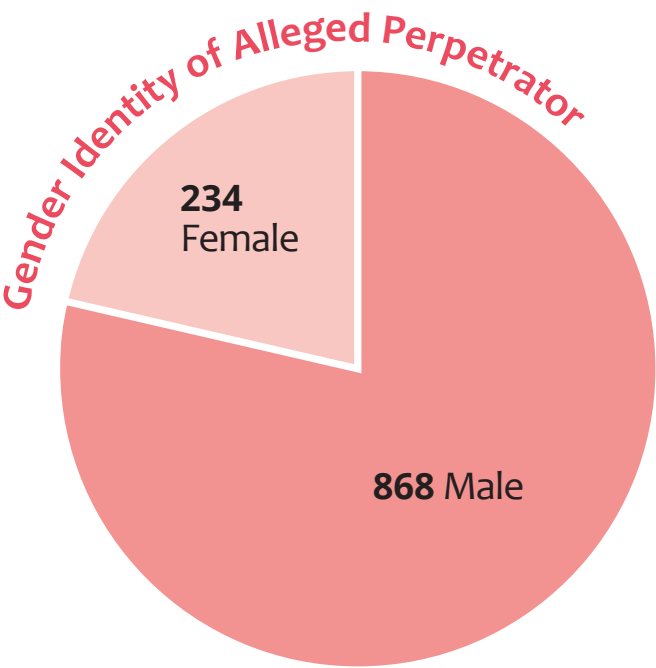
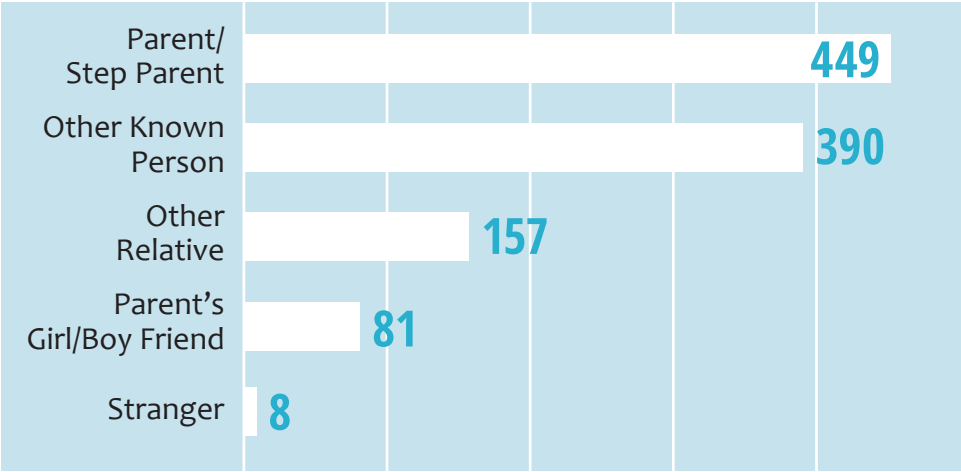
“That man I talked to was the nicest man I have ever talked to and I would talk to him about anything. I can tell he’s a good person. It’s nice to have people like him.”

– 10 year old boy served by the CAC

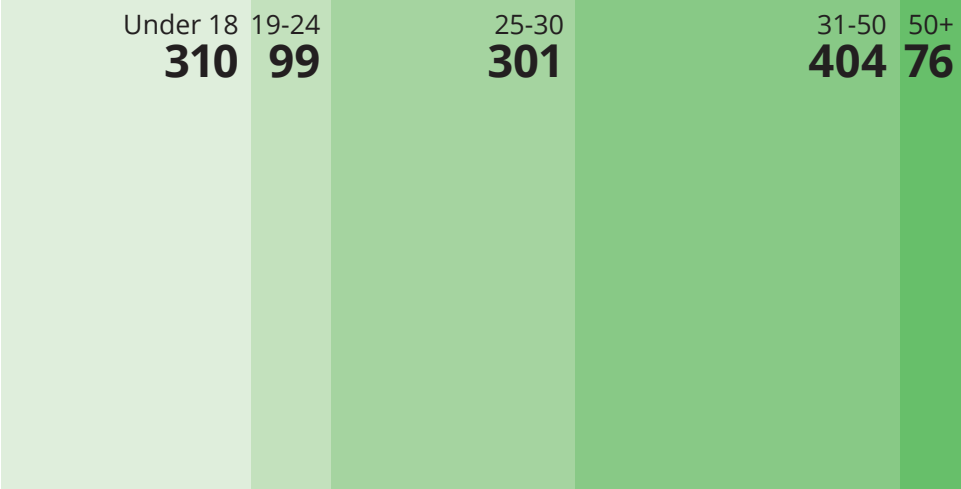
Reason for Referral



Alleged Perpetrator



Age of Alleged Perpetrator





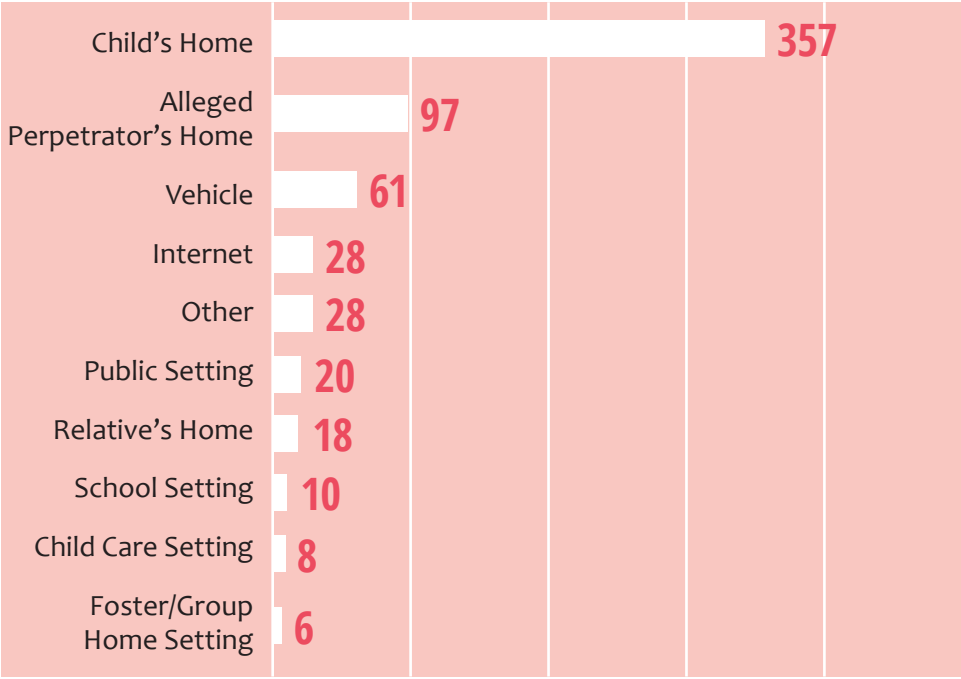
1130 Total Number of Forensic Interviews Conducted in 2019

“You will forever be one of my favorite people in the whole world, I truly admire and appreciate what you do every day. Thanks again for being there for us, today and every other day. You’ve been wonderful.”

– Mother of 7 and 10 year old girls served by the CAC



Location of Abuse



“Thanks again for your support, there are few words to describe how much we appreciate you.”

– Mother of 13 year old girl served by the CAC



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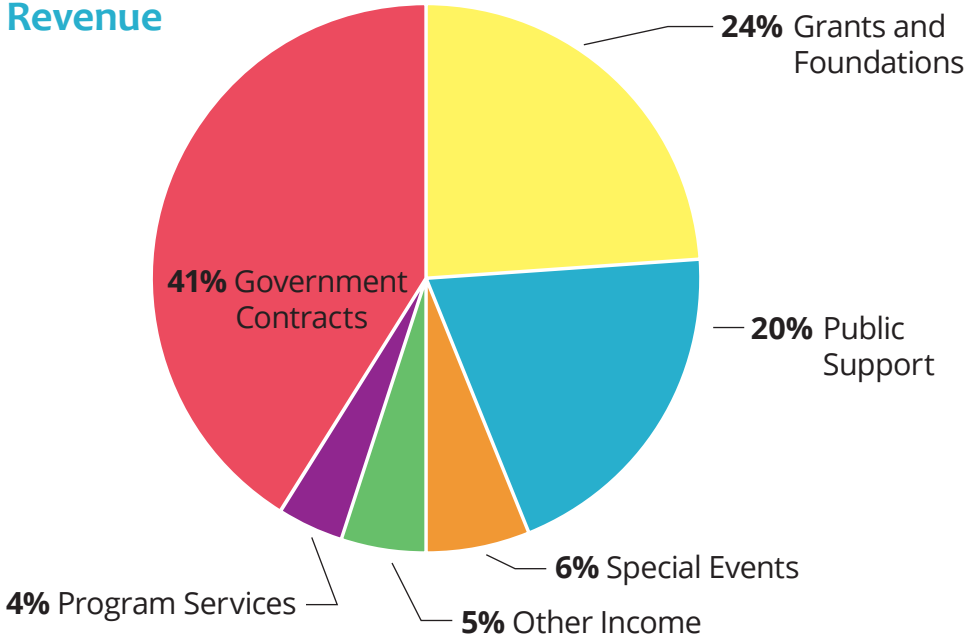
Total Number
of Medical
Evaluations
Conducted
in 2019

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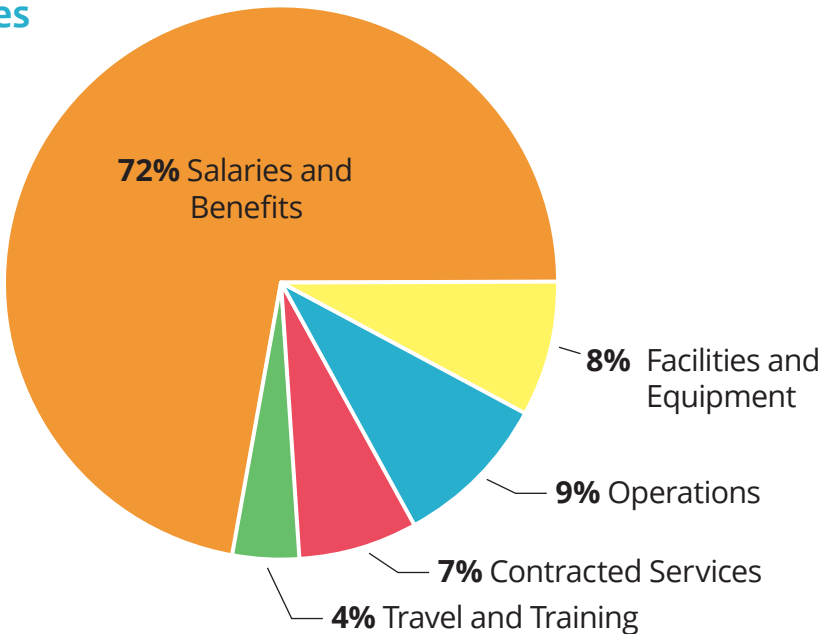
Total Hair Tests for Drug Exposure – 60% Positive Findings

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 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.
- **Human Trafficking** – 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 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

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)
- Journals or sensory toys (kinetic sand/coloring books/fidget spinners)
- Coffee K-Cups
- Gift cards or tickets for family experiences (movies, zoo)

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