



of the Ninth Judicial District

Annual Report

Child Abuse Survivors & Victims Served during 2022

- 272 children received a Forensic Interview
 - 191 child abuse victims were Female
 - 81 child abuse victims were Male

- 65% of the children we served were under 12 years of age
- 254 of the children we served suffered Child Sexual Abuse
- 55% of offenders were a parent, stepparent, parent's paramour or another family member
- 13 children reported with Multiple Victimizations
- 8 Forensic Medical Examinations were provided
- 1,414 Therapy sessions were completed by 89 child abuse victims and non-offending caregivers

SCAN – Body Safety Program served over 2,000 students enrolled in kindergarten, first, third, fifth and seventh grades attending **15** schools across the Ninth Judicial District. United Way of Loudon County supports Loudon County Schools receiving SCAN and the Teen Parent Education Program.

*United Way of Roane County supports Roane County Schools and Elgin Foundation supports services to Morgan County Schools and communities

Services Offered at Kids First Child Advocacy Center-

Forensic Interviews - Victim Services- Therapy- Forensic Medical Examinations- Services for the drug-endangered child- School-based intervention/prevention program- Education Group for Teen Parents (school-based)- Adult Survivor Therapy- Resource Library Provider (school-based) and provider of community education. Court Prep- Victim Advocacy and Victim Accompaniment for survivors of child abuse.

Forensic Interviewers (2) – Forensic Interviewer has received specialized training enabling her to interview victims and obtain information in a non-threatening or leading manner while remaining true to the Forensic Interviewer Protocol adopted by the CAC of the Ninth Judicial District and approved by the District Attorney General of the Ninth Judicial District.

Sexual Assault Advocate – This position works with the non-offending caregivers by educating them on the role of the CAC, the process of disclosure, the judicial system and the role of a CPIT. The S.A.A. may offer home visits, can accompany clients and non-offending caregivers to court, to file for legal services and protection, to obtain safe housing or to a victim's compensation hearing. The S.A.A. provides support through services at the community-based level and is a member of community-based CABs (Community Based Advisory Boards) as well as other support groups designed to meet the needs of this population.

She may assist the client and non-offending caregiver through intervention with an academic institution, in the purchasing of clothes, turning on electricity or paying a bill necessary to keep the family in a safe setting. The S.A.A. offers parenting classes and a group support group.

Family Services Specialist – This position works with non-offending caregivers as their children receive services from the CAC. She educates the family on the role of the CAC and the legal system. This position supports our Forensic Interviewers, serves and supports non-offending caregivers, the Executive Director and coordinates Volunteer Services.

Therapist (3) – Our Therapists provide evidence based, trauma-focused services and support to survivors and victims of severe child abuse. Also, to the non-offending caregivers of survivors and victims of severe child abuse. All therapists offer support, education, and coping skills to the client as well as the non-offending caregivers and adult survivors. Some of our therapists offer community education related to child abuse, may offer community support groups, and aid in the coordination of our school-based curriculum (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) and our Outreach Program. Our Outreach Program is made up of both our school-based SCAN Program and our Teen Mom Education Program. SCAN seeks to educate children between the ages of 5-13 on safe and unsafe touches, bullying, internet safety (age-appropriate) and to tell someone if a child experiences unsafe touches or is asked to keep secrets from caregivers that involve unsafe touches or pictures. Our Teen Mom Education Program is also school-based and is offered in two (2) of our counties. It is a 16-week curriculum and educates young parents on well-baby check-ups, child development, appropriate discipline, potty-training, selecting a caregiver, utilizing community resources, and taking care of themselves as they feel very isolated and over-whelmed. The program encourages these parents to remain in school and graduate with their diploma, refrain from additional unplanned pregnancies and secure prenatal care throughout a pregnancy. The statistics are better than 80% that these moms graduate from high school, do not have a second pregnancy before their 18th birthday and their infants tend not to come into state's custody at least while we are working with them.

Forensic Medical Services- Forensic Medical Examinations are performed by a SANE/FMNP (Sexual Assault Nurse Practitioner) employed by the Child Advocacy Center that has undergone specialized training for this type of specialized medical evaluation, which is non-evasive.

Executive Director – The Executive Director is responsible for: day-to-day operations, fiscal management, quality assurance, seeking, securing and implementation of grants, grant reporting, community education/support groups, program changes that will expedite services and improve service delivery, ensuring annual training needs for our Child Protective Investigative Team members are met by providing trainings applicable to each team member’s role and area of responsibility. The Executive Director directly reports to the board of directors and is a member of the Child Protective Investigative Team.