



FY 2019 Annual Report



SURVIVING SHAME

Join Chicago Children's Advocacy Center in a Round Table Discussion on Sexual Abuse in the Black Community. **WE'VE STOP SEXIST, RACIST OR ARCHAIK NOTIONS FROM IMPACTING OUR VIEW OF BLACK SEXUAL ABUSE.**

Join Us for Roundtable
Evening Reception
All activities are from 5-8pm

- Monday, 2/12/2019 @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 2/14/2019 @ 6:00 PM
- Thursday, 2/15/2019 @ 6:00 PM

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Round Table Panel Discussion
Friday, 2/15/2019
2-5pm



Dear Friends,

Over the past few years, we have all experienced an important shift in our society's culture to one that sees the steep toll sexual violence takes on all of us. We are making progress towards a culture that believes children when they tell us someone has hurt them, and towards one that is taking steps to prevent children from ever being sexually abused.

But our work is far from over. Sexual violence against children is a public health crisis, and we must be vigilant in preventing abuse and intervening when abuse has occurred. Children's lives depend on it. We must make the call to report suspected abuse. We must ensure children receive healing care and support. And we must enact policies and laws that protect children from harm.

At ChicagoCAC, we are answering the call.

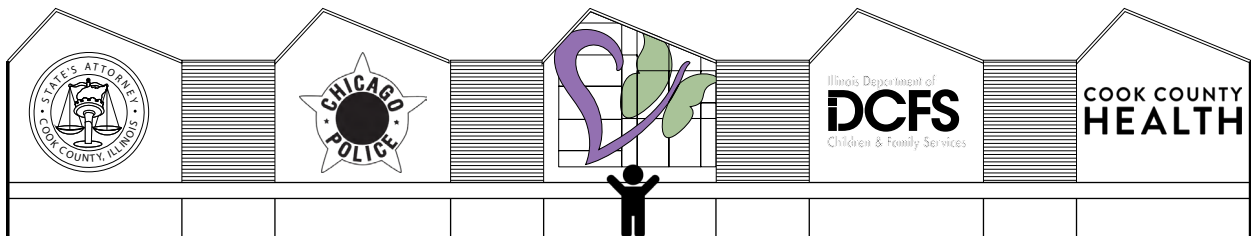
As you'll read, more children are coming through our doors each year following reports of sexual abuse, and we're helping more children who are victims of, and witnesses to, other violence. We've substantially increased our capacity to provide forensic interviews and trauma therapy so that our children can receive justice, heal and grow into healthy adults.

Beyond helping individual children and families, we're leveraging our expertise across the city, state and country. We've expanded our advocacy efforts to support laws to protect children, prevent child abuse and ensure that every child has access to trauma-informed care.

You are helping us answer the call. You are helping to ensure all children in our city are protected from sexual harm. Thank you for standing with us. Together, we can end child sexual abuse in Chicago!

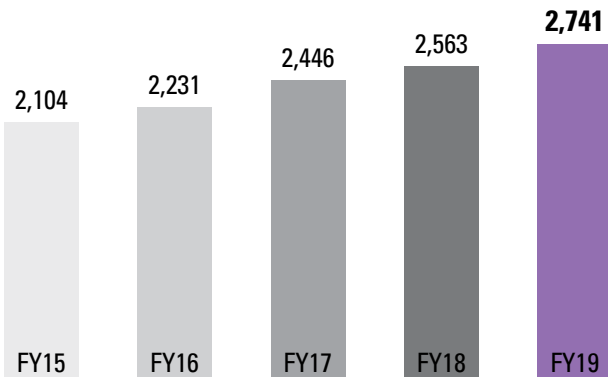
Sincerely,

Char Rivette
Executive Director



Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and our partners are the front-line responders in Chicago to reports of child sexual abuse. We also respond to reports of child physical abuse, witness to violence, and other serious maltreatment. Since opening our doors in 2001, we have served more than 38,000 children.

30% INCREASE IN REPORTS OF ABUSE & MALTREATMENT RECEIVED OVER 5 YEARS



REPORT TYPES

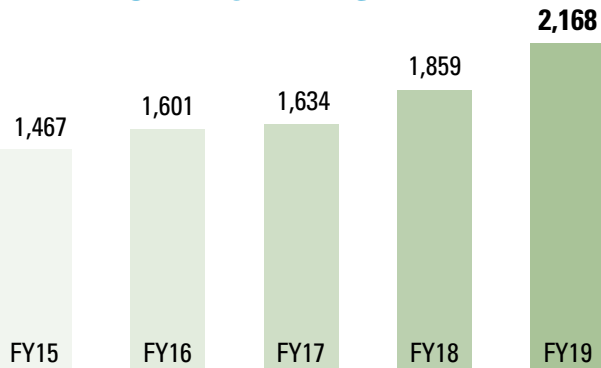
- 2,161 child sexual abuse
- 344 witness to violence
- 124 physical abuse
- 57 trafficking
- 55 risk of harm



Our forensic interviewers helped more children tell their truth than ever before.

We provided 2,979 rides for our families, ensuring their access to care and engagement in services.

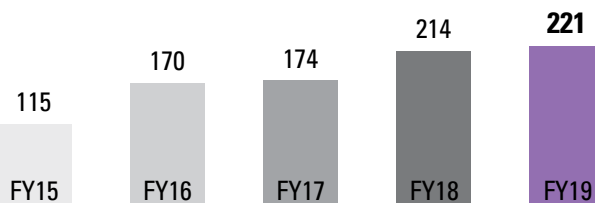
48% INCREASE IN FORENSIC INTERVIEWS PROVIDED OVER 5 YEARS



Our child life team served 3,715 clients and siblings. They provided 16,496 hours of compassionate, caring, child-led play.

92% INCREASE IN TRAUMA THERAPY CAPACITY OVER 5 YEARS

Average children served by therapy team per month



Our team provided 5,730 hours of therapy to help children heal from trauma.

Our Education, Prevention & Policy department reached more than 50,000 people this year. They provided in-person prevention education to 6,802 people in community-based settings and reached more than 45,000 people through online education sessions.



IMPROVING POLICY TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Along with our active supporters, we worked closely with elected leaders to protect children from abuse and to raise the voices of survivors. This year, our advocacy efforts resulted in several essential pieces of legislation in Illinois becoming law.

- **Mandated reporter training:** PA101-0564 requires all mandated reporters in Illinois to receive training about mandated reporting, and requires clergy to report all types of child abuse and neglect, not just sexual abuse.
- **Educator sexual misconduct:** PA101-0531 improves protections for K-12 students from educator sexual misconduct in the school code, including protecting students from repeat interviews after alleged educator abuse.
- **Definition of consent:** PA101-0579 requires that sex education taught in K-12 schools include age-appropriate instruction on the meaning of consent.



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIORS

With training from the University of Oklahoma, we started providing intervention and treatment services for children who display problematic sexual behavior.

Nearly 25% of the referrals we receive involve an alleged offender who is under age 18. In addition to starting individual and group therapy for children and caregivers, new practices are in place to identify children with problematic sexual behavior and access treatment as quickly as possible. We are building partnerships with government and nonprofit organizations to develop greater capacity in Chicago to help these youth.

In April, Executive Director Char Rivette was honored with the Annual Victim Services Award by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. Char was recognized for her dedication to child victims of physical and sexual abuse through program development, advocacy and collaboration.

In May, Senator Richard Durbin and Congressman Danny Davis visited the center to announce their RISE from Trauma Act. [View their press conference.](#)



TRAINING FOR CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In June 2018, the [Betrayed series of special reports by the *Chicago Tribune*](#) exposed years of Chicago Public Schools' failure to protect students from sexual abuse in alarming numbers. The report found that CPS mishandled more than 500 cases of child sexual abuse.

Following the report, [we announced a partnership with CPS](#) that immediately developed a district-wide awareness campaign and a customized, large-scale training program for all 37,000+ CPS staff and vendors – from administrators to teachers to bus drivers – about preventing and responding to child sexual abuse. The training was delivered before the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

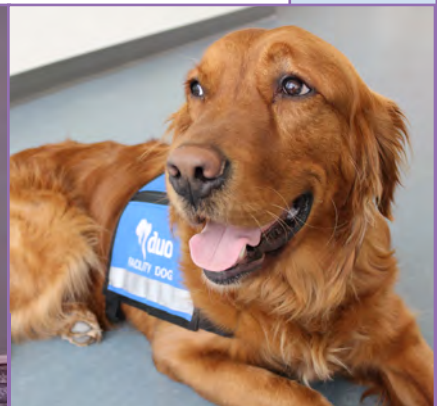
Our ongoing work with CPS includes continued specialized training for staff and providing services and support for students, parents and CPS staff when sexual abuse occurs.



We celebrated the career and retirement of Tammy Bates this year. In 34 years at DCFS, Tammy touched the lives of countless children as the first manager of the DCFS team located at the center, helping create our original operating protocols in 2001! The DCFS unit at the center has been dedicated to her, honoring her legacy of service for children.



The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation received the 2019 Community Philanthropy Leadership Award from National Children's Alliance. Lloyd A. Fry III accepted the award at NCA's annual Leadership Conference. The foundation has partnered with us since 2004 to build our mental health services.



In November 2018, our new full-time facility dog, Mac, began his job at the center. Mac is a golden retriever who provides companionship, comfort and emotional support to children. Mac came to us from Duo Dogs in St. Louis.



Members of the Junior League of Chicago host monthly "community nights" at the center, providing food and a variety of crafts and games for our children. Families look forward to this night out! In March, we were thrilled to be the featured nonprofit partner at Junior League's annual gala.

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK GIRLS' & WOMEN'S VOICES AND EXPERIENCES

The ongoing impact of Tarana Burke's #MeToo Movement and the premier of dream hampton's *Surviving R. Kelly* docuseries held national attention throughout the year. As a Chicago native with many local victims, R. Kelly has a particularly strong impact on our community.

In February, we hosted afternoon viewings of the docuseries, followed by an engaging round table discussion on sexual abuse in the Black community. We then joined forces with other organizations to create Sisters Speak, a Chicago coalition to end sexual violence against Black girls and women.

We also launched our **Bridging The Gap** educational series to address and combat the stereotypes and myths that influence how the public thinks about child sexual abuse, particularly in communities of color. Events this year included *Resisting Myths and Reducing Shame: Understanding the Impact of Rape Culture on the African American Community* and *Cookies, Coffee & Conversation with Cops & DCFS*.

[View our op-ed as it ran in *The Chicago Defender*.](#)



We were deeply saddened this year by the passing of Manny De La Torre (far left). As a detective in the Chicago Police Department, Manny joined its new Special Investigations Unit when the center opened in 2001. Manny's skills as a child abuse detective were unparalleled, and he brought smiles to hundreds of children every year as Santa at our Kids' Holiday Party.

HONORING LOCAL HEROES

On October 10, 2018, we launched our new fall event, A Night of Heroes, to celebrate Chicagoans dedicated to protecting our children from abuse. Over 300 guests enjoyed a festive evening with a brief program honoring children's heroes in law enforcement. The event raised more than \$130,000 to restore the lives of children and families impacted by sexual abuse and help them seek the justice they deserve.



LUMINARIES LIGHT THE WAY

In May, we honored Pat and Betsy Canning of KPMG at our Luminary Award Dinner. Children have been at the very center of Pat and Betsy's philanthropy and civic leadership, and Chicago is a safer city for children and families thanks to them.

That evening, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx also shared a passionate message about her experience as a survivor of child sexual abuse and the importance of supporting the children and families who come to ChicagoCAC.

Thanks to our generous donors, sponsors, Luminaries and Host Committee, we raised a record-breaking \$680,000!



VOLUNTEERS & DONORS HELP OUR FAMILIES CELEBRATE

Through our two annual supply drives, our community of supporters made life brighter for our children and families.

In August 2018, we sent more than 600 children back to school with brand new backpacks filled with school supplies – double the number of backpacks given in 2017! Generous community members collected backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons and more to equip our children with the tools to succeed in the year ahead.

At our Kids' Holiday Party in December, hundreds of children and caregivers celebrated the season over lunch, games, crafts and other activities in a safe, cheerful environment. Generous friends donated thousands of toys so our caregivers could "shop" for their children free of charge. We gave toys to more than 600 children!

CORPORATIONS SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES

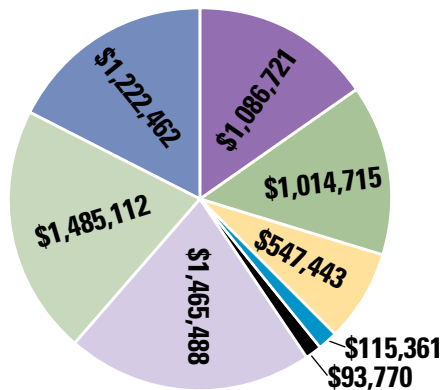
The Chicago office of Oliver Wyman selected us as their charity partner this year. The staff raised \$106,000 through their annual holiday party and charity auction – the most they've ever raised for any charity partner!

Our corporate partners help drive our work and bring smiles to children's faces. In addition to their financial contributions, long-time partners such as Walgreens, CDW, C+R Research, QTC and Horizon Therapeutics host back-to-school supply and holiday toy drives for our children. And staff contribute hours of their valuable time volunteering at events and for special projects.



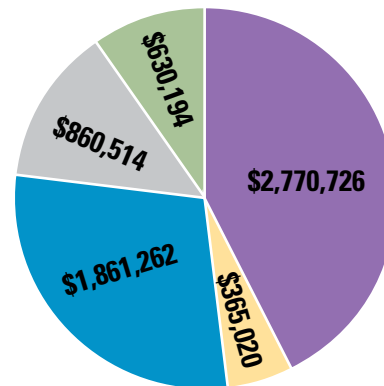
OUR FINANCES | JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

REVENUE: \$7,031,073



- Individuals, Events & Corporations
- Private Grants
- Growing & Giving
- Training/Other
- County
- Federal
- State
- City

EXPENSES: \$6,487,716



- Advocacy & Investigations
- Education, Outreach & Prevention
- Family Hope Center
- Management & General
- Fundraising

Note: The above presentation is unaudited and excludes the net effect of a 10-year lease donated by the City of Chicago as well as in-kind contributions and contributed services.

Public Funders: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, National Children’s Alliance, and Cook County.

Net Assets June 30, 2018: \$6,165,767 • June 30, 2019: \$6,709,124 • Change in Net Assets: \$543,357

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Tom Sampson and Julie Shelton served on our Board of Directors for over a decade. Tom's service included two terms as President, and Julie's included two terms as Vice President. During that time, thanks to their leadership, ChicagoCAC experienced tremendous growth and accomplishments, including completion of our building addition in spring 2015. We thank Tom and Julie for their outstanding service and leadership.



OUR CORE VALUES

- 1 Freedom from abuse and exploitation is a basic human right.
- 2 The center is a safe place for everyone who enters its doors.
- 3 The collaborative process is the best approach to prevent and respond to child abuse.
- 4 Our children and families deserve to receive the highest standard of care available.
- 5 Best-practice interventions can restore lives.



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