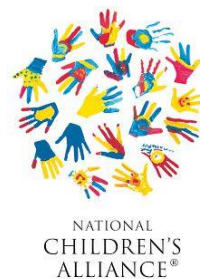


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A Message from Leadership

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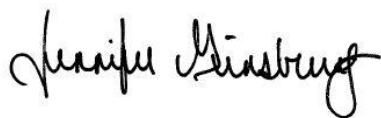
Thank you for your interest in Safe Harbor and the children we serve. Child Abuse is not something any of us like to think about. But we know that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 20 boys will be sexually abused, which means that so many children in Dane County and surrounding counties are going through this right now.

In 2023 Safe Harbor served 430 children. About 62% have been sexually abused. We also see children who have experienced other kinds of abuse and trauma. On any day we might serve a 7-year-old who has been sexually assaulted by a step-parent; a 10-year-old who takes care of their younger siblings because his parents are incapacitated by the opioid epidemic; a 14-year-old who is exploited over the internet by an adult posing as a teenager; an 8-year-old who called 911 because his mother was getting choked by her boyfriend and couldn't breathe; or a 4-year-old wearing a sling because of a broken clavicle due to abuse. These stories are difficult to hear and heartbreaking. Our job at Safe Harbor is to not turn away, and I'm so glad you are not turning away either.

At Safe Harbor we provide critical services that help to put children on the road to healing and recovery. We listen to their voices and put them at the center of all we do.

Thank you for your support.

In peace,



Jennifer Ginsburg, MSSW, LCSW
Executive Director



Our Mission & Services

OUR HISTORY

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center opened in 1999. We are the only Child Advocacy Center in Dane County. There are 16 Child Advocacy Centers in Wisconsin and over 900 nationwide. Law enforcement, child protection, prosecutors, and medical providers come together to this single location to collaborate and ultimately reduce the number of times the child has to share and relive their story. Since opening our doors, we have served more than over 5,000 children and their families free of charge.

OUR MISSION

Safe Harbor seeks to reduce the trauma to children who are victims of abuse or neglect or witnesses to crimes, by promoting the coordination of multidisciplinary investigations, conducting forensic interviews in a child-friendly environment, and providing ongoing advocacy to affected children and families.

OUR SERVICES

Our services are engaged through referral from law enforcement or child protective services.

Forensic Interviews in a Child-Friendly Environment

Safe Harbor provides a safe and friendly place for a child to talk about what has happened to them. Safe Harbor forensic interviewers are highly trained in best practice interviewing methods and child development. The forensic interview is video recorded, so that the statement can be considered for use in court.

Ongoing Advocacy to Affected Children & Families

Safe Harbor provides family advocacy services to non-offending caregivers of children who are interviewed at Safe Harbor. Family Advocates provide support for caregivers both at the time of the interview and on an ongoing basis. In addition, Family Advocates can voice concerns of the caregiver to the investigative team.

Family Advocates provide families with **quick access to mental health services** through referral to immediate crisis counseling and/or longer term treatment. Family Advocates assist the team and the family in **considering and scheduling important medical exams** at Meriter's Forensic Nurse Examiners Program or the UWHealth Child Protection Program at American Family Children's Hospital. Many families who attend Safe Harbor are in need of basic resources. Family Advocates connect families with **Emergency Assistance funds** such as gas and grocery gift cards, rental assistance, energy bill assistance, and more.

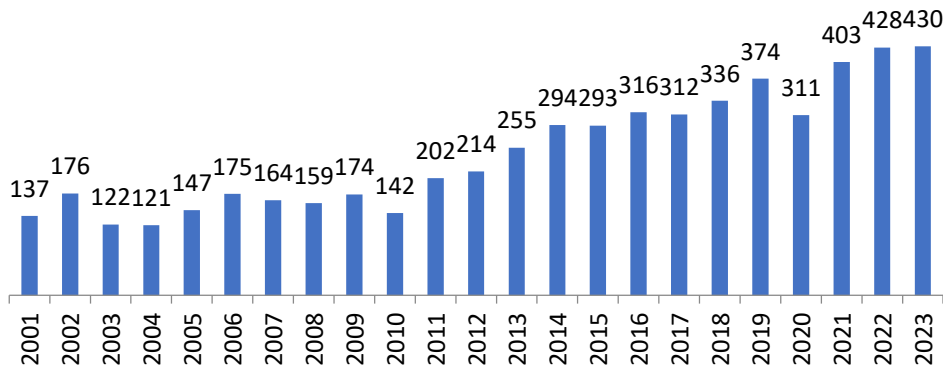
Promoting the Coordination of Multidisciplinary Investigations

Safe Harbor brings together a multidisciplinary team of professionals with the philosophy that collaboration is essential for an effective investigation and intervention process.

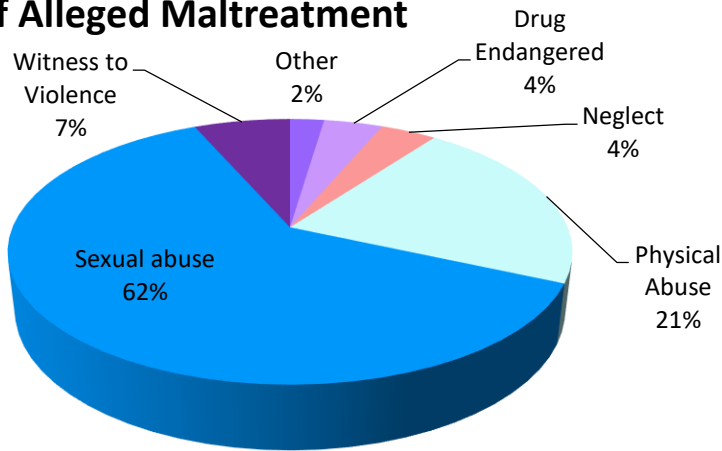
Forensic Interviews

Safe Harbor provided **430 child forensic interviews** in 2023. The chart below shows the number of interviews each year since Safe Harbor was founded.

Forensic Interviews of Children



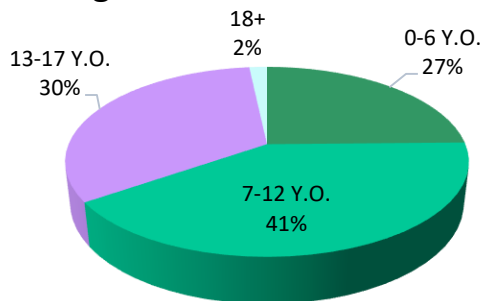
Types of Alleged Maltreatment



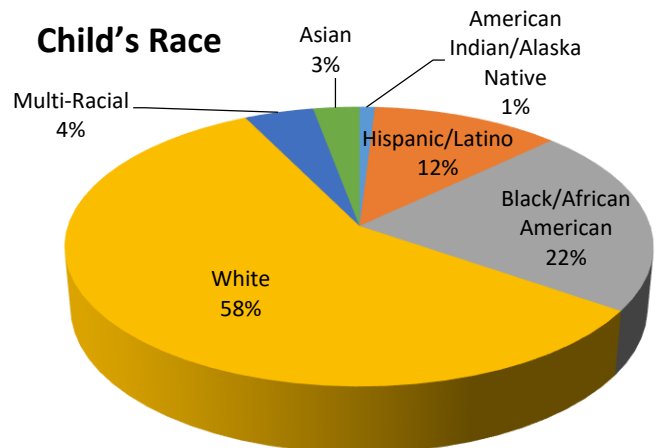
The chart to the left illustrates the breakdown of forensic interviews at Safe Harbor in 2023 by maltreatment type. The vast majority of cases involve allegations of sexual abuse, followed by physical abuse, witness to violence, neglect, and drug endangered children cases.

The pie charts to the right show clients by age and race in 2023. The majority of abuse victims are 12 years old or younger. Based on mental health referrals, we observed that 66% of clients identify as female and 34% identify as male.

Child's Age



Child's Race



Advocacy & the Team Response

Family Advocacy

Family Advocates provided services to 435 caregivers in 2023. This work entailed making **2,719 contacts** with caregivers and others on their behalf over the course of 2023.

Trauma Treatment

A critical factor in healing and recovery is access to trauma-focused mental health treatment. Safe Harbor provides short term crisis intervention and assessment, and contracts with providers for long term assessments and treatment. In 2023 Safe Harbor was able to add a position of trauma specialist to provide services and support the MDT who is working with traumatic material every day. **In 2023, Safe Harbor provided over 320 sessions and referred an additional 40 children for long term services**

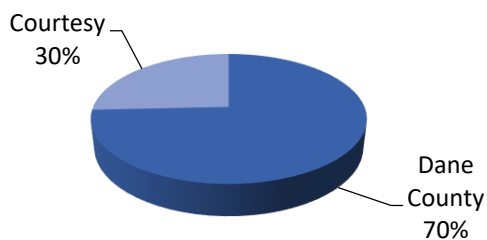


Ensuring Best Practices for Children

In addition to providing services, Safe Harbor coordinates county-wide best practice protocols. An important goal is to institutionalize best practices, so that there are clear standards and expectations for all the systems that come into play when child abuse is exposed. These protocols include child abuse response, drug endangered children, and commercial sex trafficking. Safe Harbor also coordinates monthly case reviews, to ensure that the protocols are being followed and the team is working together effectively.

Serving Surrounding Areas

County of Investigation



Safe Harbor serves Dane County. However, we also provide services to other counties as a courtesy if the child lives in Dane County or there is no Child Advocacy Center available in the county where the incident occurred. In 2023, Safe Harbor provided **130 courtesy interviews** for outside counties.

Financial Report

FY2023 (Oct 1 2022- Sep 30 2023)

Support & Revenue

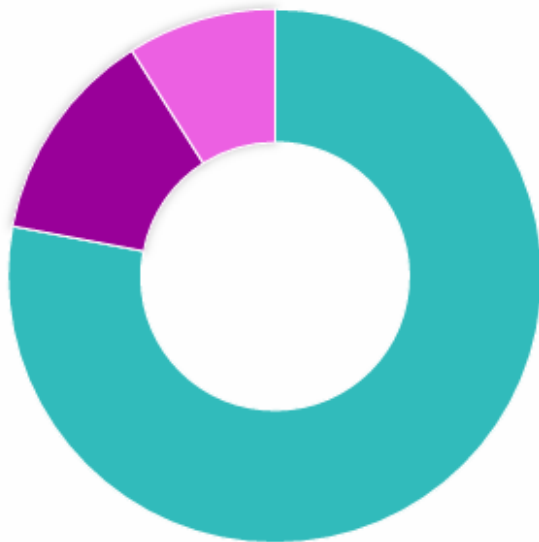
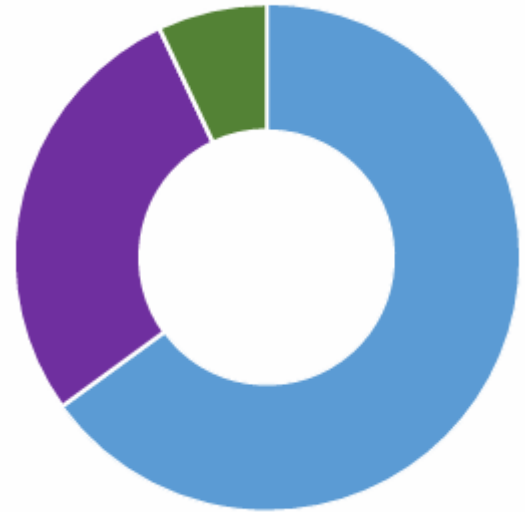
As a non-profit, Safe Harbor is reliant on the generosity of the community to fulfill our mission. The graph to the right shows we are funded through grants, fundraising, and our community partners.

Grant and contract Revenue: \$671,921 [63%]

Contributions: \$333,024 [31%]

Investment return, net: \$63,391 [~6%]

Total Support & Revenue: \$1,068,336



Expenses

As you can see to the left, the vast majority of our expenses go towards direct services for the children and families we serve. This is vital to providing support and a trauma-informed, healing-focused environment.

Program Services: \$781,434 [79%]

Management and General: \$115,098 [12%]

Fundraising: \$90,931 [9%]

Total Expenses: \$987,460

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Caitlin Scales, Family Advocate
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