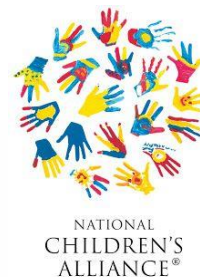




Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center

Annual Report 2021



2445 Darwin Rd. Ste. 20 Madison, WI 53704 • info@safeharborhelpskids.org • 608-661-9787

For Safe Harbor staff contact information, visit our website!
<https://www.safeharborhelpskids.org/>

A Message from Leadership

Dear Friends,

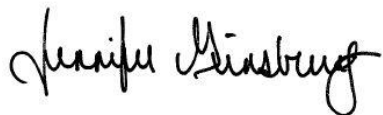
After an anticipated quieting of activities in 2020, we came roaring back in 2021 with Safe Harbor serving over 400 children, more than ever to date. Our Family Advocates served 436 caregivers, providing over 1,900 advocacy contacts to assist with immediate needs, mental health referrals, and crisis counseling. Our work is essential, and is always provided in person.

In 2021, as children had more contact with mandatory reporters (adults outside of the home who must report disclosures of abuse), there was a 25% increase in referrals to Safe Harbor. We also saw an increase in severity of physical abuse, as well as an increase in drug endangered children, as the opioid epidemic reaches new heights.

This reality can be discouraging and painful. But our tenacious, kind, and skilled staff know that we make a critical difference as we provide trauma-informed forensic interviews and advocacy, guiding children and families onto the path of healing and justice. We do this with the invaluable partnership of law enforcement, child protective services, forensic health care, and mental health professionals. Together, we work as a team to minimize the trauma of children who have suffered abuse. We feel inspired by the courage and resilience we see every day.

Safe Harbor, the only Child Advocacy Center in Dane County, wouldn't be here without the support of our all-volunteer Board of Directors, and the generosity of private donors, foundations, and government funders. We are grateful to our community for ensuring that Safe Harbor is here to serve.

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 4,000 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.

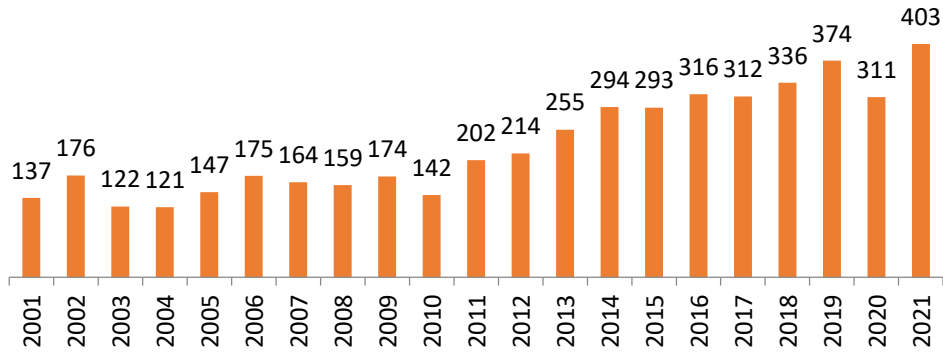
Promoting the Coordination of Multidisciplinary Investigations

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

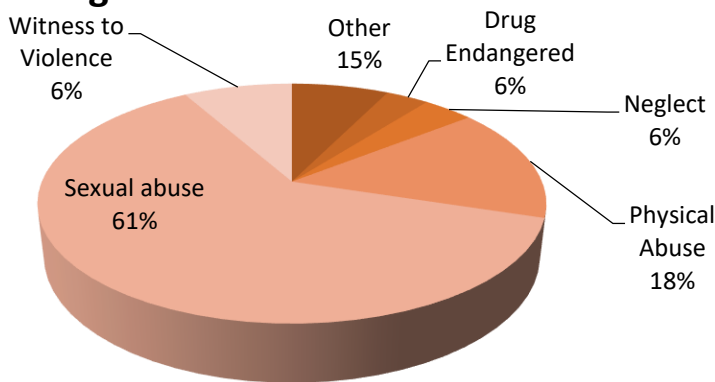
Forensic Interviews

Safe Harbor provided **403 child forensic interviews** in 2021. The chart below shows the number of interviews each year since Safe Harbor was founded.

Forensic Interviews of Children



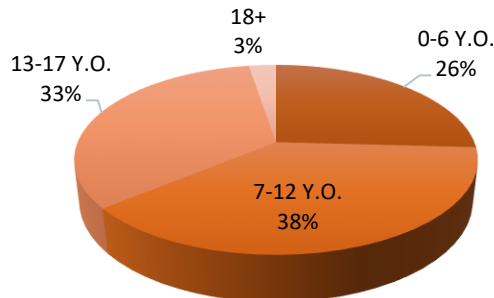
Types of Alleged Maltreatment



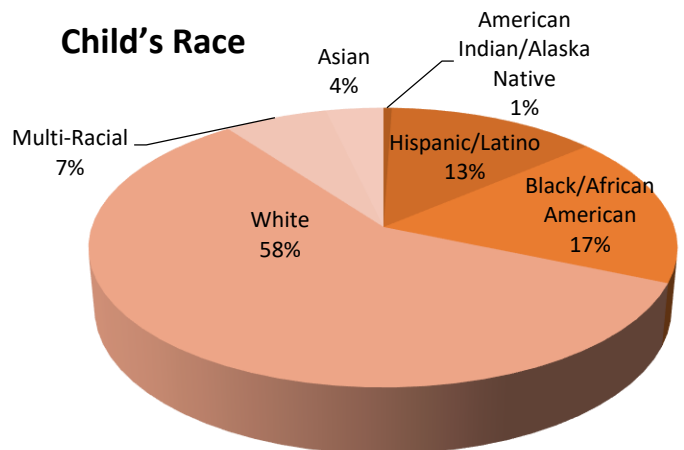
The chart to the left illustrates the breakdown of forensic interviews at Safe Harbor in 2021 by maltreatment type. The vast majority of cases involve allegations of sexual abuse, followed by physical abuse, witness to violence, neglect, and drug endangered children cases.

The pie charts to the right show clients by age and race in 2021. The majority of abuse victims are 12 years old or younger. Based on mental health referrals, we observed that ~75% of clients identify as female and ~25% identify as male.

Child's Age



Child's Race



Advocacy & the Team Response

Family Advocacy

Family Advocates provided services to 426 caregivers in 2021. This work entailed making **1,952 contacts** with caregivers over the course of 2021.

Referral to Mental Health Treatment

A critical service to help traumatized children heal is trauma-focused mental health treatment. Safe Harbor facilitates and funds mental health assessments as well as crisis counseling for child abuse victims and their caregivers. These services are expedited, without barriers and geared specifically for traumatized children. **In 2021, Family Advocates made 164 referrals for mental health services.**

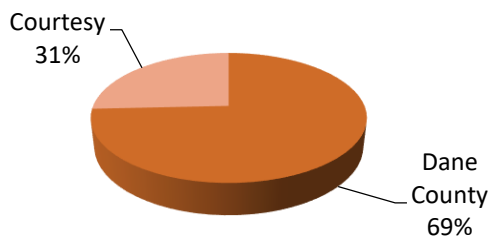


Protocol for the Multidisciplinary Team Response

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 2021, Safe Harbor provided **120 courtesy interviews** for outside counties. Outside of Dane, the top 3 counties who accessed Safe Harbor in 2021 were Sauk, Juneau, and Richland.

Financial Report

FY2021 (Oct 1 2020- Sep 30 2021)

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: \$555,913 [61%]

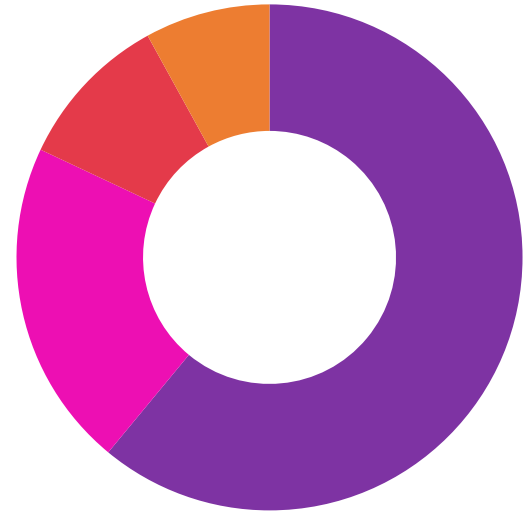
Contributions: \$196,339 [21%]

Investment return, net: \$91,554 [10%]

Paycheck Protection Program Loan (forgiven): \$73,600 [8%]

Interest income: \$4 [~.000004%]

Total Support & Revenue: \$917,470



Expenses

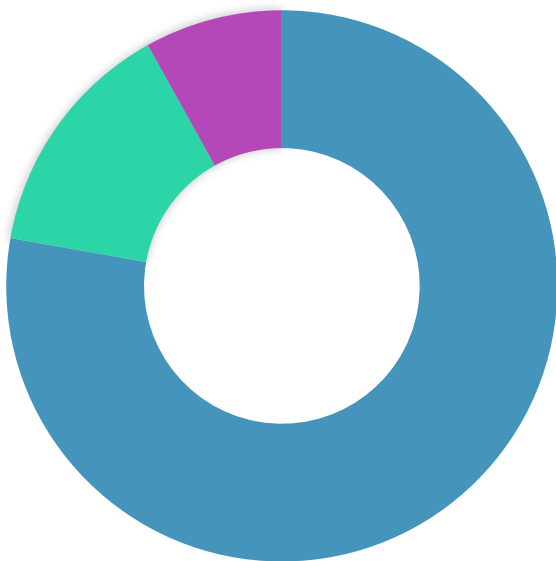
As you can see to the left, the vast majority of our expenses go towards direct services for the children and families we serve. This is vital to providing support and a trauma-informed, healing-focused environment.

Program Services: \$545,009 [77%]

Management and General: \$98,803 [14%]

Fundraising: \$60,111 [8%]

Total Expenses: \$703,923



2021 Financial Supporters

Government Contracts

Dane County Department of Human Services
State of Wisconsin Office of Crime Victim Services
Wisconsin Department of Justice

Event Sponsors

Business/Foundation/Organization Sponsors

AFSCME Dane County Professional Social Workers
Local 2634
Balisle Family Law
Boardman & Clark, LLP
Borns Law Office LLC
Colony Brands Foundation, Inc.
CUNA Mutual Group
DeWitt Law Firm LLP
Fetch Rewards, Inc.
Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin
Madison Professional Police Officers Association
Miner Barnhill & Galland, P.C.
Numbers 4 Nonprofits
Perkins Coie
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Beta Xi Chapter
TASC Give Back Foundation
The Perkins Coie Foundation
Wegner CPAs LLP

Individual Sponsors

Sarah Bloom-Gustafson
Peter Davis
Susan Goodwin & Al Fish
Mary Beth Keppel
Michael McDonald
Maureen McGlynn Flanagan
Meg McGrane
Stephen Morton
Andrew Petersen
Theresa Roetter

Supporters

Business/Foundation/Organization Supporters

Boeve Family Charitable Fund
Epic Charitable Fund
Lang Family Charitable Fund
Lynch Family Giving Fund
Madison Community Foundation
Madison Investments
Madison Rotary Foundation
Park Towne Development Corp.
Spa Pro LLC
UW Hospitals & Clinics Authority
Veridian Homes

Individual Supporters

Christine Ahern
Tom and Susan Alesia
Elizabeth Allen
Zach Angerthal
Anne Arnesen
Carrie Astin
Dr. Greg Avey
Melinda Bailey
Mary & Mark Baker
Noella Balestracci
Joel Bardsley
Jess Barrett
Shannon Barry
Joanne Becker
LaVonne Bennett
Natalie Benson
Bonnie Benson
Linda & Niles Berman
Eugene & Marty Berman
Kristen Bernard
Dawn Berney
Lisa Bertram
David Bieranoski
Curtis Bjurlin
Brian & Mary Blanchard
Chris Boyd
Kathleen Braun
Christen Brockner
Elizabeth Brownson
Jason Buehrle
Jim & Katie Butman
Rafael Caban
Jarell Casper
Brad Chandler
Jacob Cherney
Kristi Cherney
Tim & Elly Chybowski
Thomas Clark
Jamie Corey
Cathy Cornell
Peggy Crooks-Mishacoff
Detective Jesse Crowe
Anna DeBruine
Therese Dickson
Michael Dickson
Gordon Disch
Marianne Donelan
Steve & Diane Donelan
Eve & Joseph Dorman
Jude & Phil Edmonds
Laurie Elwell
Regina & Bradley Endres
Anna Engelhart
Christopher Engelke
Jeff Eral
Oliver Eral
Henry Eral
Carla Eral
Greg Esser
Michael Falk
Carol Faynik
Karen Felder
Fayme Filipiak
Kevin Flanagan
Celsie Fluharty
Cristina Follen
Mary Forsythe
Gary & Deb Foster
Mary Frances Rowley
John & Julie Franz
Drew Fuhrman
Javier Funk
Layla Gage
Emily Gage
Robert Gage
Zach Galvin
Jamie Gennrich
Edward Gilkes
David Ginsburg
Marshall Ginsburg
Sharon Godding
Tony Granato

Individual Supporters

Elizabeth Grande Schwahn	Mona Lazar	Andy Nguyen	Alyssa Shaffer
Gavin & Vicky Grice	Angella Lee	Kathryn Nichol	Stephanie Skladzien
Ralph & Claire Grunewald	Mark Levitt	Kristin Noel	Dannielle Smith
Janet Hagen	Jane Lewis	Paul Norman	Florian Smoczynski
Sean Hagert	Rachel Light	Bernard & Nancy Nugent	John & Sharon Soman
Shreedhar Hardikar	David Link	Hope Nye	Erik & Maureen Sorensen
Carol Hassemer	Amy Link	Liz Odgren	Andrea Spiker
Stephanie Hayden	Remy Lobo	Debora Olin	Stefanie Spohn
Carly Hebl	Jennifer Luther	Kyle Olsen	Noel Stanton
Lisa Hebl	Laurie Lutz	Susan Oppenheimer	Sharon Stumbras
Desiree Heimbecker	Erin Lye	Ismael Ozanne	Edith Sullivan
Carol Heins-Daniels	John Lye	John & Verna Perkins	Tom & Nancy Sundal
Shane & Meaghan Henry	Marcia MacKenzie	Joe & Laura Peterson	Sam Thill
Stephanie Hilton	Tammy Madsen	Kris Pflaging	Betsy Thill
TJ Holsen	Meghan Maglente	Kevin Pflaging	Jodie Thill
David Hubanks	July Maglente	Kristin Pille	Brian Thill
Andee Johnson	Rodelo Maglente	Jack Plasterer	Mary Thompson
Eric Johnson	Kate Malkow	Ryan Poe-Gavliniski	Patricia Titti-Garfoot
Brian & Julie Johnson	Mary Malkow	Andrea Poehling	Jen Tooley
John Judge	Jeffrey & Letitia Mann	Janet Poff	Bob & Anne Trunzo
Kyle Kaplan	John Markson	Tom Pope	Matthew Tully
Joan Karis	Kathleen Martin	Katelyn Premo	Donna Ulteig
Brady Kates	Debra Martin	Mark Premo	Dirk Van Leeuwen
Tisha Kawahara	Billy Maybee Jr	Laura President-Seeley	Tom & Jennifer Vos
Mary Beth Keppel & Michael Kepler	Theresa McClurg	Ray President-Seely	Scot Wagner
Andrew Kessler	Nancy McGill	Brian Quigley	Mike Walsh
Lisa Klein Vogel	Maureen McGlynn Flanagan	Wendy Raymond	Robert Ward
Susan Knowles	Patricia McLean	Barbara Reddeman	Kara Weaver
Gary Kobs	Brenda McNatt	Abby Redding	William Weber
Kitty Kocol	Todd McVey	Alexander Reid	Vicki Wells
Ann Marie Kozol	Todd McVey	Dale & Carroll Reuter	Shannon Westbury
Carolyn Krause	Barbara Meyer	Merrilee Riley	Andrew White
James Krogstad	Sue Milch	Gerald & Armella Ring	Peter Williams
Fred Krueger	Anne Miner	Brent Ritchie	Sue Williams
Tracy Krueger	Jane Moorman	Alison Ritchie	Lisa Wing
Rod and Diana Lakes	Amelia Munson	Ami Rodland	Peter Witucki
Michelle Lammers	Erin Munson	Vicki Ruchti	Kathryn Wolf
Dr. Gregory & Ann Landry	Ben Munson	Jennifer Rusch	Douglas Wolf
Courtney Lanz	Robert & Julia Nale	Robert & Theresa Sachse	Jillian Young
Renee Lauber	Nate Nardi	Diane Schlipper	Joseph & Mary Zwirlein
Bill Lazar	Elizabeth Nardi	Adam Schrager	
Noa Lazar	Rachel Nelson	Maureen Schuck	
	David Nelson	John Schultz	

Thank you to our Safe Harbor Staff, Board of Directors, Volunteers, & Funders!

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Personnel

Jennifer Ginsburg, Executive Director
Mikel Domnitz, Development Director
Heidi Figueroa-Velez, Family Advocate/Bilingual Forensic Interviewer
Robyn Klaila, Forensic Interviewer & Forensic Interview Program Manager
Emily Oler, Child Life Specialist/Marketing Assistant
Meaghan Reindl, Family Advocate/Data Manager
Carrie Sachse, Family Advocate/Forensic Interviewer
Jenny Rusch, Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator
Numbers 4 Nonprofits CPA
Kollath and Associates CPA
Spark, LLC - Human Resources

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Board of Directors

President Jason Buehrle, Certified Financial Planner, Edward Jones
Vice President Anna Engelhart, Station Manager, WKOW
Treasurer Peter Benson, Vice President Business Banking, Park Bank
Secretary & Past President Meg McGrane, Human Resource Professional (Retired)
Maureen McGlynn Flanagan, Retired from Wisconsin Department of Justice
Dr. Aaron Friedman, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota
Mary Beth Keppel, Retired Dane County Court Commissioner
Peggy Crooks Mishacoff, Attorney, State Bar of Wisconsin
Wil Nichol, Director of Player Development, Las Vegas Golden Nights
Stephanie Hindson, Medical Record Compliance Manager, SSM Health@Home
Debie Evans, Anesis Center for Marriage and Family Therapy, Assistant Director

Volunteers

Volunteers contribute to Safe Harbor in the following capacities: Board Members, Event Planning Committee Members, Day-of-Event Helpers, and Office/Childcare Assistants. We also host a yearly UW School of Social Work or Madison Area Technical College Intern. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, volunteers were limited. Our all-volunteer Board continued to meet every month virtually.