

2019 Annual Report

Our Mission

Safe Harbor reduces trauma and promotes healing for children and adults with intellectual disabilities who are victims of abuse or witnesses to crime. To accomplish our Mission, Safe Harbor provides a trauma-informed, safe, child-friendly environment for best practice forensic interviews; immediate and ongoing advocacy for affected children and families; coordination and support of multi-disciplinary investigations and responses.

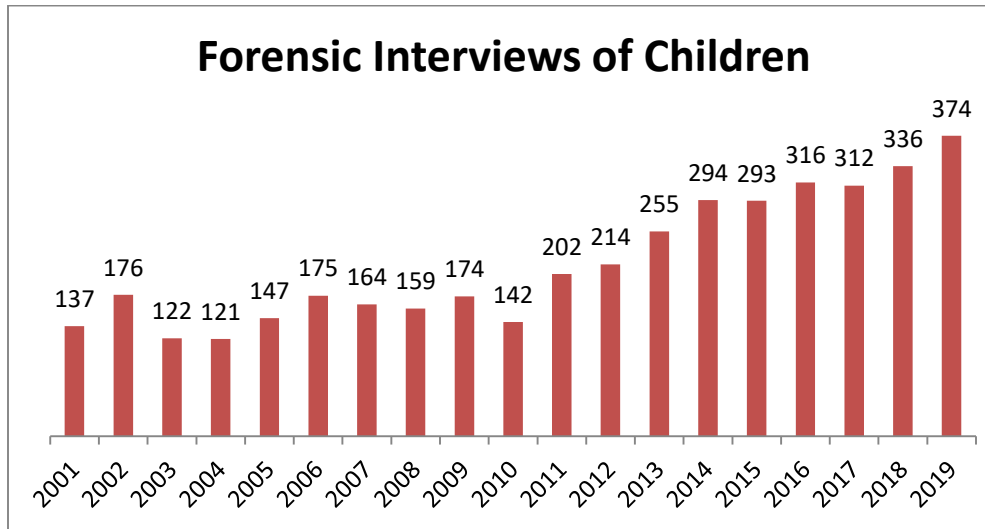
Safe Harbor Child Advocacy began its development in 1999 and has served over 4000 children since that time. Safe Harbor supports children who are victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and neglect, and coordinates the multi-disciplinary team that is conducting the investigation. When a child discloses abuse, the investigator brings the child to Safe Harbor for a forensic interview, victim advocacy, crisis counseling, and connection to trauma-focused mental health services. Safe Harbor operates with a memorandum of understanding with law enforcement, child protective services, medical specialists, mental health providers, and the district attorney's office.

Forensic Interviews

Safe Harbor provides forensic interview to children involved in investigations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence, trafficking, or other crimes. These services are conducted in conjunction with Safe Harbor's multi-disciplinary team partners, including Dane County Human Services, Dane County District Attorney's Office, Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office, and the other 26 enforcement agencies in Dane County.

Safe Harbor provided **374 child forensic interviews** in 2019. This is a 22 percent increase since 2015. Since 2010, Safe Harbor has experienced a 62 percent increase in the number of interviews conducted. Chart 1 shows the number of interviews each year since Safe Harbor was founded.

Chart 1



Case Coordination

Safe Harbor works with agency partners to ensure that child maltreatment cases benefit from maximum possible coordination among systems. For over 20 years, Safe Harbor has developed a robust collaboration with the many talented systems who have the difficult job of protecting children and holding abusers accountable. Safe Harbor's goal is to reduce the trauma that children can experience while undergoing an investigation into the abuse. Of course there is the initial trauma of child abuse; but we know that the aftermath of a disclosure can re-traumatize the child. When child abuse becomes evident- either through a child's disclosure, an injury, or an event that is witnessed, the investigators have a choice: They can talk to the child themselves, maybe in the back of a police car or in a cold office environment, or they can contact Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor provides a child-friendly, trauma-informed process to ensure that children are heard, supported, and protected.

While the child is being interviewed, an advocate is meeting with the non-offending caregiver to provide crisis support and services, coordinate medical exams, and educate about abuse dynamics and parenting an abused child. The advocate maintains contact with the family for as long as needed and desired by the family. After the interview, the multidisciplinary team plans next steps together, and meets with the family together in order to provide a coordinated response to the crisis that the family is going through.

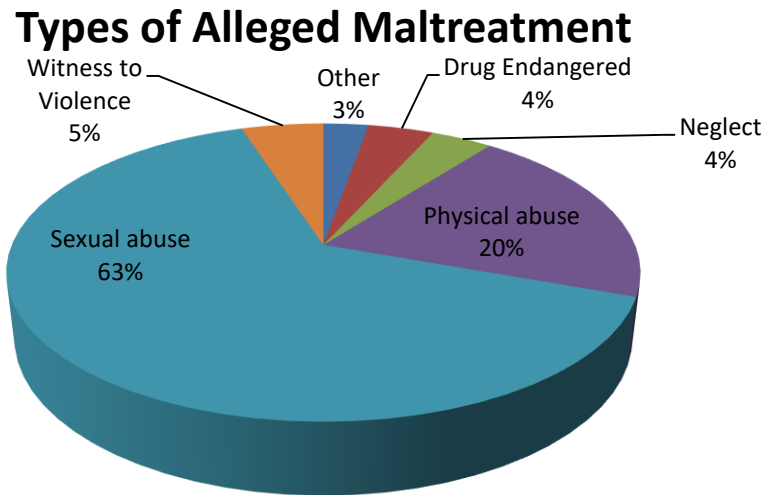
In addition to providing services, Safe Harbor coordinates county-wide best practice protocols. An important goal is to institutionalize best practices, so that there are clear standards and expectations for all the systems that come into play when child abuse is exposed. These protocols include child 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.

Types of Maltreatment

In 2019, 63 percent of the interviews at Safe Harbor involved sexual abuse, 20 percent involved physical abuse, 5 percent involved children as witnesses to

domestic violence, and 4 percent involved neglect. Chart 2 shows the percentage of cases involving each type of alleged maltreatment.

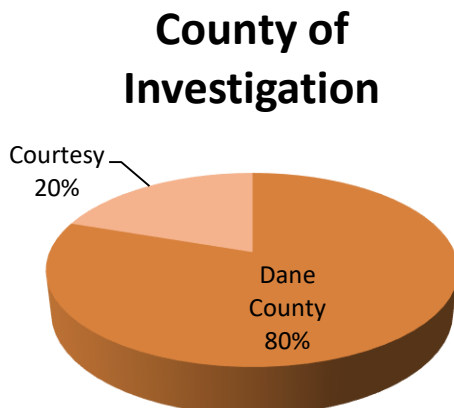
Chart 2



Courtesy Interviews

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 2019, Safe Harbor provided **74 courtesy interviews** for outside counties. Chart 3 shows this as a percentage of our interviews.

Chart 3



Interviews in Spanish

It is important that forensic interviews are conducted in a child's primary language. Safe Harbor is able to accommodate children who need to be interviewed in Spanish. In 2019, there were **7 forensic interviews conducted in Spanish**. Chart 4 shows this as a percentage of our interviews.

Chart 4



Demographics of Children Interviewed

Age and Gender

In 2019 at Safe Harbor, the largest group of children served was between the ages of 7 and 12, making up 38 percent of the total. Additionally, 26 percent were age of six or younger, and 36 percent of children served in 2019 were age 13 and older. Of the children interviewed at Safe Harbor in 2019, 76 percent were females and 24 percent were males. Charts 5 and 6 show this data.

Chart 5

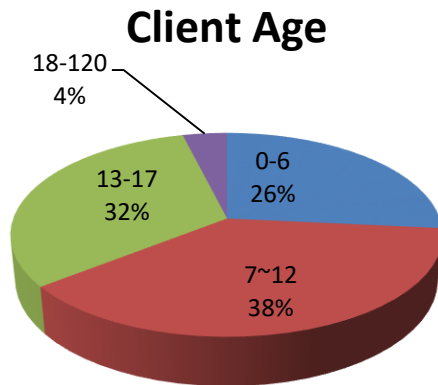
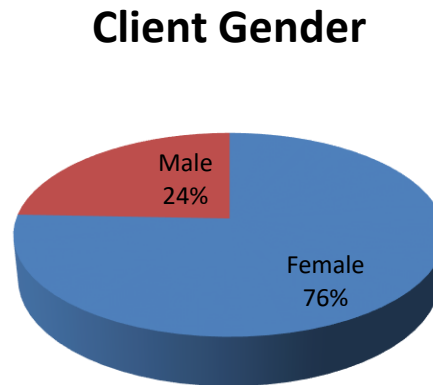


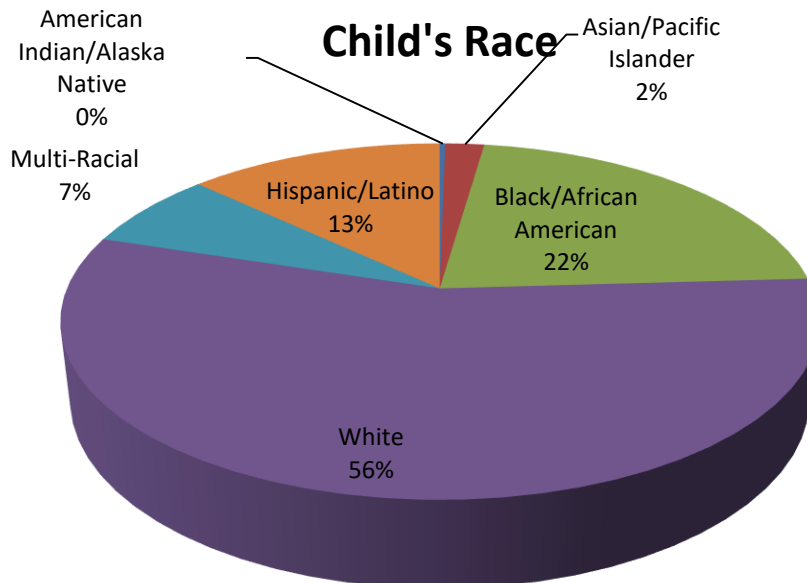
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Race

Of the families served at Safe Harbor in 2019, 56 percent of children were white, 22 percent were Black/African American, 13 percent were Hispanic/Latino, 7 percent were Multi-Racial, 2 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander, and less than 1 percent were Native American. Chart 7 shows this data.

Chart 7



Additional Services

Family Advocacy

Safe Harbor provides family advocacy services to non-offending caregivers of children who are interviewed at Safe Harbor. Our Family Advocates provide support, crisis intervention, advocacy, and referrals to resources for caregivers both at the time of the interview and on an ongoing basis. **Family Advocates provided services to 430 caregivers** in 2019: 338 new caregivers in 2019 and an additional 92 caregivers received ongoing family advocacy services.

Child Life

Safe Harbor is proud to offer a Child Life Program as part of our services. A Child Life Specialist (CLS) or trained volunteer warmly greets each child, spends time with the child to answer questions and helps put the child at ease. After the forensic interview, the CLS provides child-directed play, creating a trauma-informed environment to help maximize coping.

Mental Health

Safe Harbor's Safe Step program facilitates and funds trauma-focused 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. The Safe Step program starts the recovery process.

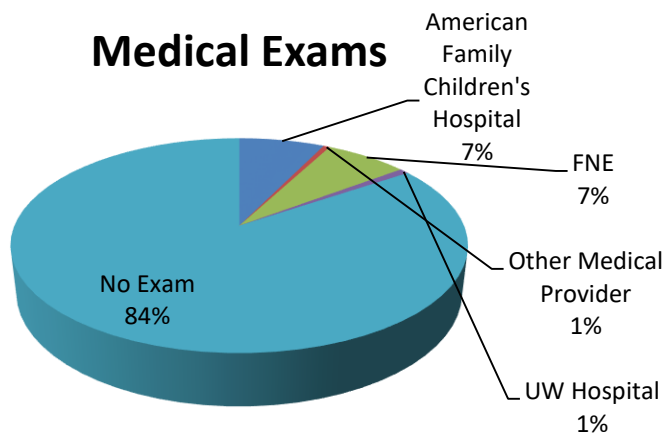
In 2019:

- **169 individuals (children and their families) received mental health referrals** through our Safe Step Program.
- **65 trauma assessments** were provided by our Safe Step Program: 14 caregivers and 51 children
- **45 crisis counseling services were provided immediately following the interview**

Medical Exams

Children who attend a Safe Harbor forensic interview often require a forensic medical exam. Of the children seen at Safe Harbor in 2019, **26 received a FNE (Forensic Nurse Examiner) exam** and **27 received an exam at the American Family Children's Hospital Child Protection Program**. Chart 2 shows the percentage of children interviewed who received an exam.

Chart 2



Fundraising

Safe Harbor has three major annual fundraising events: the Rent Party, the Ron Boylan Motorcycle Ride, and the Labor Day Dash. In Fiscal Year 2019-20, these events are put on with the generous help of **31 corporate sponsors, 101 In-Kind Donors** and many volunteers. For Child Abuse Awareness Month in April, Safe Harbor engaged in fundraising and awareness activities. Finally, Safe Harbor sends an annual end of year donation request to all of the agency's donors and supporters. This year, **141 members of the community** supported Safe Harbor.

FY 2019 Budget

	<u>17-18 Prelim</u>	<u>18-19 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
40015 - Grant Revenue		
41220 - Voca One Time	3,454.00	0.00
41000 - Other Grants-Restricted	5,981.17	10,000.00
41100 - DOJ CAC Grant	17,700.00	17,000.00
41200 - VOCA	163,323.24	179,569.00
41210 - VOCA II	4,838.00	0.00
41300 - NCA	19,788.59	0.00
41400 - Dane County	119,188.78	118,793.75
41900 - Safe Steps - Rotary Foundation	5,484.00	5,500.00
40015 - Grant Revenue - Other	<u>10,595.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 40015 - Grant Revenue	350,353.70	330,862.75
40020 - Fundraising Revenue		
42100 - American Family Children's Hosp	30,200.00	30,000.00
42200 - Unrestricted	45,146.32	0.00
42225 - Donations	7,309.39	35,299.24
42240 - Year End	16,685.70	15,000.00
43012 - Labor Day Dash	23,575.21	25,000.00
43054 - Rent Event	13,072.81	25,000.00
43080 - Motorcycle Ride	15,804.89	10,000.00
44110 - United Way Donor Revenue	<u>9,495.56</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total 40020 - Fundraising Revenue	161,290.88	150,299.24
40025 - Other Revenues		
44000 - Other Revenue	3,632.89	0.00
Release of Investment Account Funds	0.00	35,000.00
80002 - Interest Income	<u>56.19</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total 40025 - Other Revenues	3,689.08	35,055.00
Total Income	<u>515,333.66</u>	<u>516,216.99</u>
Gross Profit		
Expense		
54400 - Fund-Raising		
55000 - Public Relations/Marketing	1,058.00	0.00
54435 - Rent Facility Costs	310.00	0.00
54440 - Food and Beverages	-244.42	0.00
54450 - Other Fundraising Costs	16,217.80	10,000.00
54400 - Fund-Raising - Other	<u>2,813.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 54400 - Fund-Raising	20,154.95	10,000.00
53100 - Rent and Space Costs		
53000 - Space		
53600 - Security	324.35	300.00

Staff, Board, and Volunteers

FY 2018-2019 Personnel

Jennifer Ginsburg, Executive Director
 Kelly Woger, Accountant
 Mikel Domnitz Development Director

Emily Oler, Child Life Specialist/Marketing Assistant
Heidi Figureoa-Velez, Family Advocate/Forensic Interviewer
Robyn Klaila, Forensic Interviewer
Meaghan Reindl, Family Advocate
Carrie Sachse, Family Advocate/Forensic Interviewer
Brooke Barcena Family Advocate Intern

2018-2019 Board of Directors

President – Meg McGrane, Human Resource Professional (Retired)
Vice President- Jason Buehrle, Certified Financial Planner, Edward Jones
Treasurer-Peter Benson, Vice President Business Banking, Park Bank
Secretary- Peggy Crooks Mishacoff, Attorney, State Bar of Wisconsin
Past President- James L. Martin, Retired Dane County Circuit Court Judge
Anna Engelhart, Station Manager, WKOW
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
Wil Nichol, Director of Player Development, Las Vegas Golden Nights

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 depend on the help of a yearly UW School of Social Work Intern. In 2019, **96 volunteers** gave their time and talent to help Safe Harbor.

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