

LIFE & STORIES

child & family advocacy

FY 23/24 ANNUAL REPORT



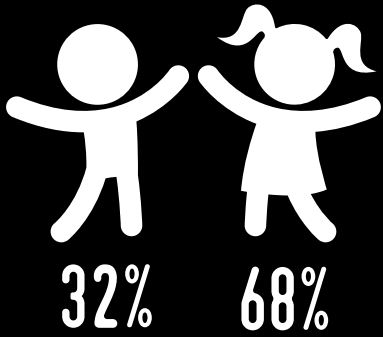
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)

The Child Advocacy Center provides a child-focused environment to gently support child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their non-offending family members. The Center encourages a coordinated response to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse.

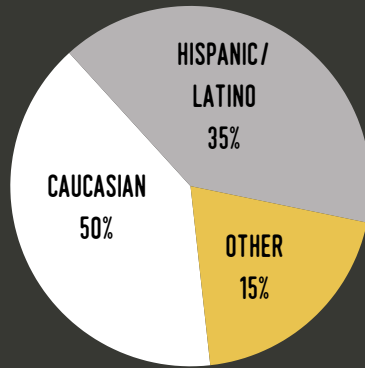
349 kids received a forensic interview

647 non-offending family members served

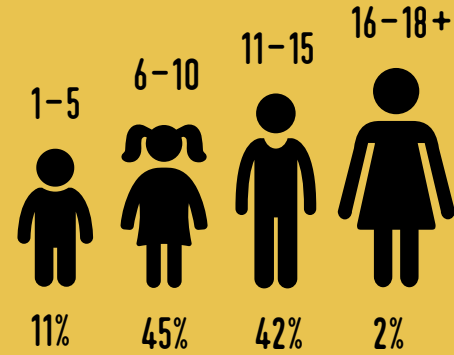
CHILD GENDER



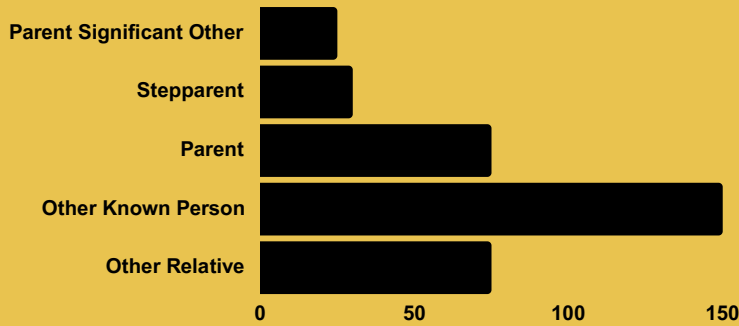
CHILD ETHNICITY



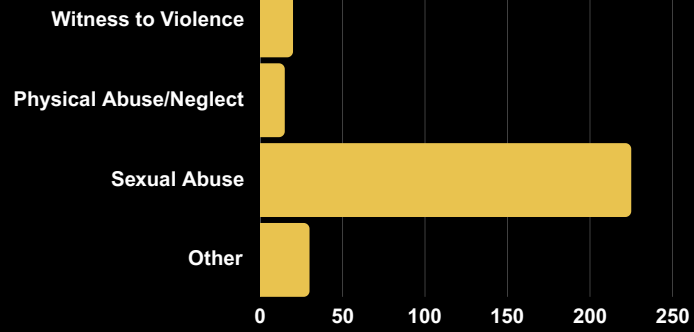
CHILD AGE



RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED OFFENDER



ABUSE REPORTED



100% of the children referred to us were served

All services are provided at no charge to families

30+ partner agencies in Weld County

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

The Outcome Measurement System (OMS) helps CACs evaluate their programs in order to increase the quality of services provided to children and families and to improve the collaborative efforts of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) members. OMS allows Children's Advocacy Centers to report on two measurable outcomes:

1. The CAC facilitates healing for the child and the caregivers. Recent Results: 99% of caregivers believed that their children felt safe at the center.
2. The MDT approach results in more collaborative and efficient case investigations.

Results: 95% all members of the MDT, as defined by the needs of specific cases, are actively involved.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

This 2-hour video-based presentation can be given to any community group but is particularly fitting for individuals who work directly with children. It is a nationally distributed, evidence-based program that aims to educate adults to be responsible for preventing, recognizing, and reacting to child abuse.

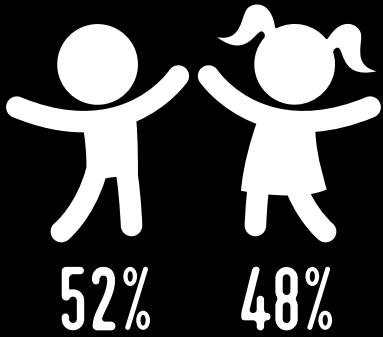
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

The CASA Program, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, recruits, screens, trains and supervises volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children involved in the court system to help secure a permanent, safe home. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to work first, last and always in the best interest of the child at the heart of a case.

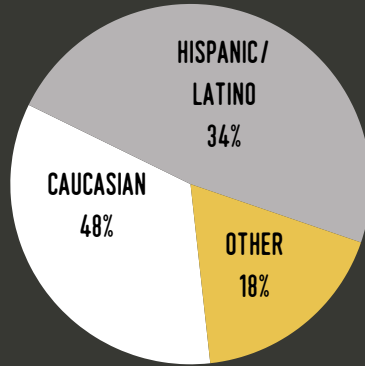
253 children had a CASA volunteer in **125** cases

104 active CASA volunteers

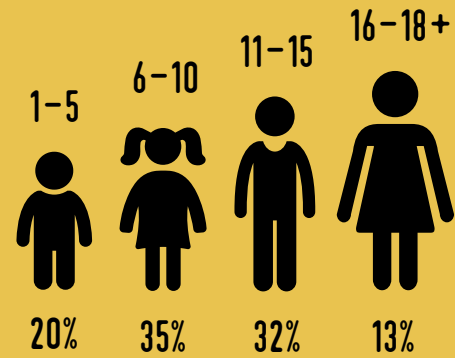
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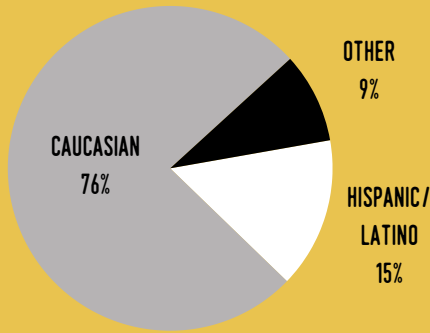
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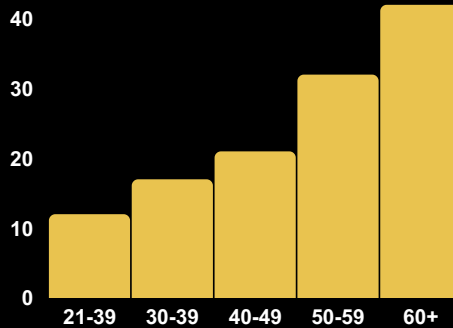
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CASA VOLUNTEER ETHNICITY



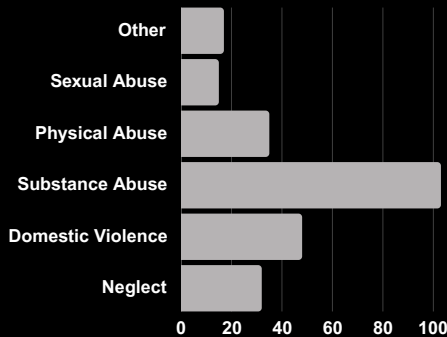
CASA VOLUNTEER AGE



CASA VOLUNTEER GENDER



PRIMARY ALLEGATION



78 new children **55** cases closed **18** new CASA volunteers **3200** volunteer hours

MEASURING OUR IMPACT: Evidence-Based Outcomes

CASA of Weld County participates in Colorado CASA and its statewide Outcomes Project. This project focuses on measuring outcomes to answer the question "How are CASA volunteers changing the odds for children?" Colorado CASA's response to this issue is to provide outcomes where meaningful change is measurable, sustainable, linked to the program's efforts and there is accountability for results.

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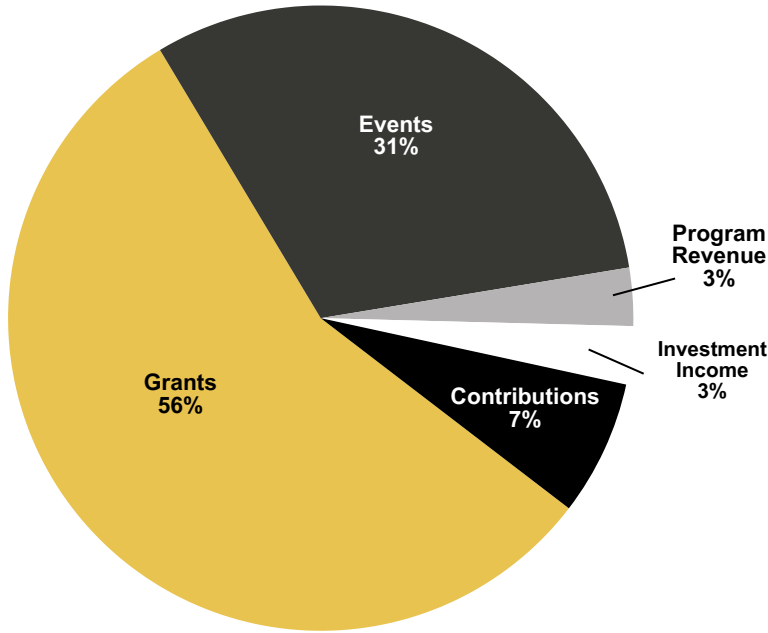
It encourages awareness but also teaches skills and presents crucial tools needed in order to respond appropriately to child abuse suspicions, allegations, and investigations. It ultimately aims to protect all children in our community.

145 adults trained

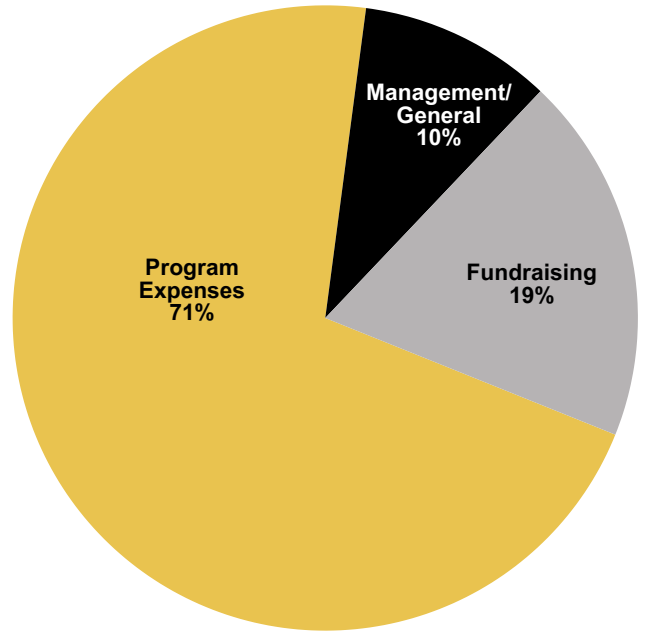
- Parents
- Dental Hygienists
- Teachers
- Coaches
- Nurses
- Youth Pastors

FINANCIALS

Charitable Solicitation is done through fundraising including Colorado Gives Day, Superhero Run/Walk, Annual Gala and other benefits which include both individual and corporate donors. We have an online giving function on our website and contributions are geared to the general operating needs of the agency and building of operating reserves as well as other special projects. While this year's fundraising expenses were higher due to our one-time Big Balloon Build event, our typical fundraising costs represent a lower percentage of our overall expenses.



REVENUE: \$1,134,821



EXPENSES: \$995,761

10% Management / General Costs

\$1,949,041 Year-End Net Assets

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We are grateful for one-time and repeat financial gifts that support our work and enable us to forensically interview more child victims and train more CASA volunteers as advocates for kids. **Each donation of \$100 or more earns a Colorado Childcare Tax Credit.** Cash donations can be made online at lifestoriesweld.org.

The support of our community enables us to continue our mission of providing essential services to children in need, and we could not do it without you. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of children and families, and we are so grateful to have you by our side. Thank you for all that you do, and we are excited to see what we can achieve together in the future. Here's to a brighter tomorrow for the children we serve. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.