

SUPPORT, ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Mission

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center's (SARC) mission is to provide crisis services, support and advocacy to victims, non-offending family members, and others who are impacted by crime. We strive to create and maintain a community without violence through prevention-based education.

Philosophy Statement

Crime adversely affects all members of a community, including both adults and children. SARC views sexual assault as a means of power, control, and manipulation.

SARC supports the rights of crime victims and strives to see these rights upheld. SARC believes that every victim deserves quality information, advocacy, crisis intervention, and treatment. We support the right of a victim to make choices regarding reporting, prosecution, pregnancy, future safety, and other issues raised by the experience. It is our responsibility to provide prevention education in an effort to create a community free of violence.

SARC is committed to serving all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion, veteran status, age, ethnic background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental status.

Values

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) conducts all agency operations; client, employee and business interactions holding true to the following values:

- 1. Integrity:** We will act with personal and professional integrity.
- 2. Respect:** We will respect others and support and protect diversity.
- 3. Loyalty:** We will be loyal to the SARC and its mission.
- 4. Confidentiality:** We will protect confidential information.
- 5. Responsibility:** We will manage our resources in a responsible manner maximizing our ability to advance the mission of the organization.
- 6. Transparency:** We will be open and candid about our activities and operations.
- 7. Governance:** We will govern carefully and honestly to advance the mission of the SARC.
- 8. Compliance:** We will comply with our Code of Ethics, the policies of the SARC, as well as federal, state, and local laws.
- 9. Duty:** We must hold ourselves and others accountable to carrying out the spirit and intent of the Code of Ethics. We will seek guidance concerning, and report breach of, our Code of Ethics.

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Human Trafficking Program

Advocates in the Human Trafficking Program provide services to survivors of sex trafficking. SARC's service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Human Trafficking Program:

Crisis Line:

- Available **24 hours** a day to answer questions
- Point of contact for service providers and clients who need immediate emergency assistance
- Provides information and referrals to available resources and services

Crisis Intervention:

- Assess immediate needs and concerns
- Provides information, support and validation for the client's feelings to help identify and plan the next steps

Client Advocacy:

- Ongoing personal support, discuss options and rights
- Assist in identifying and prioritizing needs

Legal & Medical Advocacy:

- Responds to hospital calls to provide support and follow up medical appointments
- Support at police interviews and court proceedings
- Monitors the criminal case through the legal system
- Assists with civil protection orders
- Acts as a liaison between court systems
- Provides referrals to treatment/restorative care facilities

On-Site Counseling & Therapy Referrals:

- Short-term on-site counseling for victims of all crimes
- Evidence-based, trauma-informed counseling services
- SARC's counseling is confidential and free
- Referrals to outside counselors when appropriate

Library & Crime Prevention Materials:

- Books and videos available to survivors and community members to learn about crime victimization and the healing process
- Flyers and brochures on sexual abuse, human trafficking, crimes, prevention topics and self-care

Community Outreach:

- Participates in various community events in Benton and Franklin Counties to raise awareness
- Does pointed outreach with organizations/businesses that may have direct contact with sex trafficking victims

Resources Available to Clients

Immediate Shelter
Cab Fare
Drug Rehab/Detox Resources
Food
Obtainment of ID

Relocation Services
Connecting with Restoration Homes/Long Term Housing
Mental Health
Toiletry/Household Needs
Clothing

Clients:

SARC served 112 new clients and helped over 279 total clients since the program's expansion in May 2017. SARC's Trafficking team provided 358 services to our clients at intake and 11,907 follow-up services, for a total of 12,265 services. This is equivalent to 2,233.50 hours of direct client service hours. In that time, 81 contacts were made with community partners at intake, and 5,296 contacts were made during follow-up services, for a total of 5,377 outside contacts with agency partners. Seventy percent of those contacts were to the legal community.

Gender of Clients:

- 96% Female
- 4% Male

Age of Clients:

- 2.5% between 0 and 5 years
- 6.5% between 6 and 11 years
- 33% between 12 and 18 years
- 30% 19 years and 29 years
- 28% 30 years and older

Clients City:

- 35% Kennewick
- 37.5% Pasco
- 7% Richland
- 7% Surrounding Area
- 13.5% Other

Ethnicity of Clients:

- 65% Caucasian
- 26% Hispanic
- 4% African American
- 1% Native American
- 1% Asian
- 4% Other

Outreach:

One of the continued goals of the Human Trafficking Program was to focus on community outreach and awareness. These efforts have afforded the agency new clients accessing the crisis line or walking in, increased partnerships, and community/business donations. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the Human Trafficking Program participated in 838 outreach and awareness activities, totaling 581.25 hours and reaching 6,995 community members. This does not include the media viewership numbers, as those hours are counted in the Prevention Program's statistics. Despite some setbacks in the last quarter with COVID-19, concerted efforts were made to reach places such as EMT's, school counselors, Women's Clinics, Urgent Care, Hospitals, financial institutions, Substance Abuse Treatment Providers, social service organizations, fitness centers, grocery and money handling stores, law enforcement agencies, and other miscellaneous locations with informational handouts, posters, brochures and tear-off flyers. The remaining outreach and awareness activities were presentations and collaboration meetings. Aside from traditional presentation events, some training highlights were presenting for the following places: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Internet Crimes Against Children Northwest Conference, Spokane Financial Security Officers, and the Office of Public Defenders.



Human Trafficking Awareness Month:



Like all previous years, a lot of teamwork went into making sure this year's Human Trafficking Awareness Month events ran smoothly. Alejandra placed an increased effort into providing awareness to the Hispanic community. She developed a working relationship with the staff at Telemundo and planned an outreach event specific to the Hispanic population during this year's Human Trafficking Awareness month at La Michuacana. Desiree spent many hours collaborating with financial institutes to grow this year's event. Teller participation this year for the Flashlight Campaign expanded from 39 to 143 stations, which meant a significant rise in the number of presentations given to participating branches. A lot publicity and community awareness were also generated from coverage of the cable bridge lighting, which was generously sponsored by Numerica Credit Union, and resulted in a sharp increase for requests for smaller group presentations. The Phi

Theta Kappa Club at CBC sponsored three days' worth of events for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. A visual human chain with 77 people representing our 77 new clients last year was displayed one of the days, with numerous news outlets covering the event. Informational booths, an evening panel consisting of SARC, ICAC, DCYF, Pasco Police Department, and Kadlec Emergency Room Director occurred, and a video on Human Trafficking in America also was played on two occasions. Alejandra also provided two days of Human Trafficking presentations and booths for the student's center at WSU Tri-Cities. A social media campaign featuring blue tea lights allowing business owners and community members to help us spread awareness was executed on January 11th, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. And the culminating event was the 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Awareness walk on January 31, 2020 sponsored by Numerica Credit Union and Windermere Group One at the Lampson International LLC Global Headquarters. There were rally speeches by Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Benton County Deputy Prosecutor Laurel Holland, Windermere Agent Angie Matheson, Numerica Branch Manager Jeff Escalera and Human Trafficking Program Director Desiree Reynolds. A special guest appearance by Pasco Police Department's K9 Ezra was made on the Pasco side of the bridge. Community members were able to come together and provide a visual support for survivors in our area.

Child Exploitation Advocate Position:

In January 2020, SARC received a grant from the National Children's Alliance, allowing the agency to have an Advocate specific to working with Child Exploitation/Extortion cases. This is a goal that SARC and ICAC has been working on for some time, as we knew there was a large overlap in Commercial Sexual Abuse Material (Child Pornography), Extortion & Human Trafficking cases. Maricela Garcia moved into this role from Sexual Assault Advocate. The funding for this position allows Maricela to spend dedicated efforts building rapport with the youth involved in situations such as sending nudes, having online sexual communication with other youth & adults, and also working with the secondary family victims of those involved in ICAC type operations. This position can be extremely helpful to patrol officers, teachers, counselors and social service providers responding to calls by concerned parents, SRO's who are getting bombarded with these types of reports, and social service providers, law enforcement, and probation officers who believe there is more of a crime occurring than the youth is willing to disclose. This position has already proved beneficial in increasing police reporting data with our teen clients.

Crisis Program

Advocates in the Crisis Program provide services to victims of all non-domestic violence crimes, their non-offending friends and family, and serve as a resource for community members seeking assistance on crime victimization. SARC's service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Crisis Program:

Crisis Line: SARC's crisis line is staffed 24 hours a day by trained advocates. Advocates are available to answer questions and provide support. This line also serves as a point of contact for clients who may need immediate emergency assistance.

Legal and Medical Advocacy: SARC's agency staff and trained volunteer advocates respond to hospital calls to provide medical advocacy to victims of crime. We also provide legal advocacy at police interviews and court proceedings. Moral support and information are given to victims, families and friends.

Crisis Intervention: Advocates provide short-term crisis intervention, support, and validation for the client's feelings. We often recommend that clients also seek therapy to assist in the healing process.

Therapy Referrals: Clients receive assistance in the process of finding a counselor who is experienced in the field of sexual abuse. We also provide information regarding payment options such as sliding fee scales, insurance, and crime victim's compensation. In addition, SARC provides financial support to clients who would not otherwise be able to seek professional mental health care.

Volunteer Advocates

SARC relies on volunteer advocates to staff the crisis line and respond to hospital calls when the agency is closed. Without these volunteers, the agency would not be able to provide much needed services 24-hours a day. Each advocate is required to complete 32 hours of training certified through the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, in addition to completing 12 hours of on-going training per year. This year SARC offered one full 32-hour Core Advocacy Trainings, ongoing hours of in-service trainings: Homeless services through Lourdes, World Relief Tri-Cities, Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission, Benton Franklin Legal Aid, Gender Identity and Sexual Diversity by Planned Parenthood, Mental Health Diagnoses, Amerigroup and Northwest Immigration Right Project services.

This year, there was a total of 60 prevention hours, 7,757 crisis hours, and 15,084 hospital hours supported by volunteers! A Huge Thank YOUUUU!!

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Sexual Violence

New Clients: SARC served 455 **new** clients, provided 1,368 services and made 332 contacts with other agencies/persons on the clients' behalf during the clients' initial visit. SARC invested 423 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 78% of new clients were female and 22% were male.

Types of Assault:

- 24% Date/Acquaintance Rape
- 31% Family Molestation
- 16% Acquaintance Molestation
- 10% Other/Unknown
- 10% Family Rape
- 4% Adult Survivor
- 2% Stranger Rape
- 2% Marital Rape
- >1% Sexual Harassment
- >1 % Stranger Molestation

Services Provided at Intake:

- 31% Support
- 30% Legal Advocacy
- 22% Medical Advocacy
- 4% Library Resources
- 13% Therapy Referral

Age of Clients:

- 12% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 23% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 33% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 30% age 19 and over
- 2% age unknown

Follow Up Services: SARC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, SARC provided 11,761 follow up services to clients and made 3,299 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. SARC advocates also made 1,771 attempted contacts with clients or others. 2,601.5 hours were invested in follow up services.

General Crimes

“General Crimes” includes assault, harassment, child physical abuse, homicide, robbery, property crimes, vehicular assault, kidnapping, fraud, elder abuse, identity theft and hate crimes.

New Clients: The CVSC served 279 **new** clients this past year. 1,023 services were provided and 94 contacts made with other agencies/persons on the clients’ behalf during the clients’ initial visit. The CVSC invested 181.5 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 69% of new clients were female, and 31% were male.

Types of Assault:

- 14% Assault
- 3% Burglary
- 1% Bullying
- 22% Child Physical Abuse
- 3% Child Pornography
- 36% Harassment
- 15% Homicide
- 2% Robbery
- 3% Property Crimes
- 4% Vehicular Assault
- 4% Vehicular Assault
- 1% Kidnapping
- 1% Violation of Court Order
- 1% Fraud
- 2% Elder Abuse
- >1% Identity Theft
- >1% Hate Crimes
- >1% Labor Trafficking
- >1% Mass Violence

Age of Clients:

- 8% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 13% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 18% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 57% age 19 and over
- 4% age unknown

Services Provided at Intake:

- 27% Advocacy
- 25% Legal Advocacy
- 21% Crisis Intervention
- 18% Information and Referral
- 5% Medical Advocacy
- 3% Crime Victims Compensation
- 2% Community Responding
- >1% Emergency Funds

Follow Up Services: CVSC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, CVSC provided 4,006 follow up services to clients and made 994 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. CVSC advocates also made 457 attempted contacts with clients or others. 755.50 hours were invested in follow up services.

Counseling Program

Our Counseling Program provides on-site, evidence-based counseling therapy to people who have been affected by crime. The Program consists of two counselors and a counseling intern: Anna Hahn, LMHC, Clinical Director: Sherrie Lennox, LMHCA, and intern Rebecca Schmieman. Our counseling services have been free of charge, thanks to grants and donations.

This is our second year of having a Counseling Intern. The idea is to provide field training and experience to an upper level Master's Program student in the Tri-Cities, so that student will be ready to go into the community after graduation with trauma-informed experience. We are very excited to have this internship program. It will benefit our entire community.

The Counseling Program staff has had many opportunities this fiscal year to receive training:

Sherrie completed training on Human Trafficking and Boys, Mindfulness Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Medical Marijuana: What Every Therapist Should Know. She attended the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, and participated in trainings: Suicide Prevention, Resiliency, Engaging Families in Mental Health Care, and Family Law and Ethics. Sherrie recently completed a 3-day Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Training (TF-CBT).

Anna completed a Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy training online, as well as a live webinar regarding Human Trafficking and Boys. She attended the EMDRIA International Conference, and is working toward certification in EMDR. Anna participated in a Webinar presentation on Ethics and Telehealth, and virtually attended a two-day EMDR with Children training. Other virtual training consisted of: Assessments Through Telehealth, Keeping Child Exploitation Investigations Victim-Centered, Adult Suicide Prevention, Engaging Families in Mental Health Care, and Child Abuse: From Suspicion to Disclosure.

Rebecca participated in a training regarding marijuana consumption and its effects on clients and treatment. We were also very fortunate to have Rebecca now working 15 hours/week as a paid Counseling Program Assistant. Rebecca's internship ended abruptly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She completed her Master's Degree and can add the initials "MSW" after her name! Congratulations Rebecca!

The Counseling Program provided training to staff, facilitated two informational groups for residents of CBC's Residence Hall, assisted with the Core Advocate Training, and participated in awareness events.

Statistics

Clients: The Counseling Program provided therapy services to 128 new (195 total) clients this year, compared to 140 new (175 total) clients last fiscal year. We provided a total of 1486 counseling sessions to these clients this year, compared to 1230 last fiscal year. We provided services to clients on site, at the Juvenile Justice Center, Benton and Franklin County Jails, and numerous local schools, as well as participating in team meetings at DCYF and schools.

Age of New Clients:

- 12% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 25% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 30% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 33% age 19 and over

Services Provided:

1486 Counseling Sessions were provided to 195 people in our community who have been impacted by crime.

Types of Crimes (all clients):

- 65% Sexual Assault
- 22% General Crimes
- 13% Human Trafficking

Prevention Program

SARC offers prevention-based education services throughout Benton/Franklin Counties. Programs are directed toward the prevention of sexual assault and to raise the awareness of sexual violence. All programs are done in an age appropriate manner and are sensitive to the audiences needs. The following core competencies – empathy/feelings, respect for oneself/others, self and community responsibility, boundaries for oneself and others, conflict resolution/problem solving and gender stereotyping are incorporated into all programs. These competencies were selected as they mirror developmental assets that extensive research has shown that youth need to mitigate risk and to thrive. Equipping youth with many developmental assets help them to become caring, responsible adults – which are not people that become sex offenders. In addition to focusing on developing assets, children are equipped with knowledge and tools to help reduce the possibility of sexual victimization. Following are the programs provided:

Body & Boundary Safety

(Preschool Program):

- Day 1: Personal Space
- Day 2: Happy Bear
- Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Show

Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds

(Kindergartern-2nd Grade):

- Day 1: Recognizing Feelings and Calming Down Strong Feelings
- Day 2: Respecting Boundaries in Self and Others
- Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Theater

Personal Body Safety

3rd and 4th Grade:

- Day 1: Respect and Treating Others the Way You Want to be Treated
- Day 2: Learning Assertive Steps
- Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video for 3rd: "The Courage to Tell: Now I Can Tell My Secret."
Video for 4th: "Dealing with Abuse if it Happens to You."

5th Grade:

- Day 1: Learning Assertive Steps
- Day 2: Recognizing Bullying Behavior and the Three R's of Bullying
- Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video: "Sexual Abuse; It's not your fault."

Technology Safety:

(To stay current with issues affecting children we have integrated information on healthy and unhealthy habits online, viewing inappropriate content/images, and for the older grades; definition and impact of pornography.)

3rd and 4th Grade Program:

- Day 1: Introduction to Internet Safety Using the NetSmartz Curriculum
- Day 2: Understanding Personal Information and Ways

to Remain Private Online

- Day 3: How to Recognize and Avoid Cyberbullying

5th Grade Program:

- Day 1: Understanding privacy settings and creating healthy and safe online actions
- Day 2: Avoiding online predators
- Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and being a good bystander

6th Grade Program:

- Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and Privacy Online
- Day 2: Avoiding online predators
- Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and sexting behavior

7th & 8th Grade Program:

- Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and Privacy Online
- Day 2: Avoiding Cyberbullying & online predators
- Day 3: Avoiding sexting behavior

Harassment and Bullying Prevention (Targeted towards Middle School):

- Day 1: Healthy Relationships and Recognizing Harassment
- Day 2: Sexual Bullying and Harassment
- Day 3: Being a Good Bystander to Harassment

Creating Healthy Relationships (High School Only):

- Day 1: Creating Healthy Relationships including information about human trafficking and the video from Shared Hope International "Chosen"
- Day 2: Date/Acquaintance Rape Prevention includes information about the negative effects of pornography and video clips from the "Fight the New Drug" campaign against pornography
- Day 3: In Their Shoes Activity and Discussion

Parent Education - Parents are provided child sexual abuse information, a preview of the program in which their child will participate, and learn ways to reinforce concepts at home. Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

General Sexual Assault - This presentation provides statistics and informs audiences about child sexual abuse, sex offenders, adult survivors, rape, social myths, laws and prevention. This program is offered to service clubs, businesses, churches, and to anyone interested in learning more about sexual violence.

Sexual Harassment Intervention Program (SHIP): This is an educational program for students who have a charge/complaint of sexual harassment against them by another student or teacher. All referrals attend the workshop together and are required to write a 500-word essay on Sexual Harassment. Information covered includes the definition of sexual harassment, victims (male and female), Impact vs. Intent, boundaries and gender stereotyping. The paper is submitted to the school principal and SARC as a part of our follow-up.

Health Fairs and Community Events

SARC is dedicated to participating in as many health fairs and community events as possible. We are committed to raising the awareness of sexual violence and preventing future sexual abuse. Our goal is to make every community member aware of our services and to provide the tools needed to reduce violence in our community. This year we participated in many events, including: Annual Duck Races, PFLAG “The Climb” event, Philanthropic Educational organization, Union Gospel Mission outreach, Kiwanis, National Night Out, WSU-TC Student Involvement Fair, Tri Cities Latino Network, Breakfast Rocks event, Women’s Expo, Framatome Employee Fair, CBC Residence Hall and the Annual Family Expo.

Special Projects

Newsletter: SARC develops and distributes a quarterly newsletter that discusses information pertaining to the prevention of sexual violence, information about local sex offenders, upcoming events, and provides a forum for individuals to voice their experience surrounding sexual violence. The newsletter is distributed to almost 3,800 individuals and agencies.

The Little People Project: Each year SARC showcases little wooden, three dimensional, figurines that represent the 346 children involved in child abuse cases investigated in Benton/Franklin counties. This year the Little Heart display was cancelled due to COVID.



Clothesline Project: This project enables men and women who have been victims of any type of assault to express their stories artistically by designing t-shirts. Not only is the expression part of the healing process for them, the final product is also a powerful reminder to the community of assault issues. This year our Clothesline Project was cancelled due to COVID.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION NIGHT

“Child Sexual Abuse”

WHEN
April 18, 2019
6pm - 8pm

WHERE
Westgate Elementary
 2514 W 4th Ave, Kennewick

The event will include a light dinner, parent education, education for teens, and activities for children. We encourage you to join us! Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ROSANNA HERRERA AT 509-374-5391 OR RHERRERA@SUPPORTADVOCACYRESOURCECENTER.COM

FREE EVENT!!

TOPICS INCLUDE:

The Grooming Process

Red Flags of Sexual Exploitation

Indicators & Effects of Child Sexual Abuse

How to Respond to a Disclosure/Reporting

Tips On Preventing Child Abuse & Exploitation

Internet Safety

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Our “Community Education Night” was scheduled, however was cancelled due to COVID.

Statistics

SARC provided 1,204 presentations, reaching 31,388 individuals. We also reached an additional 651,377 individuals through an assortment of outreach efforts.

Audience Age:

• Preschool	240
• K – 2 nd grade	5,738
• 3 rd grade – 5 th grade	3,786
• 6 th grade – 8 th grade	12,090
• 9 th grade – 12 th grade	5,778
• Adults	3,756

Types of Presentations:

• Trafficking	48
• SARC Services	31
• Body and Boundary Safety	10
• Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds	241
• Personal Body Safety	142
• Technology Safety	168
• Harassment and Bullying Prev	350
• Creating Healthy Relationships	142
• Parent Education	3

Outreach Efforts:

• Community Fairs	7,603
• Newsletter	3,800
• News Stories	255,900
• Paid Advertisement	
• Website Hits	327,484
• Facebook Engaged	22,324
• Instagram	2,091



Kids Haven



Kids Haven is a joint effort between SARC and our local city and county governments. It is a program designed to meet the needs of children who have allegedly been physically and/or sexually abused.

The goal of Kids Haven is multi-faceted:

Lessen the trauma to children when they disclose they have been abused: It is difficult for children to discuss the details of their abuse. It can be made even more difficult by going to a police station, courthouse or office that can even intimidate adults. Our facility has been designed in a child friendly manner, in order to help the child feel more comfortable.

When the child is interviewed, detectives, CPS workers and prosecutors have the ability to observe the interview through a one-way mirror. Most interviews are also recorded on DVD, a copy of which is given to the investigating detective before he/she leaves the building. This reduces the need for multiple interviews, and the child does not need to relive the abuse a variety of times to an assortment of people in a multitude of settings.

Holding more offenders accountable: By having neutral, quality interviews conducted by an interviewer who is specifically trained, prosecutors are able to charge and convict a higher number of child abusers. The already small chance that someone may be wrongly charged is also reduced.

Offer comprehensive services to children and their non-offending family members: Child abuse is a horrific crime. Children and their non-offending family members deserve to receive services to assist them in the healing process. SARC offers support and advocacy and explains the many services we provide. Therapy referrals are also provided. SARC has on-site counseling available, as well as grant funds for counseling for families with limited resources.

Structure

The Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is responsible for the employment and supervision of the Child Interviewer and the financial administration related to this function. SARC is responsible for the employment and supervision of the advocates, and the financial administration related to these positions.

Funding

Our local city and county governments provide funding for the Child Interviewer and related expenses. The advocate positions and related expenses are funded through private grants, fundraising, state funds and United Way. The facility is a joint effort between SARC, local city and county governments, private grants and community donations.

Statistics

Interviews were conducted for 341 children in Benton and Franklin Counties:

Type of Abuse:

- 87% Sexual Abuse
- 8% Physical Abuse
- 5% Witness to Violence

Ages:

- 26% 0 – 5 years of age
- 40% 6 – 11 years of age
- 33% 12 – 18 years of age
- 1% Over 19

Gender:

- 71% Female
- 29% Male



Outcomes

We have observed a variety of outcomes as a result of this program:

- Families do not have to wait as long to have their children interviewed.
 - Charging decisions are made quicker.
 - More offenders are being held accountable.
 - Children are being connected to counseling services much earlier.
 - Children are not re-traumatized through the interview process.
 - Non-offending family members are provided the support services they need.
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Funding

SARC receives funding through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington, National Children's Alliance, United Way, community donations, program fees, private grants and fundraising events.



Kids Haven Benefit Auction 2020

The Cinco de Mayo Celebration had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. We did continue with our on-line auction. We are grateful to our generous donors and bidders!!

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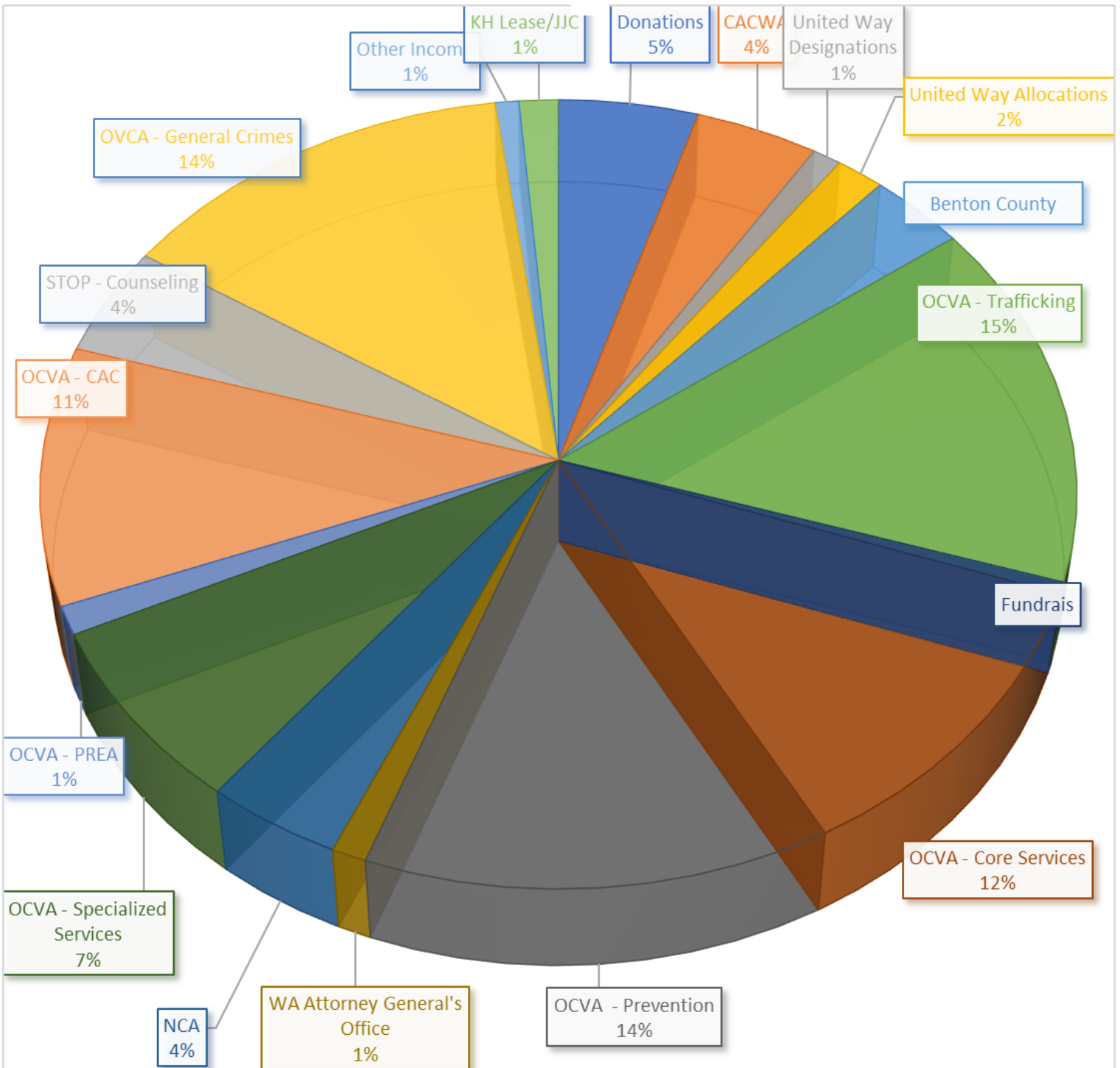
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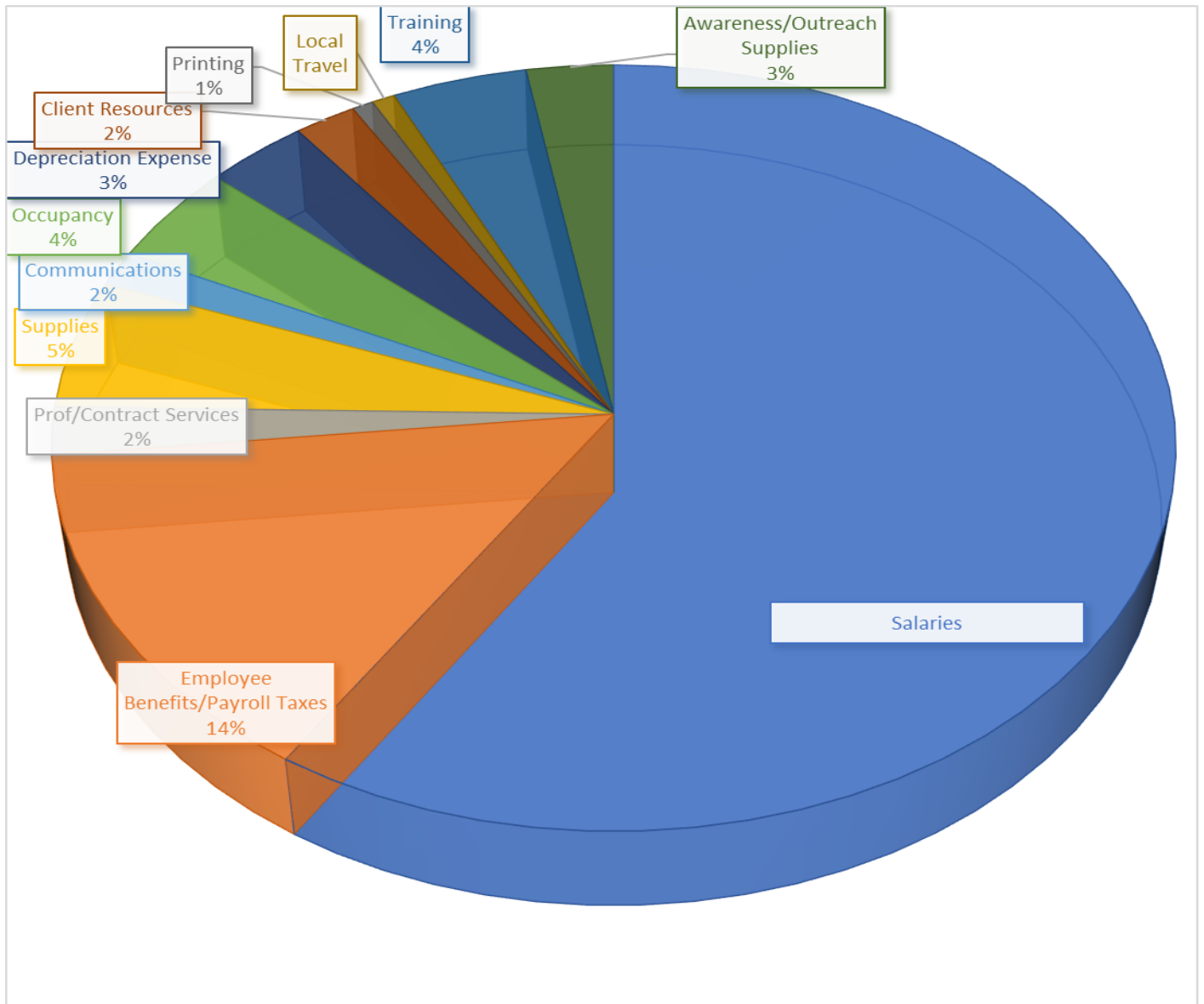
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- NCA - National Children’s Alliance

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- These are pre-audited figures and will be updated upon completion of annual financial audit.
- Approximately 90% of salaries and benefits/payroll taxes are for direct service staff; counselors, advocates, program directors who do direct services, and prevention specialists.