



Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center

2010 Year in Review

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“MDIT”: An MDIT or Multidisciplinary Investigative Team is a group of professionals who represent various disciplines and work collaboratively from the point of (child abuse) report to assure the most effective coordinated response possible for every child. For us at Safe Haven, our MDIT’s are the heart of a thriving CAC program.

“Forensic Interview”: A legally sound, neutral, fact-finding method that allows the child an opportunity to talk to a trained professional regarding what the child has experienced or knows that resulted in a concern about abuse.

“Case Review”: A formal and routine process in which an MDIT shares information and discusses cases to ensure safety and wellbeing of children and families.



On July 31st, 2010, Safe Haven CAC said goodbye to the local bubble-gum pink landmark that provided the program’s first home, many memories, and the catchy nickname, “The Pink House”. After five short yet active years at 201 N. High Street with no option to renew our lease, we found ourselves looking for a new home.

Before long, the relocation wheels were turning and on August 31st, our umbrella agency, Children’s Home

Farewell, Pink House!

Society of West Virginia, purchased a 3500 square foot property to house several local children’s programs, including the CAC. In order to raise funds for much-needed renovations, CHS launched the Our Children Our Community Capital Campaign in October 2010.

The CAC program is currently preparing for a final move to it’s permanent home at 653 Winchester Avenue in Martinsburg WV. The transition period has not been easy, but with the support of local law enforcement, Child

Protective Services, and our neighboring CAC program in Winchester, VA, Safe Haven CAC staff has continued to provide services to children and families in the Eastern Panhandle. For more information on the Our Children Our Community Capital Campaign visit: www.childhswv.org and keep a lookout for our open house celebrations this spring!



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Official Accredited NCA Member!

In February 2010, Safe Haven CAC was recognized

as an accredited member of the National Children’s Alliance

(NCA). Safe Haven is proud to be the 9th Child Advocacy Center in the state of West Virginia to receive this mark of approval. It is a testament to the commitment of local part-

nering agencies working together to provide comprehensive services for child victims of sexual abuse, modeling and encouraging the growth of best practice in the region.

A HUGE THANKS to our MDIT members who participated in the Accreditation process since January 2009!



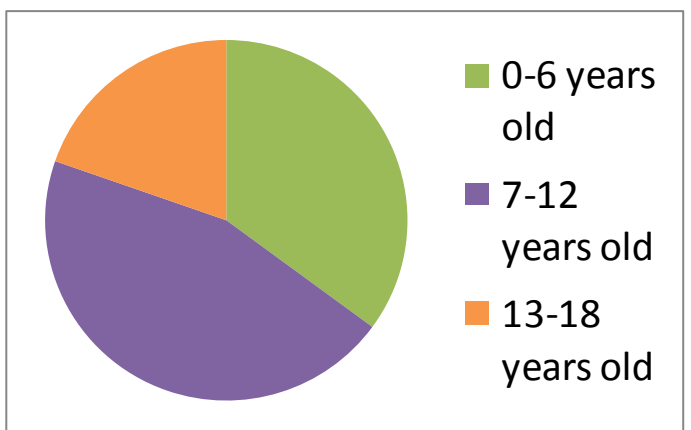
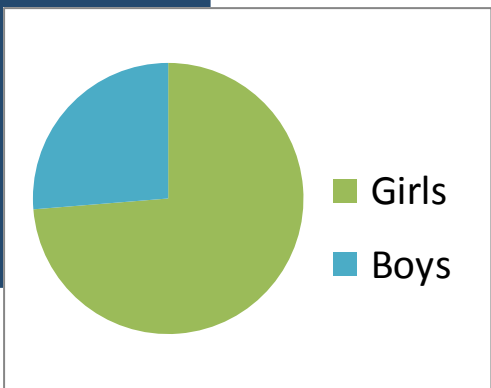
Services Provided in 2010

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS	145
Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team Meetings	30
Cases Reviewed	386
Forensic Medical Evaluations	19
Mental Health Services	40
Victim Advocacy & Support Services	91

Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center serves children in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties. We also provide courtesy interviews for child victims in surrounding areas when Safe Haven is the closest CAC.

Who Comes to the CAC?

Kids Served by County of Investigation



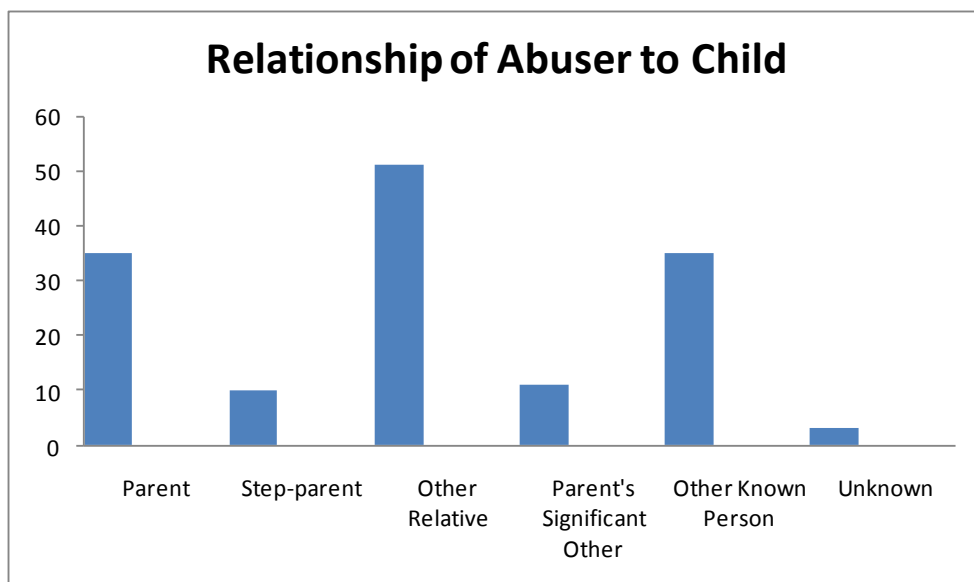
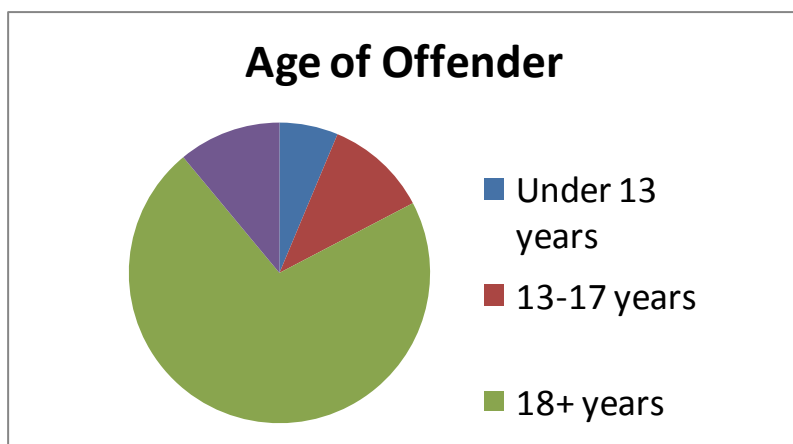
Abuse Information

Note: Information presented here represents children who were served by the CAC. It does not reflect the actual incidence of child abuse in the region.



TYPES OF ABUSE REPORTED	
Sexual Abuse	100
Physical Abuse	29
Neglect	11
Witness to Violence	28

ALLEGED OFFENDERS	
Total Number of Reported Offenders = 127	
Age of Offender	
Under 13 years	8
13-17 years	14
18+ years	91
Unknown	14
Relationship to Victim	
Parent	35
Step-parent	10
Other Relative	51
Parent's Boyfriend/ Girlfriend	11
Other Known Person	35
Unknown	3
<i>Note: Offender may have relationships with more than one child, creating potential discrepancies between the relationship breakout and total number of offenders.</i>	



Safe Haven has served over 500 children since 2006





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Serving children and families since 1896



MDIT Members in the Eastern Panhandle

Berkeley County

- Christine Riley, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Berkeley County
- Senior Trooper William Garrett, WVSP
- TFC Frederick Edwards, WVSP
- Sergeant Ted Snyder, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office
- Cpl. Detective Scott Doyle, Martinsburg Police Department
- Detective J. R. Luciano, Martinsburg Police Department
- Jennifer Winslow, WVDHHR Supervisor
- Heather Deeds, Victim Advocate Director, Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Cyndi Leahy, RN, SANE-A, WMC
- James Gregory, MSW, LICSW, Private Practice
- Victoria Slater-Madert, CAC Program Coordinator

Jefferson County

- Hassan Rasheed, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jefferson County
- Steve Groh, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jefferson County
- Senior Trooper William Garrett, WVSP
- TFC Frederick Edwards, WVSP
- Deputy Pat Smith, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Officer Crystal Tharp, Ranson Police Department
- T'zouri Oliver, WVDHHR Supervisor
- Debbie Young, Victim Advocate, Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Tina Monroe, Victim Advocate, Shenandoah Women's Center
- Dr. Sarah Moerschel M.D., Pediatrician, WVU-H East
- Monica Cogle, Children's Liaison, EastRidge Health Systems
- Victoria Slater-Madert, CAC Program Coordinator

Morgan County

- Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney of Morgan County
- Chief Deputy Tony Link, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
- Senior Trooper William Garrett, WVSP
- TFC Frederick Edwards, WVSP
- Jennifer Winslow, WVDHHR Supervisor
- Rose Jackson, Victim Advocate, Shenandoah Women's Center
- Ivana Medich, Rural Advocate, Shenandoah Women's Center
- Patricia Caldwell, RN, Morgan County Schools
- Gary McDaniel, MSW, Morgan County Schools
- Victoria Slater-Madert, CAC Program Coordinator