

Children's Safe Harbor 2017 Annual Report

19 Years of Serving Children and Families in
Montgomery, San Jacinto, & Walker Counties



Welcome to Children's Safe Harbor!

Combined, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker counties receive more than 3,000 reports per year of children who have been harmed by sexual and/or physical abuse. In the past, victims seeking help faced multiple contacts with different community professionals, which created a maze of confusion and distress for the child and the family.

Children's Safe Harbor has changed this journey by creating a safe and child-friendly place that coordinates all of the professionals mandated to respond to child abuse. This multi-disciplinary, co-located team approach prioritizes children throughout the process and facilitates healing and justice for children.

Our Mission:

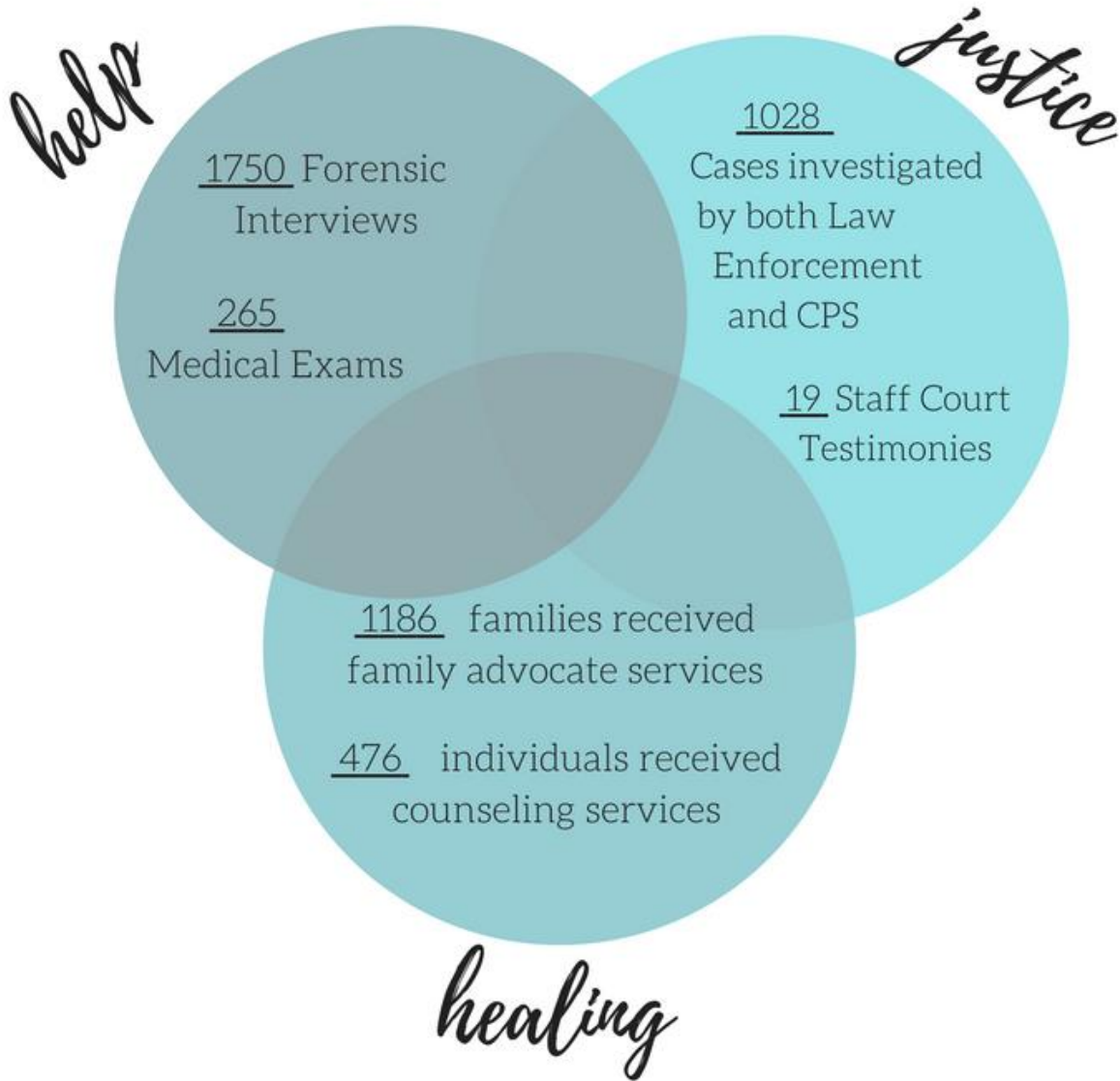
Children's Safe Harbors' mission is to protect and enhance the life of every child who has the courage to battle sexual and physical abuse.

Our Vision:

With a team of community and professional agencies united, we are committed to counsel the mind and heal the body of brave children and prosecute the offenders of the youngest and most vulnerable victims of our society.

Our Goal:

The goal of Children's Safe Harbor is to reduce the trauma of child victims and their non-offending caregivers by facilitating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary team approach to intervention, investigation, prosecution and treatment of child sexual and severe physical abuse.

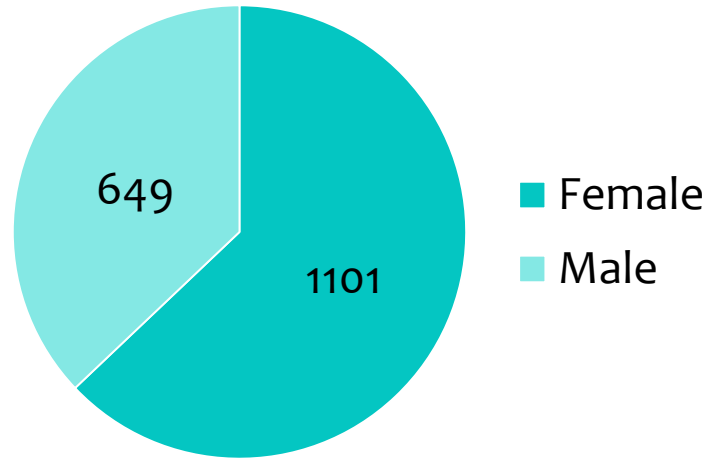
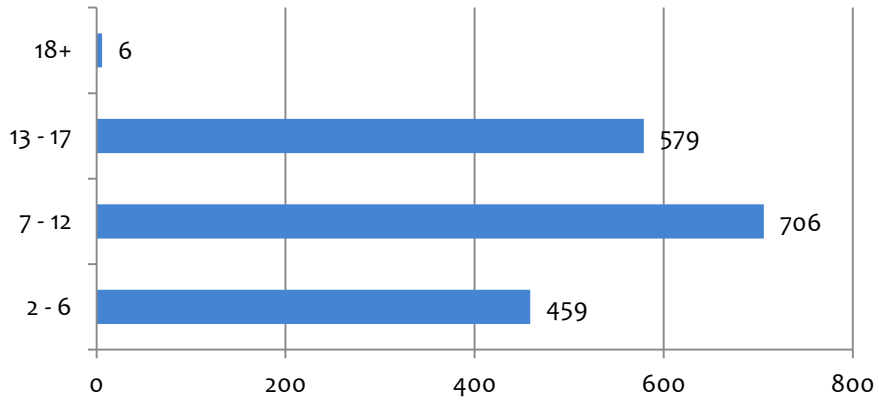


2017 At a Glance

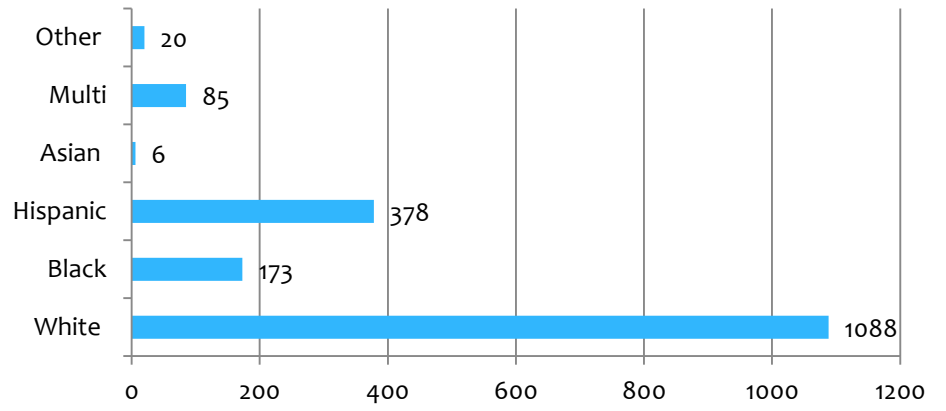


Our Clients

Age



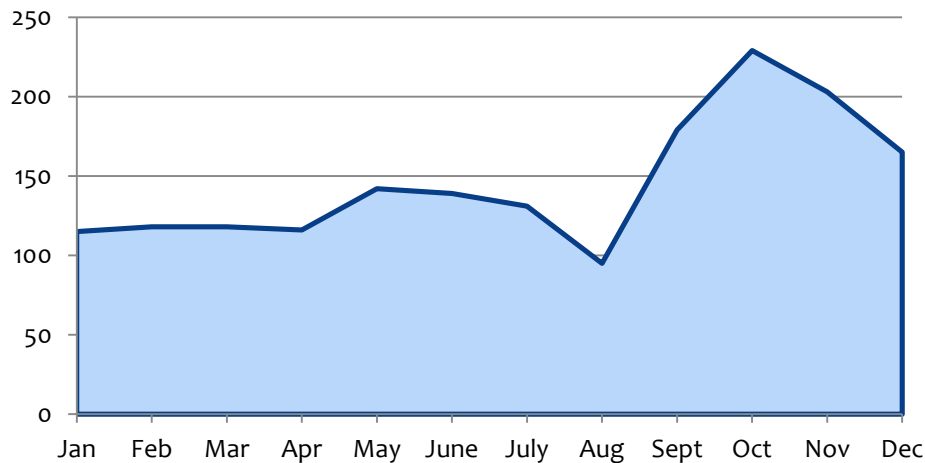
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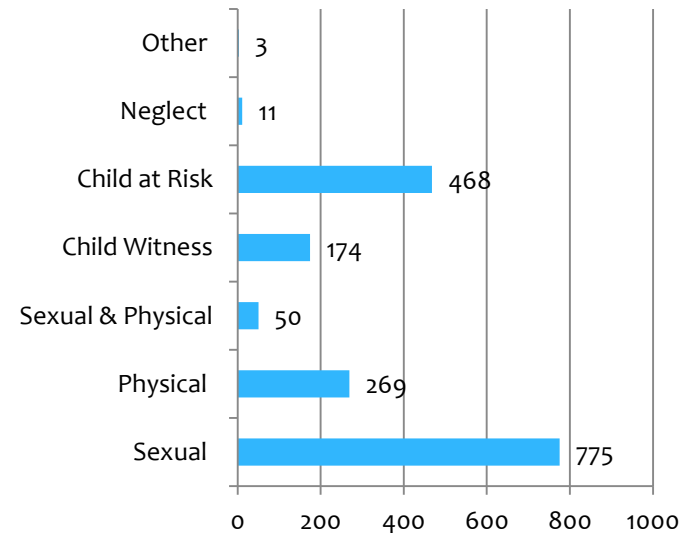
Forensic Interviews

A forensic interview enables children to make their disclosures of abuse on videotape rather than submitting them to repeated questioning by professionals. This fact-finding interview, conducted by trained neutral professionals, is often the first encounter a child will have with the advocacy center staff.

Breakdown per Month (1750 total)



Victimization

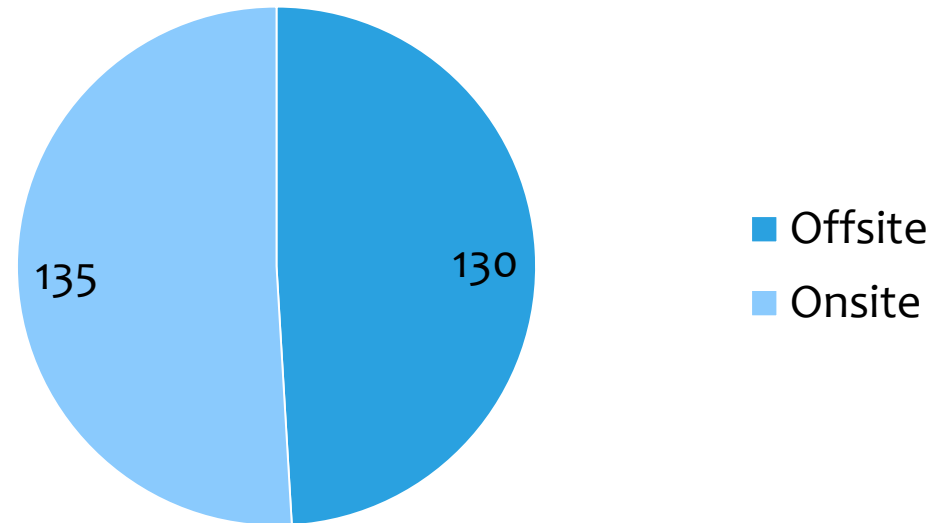


Medical Exams

When a child's disclosure of abuse and trauma indicates that there has been penetration, these children also receive the service of a forensic sexual assault examination. These examinations are performed by trained and certified medical personnel for the purpose of collecting evidence of the crime of sexual assault.

"Although my daughter still struggles, I can see improvement. She's even open to talk to me about things she hasn't talked about before."
-Anonymous response to our Caregiver Survey

Medical Exams



Family Advocacy

Family Advocates are the centralized point of contact for continuum of care services for abused and traumatized children and their non-offending family members. Family advocates assist parents and guardians with accessibility to services within the children's advocacy center as well as outside community resources and organizations.

1289 Referrals

to domestic violence and sexual assault programs designed to deliver services to victims of crimes, and external social services.

ex: BACA, MCWC, TX Advocacy Project, CSH counseling, other counseling, Interfaith, United Way, Lone Star Legal Aid, etc.

“[Children's Safe Harbor is most helpful in] that we have received help as a family, all at one location, and there is no fee charged during this stressful time.”

-Anonymous response to our 2017 Caregiver Survey

Counseling

Individual, family, and group trauma-focused counseling services are provided free of charge to children, their siblings, and non-offending caregivers by licensed professional counselors.

476 Total Counseling Clients
received services free of charge

98%

of counseling clients who completed a Caregiver Survey would recommend CSH.

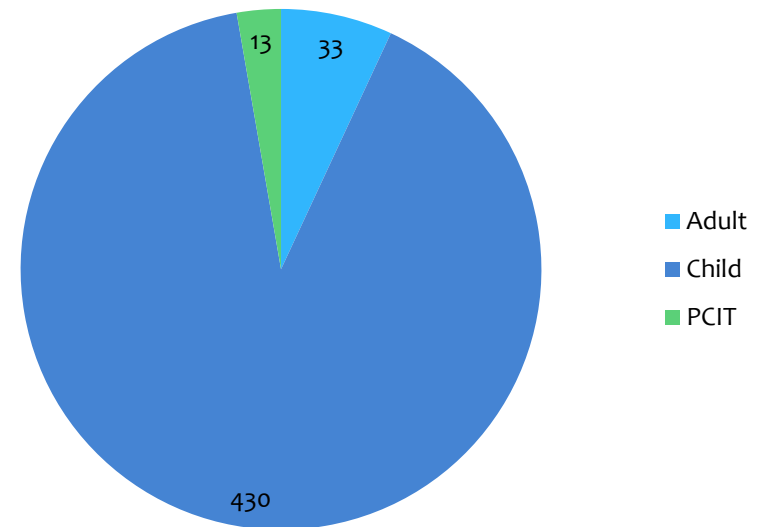
98%

of counseling clients who completed a Caregiver Survey had seen positive changes in their child after 6 or more counseling sessions.

**100 Clients Graduated
from Therapy**

(Successfully Completed Treatment)

Type of Counseling Client



"Very welcoming, very friendly and understanding. The counselors are phenomenal. Very comfortable place for the parents and kids."

-Anonymous Response to our 2017 Caregiver Survey

Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program at Children's Safe Harbor is designed to offer volunteers a variety of positive opportunities to advocate for children who are victims of sexual and/or severe physical abuse. Volunteers are a vital part of Children's Safe Harbor, helping with child watch, organization, special projects and special events.

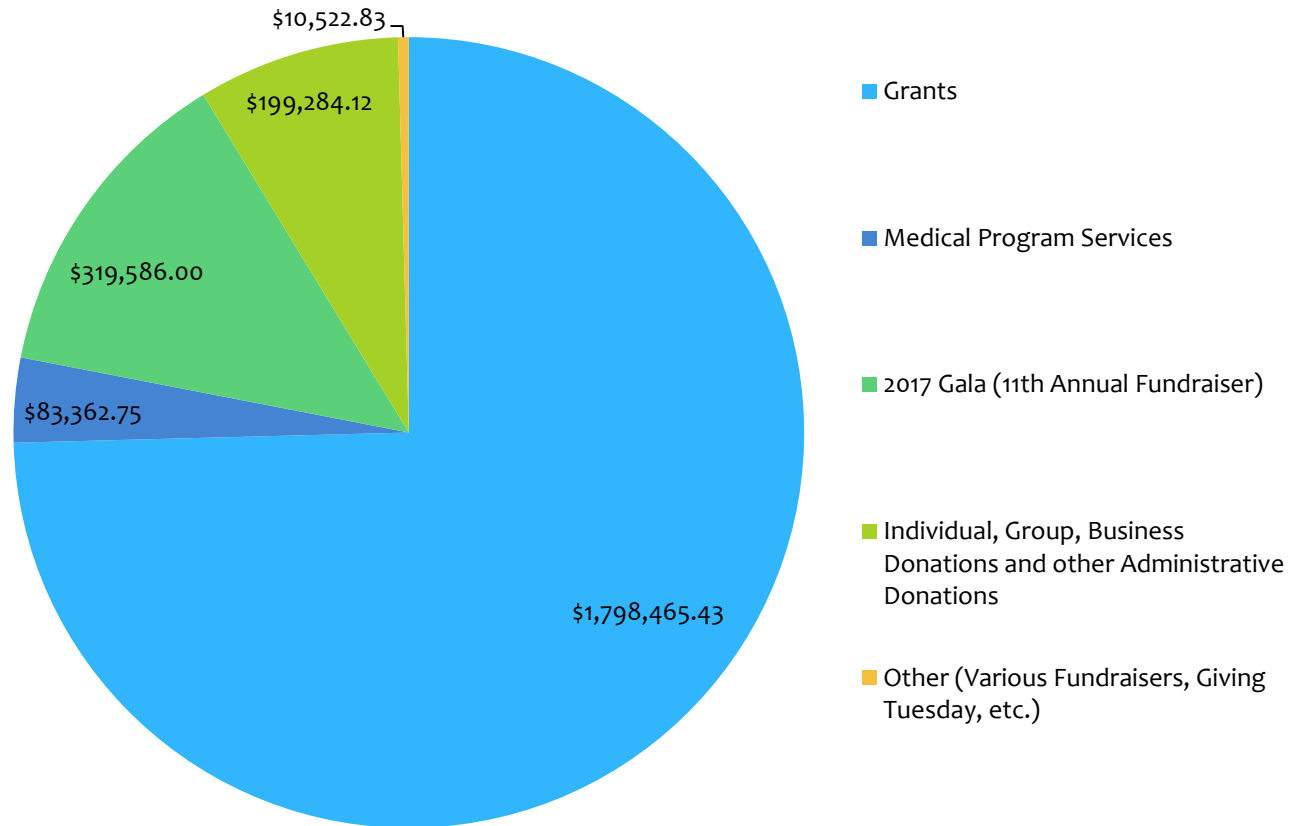
In 2017 we had **37 volunteers**

who donated **1,956 hours** of their time for children at CSH!

“[The most helpful thing about Children's Safe Harbor is] the natural way that they make everyone that comes in feel safe and welcome.”

-Anonymous Response to our 2017 Caregiver Survey

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