



January 2017 - June 2018

- 18 MONTH STATS -

1,213 children received forensic interviews, multidisciplinary team investigations, child life and family advocacy services. In August 2018, our busiest month to date, we served 107 children.

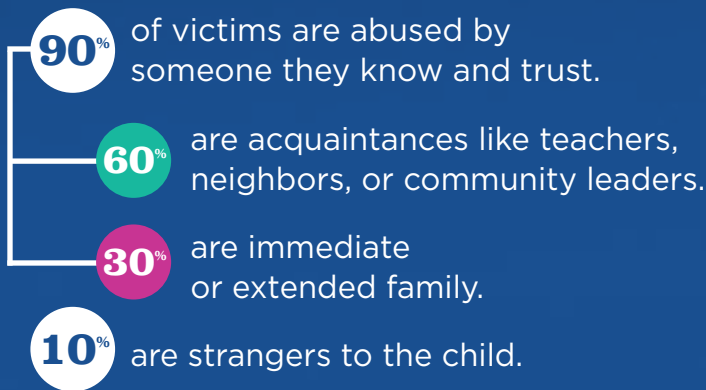
285 child victims and their non-offending caregivers received counseling services.

As part of our prevention efforts, **31,528** children and adults participated in **664** educational outreach sessions.

Learn The Facts

ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

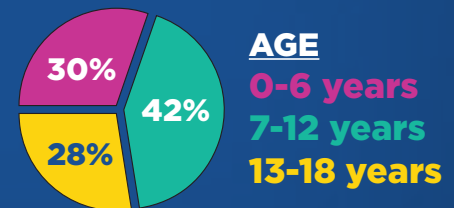
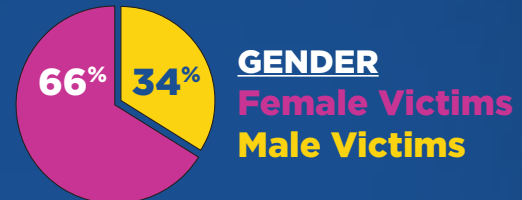
400,000 children are sexually abused each year. That means **1 in 10** children faces the horror of sexual abuse.



DID YOU KNOW the cost of a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) multidisciplinary investigation is approximately \$1,000 less than the cost of a non-CAC child abuse investigation on a case-by-case basis?

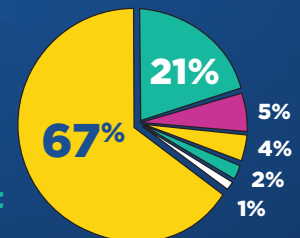
The Gingerbread House has served 10,897 child victims (as of June 30, 2018) since opening its doors 20 years ago.

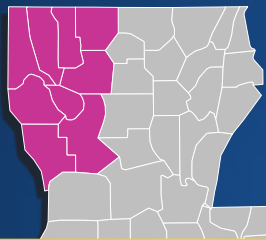
By this conservative estimate alone, the Gingerbread House has saved the northwest Louisiana community over \$10.9 MILLION since opening its doors in June, 1998!



TYPES OF ABUSE

- 67%** Sexual
- 21%** Physical
- 5%** Witness to Violence
- 4%** Neglect
- 2%** Drug Endangerment
- 1%** Other





WE SERVE

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PARISHES!

Providing Healing and Hope...

Help The Hurt

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program for Children and Adults

LOVE 146 NOT A #NUMBER

Human Trafficking Prevention Program

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN BY DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Prevention Education for Adults

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

For Mandated Reporters and other Professionals on child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention, identification, and reporting measures



“Everything went dark the moment we learned of the abuse our child had endured. We were in unfamiliar surroundings and had no idea where to turn for support. We had so many questions, yet had no idea where to find the answers. What should our next step be? How do we help our child overcome the pain, fear, and sadness that this person has caused? How will we help our child find happiness and the ability to trust again? Thankfully, we were made aware of the Gingerbread House. The team at the Gingerbread House is an amazing group of people who focus on healing not only the child who has endured abuse, but also the immediate family. They have been an amazing source of support during a very confusing and difficult time. We cannot turn back time and take away the pain that our child has endured, however we can ensure our child has the tools necessary to heal the pain and find hope for the future. As a mother, it is impossible to truly describe how blessed we are to have the support of the Gingerbread House. Thanks to their team, our child and the rest of our family have found light beyond the darkness.”

Teresa Sanders | Victim’s Mother

“Before Gingerbread House was formed in 1998, abused children would often be subjected to multiple interviews, often 5-8 interviews, by law enforcement, child protective services, and others. These interviews would take place at the police or sheriff’s stations, typically in very sterile and plain environments that were not child-friendly in the least. As a result, less than 5% of cases were being successfully prosecuted. We knew there had to be a better way, so we looked at national models and best practices, and moved forward with establishing the Gingerbread House Children’s Advocacy Center. Currently, over 97% of cases accepted for prosecution are successfully prosecuted. What was once a dream...helping children who had been hurt...has indeed become a reality through the Gingerbread House.”

David L. White, Attorney at Law | Gingerbread House Founding Member

“Child sexual assault cases are some of the most complex and heartbreaking matters that we prosecute. These cases require specialized approaches, procedures, and investigations. Gingerbread interviews are, in many instances, the most critically important tool that the prosecution uses to deliver justice. Forensic interviews changed the entire landscape of sex crimes prosecution and the Gingerbread House is an integral component of our service to children and the community.”

Ron Christopher Stamps, Assistant District Attorney

Chief, Special Victims Unit | Caddo Parish District Attorney’s Office

All services are offered free of charge to child victims so that no child is ever turned away due to the family’s inability to pay for services.