



# Gingerbread House

Children's Advocacy Center

2019-2020  
PERFORMANCE & QUALITY SCORECARD

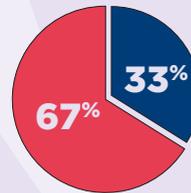
COVID-19 has changed many of our daily routines at home and at work, but it has not changed the fact that many children are still being targeted by child predators and traffickers on a daily basis. With no outlet such as school or extracurricular activities, and with children spending more and more time online, children are at an even greater risk to be exploited. Nationally, reports of child abuse cases showed a significant decline at the start of the pandemic, but slowly are rising as children return to school. Educators are responsible for over 20% of child abuse cases reported to law enforcement and child protection. The Gingerbread House has been open and providing services to victims throughout the pandemic to ensure child victims receive the critical services they so desperately need. In June, 2020, the Gingerbread House served 86 new child abuse victims – our second highest month in our 22 year history – and we expect to see an even larger increase in cases reported during the second half of 2020. **Your support is needed now more than ever so that we can continue to give child abuse victims a voice and the resources they need in this time of crisis.** Thanks to our donors, our center continues to serve child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers free of charge so that no child is ever turned away due to a family's inability to pay for services.

## JANUARY 2019 - JUNE 2020 - 18 MONTH STATS -

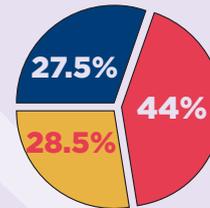
**1,245** children received forensic interviews, multidisciplinary investigations, and family advocacy services. Average: **69** Newly identified victims per month.

**248** child victims of abuse & their non-offending caregivers received counseling services.

As part of our prevention efforts, a total of **668** outreach activities impacting **41,140** individuals were conducted.

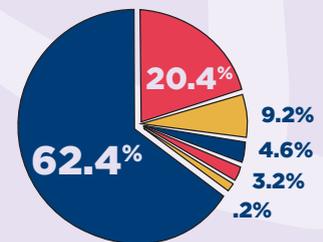


**GENDER**  
**Female Victims**  
**Male Victims**



**AGE**  
**0-6 years**  
**7-12 years**  
**13-18 years**

**TYPES OF ABUSE\***  
**Sexual**  
**Physical**  
**Witness to Violence**  
**Neglect**  
**Drug Endangerment**  
**Other**



*\*Some children present with more than one type of abuse.*



## 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

**OUR MISSION** is to lessen the trauma experienced by child abuse victims as allegations are investigated and to provide support for the child victim throughout the investigation, prosecution, and treatment phases of cases.

**"Since I have had services from the Gingerbread House, my life has improved because instead of choices being made for me, they are being made with me."**

15 year Old Female Child Sex Trafficking Survivor

**"Counseling has helped me work through my trauma. It has shown me I am stronger than I thought I could be. Because of counseling I am still alive and I can finally move forward"**

14 year Old Female Child Sexual Abuse Survivor

**"Thank you for making me feel safe."**

8 year Old male Child Physical Abuse Survivor

**"We must work hard to remind children, especially those who have been abused, that they are not defined by what has happened to them. We are here to help them. They can grow up to become happy and healthy individuals who can share their talents with the world!"**

Jessica Milan Miller, M.A., MBA  
Chief Executive Officer



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**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 12,640 child victims since opening its doors 22 years ago.

By this conservative estimate alone, the Gingerbread House has saved the NWLA community over \$12.6 MILLION since opening its doors in June, 1998!

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