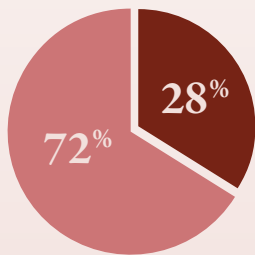


PERFORMANCE & QUALITY SCORECARD

JULY 2020 – JULY 2021

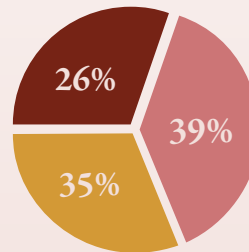
(12 MONTH STATS)

- **864** children received forensic interviews, multidisciplinary investigations, child life and family advocacy services. Average: **72** newly identified child victims per month.
- **111** at-risk and/or confirmed victims of child sex trafficking received comprehensive direct care services and case management.
- **165** child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers received trauma-informed counseling services.
- As part of our prevention efforts, a total of **381** outreach activities impacting **31,952** children and adults were conducted.



GENDER

Female Victims
Male Victims

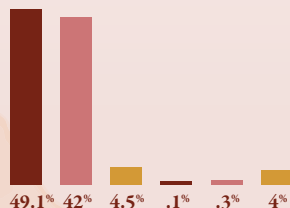


AGE

0-6 Years
7-12 Years
13-18 Years

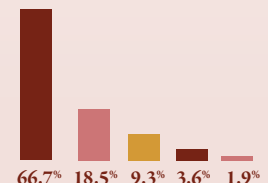
RACE

Caucasian 49.1%
African American 42.0%
Hispanic/Latino 4.0%
American Indian/
Alaska Native 0.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander 0.1%
Other (mixed races) 4.5%



TYPES OF ABUSE*

Sexual 66.7%
Physical 18.5%
Witness to Violence 9.3%
Neglect 3.6%
Drug Endangerment 1.9%



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



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.

THE COMPREHENSIVE CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAM AT THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CAC HAS SEVEN CORE COMPONENTS:

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS The Gingerbread House employs forensic child interviewers who are trained in obtaining the details necessary to conduct effective and complete investigations of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, child sex trafficking, child pornography, drug endangerment, and other violent crimes, while in a child-friendly non-threatening environment.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM INVESTIGATIONS The MDT consists of members of law enforcement, the Department of Children and Family Services, the District Attorney's Offices, medical and mental health professionals, and CAC Staff. The MDT exists to ensure all of the professionals involved in child abuse investigations work collaboratively to minimize trauma to the child victim while maximizing prosecution of offenders, and services to the child victim and non-offending caregivers.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CARE & COORDINATION Our Anti-Human Trafficking program provides intensive case management for at-risk and confirmed victims of child sex trafficking with the goal of improving outcomes for child and youth victims of trafficking.

CHILD LIFE Child life specialists are trained professionals who work with children and families with a goal to reduce stress and anxiety due to recent traumatic experiences or events.

FAMILY ADVOCACY Our Family Advocacy program serves non-offending caregivers of child victims and follows up with each family to ensure that questions are answered and necessary referrals are made.

TRAUMA-INFORMED COUNSELING SERVICES Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy and other interventions are offered for child victims and their non-offending caregivers at the Gingerbread House by Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Master Social Workers at no cost to the victim's family.

PREVENTION EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL TRAINING The Gingerbread House provides ongoing training for participating agencies working in the field of child abuse and coordinates local efforts in child abuse prevention education and awareness. Trainings are offered for children in preschool through high school, parents, and professionals.



Meet our most popular Gingerbread House Team Member, Rambo!

Rambo, our therapy dog at the Gingerbread House, is a 4 year old beagle mix. He received his certification through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and helps child abuse victims by being a calming and supportive presence throughout their experience at the Gingerbread House. Rambo helps kids become more relaxed and feel more comfortable while talking to forensic interviewers and counselors. Rambo offers support by allowing kids to pet, play, and talk to him.



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 13,504 child victims since opening its doors 23 years ago.

By this conservative estimate alone, the Gingerbread House has saved the NWLA community over \$13.5 MILLION since opening its doors in June, 1998!

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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.