



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



# A word from the executive director:

As I review our annual report, I am immensely proud of the work that the CAC has done in service to the children in our community.

This year brought the addition of new programs to the CAC. We were thrilled to add a Spanish speaking interviewer to our team, and are now able to provide forensic interviews and family advocacy services to those children and family members who have limited English proficiency. We also opened Henry's Closet in February. This resource closet allows our families to shop for necessary items such as diapers, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. All items in the closet are provided through community donations. 2022 also saw the development of our junior board of directors, made up of young professionals with a desire to further our mission by serving as ambassadors of the CAC in our community.

Looking ahead, we are focused on continuing to strengthen our trauma-informed response to child abuse. We have added a child advocate to our team, who will focus on improving access to medical care for children who need those services. We are committed to the ongoing expansion of our outreach and education efforts for our multidisciplinary team members, friends in the faith communities, and learners of all ages in local schools and community groups. As always, we are grateful for so many in our community who support our work. The generosity of our donors, community-minded corporate partners, private foundations, and government funders enable us to remain focused on supporting our children on their journeys to justice and healing.

With Gratitude,

**Terri DuBose**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# Impact of our services



**598**  
CHILDREN SERVED



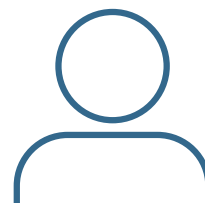
Forensic Interviews

**350**



Victim Advocacy

**7,522**



New Therapy Clients

**98**



Trauma-Focused  
Mental Health Sessions

**942**



Multidisciplinary Team  
Case Coordination

**18**



Criminal Justice  
Support Services

**3,981**



"My daughter felt  
**safe** here."

-Caregiver

"Everyone was caring & friendly. My girls felt as comfortable as possible given the situation. I am thankful for each worker, and for all the services offered, especially the counseling & support throughout the rest of the process!"

-Caregiver

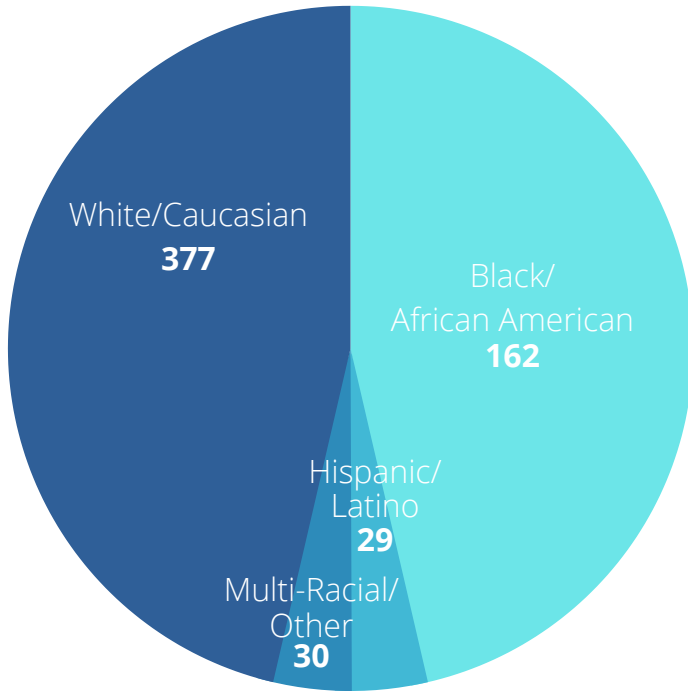


**Henry Elton Bertagnolli**  
CAC Therapy Dog

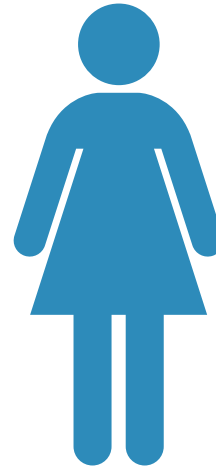
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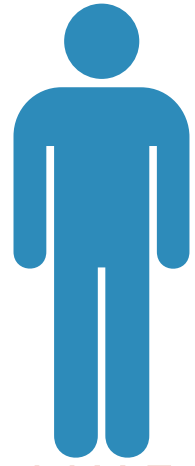
## RACE



## GENDER



**FEMALE**  
416



**MALE**  
182

# How we worked on preventing

## PREVENTION EDUCATION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

"The staff at the Child Advocacy Center are extremely "user friendly" and make my job as a Law Enforcement Investigator so much easier. It is an absolute pleasure being a member of a Team that works so well together. The CAC Staff go out of their way to assist in cases that are difficult enough to start with. Last minute changes and "surprises" don't phase the CAC staff, they roll with it and adapt to the situation. It is an honor to be part of the CAC Team."

-Pete Markow, Criminal Investigator  
Geneva County Sheriff's Office



Students Educated in local schools  
(11,520)



Collaboration Meetings



MDT Annual Training



Facility Tours (18)



Resource Fair/Tabling Events



Social Media Reach (7,000)



# Financials



## FUNDING:

Appropriations - 12%

Grants - 40%

Fundraising - 20%

Contributions - 28%

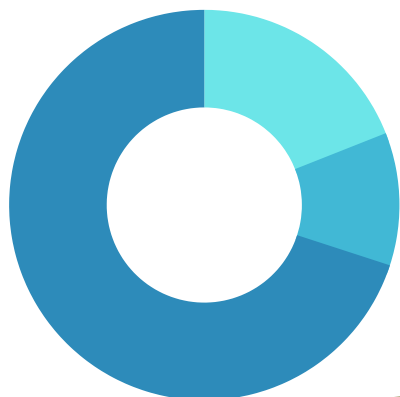


## EXPENSES:

Advocacy Services - 70%

General Admin - 11%

Special Events - 19%



"Donating to the community is very important to Dothan Coca Cola United and then to be associated with the Child Advocacy Center who carries the same core values of excellence, respect, integrity and quality as we do. It is an honor to be aligned with such a tremendous and giving organization."

**-Neil Guess, Dothan Coca Cola United**

# Meet the Team

## CAC STAFF:



Jennifer Kennedy, Victim Services Advocate  
Lynette Robles-Mena, Bilingual Forensic Interviewer  
Savannah Taylor, Forensic Interviewer  
William McKissic, Education Advocate  
Laura Bertagnolli, Therapist

Aline Mays-Easley, Therapist  
Terri DuBose, Executive Director  
Laurabeth Thomas, Community Advocate  
Grace Geisler, MDT Coordinator  
Madison Hobbs, Children's Advocate

## EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Mike Martin, President  
Karen Morris, Vice President  
Michelle Freeman, MD, Secretary  
Gunter Price, Treasurer

Scott Applefield  
Neil Guess  
Melanie Cotter, PhD  
Deborah Crawford  
Emily Darnell  
Sarah Germanson, MD

Member at Large, Ron Watts

Ken Lane  
Ellen Lee  
Trevor Parrish  
Bob Sanders  
Keith Saulsberry  
Carolyn West

# Want to help?



A caring and supportive community is required to make a lasting impact in the lives of children. Many options are available for you to step in and join us in our mission to keep the children in our community safe, and be the soft place to land when they are harmed. Here's how you can help:

- Report suspected child abuse to 1-800-252-5400
- Make a tax-deductible donation to our center
- Volunteer
- Attend our events
- Host a third-party event
- Donate in-kind gifts or services
- Request a training
- Use Amazon Smile and designate our center as the beneficiary
- Follow us on social media (Facebook & Instagram)



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