



FY 2023

CHILD ADVOCACY AND PARENTING SERVICES



Come Grow with Us

To our loyal CAPS supporters,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final reflection as Executive Director at CAPS. My goal as a leader is to always leave a place better than I found it. I can honestly say that has been the case in my tenure at the helm, and why I know it's okay for me to leave and pursue state leadership opportunities in the spring. To the right, you can see the statistical progress of serving children and families in Saline, Dickinson, Ottawa and Ellsworth Counties. While there are significantly higher numbers of people being served, the growth I'm most proud of is in the personal development of the team who educates, advocates and supports their clients in the most authentic and non-judgmental ways.

When I came here in March of 2015, many of the same faces were here, but they were tired. They were weary. They were meeting clients' needs no matter what it took. That commitment hasn't waived. What has changed is an organizational priority to not only help families create spaces where their children can be safe, healthy and strong, but to also apply that same vision for our staff's personal well-being.

Together, with our Board of Directors, we have implemented policies and practices that align with our core belief that family is the most important thing in life. Family looks different to each of us, some of us are born into a place of belonging and others choose their tribe, but the people we love and cherish are and should always be our priority. To show our commitment, we now offer onsite childcare for our staff, technology to allow for flexible scheduling and remote work, and free telehealth sessions to make our team's mental health a priority. Our job descriptions require demonstrated practices for self-care and trauma response. Because if our team isn't healthy and happy, we won't keep them in the work.

Resilience comes from having someone in your corner to trust. Over the past 45 years, CAPS has earned that trust with our staff, our clients and our community. You have proven trustworthy to join us in this work by your faithful volunteering and giving. I hope you will continue this legacy and give a gift today to help us meet our mission to improve children's lives and to strengthen families through education, advocacy and support.

With gratitude and hope.



Lori Blake, Executive Director



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Service Stats

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)



This past fiscal year, **44 CASA volunteers** spent **1,790 hours** changing the stories of **56 children** in Saline and Ottawa County foster care.

Parenting Education



224 adults in **136 families** attended one of the **112 virtual or in person** Parenting Education sessions offered by CAPS instructors. **2 families** enrolled in an individual study Personal Parenting Class. CAPS Parenting Education YouTube videos were viewed **311 times**.

Saline County School Readiness



In FY23, **317 children** 0-5 years of age in **315 families** received developmental screenings and support from their **39 child care settings**. This service focused on making sure early identification of developmental delays occurs as soon as possible to allow for the maximum intervention before the child enters school. Staff also provided coaching and professional development for **75 child care professionals** in Saline County to give their children high quality learning environments and parents with the education about appropriate child development.

Chris's Place - Child Advocacy Center

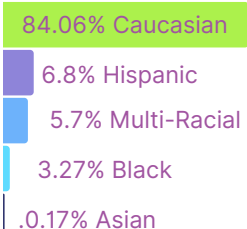


Chris's Place served **192 child victims and non-offending caregivers** in FY21. These children received the following services: **164** forensic interviews, **38** sexual assault examinations when needed, **192** victim advocacy, court accompaniment and most importantly **100%** referral to trauma-focused therapy.

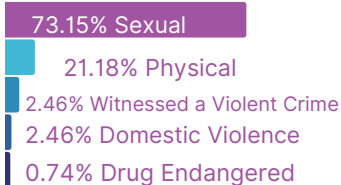


397 served; 192 children, 205 adults

ETHNICITY



TYPES OF ABUSE



Happy Bear



Happy Bear returned to the classroom and educated **1,633 children** and **224 adults** in **94 sessions**. The Happy Bear YouTube video was accessed **151 times** by educators to bring Happy Bear to their classrooms.

Respite Care



Parents and caregivers in **47 families** received care for **71 children** between 8 weeks and 5 years of age. Three-hour stress breaks were provided each week totaling **1383 sessions** of high quality child care, reducing risk for child abuse and increasing assessment for appropriate child development. In July 2022, we started offering onsite child care as a benefit for our employees with children under the age of 5 not enrolled in Kindergarten.

Bullying Prevention



Bullying Prevention Education returned to the classroom. Services were provided to **2,205 children** and **160 educators** and school staff members across **109 sessions**.

Family Mentoring and Support



Family Mentoring and Support employs **9 full-time staff**, including **5 bilingual staff** members. Service is provided to Saline and Ottawa families in their homes, virtually or in office. Parenting education classes and mentoring services are offered in both English and Spanish. Last year, **188 English Speaking parents** and their **179 children** and **187 Spanish Speaking parents** and their **219 children** participated in this program. In addition, **114 families** received short-term crisis counseling and support.

Contributors

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

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(\$5,001 and above)

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Lila Berkley
Jeff & Darlene Nicholson

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Financials



TOTAL EXPENSES:

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

\$2,057,341



FUNDRAISING

1.78%



ADMINISTRATION

7.6%



PROGRAMS

90.7%



35 volunteers

contributed **190 hours**
of service in the CAPS
office in FY 2023.

