

MISSION & VALUES



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
of suffolk county

MISSION

The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County (CAC) is Suffolk County's frontline responder to reports of child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and commercial sexual exploitation of children under age 18.

Our mission is to unite public, private and community partners to ensure **safety, healing, and justice** for children and families impacted by abuse, violence, and exploitation.



VALUES

We uphold our values in every interaction with partners, supporters, community members, families, and the children and youth we serve.

**Child and Family
Centered**

**Collaborative
Relationships**

Courageous

Equity and Inclusion

Leadership

ONE CHILD'S CAC EXPERIENCE

**Identifying details have been changed for the safety and privacy of the child and their family.*



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At 2:00 a.m. on a recent Saturday, paramedics brought 12-year-old Sophia to the Emergency Room after she escaped a trafficking situation. Lured online to what she thought was a party, Sophia instead found herself trapped in an apartment with several adult men. Against all odds, she escaped and sought help from a neighbor, who called the police.

The hospital contacted the CAC's 24/7 on-call Coordinator, who immediately launched a trauma-informed, multi-agency response. Working with law enforcement, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, the Department of Children and Families, and our in-house mental health team, we ensured Sophia's safety and helped reunite her with her mother.



Just a few days later, Sophia visited the CAC, where she was met with compassionate, bilingual staff. For the first time, she felt heard and a weight was lifted. Our forensic interviewer conducted a one-time, age-appropriate interview while the investigative team observed from behind a two-way mirror. She also met with our Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, who helped her feel safe and understand her body would heal. The child is always at the center of everything we do.

While Sophia was in her interview, our Clinical Case Manager supported Sophia's mother, who was understandably devastated that something like this could happen to them. The Clinical Case Manager offered guidance and comfort in her native language and she was reassured knowing a team was working behind the scenes for her daughter's well-being.



Recognizing the family's urgent needs, we provided grocery gift cards and personally walked them to a nearby grocery store to ensure they had food that night—because healing starts with basic needs being met.

Thanks to the team's efforts and Sophia's courage, authorities built a strong case against the trafficker, ensuring he could no longer harm others. Sophia is now receiving specialized, evidence-based therapy at the CAC as she begins her healing journey.

Sophia's story is one of many. This is why the CAC exists—to support, protect, and empower children when they need it most. **And with your support, we can do even more.**

2024 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



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1,655
TOTAL
REFERRALS

315
sexual
exploitation
referrals

255
forensic
interviews

663
clinical therapy
sessions

4,425
community members
trained

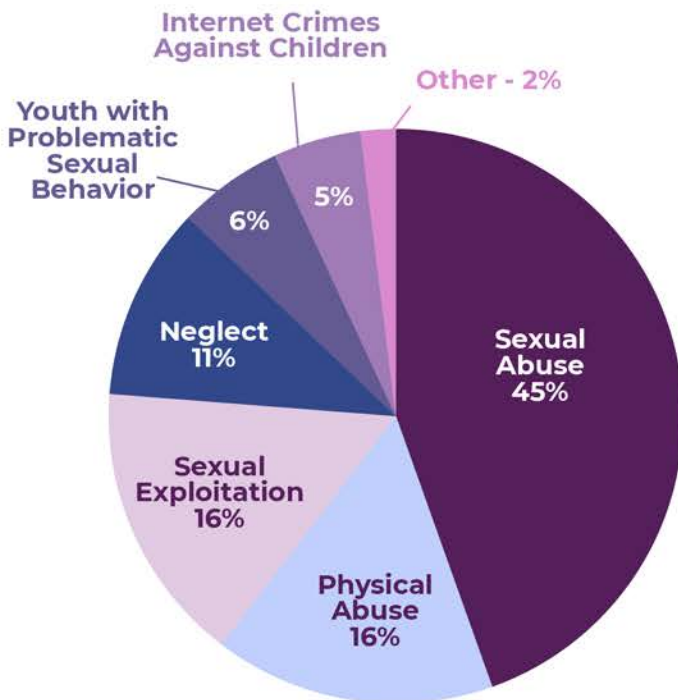
114
trainings

BREAKDOWN OF CHILDREN SERVED



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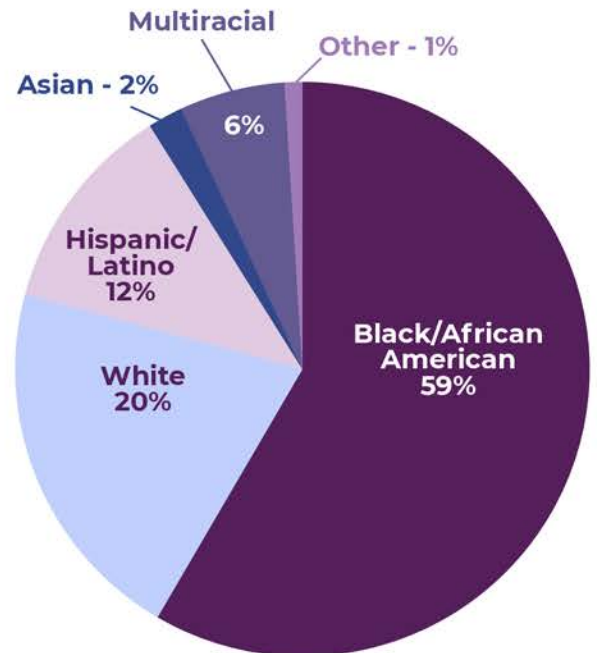
TYPE OF ALLEGED MALTREATMENT*



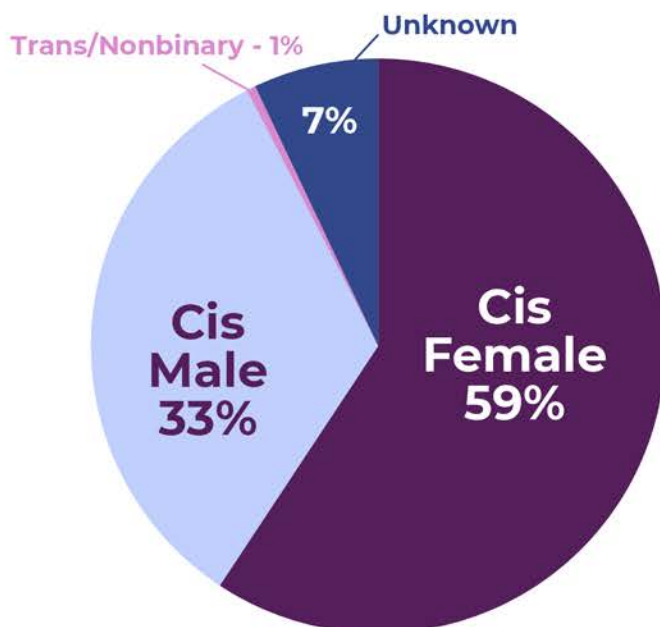
*Some referrals are for multiple maltreatments.

REFERRALS BY RACE

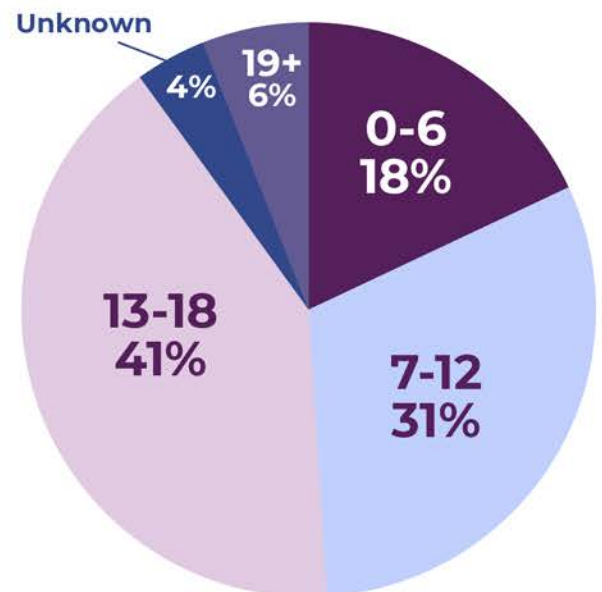
of those with known racial identity



REFERRALS BY GENDER



REFERRALS BY AGE

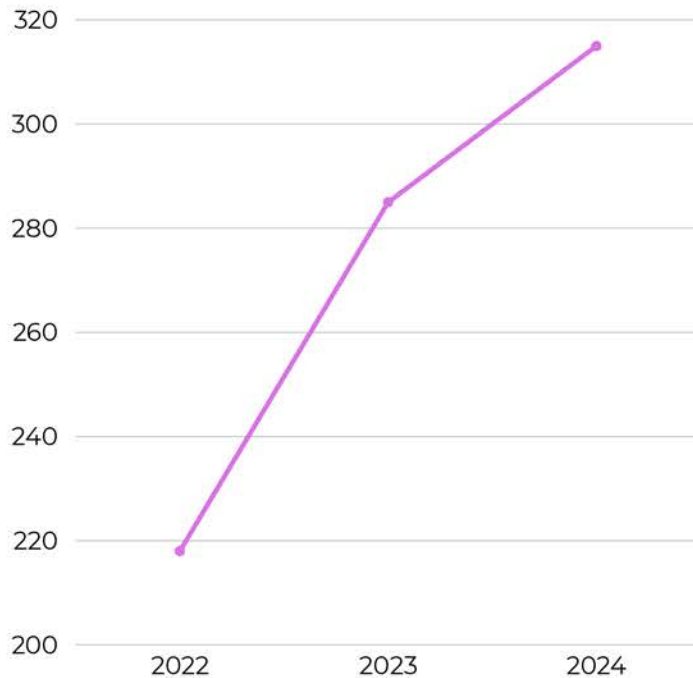


CONTINUING TO MEET AN INCREASED NEED

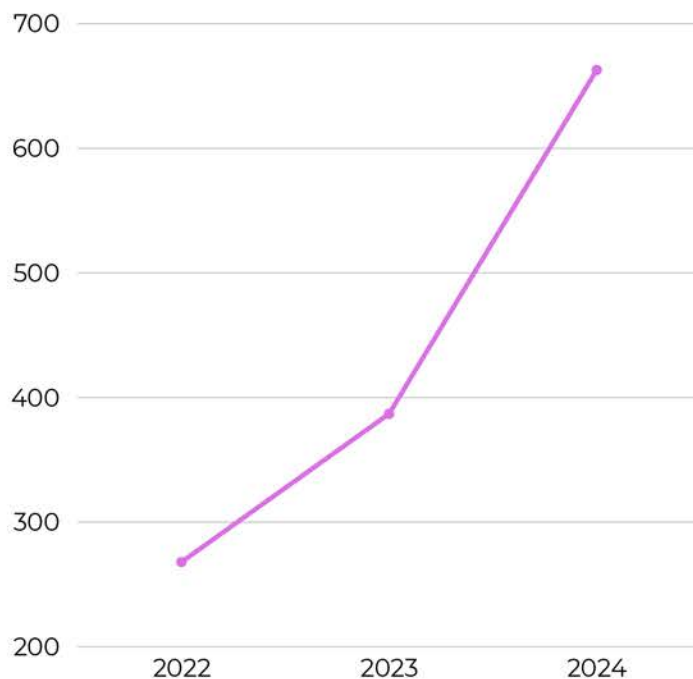


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MISSING & EXPLOITED YOUTH REFERRALS



THERAPY SESSIONS DELIVERED



The Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) program received 315 referrals in 2024, representing a 44% increase over 2022.



The Mental Health team delivered 663 evidence-based therapy sessions, representing a 147% increase over 2022.

REACHING NEW AUDIENCES: ADULTS PREVENTING ABUSE



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Children aren't the only ones who need to know how to spot red flags of abuse. The CAC made sure to educate parents, caregivers, and child-serving professionals on how to recognize, respond, and prevent child abuse.

114
trainings

4,425
community members
trained

→ **1,554 youth**

→ **2,817 adults**

● **567 caregivers**
● **3,858 professionals**

I found the content well-organized, and the insights shared were both helpful and actionable.

- Webinar attendee, Sexting & Non-Consensual Image Sharing: What Parents Need to Know



Boston Emergency Medical Services Emergency Medical Technicians-in-training learned about Recognizing & Responding to Concerns of Child Abuse.



The Parents Preventing Child Abuse webinar series included five installments aimed at educating caregivers and hosted a total audience of 287 caregivers, foster parents, and professionals.



425 School Resource Officers from across Massachusetts attended the Municipal Police Training Committee's conference and learned how to understand & respond effectively to children's sexual behaviors.



The CAC delivered "Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors & Medical Services" for the International Institute of New England's Unaccompanied Children Program team.



Parents of Revere's Beachmont Elementary School students participated in a Bilingual (English/Spanish) Stop Block Talk online safety training.

LEADERSHIP IN CHILD ABUSE RESPONSE & PREVENTION



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In June, CAC Executive Director, Annie Marcklinger, SEEN Program Manager, Sheelah Gobar, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Prevention & Intervention Specialist, Sophie Jordan, traveled to Washington, DC for the National Children's

Alliance Leadership Conference. While there, Sophie and Sheelah shared their expertise with attendees during their "High-Risk Missing and Exploited Youth: The Multidisciplinary Team Response" presentation.



Through a collaboration with the MA Children's Alliance, the University of Oklahoma's Health Sciences Center, and the National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth, Mental Health & Family Advocacy Director, Catalina Perez (front right), is being trained as a Clinical Trainer for Problematic Sexual Behavior-Cognitive Behavior Therapy (PSB-CBT). This is part of MACA's initiative to have trainers across the state to ensure that MA is able to meet the needs of the children and families across the Commonwealth. Catalina presented some of the modules during a learning session for clinicians from other CACs and mental health agencies. As the first CAC in the state to offer PSB-CBT to children ages 3-14, we are thrilled to have a role in the expansion of this critical intervention to clinicians and organizations throughout the Commonwealth.



CAC staff gathered at the State House to celebrate SEEN Program Manager, Sheelah Gobar, being honored as a Victim Advocate of the Year by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.

“ We have had the privilege of seeing firsthand how the CAC of Suffolk County, not only meets the highest standards of care, but consistently sets the bar for innovation, excellence, and leadership among CACs statewide and nationally. ”

— Thomas M. King, LICSW
Executive Director,
Massachusetts Children's
Alliance

FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2024



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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$3,431,054
Grants & Contributions Receivable	\$132,971
Accounts Receivable	-
Prepaid Expenses	\$65,024
Total Current Assets	<u>\$3,629,049</u>

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, NET	<u>\$45,585</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$3,674,634</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

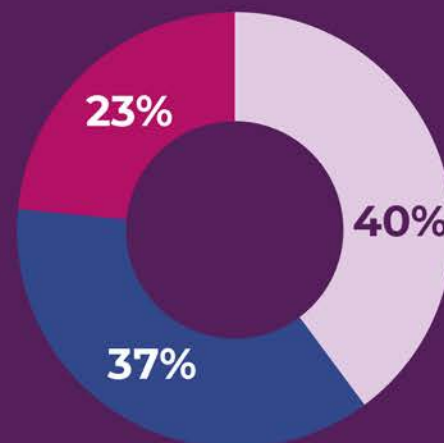
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$26,542
Accrued Payroll Related Costs	\$80,980
Conditional Grant Advances	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$107,522</u>

NET ASSETS

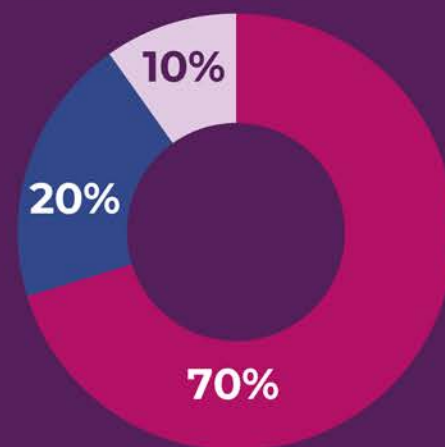
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$3,374,485
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$192,627
Total Net Assets	<u>\$3,567,112</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$3,674,634</u></u>
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REVENUE



EXPENSES



“

They were very kind.
I felt very good despite the pain I have
in my heart. Their words were very
comforting for me and my daughter.

— Caregiver of a child visiting the CAC

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WHO WE ARE

*Denotes staff & interns who have departed from the CAC in or since 2024.



STAFF & INTERNS

Annie Marcklinger | Executive Director

Madeline Bacon, MSW, LICSW | *Mental Health Clinician*
Elizabeth M. Bouchard, MPH | *Chief Program Officer*
Nicole Bresnahan* | *Development Coordinator*
Erica Chepulis, MSW, LCSW | *Training Program Manager*
Lakeisha Clayton | *Director of Operations/Financial Controller*
Keyana Coley-Rice | *SEEN Program Assistant/Northeastern Coop*
Emily Cutts, MSW, LICSW | *Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator/Forensic Interviewer*
Gina Elysee, MPA, MAAP | *Bilingual (Haitian Kreyol) Clinical Case Manager*
Marcela Familiar-Bolaños, LICSW | *Mental Health Clinician*
Annie Fournier | *Mental Health Intern*
Yecelin Gamba | *Bilingual (Spanish) Clinical Case Manager*
Sheelah Gobar, MS | *SEEN Program Manager*
Alissa Goldhaber | *Mental Health Intern*
Jacey Gonzalez | *Development Coordinator*
Catalina Gutierrez-Perez, MSW, LICSW | *Director of Mental Health & Advocacy*
Sam Heller, MPH | *Data Analyst*
Rachel Hyden* | *SEEN Program Assistant*
Sophie Jordan | *Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Prevention & Intervention Specialist*
Adine Latimore, DNP, MS, PPCNP-BC, SANE | *Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner*
Maria Carolina Massiani, LMHC | *Mental Health Program Manager*
En Ci Mong* | *Community Outreach Coordinator*
Schuyler Palmer | *Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Program Assistant/Northeastern Coop*
Zoe Sachs | *Community Outreach Coordinator*
Kim Sebastiao | *Chief of Development & External Affairs*
Gladys Sorto-Aviles | *Family Resource Specialist, Child Fatality Review Team Co-Lead & Coordinator*
Alex Spurlock, MSW, LICSW | *Mental Health Clinician*
Mara Steed | *SEEN Case Coordinator*
Lauren Sterling* | *Clinical Intern/Simmons University MSW*
Catherine Tootell, MSW, LICSW | *MDT Manager/Forensic Interviewer*
Samantha Tudor | *MDT Program Assistant/Northeastern Coop*
Vanessa Vicente | *Forensic Interviewer*
Alisia L.L. Waller | *Operations & Office Coordinator*



ABOUT OUR STAFF

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Advanced Degrees

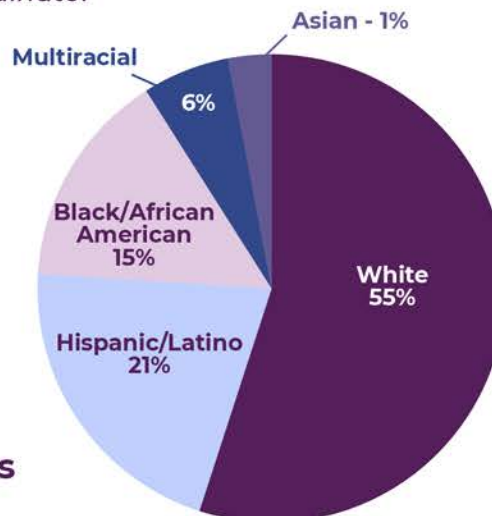
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Bilingual

Haitian Kreyol, Italian,
Portuguese and Spanish

4+

Average Tenure in Years



WHO WE ARE



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100%

FINANCIAL SUPPORT





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HEALING STARTS HERE



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