



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
of suffolk county

IMPACT REPORT 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

At the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County, 2022 was a year of coming back together. Our staff returned to the Center and resumed services for children and families in person. Our trainings gradually shifted from exclusively virtual to mostly in-person, and our partners and supporters gathered again for meetings and events. It has been wonderful to reconnect.

Looking back, we can definitively say that we are so proud of how we have served the Suffolk County community. Throughout the pandemic, we stayed focused on the needs of our families and how we could innovate to meet those needs. We have emerged more flexible and stronger than ever.

With more than 28 years of doing this critically important work, we continue to learn and grow. As you'll see throughout this report, 2022 was a year in which we significantly increased our outreach and training efforts, increased access to specialized mental health services, and increased our capacity to measure our impact.

We often hear from children and families that, after walking through the doors of our child-friendly Center, they feel lighter. Safe. Taken care of. Supported. Heard. Our collaboration with incredible partner agencies and the support of our generous donors make this possible.

As you scroll through this report, we hope you gain an understanding of the immense scope of the work our small but mighty team provides. Your partnership makes this possible.

We are so grateful.



Susan Goldfarb



Elisabeth Schadae Percelay

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Susan Goldfarb
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elisabeth Schadae Percelay".

Elisabeth Schadae Percelay
Chair, Board of Trustees

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

1,591

children referred
to the CAC

1,019

reports of
sexual abuse

270

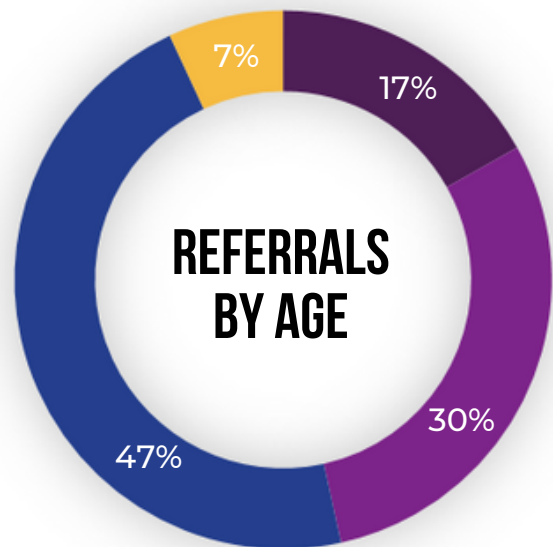
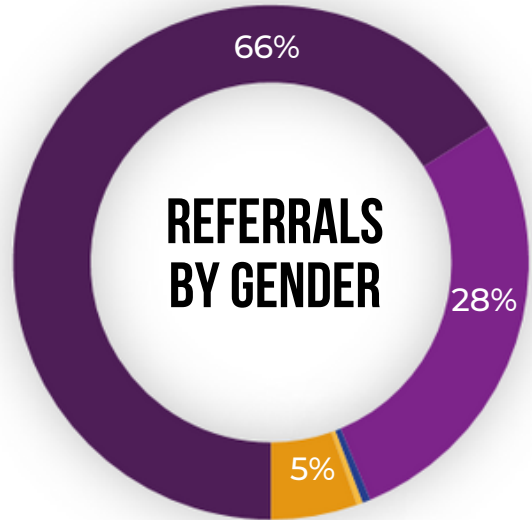
reports of
physical abuse

167

reports of
neglect

218

reports of
high-risk and
commercially sexually
exploited youth



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

The CAC saw significant growth in staffing—two new Mental Health Clinicians, a Family Advocate, our first-ever Data Analyst, and a Development Coordinator were all added. On top of that, our training and outreach team was fully staffed for the first time since the pandemic. This growth resulted in a greater ability to respond to increased training requests and meeting the needs of even more children and families.

Our Mental Health Team
provided

269

specialized therapeutic
intervention sessions

14%

239

Forensic Interviews of
Children and Adult Survivors

Our new Family Resource
Specialist connected

127

families with concrete resources
including financial assistance,
shelter, food, childcare and other
tailored service referrals.

99%



"We are specially trained advance practice nurses that provide expert care to CAC patients. When children leave the CAC, they can breathe again. They have the reassurance that their bodies are ok, their bodies are normal and healthy, not broken."

—Adine Latimore, DNP, MS,
PPCNP-BC, SANE
*Pediatric Sexual Assault
Nurse Examiner*

Our Training & Outreach Team
provided

78

trainings to

3,344

professionals, caregivers,
and youth

30%

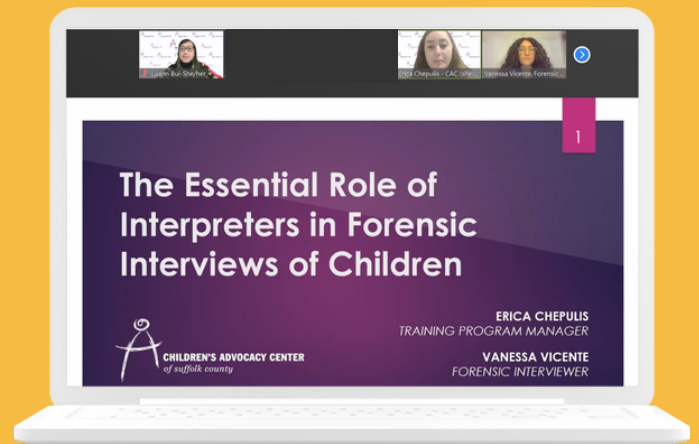
33%

IN SUFFOLK COUNTY & BEYOND

As a leader in child abuse response and prevention, we took our expertise—physically and virtually—across the county. Sharing our knowledge and resources far and wide with caregivers and professionals brings us closer to ensuring that *all* children are provided safety and given the opportunity to heal and thrive.



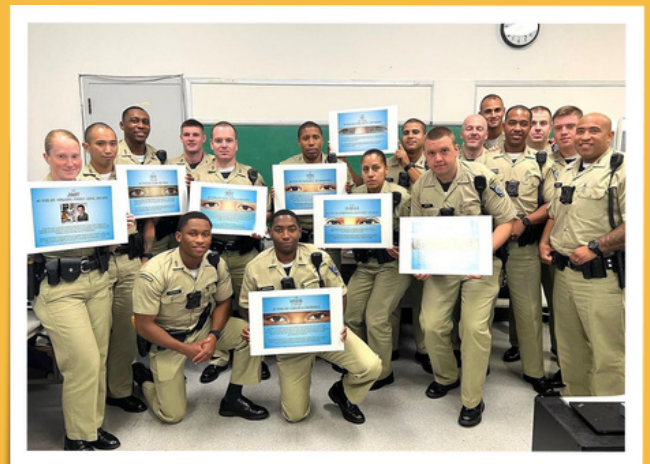
Students at St. Brendan Elementary School in Dorchester received one of the 52 Stop Block Talk online safety trainings delivered by CAC Training Program Manager Erica Chepulis and Suffolk County District Attorney's Office Director of Youth Safety & Outreach/Forensic Interviewer Jacquelyn Lamont.



Forensic Interviewer Vanessa Vicente and Training Program Manager Erica Chepulis facilitated a specialized virtual training for Interpreters participating in Forensic Interviews—increasing our capacity to provide trauma-informed interviews in the child's first language.



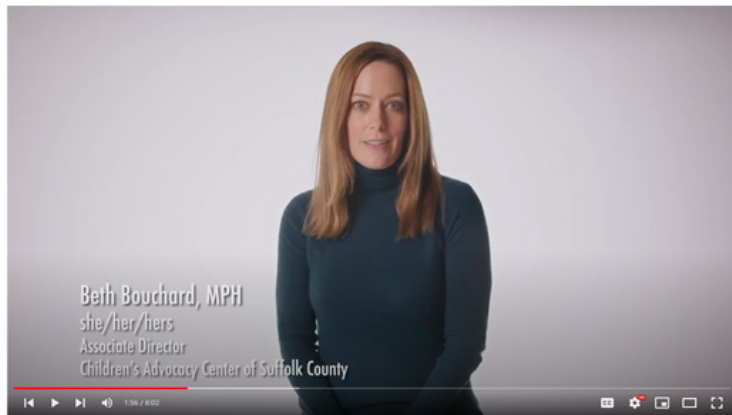
Family Resource Specialist Gladys Sorto-Aviles, Erica Chepulis, and Community Outreach Coordinator Luann Bui joined 40+ community organizations at the METCO Showcase in Roxbury providing resources to 200+ children and families.



For the first time, the CAC provided 105 Boston Police Department recruits, as well as recruits from Winthrop and Revere, with training on how to respond to disclosures of abuse in a trauma-informed way while out in the field.

IN SUFFOLK COUNTY & BEYOND

Beyond our extensive trainings by our Training & Outreach program, our MDT, SANE, SEEN and Mental Health teams also shared their expertise in myriad ways across the county *and* the country. In addition to sharing *our* knowledge, we believe there is always more to learn from other experts in the field. To this end, staff attended conferences in Oklahoma, Texas, and online.



Associate Director Beth Bouchard is featured in a new video series for Foster Parents as part of a collaboration with our partners at the Department of Children and Families and My Life My Choice. The 9-video series, titled "Never Worry Alone: Engaging Foster Parents in Best Practices to Care for Youth who are at risk of or who have been exploited," was created in partnership with Northeastern University's Dr. Amy Farrell who conducted surveys and interviews with youth survivors, foster parents as well as DCF and Intensive Foster Care (IFC) staff.



SEEN Program Manager Sheelah Gobar (right) presented on various aspects of our anti-trafficking work at the Human Trafficking Care Coordination Conference in New Orleans with Suffolk County's Human Trafficking & Exploitation Unit Assistant District Attorney Nicole Poirier.



CAC SEEN Coordinator, Sophie Jordan (right) and her Massachusetts CSEC Coordinator peers (pictured) were among nearly 1,000 attendees at the JuST Conference in Fort Worth, TX. During the three-day conference, they heard from experts in the field of human trafficking prevention.

IN THE NEWS & ONLINE

With nearly 30 years of experience, the CAC is the go-to expert when it comes to the issue of child abuse and commercial sexual exploitation. In 2022, we worked hard to ensure our social media channels provided useful content including tips, trainings, and resources and increase our following. And, when the media needed an informed, survivor-centered response for a story, we were ready.



SEEN Program Manager Sheelah Gobar was featured by Boston.com regarding SEEN's methods for recovering missing youth and the CAC's partnership with National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.



*Director of Mental Health & Advocacy
Catalina Gutierrez-Perez provided
information in Spanish to the Latinx
community regarding child sexual abuse
and safety through the local
Telemundo affiliate.*

INCREASED SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING

Twitter &
Facebook

9%

Instagram

99%

LinkedIn

141%

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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$2,646,625
Grants & Contributions Receivable	\$188,704
Accounts Receivable	-
Prepaid Expenses	\$26,004
Total Current Assets	<u>\$2,861,333</u>

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, NET

\$82,080

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,943,413

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$10,864
Accrued Payroll Related Costs	\$37,352
Conditional Grant Advances	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$48,216</u>

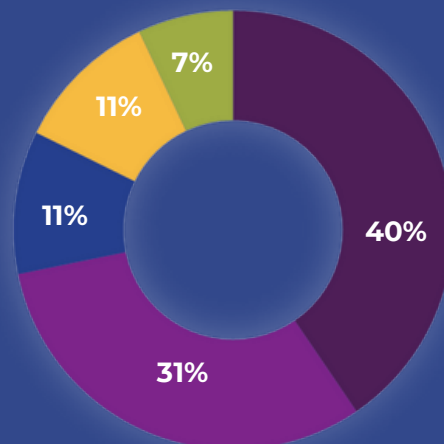
NET ASSETS

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$2,716,822
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$178,375
Total Net Assets	<u>\$2,895,197</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$2,943,413

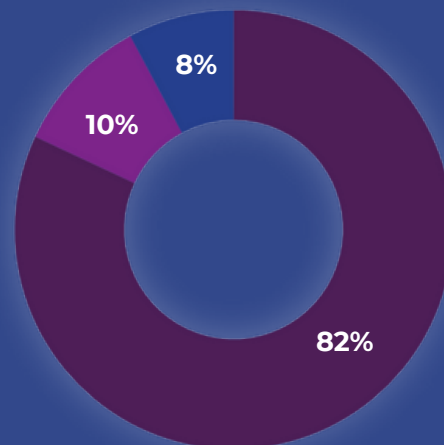
REVENUE



Key

- Government Grants
- In-Kind
- Individual & Corporate Philanthropy
- Foundation Grants
- Other Revenue

EXPENSES



Key

- Program Services
- Fundraising Expenses
- Organizational Support

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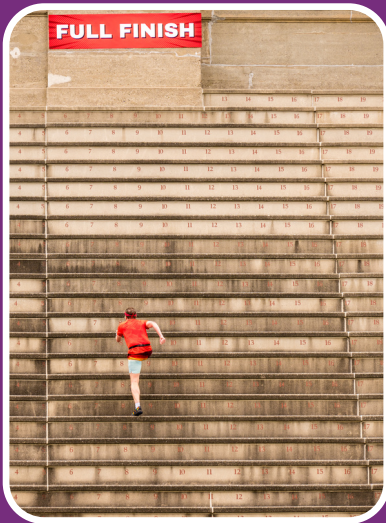
When I donate to the CAC, I know it helps a child who has been harmed get the care they need.

*—Kim Henry Quagliaroli, Secretary
CAC Board of Trustees*

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COMING TOGETHER AGAIN

After two years of virtual events we were finally able to come together as a community to raise money and awareness for children who have experienced abuse and exploitation.



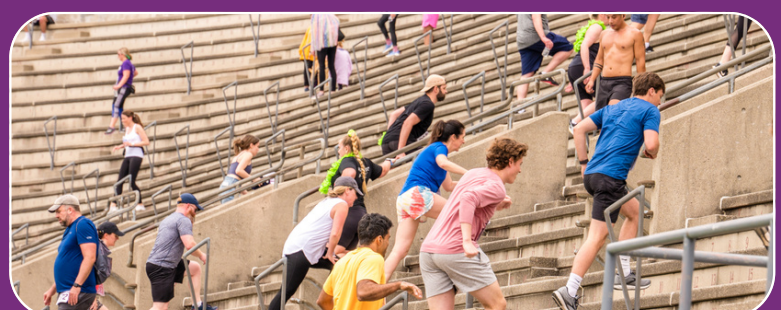
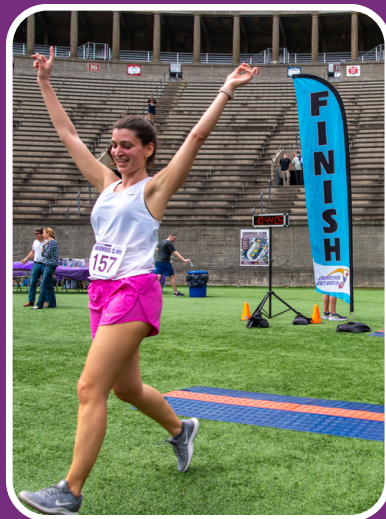
THE GINORMOUS CLIMB

HARVARD STADIUM, ALLSTON

MAY 15, 2022

115 Climbers

\$99,642 Raised



COMING TOGETHER AGAIN

Our Step Up & Speak Out Benefit brought together nearly 400 people at the Mandarin Oriental to celebrate honorees **Boston Police Department Superintendent Lanita D. Cullinane** and **Dellbrook|JKS President & CEO and CAC Trustee Mike Fish**.

The record-breaking crowd donated \$142,325 in just 3 hours—\$50,000 of which was matched thanks to Jim Quagliaroli—bringing the grand total for the event to an incredible **\$593,925!**

Step Up & Speak Out

October 27, 2022
Mandarin Oriental Boston



WHY WE GIVE: TALİ & JEFF GOLDSTEIN

Have you ever seen something on the news and thought “I wish there was something I could do to help”? That thought is exactly what brought Tali and Jeff Goldstein into the CAC’s family of supporters.

In the summer of 2020, Tali and Jeff saw a news report highlighting the pandemic-related increase in child abuse coupled with the decrease in reports of abuse. Children were out of school and away from trusted adults trained to recognize and respond to maltreatment. Tali and Jeff jumped to action searching for an organization working to address this issue and they found the Children’s Advocacy Center of Suffolk County. Soon after, they visited the Family Justice Center to see where the work was being done. From there, they turned “I wish there was something I could do to help” into real impactful results.

“*When we learned about the work the CAC does to reduce the additional trauma of children impacted by child abuse, we knew that we wanted to get involved in every way we could.*

And that they did! They made a variety of donations, held online fundraisers to support the CAC’s work, and shared our mission and message with their friends, family, and colleagues. They also offered their professional skills to support the CAC in executing our strategic priorities.

“*The CAC fills gaps in an otherwise fragmented system and provides needed services to an extremely vulnerable population. Donating to the CAC has further opened our eyes to the trauma children who have experienced abuse go through. Although that increased awareness is sometimes difficult, we feel hopeful that an organization like the CAC exists and grateful for its impact on the lives of so many children and their families.*

As two community-minded young professionals—Tali in healthcare technology and Jeff in finance—the couple feels a responsibility to support organizations that help at-risk youth and other vulnerable populations.

“*We think one of the most important things we must do as a community is to protect children. The CAC helps give the most vulnerable children a voice, reduce the trauma of an already traumatic experience, and provide them with a support system. By supporting the CAC, you can feel confident that your support is going as far as it can to improve the lives of children who have experienced abuse.”*

It is supporters like Tali and Jeff—who give of their time, talent, and treasure that make our work possible. We are so grateful.

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