Mission

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center’s (SARC) mission is to provide crisis services, support and advocacy to victims, non-offending family members, and others who are impacted by crime. We strive to create and maintain a community without violence through prevention-based education.

Philosophy Statement

Crime adversely affects all members of a community, including both adults and children. SARC views sexual assault as a means of power, control, and manipulation.

SARC supports the rights of crime victims and strives to see these rights upheld. SARC believes that every victim deserves quality information, advocacy, crisis intervention, and treatment. We support the right of a victim to make choices regarding reporting, prosecution, pregnancy, future safety, and other issues raised by the experience. It is our responsibility to provide prevention education in an effort to create a community free of violence.

SARC is committed to serving all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion, veteran status, age, ethnic background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental status.

Values

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) conducts all agency operations; client, employee and business interactions holding true to the following values:

1. Integrity: We will act with personal and professional integrity.
2. Respect: We will respect others and support and protect diversity.
3. Loyalty: We will be loyal to the SARC and its mission.
4. Confidentiality: We will protect confidential information.
5. Responsibility: We will manage our resources in a responsible manner maximizing our ability to advance the mission of the organization.
6. Transparency: We will be open and candid about our activities and operations.
7. Governance: We will govern carefully and honestly to advance the mission of the SARC.
8. Compliance: We will comply with our Code of Ethics, the policies of the SARC, as well as federal, state, and local laws.
9. Duty: We must hold ourselves and others accountable to carrying out the spirit and intent of the Code of Ethics. We will seek guidance concerning, and report breach of, our Code of Ethics.
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Human Trafficking Program

Advocates in the Human Trafficking Program provide services to survivors of sex trafficking. SARC’s service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Human Trafficking Program:

**Crisis Line:**
- Available **24 hours** a day to answer questions
- Point of contact for service providers and clients who need immediate emergency assistance
- Provides information and referrals to available resources and services

**Crisis Intervention:**
- Assess immediate needs and concerns
- Provides information, support and validation for the client’s feelings to help identify and plan the next steps

**Client Advocacy:**
- Ongoing personal support, discuss options and rights
- Assist in identifying and prioritizing needs

**Legal & Medical Advocacy:**
- Responds to hospital calls to provide support and follow up medical appointments
- Support at police interviews and court proceedings
- Monitors the criminal case through the legal system
- Assists with civil protection orders
- Acts as a liaison between court systems
- Provides referrals to treatment/restorative care facilities

**On-Site Counseling & Therapy Referrals:**
- Short-term on-site counseling for victims of all crimes
- Evidence-based, trauma-informed counseling services
- SARC’s counseling is confidential and free
- Referrals to outside counselors when appropriate

**Library & Crime Prevention Materials:**
- Books and videos available to survivors and community members to learn about crime victimization and the healing process
- Flyers and brochures on sexual abuse, human trafficking, crimes, prevention topics and self-care

**Community Outreach:**
- Participates in various community events in Benton and Franklin Counties to raise awareness
- Does pointed outreach with organizations/businesses that may have direct contact with sex trafficking victims
Resources Available to Clients

- Immediate Shelter
- Cab Fare
- Drug Rehab/Detox Resources
- Food
- Obtainment of ID
- Relocation Services
- Connecting with Restoration Homes/Long Term Housing
- Mental Health
- Toiletry/Household Needs
- Clothing

Clients: SARC served 77 new clients and helped over 170 total clients since the program’s expansion in May 2017. SARC’s Trafficking team provided 289 services to our clients at intake and 10,258 follow-up services, for a total of 10,547 services. This equivocates to 1,914.25 hours of direct client service hours. In that time, 74 contacts were made with community partners at intake, and 4,410 contacts were made during follow-up services, for a total of 4,484 outside contacts with agency partners. Seventy-five percent of those contacts were to the legal community.

Gender of Clients:
- 95% Female
- 5% Male

Age of Clients:
- 2.5% between 0 and 5 years
- 2.5% between 6 and 11 years
- 49% between 12 and 18 years
- 46% 19 years and over

Clients City:
- 34% Kennewick
- 31% Pasco
- 8% Richland
- 4% Surrounding Area
- 16% Other

Ethnicity of Clients:
- 58% Caucasian
- 30% Hispanic
- 5% African American
- 3% Native American
- 4% Other

Outreach: For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Human Trafficking Program participated in 508 outreach and awareness activities, totaling 400.75 hours and reaching 7,358 community members. This more than doubled our outreach participants and total hours from the previous fiscal year. This does not include the media campaign as those hours are counted in the Prevention Program’s statistics. Each month concerted efforts were made to reach places such as tattoo parlors, school counselors, nightclubs, LGBTQI+ affirming churches and programs, School Leadership classes, financial institutions, social service organizations, fitness centers, grocery and money handling stores, afterschool programs and other miscellaneous locations with informational handouts, posters, brochures and tear-off flyers. The remaining outreach
and awareness activities were presentations and collaboration meetings.

Due to such avid community support with the Human Trafficking program, SARC wanted Human Trafficking Awareness month to have a noticeable presence. This year’s theme was Shine the Light on Trafficking. Multiple campaigns were strategized and carried out to reach different sectors of the community.

Outreach was provided to local financial institutions and for those establishments that were interested, tellers were trained and keychain flashlights with the crisis line number, were available for patrons next to laminated awareness information at each banking station.

A peer-to-peer campaign was offered at participating high schools, where leadership classes were trained about the red flag indicators of trafficking and what to do if you suspect someone you care about may be being victimized. These students then created posters and hung them around their schools through the month of January. Schools also had assemblies put on by SARC staff on or around National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. A selfie station was put up by SARC to encourage students to participate in our social media campaign and spread awareness. The social media campaign also targeted our community partners and local business by giving employees blue glow sticks to do something creative with to help Shine the Light on Trafficking. It was incredibly fun to watch the agency get tagged in these social media posts and see who could outdo a rival business. When Dairy Queen found out about it, they asked for additional glow sticks and encouraged their employees to wear the glow sticks on January 11th, as well as posted awareness information next to registers and advertised the National Day on their reader boards.

Another campaign was partnering with Love the Tri, a local business that produces clothing lines and stickers, to make a joint t-shirt that SARC advertised and sold at slightly above cost at all of our awareness events. We had great feedback from community members about the shirts saying they were a way they felt like they could keep the trafficking conversation going year-round.

Our local community college also hosted an awareness night at one of the Women’s Basketball games and had a glow out moment with the glow sticks at halftime. SARC’s culminating awareness event was a walk across a bridge to show visible support for survivors in the area. People from all facets of the community showed up to participate and there was a rally speech led by Senator Sharon Brown, along with words from Prosecutors and Law Enforcement that belong to the local coalition.

In May, a trafficking advocate and three volunteers staffed a booth at the 29th annual 5 de Mayo Celebration in downtown Pasco. Community engagement was high, with over 450 individual interactions throughout the day. Most promotional items dispersed were translated in Spanish, including small stick-on calendars, brochures, stress balls, and pencils. Flower crowns and stickers were handed out and appreciated by children and their families. SARC felt the direct community outreach was beneficial in reaching the Hispanic demographic, as well as increasing visibility of the Human Trafficking Program and SARC services.
Crisis Program

Advocates in the Crisis Program provide services to victims of all non-domestic violence crimes, their non-offending friends and family, and serve as a resource for community members seeking assistance on crime victimization. SARC’s service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Crisis Program:

**Crisis Line:** SARC’s crisis line is staffed 24 hours a day by trained advocates. Advocates are available to answer questions and provide support. This line also serves as a point of contact for clients who may need immediate emergency assistance.

**Legal and Medical Advocacy:** SARC’s agency staff and trained volunteer advocates respond to hospital calls to provide medical advocacy to victims of crime. We also provide legal advocacy at police interviews and court proceedings. Moral support and information is given to victims, families and friends.

**Crisis Intervention:** Advocates provide short-term crisis intervention, support, and validation for the client's feelings. We often recommend that clients also seek therapy to assist in the healing process.

**Therapy Referrals:** Clients receive assistance in the process of finding a counselor who is experienced in the field of sexual abuse. We also provide information regarding payment options such as sliding fee scales, insurance, and crime victim’s compensation. In addition, SARC provides financial support to clients who would not otherwise be able to seek professional mental health care.

**Library:** SARC has an extensive library containing a multitude of resources (including books and videos), which relate to crime victimization. The library is available to all members of the community at no cost.

**Volunteer Advocates**

SARC relies on volunteer advocates to staff the crisis line and respond to hospital calls when the agency is closed. Without these volunteers, the agency would not be able to provide much needed services 24-hours a day. Each advocate is required to complete 32 hours of training certified through the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, in addition to completing 12 hours of on-going training per year. This year SARC offered two 32-hour Core Advocacy Trainings, a 21.5 hours human trafficking conference and the following hours of ongoing in-service trainings: Bikers Against Child Abuse services, KPD Gang101 training, Northwest Justice Project, A Start in New Life, Kadlec Medical advocacy tour, Salvation Army, Complex/Hostile Client training by Mike Blatman, Lourdes Crisis Health Services, RPD Active Shooter training, Planned Parenthood and Public Library Resources.

This year, there was a total of 60 prevention hours, 7,757 crisis hours, and 15,084 hospital hours supported by volunteers! A Huge Thank YOUUU!

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**New Clients:** SARC served 504 (19% increase since last fiscal year) new clients, provided 1,671 services and made 364 contacts with other agencies/persons on the clients’ behalf during the clients’ initial visit. SARC invested 474.25 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 79% of new clients were female and 21% were male.

**Types of Assault:**
- 22% Date/Acquaintance Rape
- 31% Family Molestation
- 23% Acquaintance Molestation
- 11% Other/Unknown
- 7% Family Rape
- 3% Adult Survivor
- >1% Stranger Rape
- >1% Sexual Harassment
- >1% Marital Rape
- >1% Stranger Molestation

**Services Provided at Intake:**
- 30% Support
- 29% Legal Advocacy
- 21% Medical Advocacy
- 8% Library Resources
- 12% Therapy Referral

**Age of Clients:**
- 13% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 22% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 43% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 20% age 19 and over
- 2% unknown

**Follow Up Services:** SARC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, SARC provided 12,922 follow up services to clients and made 3,550 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. SARC advocates also made 2,149 attempted contacts with clients or others. 2,789 hours were invested in follow up services.
**General Crimes**

“General Crimes” includes assault, harassment, child physical abuse, homicide, robbery, property crimes, vehicular assault, kidnapping, fraud, elder abuse, identity theft and hate crimes.

**Statistics**

**New Clients:** The CVSC served 281 (21% increase from last fiscal year) new clients this past year. 919 services were provided and 63 contacts made with other agencies/persons on the clients’ behalf during the clients’ initial visit. The CVSC invested 219 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 67% of new clients were female, and 33% were male.

### Types of Assault:

- 24% Assault
- >1% Burglary
- >1% Bullying
- 28% Harassment
- 15% Child Physical Abuse
- 5% Child Pornography
- 8% Homicide
- 3% Robbery
- 3% Property Crimes
- 2% Vehicular Assault
- 1% Kidnapping
- 3% Fraud
- 2% Elder Abuse
- >1% Identity Theft
- >1% Hate Crimes
- >1% Labor Trafficking
- >1% Mass Violence
- >1% Vehicular Assault
- >1% Violation of Court Order

### Age of Clients:

- 6% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 9% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 15% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 70% age 19 and over

### Services Provided at Intake:

- 29% Advocacy
- 27% Legal Advocacy
- 26% Crisis Intervention
- 11% Information and Referral
- 4% Medical Advocacy
- 2% Crime Victims Compensation
- >1% Community Responding
- >1% Emergency Funds

**Follow Up Services:** CVSC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, CVSC provided 5,062 follow up services to clients and made 1,089 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. CVSC advocates also made 324 attempted contacts with clients or others. 1,077 hours were invested in follow up services.
Counseling Program

Our Counseling Program provides on-site, evidence-based counseling therapy to people who have been affected by crime. Our Counseling Program consists of two counselors and a counseling intern: Anna Hahn, LMHC, Clinical Director; Sherrie Lennox, LMHCA, and intern Rebecca Schmieman. Our counseling services have been free of charge, thanks to grants and donations.

This is our first year of having a Counseling Intern. The idea is to provide field training and experience to an upper level Masters Program student in the Tri-Cities, so that student will be ready to go into the community after graduation with trauma-informed experience. We are very excited to have this internship program. It will benefit our entire community.

The Counseling Program staff has had many opportunities this fiscal year to receive training:

- Anna completed two full weekends of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) training and is now providing EMDR therapy to clients. EMDR is an Evidence Based Best Practice treatment method for victims of crimes.
- Anna, Sherrie and Rebecca completed a six-hour Ethics class – “When Ethics Goes Digital”.
- Anna and Sherrie completed a two-day web-based Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy course.
- Sherrie attended Trauma Based Therapy training, video-based “Trauma Treatment for Kids – Healing Body Through Play”, and the Clackamas County Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit.
- Rebecca completed the 10-hour web-based Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy training.

Statistics

Clients: The Counseling Program provided therapy services to 140 new (175 total) clients this year, compared to 101 new (123 total) clients last fiscal year. We provided a total of 1230 counseling sessions to these clients this year, compared to 809 last fiscal year. We provided services to clients on site, at the Juvenile Justice Center, Benton and Franklin County Jails, and numerous local schools, as well as participating in team meetings at DCYF and schools.

Types of Crimes (all clients):
- 65% Sexual Assault
- 23% General Crimes
- 12% Human Trafficking

Services Provided:
1230 Counseling Sessions were provided to 175 people in our community who have been impacted by crime.

Age of New Clients:
- 9% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 25% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 23% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 43% age 19 and over
Summer Camp

Camp SARC is a unique and innovative program that combines the rite-of-passage experience of summer day camp with group psycho-education and support for young victims of abuse. While SARC stands for the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center, during one special week each summer, it stands for **Strengthening and Revitalizing Children**. Complete with wacky songs, arts and crafts, treats and parachute games, Camp SARC engages kids in healthy and fun activities in an environment that validates and normalizes their experiences.

June 17th-21st, 2019 was the 9th annual Camp SARC and what a success!! Sixteen children participated and the experience far exceeded our expectations. Not only did the little ones self esteem grow, sense of isolation lessen, fear and anxiety reduce, and personal safety skills increase – the staff was rejuvenated and became so much more connected to the children we serve.

The five days were structured around the following group themes with a focus for each day:

**Healthy Expressions:** Feelings Identification, Affect Regulation, Trigger Identification, Coping Skills, and Resource Development

**Healthy Connections:** Active Listening and Social Skills, Respecting Others and Body Integrity, Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships, Teamwork and Interpersonal Relationships, and Enhancing Healthy Relationships

**Healthy Confidence:** External Boundaries, Internal Boundaries, Assertiveness Training, Body Safety, Personal Safety, and Self-Efficacy

**Healthy Me:** Self-Identity and Exploration, Recognition of Others, Trust and Empathy Building, Trust and Self-Empowerment, and Future Self

We went to the Kennewick Police Department, miniature golf, Chuck E Cheese and the movies!!
SARC offers prevention based education services throughout Benton/Franklin Counties. Programs are directed toward the prevention of sexual assault and to raise the awareness of sexual violence. All programs are done in an age appropriate manner and are sensitive to the audiences needs. The following core competencies – empathy/feelings, respect for oneself/others, self and community responsibility, boundaries for oneself and others, conflict resolution/problem solving and gender stereotyping are incorporated into all programs. These competencies were selected as they mirror developmental assets that extensive research has shown that youth need to mitigate risk and to thrive. Equipping youth with many developmental assets help them to become caring, responsible adults – which are not people that become sex offenders. In addition to focusing on developing assets, children are equipped with knowledge and tools to help reduce the possibility of sexual victimization. Following are the programs provided:

**Body & Boundary Safety**
*(Preschool Program)*:
Day 1: Personal Space
Day 2: Happy Bear
Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Show

**Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds**
*(Kindergarten-2nd Grade)*:
Day 1: Recognizing Feelings and Calming Down
Strong Feelings
Day 2: Respecting Boundaries in Self and Others
Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Theater

**Personal Body Safety**
*3rd and 4th Grade*:
Day 1: Respect and Treating Others the Way You Want to be Treated
Day 2: Learning Assertive Steps
*: Video for 4th: “Dealing with Abuse if it Happens to You.”

**5th Grade**:
Day 1: Learning Assertive Steps
Day 2: Recognizing Bullying Behavior and the Three R’s of Bullying
Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video: “Sexual Abuse; it’s not your fault.”

**Technology Safety:**
*(To stay current with issues affecting children we have integrated information on healthy and unhealthy habits online, viewing inappropriate content/images, and for the older grades; definition and impact of pornography.)*

**3rd and 4th Grade Program**:
Day 1: Introduction to Internet Safety Using the NetSmartz Curriculum
Day 2: Understanding Personal Information and Ways to Remain Private Online

Day 3: How to Recognize and Avoid Cyberbullying

**5th Grade Program**:
Day 1: Understanding privacy settings and creating healthy and safe online actions
Day 2: Avoiding online predators
Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and being a good bystander

**6th Grade Program**:
Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and Privacy Online
Day 2: Avoiding online predators
Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and sexting behavior

**7th & 8th Grade Program**:
Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and Privacy Online
Day 2: Avoiding Cyberbullying & online predators
Day 3: Avoiding sexting behavior

**Harassment and Bullying Prevention**
*(Targeted towards Middle School)*:
Day 1: Healthy Relationships and Recognizing Harassment
Day 2: Sexual Bullying and Harassment
Day 3: Being a Good Bystander to Harassment

**Creating Healthy Relationships**
*(High School Only)*:
Day 1: Creating Healthy Relationships including information about human trafficking and the video from Shared Hope International “Chosen”
Day 2: Date/Acquaintance Rape Prevention includes information about the negative effects of pornography and video clips from the “Fight the New Drug” campaign against pornography
Day 3: In Their Shoes Activity and Discussion
**Parent Education** - Parents are provided child sexual abuse information, a preview of the program in which their child will participate, and learn ways to reinforce concepts at home. Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

**General Sexual Assault** - This presentation provides statistics and informs audiences about child sexual abuse, sex offenders, adult survivors, rape, social myths, laws and prevention. This program is offered to service clubs, businesses, churches, and to anyone interested in learning more about sexual violence.

**Sexual Harassment Intervention Program (SHIP):** This is an educational program for students who have a charge/complaint of sexual harassment against them by another student or teacher. All referrals attend the workshop together and are required to write a 500-word essay on Sexual Harassment. Information covered includes the definition of sexual harassment, victims (male and female), Impact vs. Intent, boundaries and gender stereotyping. The paper is submitted to the school principal and SARC as a part of our follow-up.

**Health Fairs and Community Events**

SARC is dedicated to participating in as many health fairs and community events as possible. We are committed to raising the awareness of sexual violence and preventing future sexual abuse. Our goal is to make every community member aware of our services and to provide the tools needed to reduce violence in our community. This year we participated in many events, including: Duck Race Booth, Women’s Expo, ECAP Family Night, Union Gospel Mission, Family Expo, Martin Luther King Junior Celebration, WSU Volunteer Fair, International Women’s Day, Candlelight Vigil, Open House at Horse Heaven Hills, Diversity Fair at Battelle, Kadlec Safe Saturday, Hanford Health & Safety Expo Boys and Girls Club, ESD 123 Parent Engagement Day, Ruth Livingston Parent Night, Parent Nights at Amistad Elementary, Tyson Foods Health Fair, Pancake Breakfast. National Night Out in Pasco and Kennewick, Sounds of Summer, Salvation Army Information Night, New Horizon Career Event, Community Strong, Connecting Hearts and Saving Lives Event, Veteran Fair Booth at CBC, Hope and Health Night Booth at Highlands.

**Special Projects**

**Newsletter:** SARC develops and distributes a quarterly newsletter that discusses information pertaining to the prevention of sexual violence, information about local sex offenders, upcoming events, and provides a forum for individuals to voice their experience surrounding sexual violence. The newsletter is distributed to almost 3,800 individuals and agencies.

**The Little People Project:** Each year SARC showcases little wooden, three dimensional, figurines that represent the 346 children involved in child abuse cases investigated in Benton/Franklin counties. During SAAM 2014, the “Little People” were displayed at Columbia Center Mall.
Clothesline Project: This project enables men and women who have been victims of any type of assault to express their stories artistically by designing t-shirts. Not only is the expression part of the healing process for them, the final product is also a powerful reminder to the community of assault issues. This year our Clothesline Project included over 40 t-shirts designed by local community members. We displayed our project during Washington State Sexual Assault Awareness Week 2019 at the Keewaydin and Union Branch of the Mid Columbia Libraries in Kennewick, the Connell library, and the Richland library.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION NIGHT
“Child Sexual Abuse”

WHEN
April 18, 2019
6pm - 8pm

WHERE
Westgate Elementary
2514 W 4th Ave, Kennewick

The event will include a light dinner, parent education, education for teens, and activities for children. We encourage you to join us! Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

FREE EVENT!!

TOPICS INCLUDE:
The Grooming Process
Red Flags of Sexual Exploitation
Indicators & Effects of Child Sexual Abuse
How to Respond to a Disclosure/Reporting
Tips On Preventing Child Abuse & Exploitation
Internet Safety

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ROSANNA HERRERA AT 509-374-3391 OR RHERRERA@SUPPORTADVOCACYRESOURCENET.COM

Our “Community Education Night” was a great success. Approximately 40 adults and 20 children shared pizza with us and participated in various educational programs.
SARC provided 1,204 presentations, reaching 31,388 individuals. We also reached an additional 651,377 individuals through an assortment of outreach efforts.

### Audience Age:
- Preschool 240
- K – 2nd grade 5,738
- 3rd grade – 5th grade 3,786
- 6th grade – 8th grade 12,090
- 9th grade – 12th grade 5,778
- Adults 3,756

### Types of Presentations:
- Trafficking 48
- SARC Services 31
- Body and Boundary Safety 10
- Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds 241
- Personal Body Safety 142
- Technology Safety 168
- Harassment and Bullying Prev 350
- Creating Healthy Relationships 142
- Parent Education 3

### Outreach Efforts:
- Community Fairs 7,603
- Newsletter 3,800
- News Stories 255,900
- Paid Advertisement
- Website Hits 327,484
- Facebook Engaged 22,324
- Instagram 2,091
Kids Haven

Kids Haven is a joint effort between SARC and our local city and county governments. It is a program designed to meet the needs of children who have allegedly been physically and/or sexually abused.

The goal of Kids Haven is multi-faceted:

**Lessen the trauma to children when they disclose they have been abused:** It is difficult for children to discuss the details of their abuse. It can be made even more difficult by going to a police station, courthouse or office that can even intimidate adults. Our facility has been designed in a child friendly manner, in order to help the child feel more comfortable.

When the child is interviewed, detectives, CPS workers and prosecutors have the ability to observe the interview through a one-way mirror. Most interviews are also recorded on DVD, a copy of which is given to the investigating detective before he/she leaves the building. This reduces the need for multiple interviews, and the child does not need to relive the abuse a variety of times to an assortment of people in a multitude of settings.

**Holding more offenders accountable:** By having neutral, quality interviews conducted by an interviewer who is specifically trained, prosecutors are able to charge and convict a higher number of child abusers. The already small chance that someone may be wrongly charged is also reduced.

**Offer comprehensive services to children and their non-offending family members:** Child abuse is a horrific crime. Children and their non-offending family members deserve to receive services to assist them in the healing process. SARC offers support and advocacy and explains the many services we provide. Therapy referrals are also provided. SARC has on-site counseling available, as well as grant funds for counseling for families with limited resources.

**Structure**

The Benton County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office is responsible for the employment and supervision of the Child Interviewer and the financial administration related to this function. SARC is responsible for the employment and supervision of the advocates, and the financial administration related to these positions.

**Funding**

Our local city and county governments provide funding for the Child Interviewer and related expenses. The advocate positions and related expenses are funded through private grants, fundraising, state funds and United Way. The facility is a joint effort between SARC, local city and county governments, private grants and community donations.
Statistics

Interviews were conducted for 346 children in Benton and Franklin Counties:

**Gender:**
- 71% Female
- 29% Male

**Ages:**
- 26% 0 – 5 years of age
- 40% 6 – 11 years of age
- 33% 12 – 18 years of age
- 1% Over 19

**Type of Abuse:**
- 87% Sexual Abuse
- 8% Physical Abuse
- 5% Witness to Violence

Outcomes

We have observed a variety of outcomes as a result of this program:

- Families do not have to wait as long to have their children interviewed.
- Charging decisions are made quicker.
- More offenders are being held accountable.
- Children are being connected to counseling services much earlier.
- Children are not re-traumatized through the interview process.
- Non-offending family members are provided the support services they need.
Funding

SARC receives funding through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, United Way, community donations, program fees, private grants and fundraising events. Below are individual and organization donors. All of this amazing generosity is greatly appreciated.

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15th Annual Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Kids Haven and the Safe Harbor Support Center

Thank you to all the community members who came to the breakfast and showed their support.
Total amount raised: $5,850

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Kids Haven Benefit Auction 2019

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) raised over $32,000 through our 19th annual Kids Haven Benefit Auction and Cinco de Mayo Celebration Dinner. SARC/Kids Haven would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their help in making our auction and celebration dinner a success. We are especially grateful to Family First Dental for generously being our “Elite” sponsor this year & Battelle for their “Platinum” Sponsorship. Together we are making a difference in the lives of children.

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Isenhower, Anthony’s Bellevue, Mobius Children’s Museum, Roaring Springs Water Park, Seattle Aquarium, Silverwood Theme Park, Ski Bluewood, Double Tree Portland, The Davenport Hotel, Oregon Zoo, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Blue Door Theater, Raptor Reef Indoor Water Park, McMenamin’s Pub
Oregon Ballet Theater
Total Budget for FY 2018 - $1,396,766

*OCVA – Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

*PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act

*CACWA – Children’s Advocacy Centers of Washington