



2023

IMPACT REPORT

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center Inc.



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SafePath's Core Values

Children First

We put a child's welfare above all other concerns.

Confidentiality

We have a duty to respect and protect our clients' privacy.

Service Excellence

We are compassionate and strive for superior performance in all we do.

Fiscal Responsibility

We are diligent stewards of our money – how it is obtained and how it is used.

Highest Ethical Standards

We guard our reputation so no one has cause to question our actions or intent.

Accountability

We are accountable to our clients, our partners, our stakeholders, each other and the larger community.



SafePath's Vision, Mission & Purpose

Vision

A community free of child abuse.

Mission

To reduce the trauma to children and their families by offering a comprehensive, professional and child-friendly approach to allegations of child abuse.

Purpose

SafePath recognizes that child abuse is a community problem. No single agency, individual, or discipline has the necessary knowledge, skills or resources to provide the assistance needed by abused children. In the past, the system designed to deal with child victims was fragmented, adult oriented, and insensitive to the needs of the child. Professionals from child protection, law enforcement, legal, medical and mental health systems would meet and talk with the child repeatedly in facilities designed for adults. It became apparent that this fragmented and adult oriented response to these cases was not meeting the needs of these children and their families.



About SafePath

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501©3 organization founded in 1983. SafePath is located in Cobb County and offers a comprehensive approach to the intervention, in-vestigation, prosecution and treatment of alleged child abuse including: sexual, physical, fatalities, and trafficking. The Center provides a neutral, child friendly multi-disciplinary team approach to alleged child abuse cases. The benefits of SafePath are: prompt on-going free services, a reduction in trauma to child victims and their families, and a community engaged in child protection and child abuse prevention.

SafePath is a member of the National Children's Alliance, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

SafePath has been recognized and approved to serve as a mentor site for new, existing, and emerging advocacy centers throughout the country.

National & Statewide Children's Advocacy Centers

National Children's Alliance (NCA)

National Children's Alliance is the national association and accrediting body for children's advocacy centers. Formed in 1988, NCA has been providing support, technical assistance, and quality assurance for advocacy centers for more than 34 years. There are a total of 939 children's advocacy centers in communities throughout the country.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA)

The mission of Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia is to promote, assist, and support the development, growth, and continuation of Children's Advocacy Centers in the state of Georgia. There are a total of 52 children's advocacy centers across Georgia, which provide approximately 288,000 services per year.



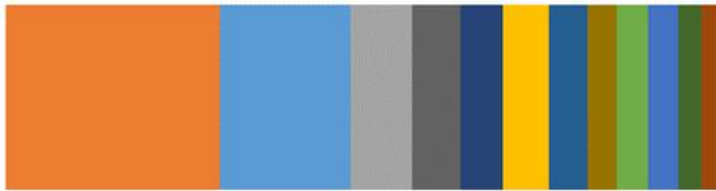
2023 By the Numbers

Types of Abuse



- 56% Sexual Abuse
- 24% Physical Abuse
- 7% Child Pornography
- 4% Human Trafficking
- 2% Witness to DV
- 2% Sexting/Sextortion
- 1% Witness to Violence
- 1% Other
- 1% Neglect
- <1% Kidnapping

Alleged Offender's Relationship to Victim

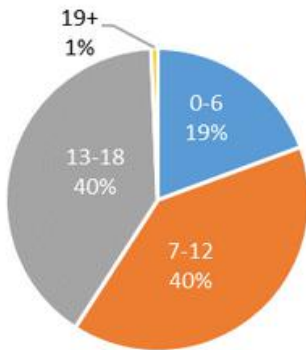


- 30% Parent
- 18% Other Known Person
- 9% Other Relative
- 7% Stranger
- 6% Parent's Boy/Girlfriend
- 6% Step-Parent
- 5% Sibling
- 4% Unknown
- 4% Friend
- 4% Grandparent
- 4% Girlfriend/Boyfriend
- 3% Neighbor

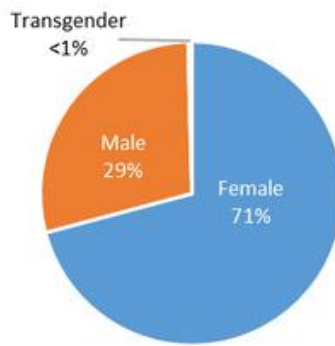
Of the total number of children served last year:

- 41%** WERE TEENAGED OR OLDER
- 59%** WERE PRE-SCHOOL OR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED
- 70%** WERE INVOLVED IN SEXUAL ABUSE CASES
- 93%** KNEW THEIR ALLEGED OFFENDER

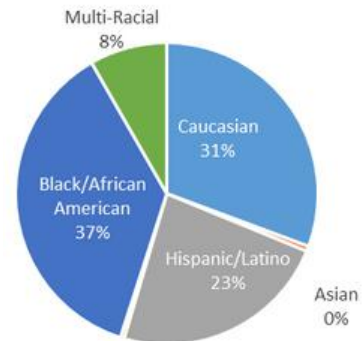
Child Client Age



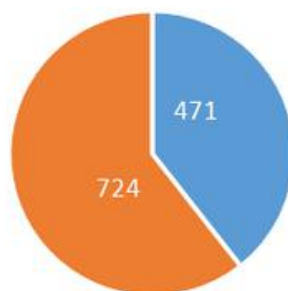
Child Client Gender



Child Client Ethnicity



Children and Caregivers Served
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023



- Caregivers Served
- Children Served

2023 By the Numbers

Forensic
Intervention

Advocacy

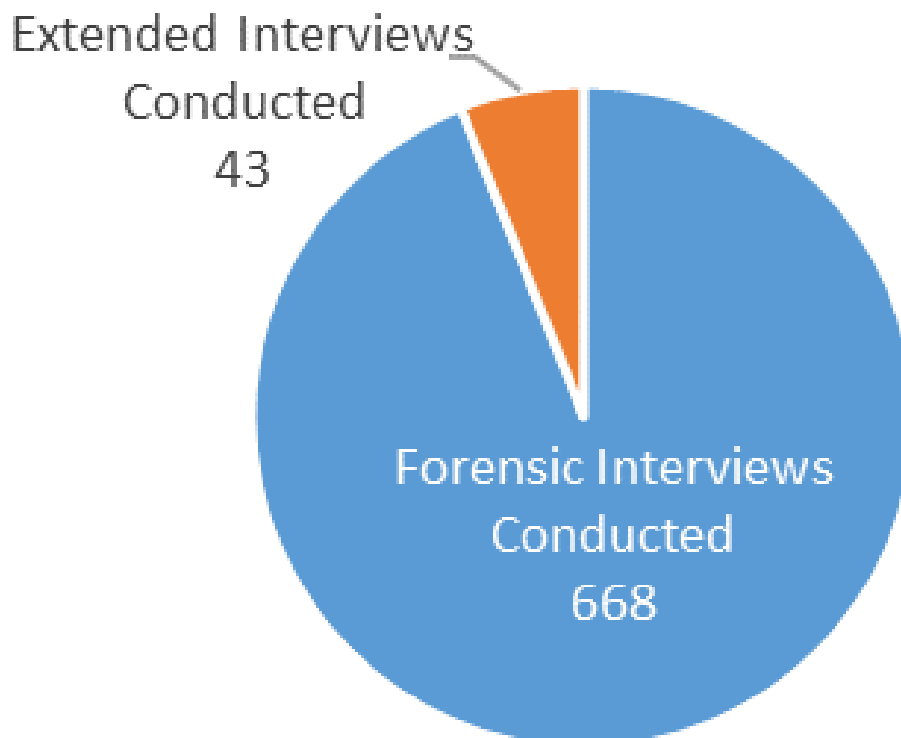
Clinical

Medical

Forensic/Intervention

The purpose of a forensic interview is to gather factual information from a child or adolescent in an objective and developmentally sensitive manner once allegations of abuse have been made. The extended interview was developed for children who are unable to give clear information during the initial forensic interview. Forensic professionals are specially trained and employ a nationally recognized protocol to gather pertinent information in a neutral, non-leading manner while taking into account the child or adolescent's emotional needs and developmental level. The forensic process allows all of the investigating parties involved to assess for safety issues and possible criminal violations.

Forensic/Intervention Services October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023



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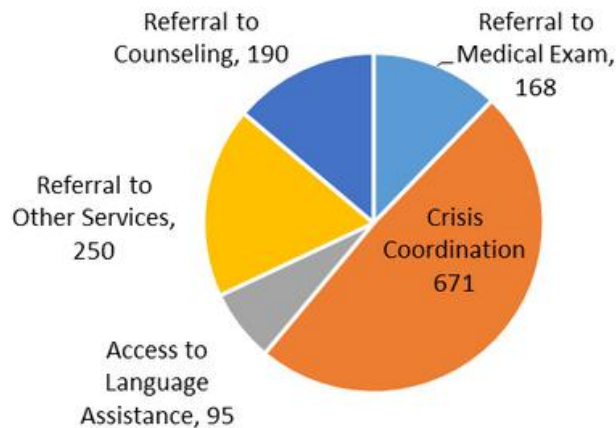
Clinical

Medical

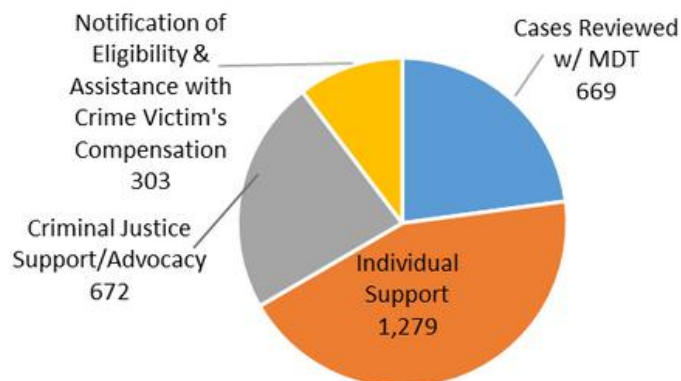
Advocacy

The overall objective of the Advocacy program is to provide support and assistance to children and their families who come to the center. These individuals may be in crisis and may be having contact with the criminal justice and child welfare systems for the first time after a report of abuse. The Advocate educates families about the role of each of the investigating agencies, how the investigation will proceed, and the systems that are in place to help children and families who are experiencing a crisis. The emphasis is on making this process less stressful and more empowering. Victim advocacy and support services are routinely made available to caregivers, clients and family members as part of the multidisciplinary team response. Support, information, referrals, and resources are provided as well as information regarding crime victim rights. Families are informed about the Crime Victim's Compensation program, which provides financial assistance to victims of violent crimes, and assistance is offered in completing the necessary paperwork. Assistance with access to other needed services is also provided.

Advocacy Services October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023



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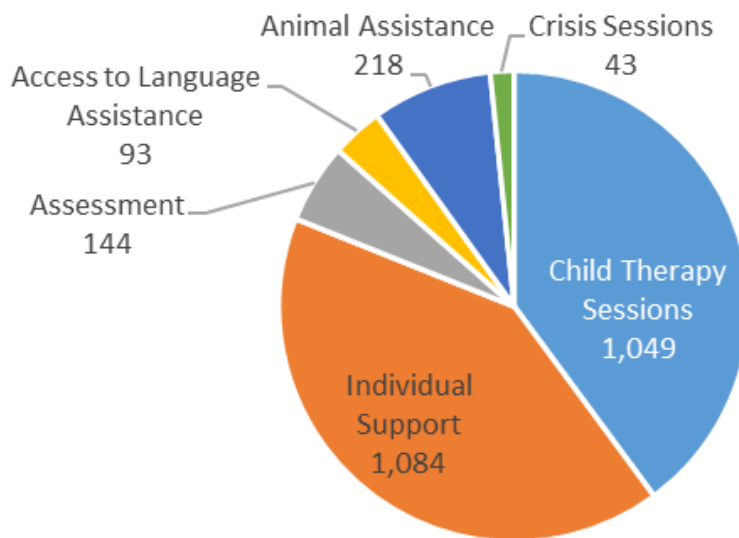
Medical

Clinical

The purpose of SafePath's clinical services is to help child victims of abuse and their non-offending caregivers (NOCs) heal from trauma, restore their emotional functioning, and offer hope for a positive and productive adulthood through a comprehensive, evidenced-based treatment approach. SafePath's clinical services include crisis intervention, assessment, individual and family therapy.

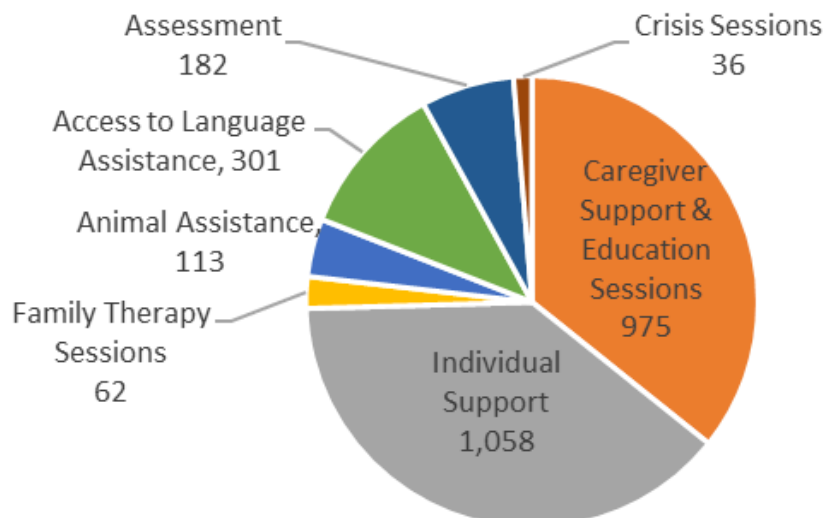
Clinical Child Services October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Child Clients Served 84



Caregiver Child Services October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Caregivers Served 96



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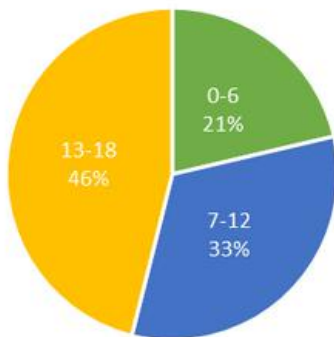
Medical

Medical Evaluations are routinely made available on-site for child clients as part of the multidisciplinary team response. Medical evaluations are conducted by a pediatric nurse practitioner with specialized training in child abuse. The purpose of a medical evaluation in suspected child abuse extends far beyond providing an evidentiary examination for the purpose of the investigation. The primary goals of the medical evaluation are to help ensure the health, safety, well-being of the child; evaluate, document, diagnose, and address medical conditions resulting from abuse; differentiate medical findings that are indicative of abuse from those which may be explained by other medical conditions; document, diagnose, and address medical conditions unrelated to abuse; assess the child for any developmental, emotional, or behavioral problems needing further evaluation and treatment and make referrals as necessary; reassure and educate the child and family; refer for therapy to address trauma related to the abuse.

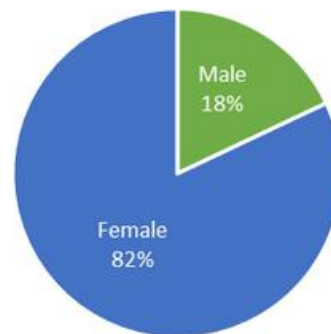
Medical Services October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Total Medical Exams 89

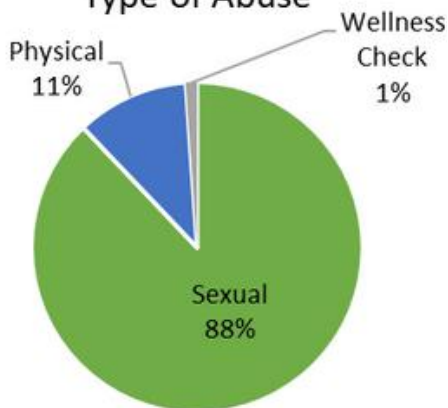
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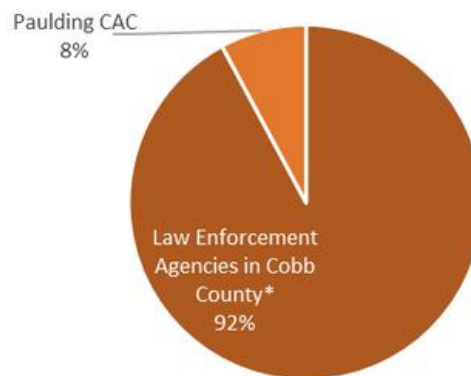
Child Client Gender



Type of Abuse



Referral Source



*Law Enforcement Agencies in Cobb County include the following: Acworth PD, Austell PD, Cobb County PD, Kennesaw PD, Marietta PD, Powder Springs PD, & Smyrna PD

Community Education and Prevention

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PEER REVIEWS
CONDUCTED

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM TRAINING

Forensic Interview Peer Review
Collective review of forensic
interviews conducted by members
of the MDT in order to provide
feedback and share knowledge and
skills.

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INDIVIDUALS
TRAINED

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Training that specializes in the
education and prevention of
child sexual abuse, other forms
of abuse, and mandated
reporting.



98.5

INTERVENTION DEPARTMENT

Hours of training completed
by Intervention Team

98.5

CLINICAL DEPARTMENT

Hours of training completed
by Clinical Department

40.5

ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

Hours of training completed
by Advocacy Department

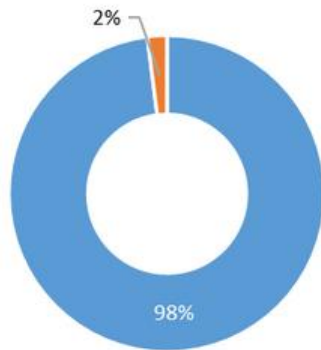
21.5

WELLSTAR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Hours of training completed
by WellStar Medical
Department

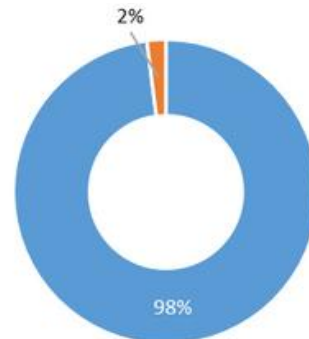
Community Education and Prevention

98% of Caregivers are Very Satisfied with SafePath Services



■ Very Satisfied ■ Somewhat Satisfied
■ Somewhat Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied

98% of Caregivers Strongly Agree that SafePath Services are Helpful



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree
■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Client Responses:

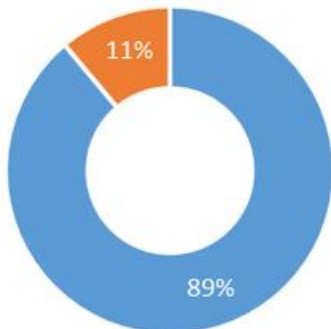
“I’ve learned to much about how to nurture my kids as they are grieving.”

“I’m very thankful that SafePath exists...it’s awesome and everyone genuinely cares for my children”

“SafePath staff are always so patient and kind to my kids”

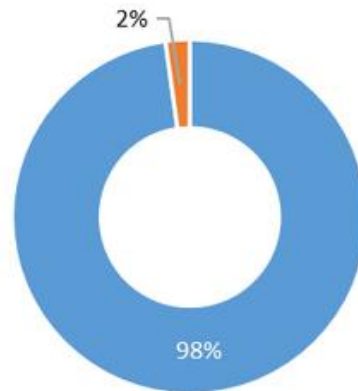
“Thanks to everyone at SafePath, ya’ll are the best”

89% of MDT Members Strongly Agree "SafePath provides resources that help improve work on cases"



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree
■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

98% of MDT Members Strongly Agree "My overall experience with SafePath is highly satisfactory"



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree
■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

*The above data is collected by hand-delivered surveys of SafePath clients and members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). The MDT is comprised of the following professionals: law enforcement, the Division of Family & Children’s Services (DFCS), medical personnel, mental health personnel, SafePath staff, and the District Attorney’s Office. The data is then stored and analyzed by the National Children’s Alliance (NCA) Online Measurement System (OMS).

Volunteer Cost Savings

Volunteer Cost Savings FY23			
	Monthly Number of Volunteers	Hours Per Month	Grant Restricted Value*
October 2022	1	46	\$ 1,426
November 2022	7	53	\$ 1,355
December 2022	2	8	\$ 120
January 2023	2	28	\$ 724
February 2023	1	50	\$ 1,550
March 2023	5	112	\$ 2,721
April 2023	2	50	\$ 1,470
May 2023	1	41	\$ 1,271
June 2023	24	206	\$ 4,978
July 2023	2	89	\$ 2,679
August 2023	3	109	\$ 3,379
September 2023	3	137	\$ 4,247
Total	53	929	\$ 25,920

SafePath Volunteers
were valued at
\$ 25,920

*SafePath values Clinical and Intervention Intern volunteers at \$31 per hour. Volunteers who are not interns performing clinical and intervention services, are valued at \$15 per hour.

2023 Financial Audit

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions	\$ 558,720
Grant Revenue	1,197,654
Interest	701
Special Events, net	109,654
Employee Retention Tax Credit*	395,166
Loss on Disposal of Asset	(1,181)
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$2,260,714

EXPENSES

Program	\$1,831,826
Management and General	135,916
Fundraising	45,656
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,013,398

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

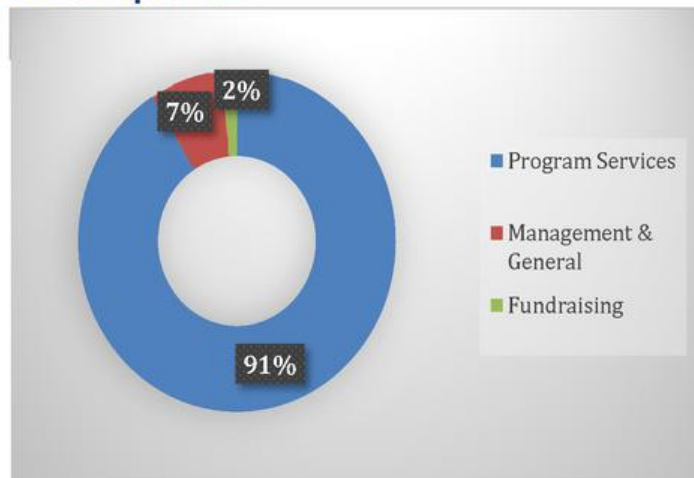
ASSETS

Change in Net Assets	\$ 247,316
Net Assets, October 1, 2022 (with donor restrictions \$4,679)	986,704
Net Assets, September 30, 2023 (with donor restrictions \$4,079)	\$ 1,234,020



2023 Expenses

Ninety-one cents of every dollar received by SafePath goes back out to ensure that abused children receive the services they need. Services are provided to any child or family in need, free of charge.



*Employee Retention Tax Credit funds are subject to possible audit by the IRS for 3 year

Hearng Children's Voices 2023



Corral for the Cause!

**A YELLOWSTONE
INSPIRED
CASINO EVENT**

**20TH ANNUAL SAFE^{PATH}
HEARING CHILDREN'S VOICES**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

6:00PM-10:00PM

TRUIST PARK
HOME OF THE BRAVES

755 Battery Avenue Southeast,
Atlanta, GA 30339

Chairs: Brenda and Andy Perry
Co-Chairs: Callie Andrews and Dan Cushing



Community Events and Happenings 2023



SafePath Major Donors 2023



The Robert and Polly
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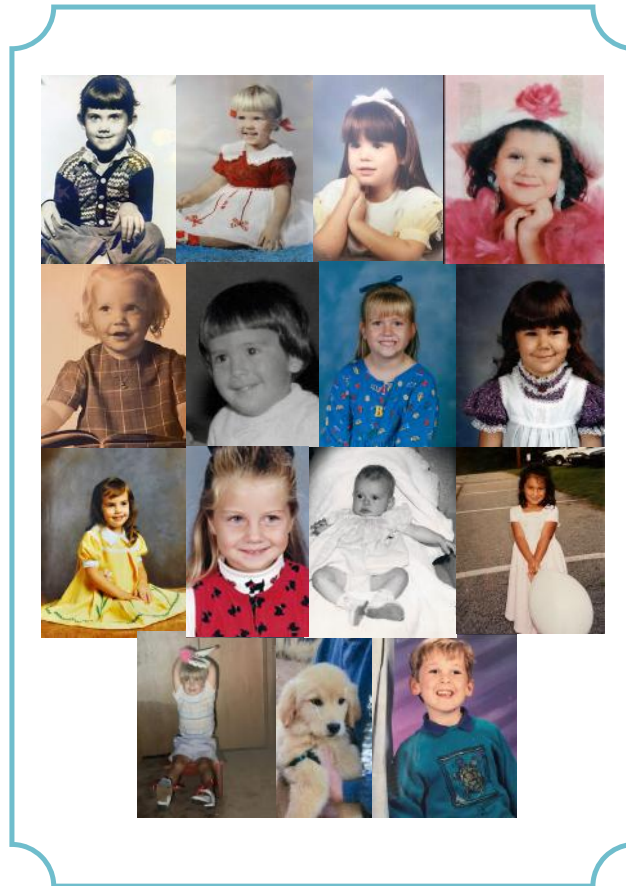
Burnt Hickory Registry
Neighborhood



Grantors 2023



Professional Staff



Jinger Robins, MA
Chief Executive Officer

Pam Martin, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

Cristie Duhon
Finance and Grants Manager

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Santiago Coloma, MS
Intervention Support Associate

Megan Edenfield
Advocate

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Claire Kirkland, LCSW
Director of Intervention Services

Chelsea Johnson, LPC
Therapist

Jessica Bercian-Ruiz LMSW
Therapist

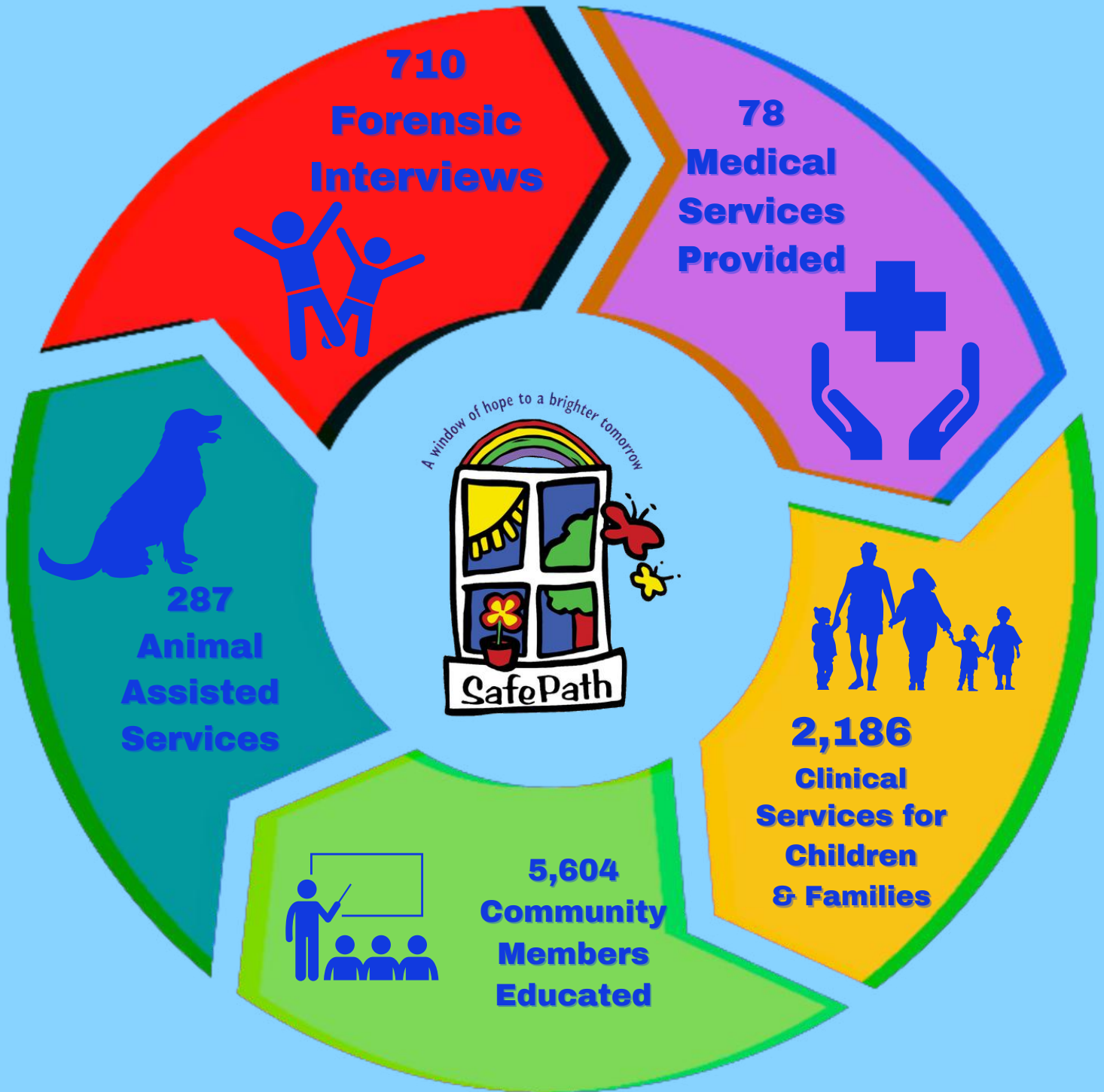
Amy Wilson
Executive Assistant

Thomas Geaslen
Navigator

Jennifer Puckett, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, SANE-P
Nurse Practitioner



SafePath's Year In Review 2023



A window of hope to a brighter tomorrow



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