



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center Inc.

*A window of hope to a brighter tomorrow*



# 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.

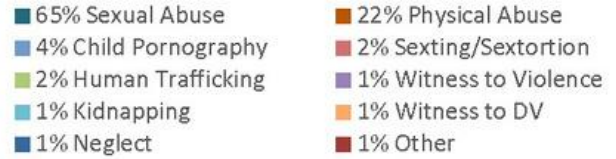
### Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA)

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.

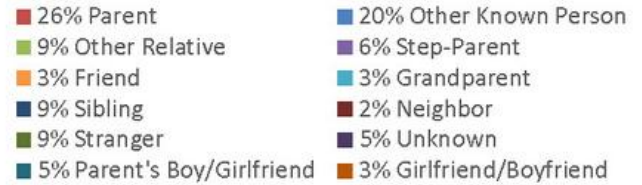


# 2022 By the Numbers

## Types of Abuse



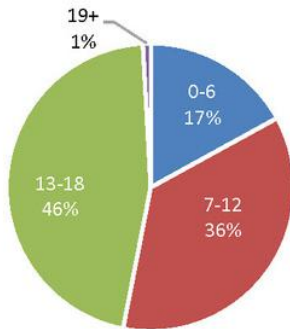
## Alleged Offender's Relationship to Victim



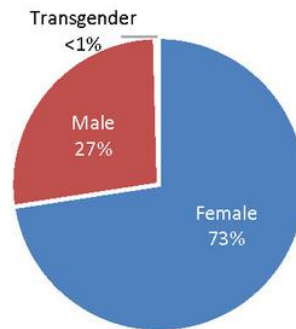
## Of the total number of children served last year:

- 47% WERE TEENAGED OR OLDER
- 53% WERE PRE-SCHOOL OR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED
- 73% WERE INVOLVED IN SEXUAL ABUSE CASES
- 86% KNEW THEIR ALLEGED OFFENDER

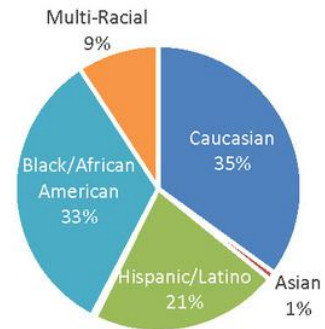
### Child Client Age



### Child Client Gender

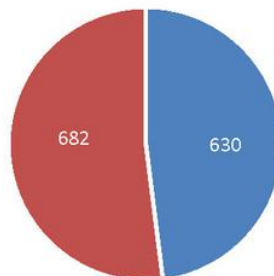


### Child Client Ethnicity



## Children and Caregivers Served

October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022



■ Caregivers Served ■ Children Served

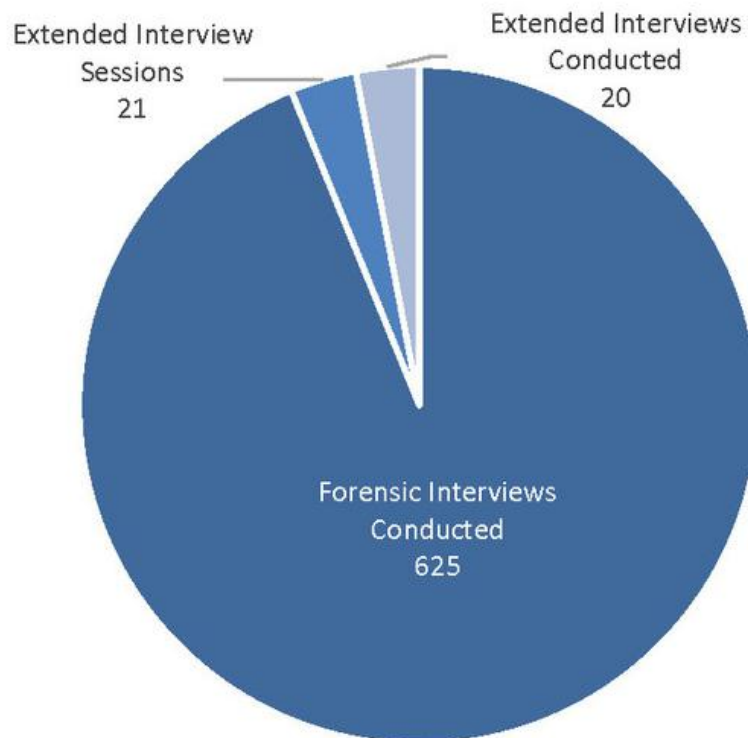
# 2022 By the Numbers



## Forensic

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 Services October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022



# 2022 By the Numbers

Forensic

Intervention

Advocacy

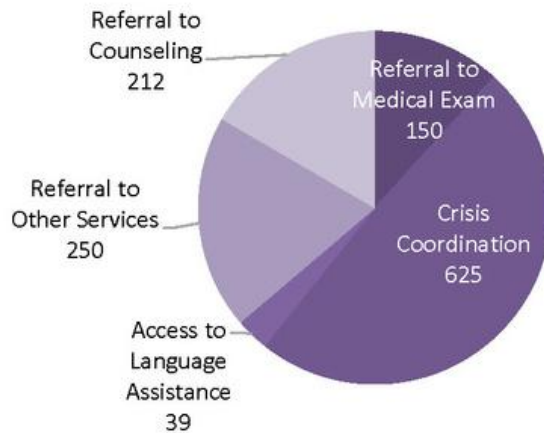
Clinical

Medical

## Intervention

The overall objective of the intervention services program is to provide support and assistance to children and their families who are 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 Intervention Support Associate 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.

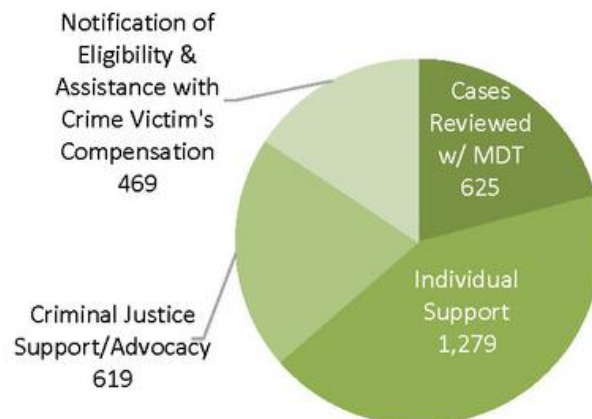
### Intervention Services October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022



## Advocacy

Victim advocacy and support services are routinely made available to caregivers and clients and family members as part of the multidisciplinary team response. Support, information, referrals, and resources are provided to children and their families and to other professionals. Information regarding crime victim rights is routinely made available to children and their family members and court education and support is also available. 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, 2021 - September 30, 2022



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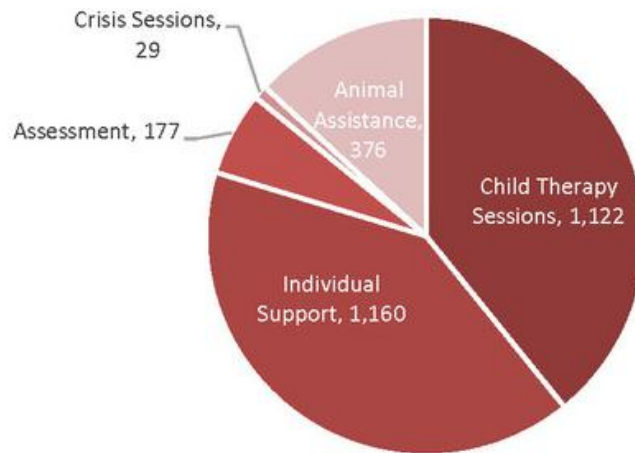


## Clinical

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.

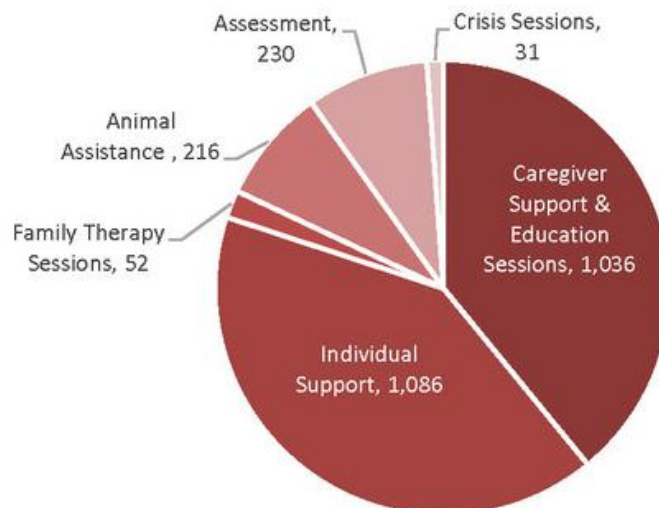
### Child Clinical Services October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Child Clients Served 93



### Caregiver Clinical Services October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Caregivers Served 105





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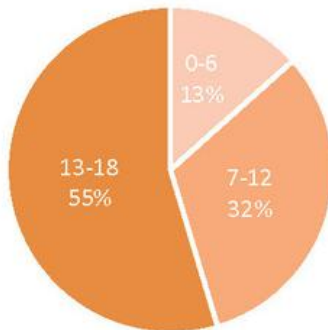
## Medical

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.

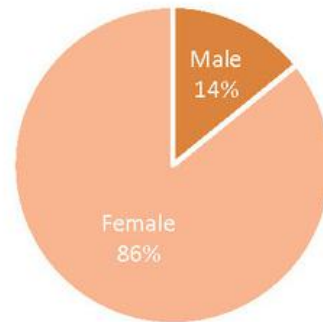
### Medical Services October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Total Medical Exams: 97

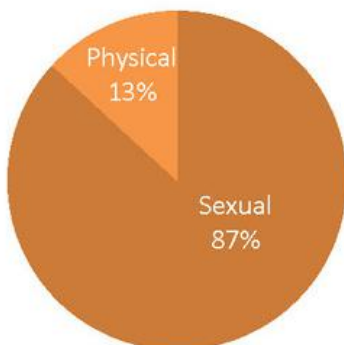
Child Client Age



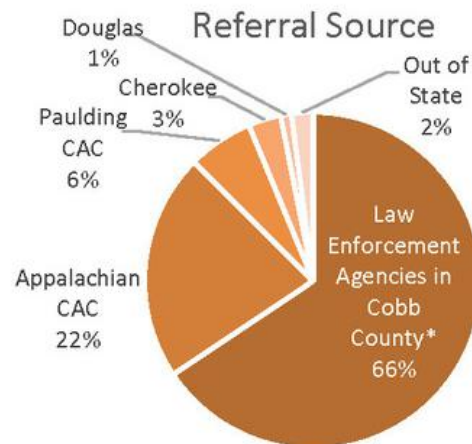
Child Client Gender



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

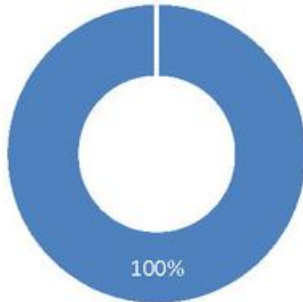
Prevention & Child Safety	Multi-Disciplinary Team Training	Legal Training	Clinical Training
<p><b>Darkness 2 Light Training</b> Prevention program educating adults about child sexual abuse. Provided through Junior League of Cobb-Marietta "Partners in Prevention" initiative.</p> <p><b>My Rules for Safety</b> Teaching children about safety in a fun educational way.</p>	<p><b>Forensic Interview Peer Review</b> Collective review of forensic interviews conducted by members of the MDT in order to provide feedback and share knowledge and skills.</p> <p><b>Webinars &amp; Articles</b> SafePath hosts webinars &amp; disseminates scholarly articles centered on child advocacy, mental health, victimology, and other relevant topics for all MDT members.</p>	<p>*No in-person training conducted due to limitations created by COVID-19.</p>	<p>*No in-person training conducted due to limitations created by COVID-19.</p>

Community & Professional Training Participants



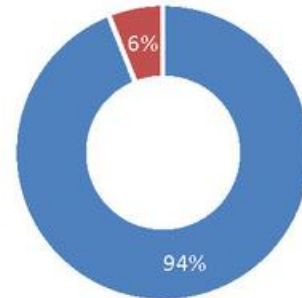
# Community Education and Prevention

**100% of Caregivers are Very Satisfied with SafePath Services**



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

**95% of Caregivers Strongly Agree that SafePath Services are Helpful**



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

## Client Responses:

*"Thoughtfulness in every area of service."*

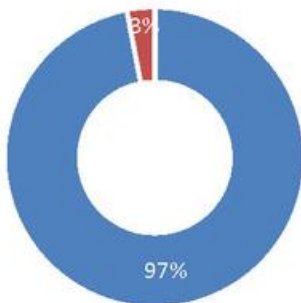
*"We felt very safe and considered throughout the process."*

*"You have been a blessing in our lives ~ don't know how I would have done it without Safepath."*

*"Amazing mental health support for my child!"*

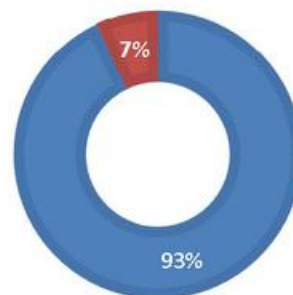
*"Compassion showed from all of the staff."*

**97% of MDT Members Strongly Agree "SafePath provides resources that help improve work on cases"**



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

**93% 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 FY22			
	Monthly Number of Volunteers	Hours Per Month	Grant Restricted Value*
October 2021	3	97	\$ 2,927
November 2021	8	134	\$ 3,834
December 2021	5	73	\$ 1,943
January 2022	1	48	\$ 1,488
February 2022	1	57	\$ 1,767
March 2022	2	103	\$ 3,801
April 2022	6	118	\$ 3,178
May 2022	1	68	\$ 2,108
June 2022	14	183	\$ 4,809
July 2022	2	159	\$ 4,929
August 2022	2	26	\$ 710
September 2022	1	40	\$ 1,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>\$ 32,734</b>

SafePath Volunteers were valued at **\$ 32,734**

\*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.

# 2022 Financial Audit

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions	\$ 573,840
Grant Revenue	1,098,515
Interest	262
Special Events, net	53,428
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$1,726,045</b>

### EXPENSES

Program	\$1,624,096
Management and General	123,167
Fundraising	33,115
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,780,378</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

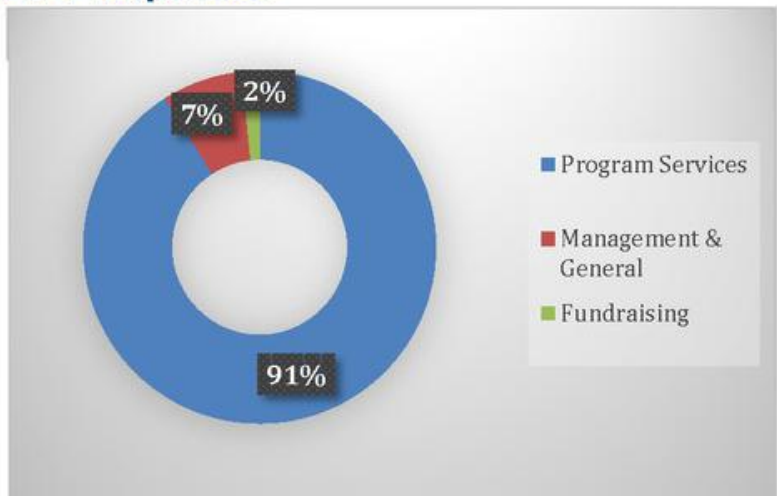
### ASSETS

Change in Net Assets	\$ (54,333)
Net Assets, October 1, 2021 <i>(with donor restrictions \$4,679)</i>	1,041,037
Net Assets, September 30, 2022 <i>(with donor restrictions \$4,679)</i>	\$ 986,704

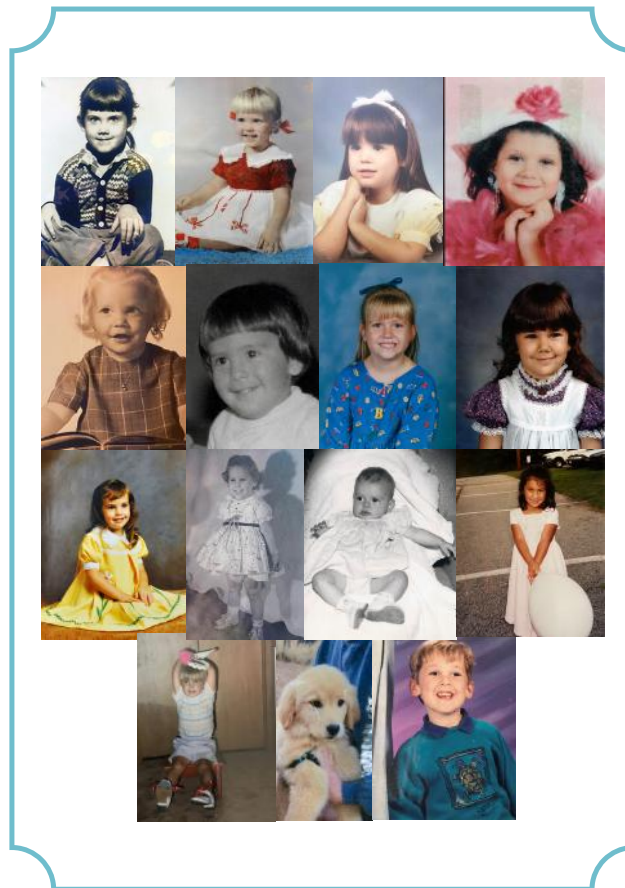


## 2022 Expenses

**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.



# Professional Staff



**Jinger Robins, MA**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Pam Martin, CPA**  
Chief Financial Officer

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Community & Resource Coordinator

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Director of Advocacy Services

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Intervention Support Associate

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Advocate

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Director of Services

**Claire Kirkland, LCSW**  
Director of Intervention Services

**Gwen Smith, LCSW**  
Therapist

**Jessica Bercian-Ruiz LMSW**  
Therapist

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



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## Grantors 2022





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