



Mission: To restore dignity, trust, and hope to children traumatized by sexual abuse.

FACT SHEET

Sexual Abuse Statistics

- Nationally: 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
- Children disclose to: 53%-Peers, 32%-Adult relatives
- 80% of sexual abuse cases occur in one-adult/one-child situations
- Fewer than 30% of parents talk to their children about sexual abuse.
- Of the Children seen at ChildSafe:
 - 70% are female
 - 67% are in families living on \$15,000 or less annually
 - the children served has almost doubled in a 4 year period
 - 98% are abused by people the child knows, loves and trust.
 - approximately 1,750 child victims were served in the last year

Children's Advocacy Center Structure

ChildSafe is a partnership among professionals committed to a team approach to minimize re-victimization of child victims and their supportive family members throughout the investigative and prosecutorial stages of their cases and beyond.

ChildSafe works to facilitate prosecution of perpetrators through effective fact finding and strong case development with our partners:

- Child Protective Services
- San Antonio Police Department
- Bexar County Sheriff's Department
- Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office
- University Health Science Center
- Christus Santa Rosa
- 16 small law enforcement jurisdictions in Bexar County

Services

Annually, ChildSafe serves approximately 1,750 children who have suffered sexual abuse through:

- Recorded forensic interviews of victims and families
- Crisis and long-term counseling to kids and families
- Sexual assault medical exams of victims
- Emergency services: clothing, toiletries, bill assistance
- Community programs
- Sports and community programs for kids (CARE)
- Support programs for parents
- Court orientation
- Case management
- Victim advocacy
- Professional education
- and Medical training

Children who do not receive services and intervention become the next drop outs, teen pregnancies and often the next predators.

- \$5,000 ensures complete care for a child victim and their non-offending family
- \$2,500 covers sexual assault medical exams for 5 children
- \$1,000 provides 4 ½ months of counseling for one sexually abused child
- \$ 500 engages a child and siblings in 6 mo. Of CARE activities
- \$ 250 pays for an in-depth forensic interview and assessment which reveals the story of abuse.
- \$ 100 provides supplies for play, art, adventure and garden therapy sessions
- _____ Every Gift makes a difference in the life of a child today

Center Volunteers (must be 18 or older)

Contact: volunteer@childsafe-sa.org

Family Greeters: Welcome children, families & visitors to the center. Between visitors, these volunteers will assist with office task support.

Fone Friends: Offer a caring, listening ear to the adult caregiver of a child who has been sexually abused. Fone Friends telephone from the convenience of their home or place of business (must be 21 or older).

ChildSafe Ambassador: Represent ChildSafe in the community by talking about the agency and child sexual abuse to community groups.

Collection Drives: Coordinate collections of Easter Baskets, Backpacks & School Supplies and Christmas presents for the children cared for at ChildSafe. Programs include Backpacks-4-Kids, Halos and more.

Special Events: ChildSafe benefits from several events each year that take numerous volunteers to make successful. Special Event volunteers serve on committees and help ensure the events bring in the most resources for the children of ChildSafe.

Internships: College students are introduced to the many facets of the multidisciplinary team to actively develop their learning experience based on their individual interest.

All volunteers are subject to a criminal background check and many positions require a certain number of hours of training.

Resource Development & Marketing

Contact: Melanie Cawthon, Development Director, melaniec@childsafe-sa.org

Provides the community with awareness of ChildSafe needs through the web, media, presentations and tours. Coordinates fundraising efforts and events throughout the community. Cultivates foundation, corporate, individual and group donations.

United Way #560 • Combined Federal Campaign #26056 • State Campaign #415095

Training and Education

Contact: Patricia Kittle, Training Coordinator patriciaak@childsafe-sa.org

ChildSafe offers presentations and conferences that focus on child sexual abuse and primary and secondary prevention.

- Training on talking to children about sexual abuse
- Training on creating an environment to prevent sexual abuse
- Training for professionals on sexual abuse

If You Suspect Abuse @kellogg

1. If you suspect child sexual abuse, call Child Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400 or local law enforcement.
2. Write down what you asked and what the child said (exact words)
3. Ask the child if they feel safe going home (when appropriate) and if concerned for the child's safety, call Child Protective Services.
4. If you think the child may need an immediate medical evaluation for injury assessment or a forensic examination, call your regional children's hospital or ChildSafe for further advice.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CC: _____

Exp: _____ Security: _____ Zip: _____

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