

# Children's Advocacy Center of Paris

# **Annual Report 2015**

### Multi-Disciplinary Team

Children's Advocacy Center Child Protective Service Lamar County District Attorney's Office Paris Police Dept. Reno Police Dept. Lamar County Sheriff's Office Lamar Juvenile Probation Red River County Attorney's Office Red River County Sheriff's Office Clarksville Police Dept. Bogata Police Dept. Red River Juvenile Probation Local Mental and Medical **Providers** 

### Who We Are

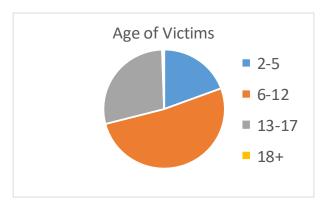
Childhood is a time for innocence and hope. A time for children to be carefree and to be able to dream of bright futures. Every child deserves to grow up in an environment that is safe and free from harm. Sadly, child abuse is a harsh reality facing children here in Lamar and Red River Counties. We are fighting everyday to bring awareness and action to these children whose carefree dreams have been taken away.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Paris (CAC) provides the critical services children and their non-offending families need as they go through the criminal justice system. The CAC coordinates the investigation of the most severe cases of child abuse in our community. The CAC brings the professional agencies that investigate child abuse together to form a team that collaborates and shares information so that the child's best interests are kept in mind. **Our average client is an 11 year old girl who has been sexual abused by someone she knows and trusts.** Since 1999, the CAC of Paris has worked with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, Mental and Medical Health Providers and Prosecutors to help over 3,475 victims of abuse.

## **Services Provided in 2015**

### **Child Forensic Interviews**

- 184 of Children received 186 Child Forensic Interviews
- 141 had never been to the CAC before
- 32 were not old enough to attend Kindergarten
- 100% of Children seen knew & trusted their Perpetrators



Our Mission is to provide hope, healing and justice to child victims of crime in Lamar and Red River Counties.

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• 154 children received MDT Case Reviews

Added a NEW service: Intake Coordination to help coordinate services so kids receive help faster.

### Rainbow Room Services

 174 children received over \$6,800 worth of items from the Rainbow Room

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations (SANE)

 21 Forensic Medical Exams were conducted by trained SANE nurses

# **Type of Abuse**

66% sexual abuse22% witness to crime11% physical abuse8% drug endangered3% neglect

### Children's Advocacy Center of Paris

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### Onsite Mental Health

Our mental health program is designed to give child victims and their families free counseling to help them heal from the abuse they have experienced. Our CAC

Counselor provides Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to help children deal with what happened and get back to being kids again.

Child victims receiving counseling	25
Hours of counseling provided to child victims	340
Non-Offending parents receiving onsite counseling	18
Hours of counseling provided to non-offending parents	51
Families receiving onsite counseling	4
Hours of counseling provided to families	8

### Community Awareness and Education

Without awareness and education, the cycle of child abuse will continue. In 2015, we were proud to be able to provide 7 trainings to school & daycare personnel in How To Recognize and Report Abuse. We were able to speak with all the high school students at one of our local schools about online safety and presented a parent night training on the same topic. We hold "Lunch & Learn" events for community leaders interested in learning more about the CAC and take a tour of our beautiful facility. We also welcome any opportunity to speak at various civic clubs, church groups or businesses. Do you know how to recognize and report child abuse? Call us today to schedule a free training for your group, church or school.

### **On-Going Training**

- 24 MDT members & CAC staff attended 18 trainings
- Hosted a training on Physical Abuse Injuries open to medical personnel & team members

### **Financial Information**

Revenue	
Grant Funding (includes United Way, Denver Pyle, St. Joseph's Community & RAM)	\$270,287
City and County Funding	\$20,416
Fundraising	\$89,211
Private Contributions/Other Income	\$9,491
Total Revenue	\$389,408
Expenses	
Program	\$206,468
Building/Maintenance	\$18,970
Training	\$15,910
Fund Development	\$35,777
Operating Expenses	\$36,304
Total Expenses	\$313,429







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