

Regional Funding

Fiscal Year 2023 - Partner Funding Application

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center

Agency Total Budget

In the boxes below provide an overview of the administrative costs associated with your total agency budget for the FY 2023 Budget. Please also provide updated FY 2021 Actuals, data has been rolled over from previous application submissions for other fiscal years.

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Salary	218,820.00	245,939.67	157,454.12	301,745.01	304,135.00	313,814.00	319,654.00
Benefits	23,021.60	2,942.93	38,523.00	52,666.68	52,920.00	54,775.00	40,298.00
Operating Expenses	159,086.99	170,947.78	146,271.33	185,996.76	177,062.00	193,436.00	160,563.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total					534,117.00		520,515.00

Agency Total Revenues

Please include revenue associated with your entire organization for FY2023. Please also provided updated FY 2021 Actuals, data has been rolled over from previous application submissions for other fiscal years. This section represents the TOTAL revenue your organization is receiving. The revenue associated with specific programs will be listed within your program budgets; this section represents total revenues. (For example if your organization requests funding for multiple programs the total amount requested from each locality or other entities goes within this section)

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Caroline	1,050.00	1,082.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,500.00	1,082.00
Fredericksburg	5,000.00	5,250.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	5,150.00
King George	3,075.00	1,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Spotsylvania	7,150.00	7,365.00	7,365.00	7,365.00	7,365.00	10,000.00	7,586.00
Stafford	3,000.00	3,090.00	3,090.00	2,935.00	3,167.00	7,000.00	3,262.00

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Grants	14,000.00	178,000.00	175,345.37	19,055.00	26,279.00	327,809.00	42,982.00
Client Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	77,512.50	79,837.88	76,210.00	74,397.26	62,580.50	67,736.00	64,457.00
Other (Click to itemize)	215,891.09	67,103.00	67,712.35	395,191.81	353,353.70	104,230.00	348,050.00
Total	400,928.59	419,830.38	408,951.69	576,994.07	496,478.20	562,025.00	512,069.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Surplus or Deficit	-419,830.38	-67,712.35	-576,994.07	37,638.80	-562,025.00	8,446.00

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Agency Budget Narrative

Administrative Expenses

Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.

Safe Harbor's administrative costs are low as the majority of the organization's budget is comprised of personnel and operating expenses associated with the delivery of direct program services. Safe Harbor's overhead ratio is within that permitted by most government funders.

If your agency is requesting an increase or decrease in administrative funding, please describe in detail the reasons for these changes.

N/A

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of administrative costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

At the time of application, the amounts of and justification for administrative costs are not historically recorded as being expended by specific revenue sources. General expenses that are not grant-specific are offset by the collective of fundraising net revenue, donations not earmarked for operations, and local government grants.

Capital Expenses

Please provide an overview of the capital costs for your agency.

At the time of this application, Safe Harbor does not anticipate capital costs in FY2023.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of capital costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

At the time of this application, Safe Harbor does not anticipate capital costs in the upcoming fiscal year that will need to be defrayed by locality funds.

Salary & Benefit Expenses

Please provide an overview of any increases or decreases in general personnel expenses for your agency.

Increases to salary in all positions include COLA (estimated at 1.8%, however, exact amount will be based on Spotsylvania County government determination COLA adjustment for its employees) in FY2023.

Please provide a description of any changes to agency benefits structure or cost.

In FY2021, Safe Harbor revisited its sick leave accrual policy and increased the amount of sick leave that could be accrued each year. This effort was undertaken to support the physical and mental health of Safe Harbor's employees.

In September 2019, Safe Harbor initiated a group health insurance benefit for its employees. Safe Harbor pays a portion of the premium for each employee enrolled in the plan. The portion paid per employee in FY2023 is projected to remain the same (\$400) although the premium per employee will likely increase.

Budget Issues

Provide any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact the agency for the upcoming year.

Congress passed the VOCA FIX ACT July 22, 2021 which ensures federal financial penalties from deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements are treated the same way as penalties resulting from criminal convictions meaning that those penalties fund VOCA. Although it may take up to two years for victim serving programs to see the fiscal outcome of this legislation in their budgets, it is a positive step and prevented CACs like Safe Harbor from losing upwards of \$100,000 in federal funding.

If you are aware of "outside" funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set cycle or date, please note those below and how you are planning for them.

As of writing this application, Safe Harbor is not aware of other outside funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set date or cycle.

Please detail any identified agency needs or areas of concern that are currently not being addressed in your funding request.

The Safe Harbor Board of Directors established a Long Term Expense fund with the FY2019 budget. The purposes of the fund are to (a) set aside a minimum of six months operating costs (approximately \$285,000 in FY2021), and (b) set aside funds to support strategic goals. After its annual audit is complete the Board will vote to transfer surplus funds from FY2021 out of its operating account into the Long Term Expense fund account.

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Locality Information

Caroline County

Fiscal year 2022 represents the twelfth year that SHCAC has provided services not only to the abused children of Caroline County, but free trauma-focused mental health treatment services for those children and ongoing education, training, and support for Caroline County's multidisciplinary team.

During FY2021, Safe Harbor served thirteen (13) victims whose cases originated in Caroline County. The cost per child in FY2021, not including mental health services, was \$1,530. We remain committed to the partnership with Caroline County so that together we may bring trust, healing, and justice to its most vulnerable child residents. Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities. We are grateful for the support provided by Caroline County MDT members and leadership in FY2022 and respectfully request a modest increase in funding to mitigate potential reduction in VOCA funding.

City of Fredericksburg

During FY2021, Safe Harbor served forty-two (42) victims of abuse whose cases originated in the City of Fredericksburg. The cost per child in FY2021, not including mental health services, was \$1,530.

During FY2020, the City of Fredericksburg MDT partnered closely with Safe Harbor to pursue National Children's Alliance re-accreditation; the CAC received official notice of re-accreditation on 11/3/2020. All five jurisdictions served by Safe Harbor benefit from the strengthened services of a nationally accredited CAC.

Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities. We are grateful for the financial support provided by City of Fredericksburg leadership in FY2022 and respectfully request a modest increase in funding in FY2023 to keep pace with the cost of doing business.

King George County

King George County continues to fully utilize Safe Harbor for essential coordination of services for the abused children of that county. Fully embracing the CAC model, MDT members from King George actively seek continuing education which in turn supports the achievement of positive results for abused children. During FY2021, SHCAC served twenty-three (23) victims of abuse whose cases originated in King George County. The cost per child in FY2021, not including mental health services, was \$1,530.

We hope that King George County government will resume its past support of Safe Harbor's services. Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities. We respectfully request funding to support the services provided to King George County.

Spotsylvania County

During FY2021, Safe Harbor served sixty-seven (67) victims of abuse whose cases originated in Spotsylvania County. The cost per child in FY2021 not including mental health services, was \$1,530.

Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities. We are grateful for the financial support provided by Spotsylvania County leadership in FY2022 and respectfully request a modest increase in funding in FY2023 to keep pace with the cost of doing business.

Stafford County

During FY2021, SHCAC served ninety-five (95) victims of abuse whose cases originated in Stafford County. The cost per child in FY2021, not including mental health services, was \$1,530.

Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities. We are grateful for the financial support provided by Stafford County leadership in FY2022 and respectfully request a modest increase in funding in FY2023 to keep pace with the cost of doing business.

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Agency Information

Agency Name Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center
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Mailing Address PO Box 56, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22404
Agency Phone Number (540) 891-6280
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Agency Mission Statement

Safe Harbor's mission is to reduce the trauma to child victims of abuse by coordinating and strengthening the community response.

Number of Years in Operation 12

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Job Title Executive Director

Localities Served

Please select any/all localities your agency serves.

Caroline
Fredericksburg
King George
Spotsylvania
Stafford

Agency Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your agency were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center (SHCAC) exists to ensure the abused children in our service area are not re-traumatized following their initial outcry of abuse. SHCAC provides a child-focused, safe environment in which a neutral, legally sound (forensic) interview may take place, and provides victim support and advocacy—including free mental health services—to support children's healing. Support services are also available for non-offending caregivers.

Empirical evidence demonstrates that communities with child advocacy centers (CACs) have greater law enforcement involvement in child sexual abuse investigations and greater incidence of coordinated investigations. Wolfeich and Loggins found that organizations with multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) were associated with higher frequency of substantiated abuse than the traditional child protection model that does not facilitate an MDT. By coordinating the investigation and combining the available evidence on the child's case, the MDT helps build a complete picture of the abuse. This type of coordination ultimately results in offenders being held accountable, reduction of duplication in both effort and cost, and most importantly, improved outcomes for youth and the community.

CACs are critical to healthy communities. CACs help victims avoid the economic cost of abuse—estimated to otherwise be \$212,000 over the lifetime of a child victim—therefore not only improving outcomes for the child, but for the community.

Safe Harbor's work supports the mission of the Community Collaborative to "help to cultivate a thriving community through an inclusive collaborative in which youth and families acquire the foundation to be stable and successful." Services provided by Safe Harbor directly support the following outcomes identified by the Collaborative in the Common Plan: family support, other adult relationships, community values children and youth, role models, resistance skills, and peaceful conflict resolution.

Agency Community Impact

Please provide at least two examples of how the mission and vision of your agency impacts the community and overall region.

Example 1

Sixteen-year-old Nancy* was brought to Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center (CAC) after she made an outcry of sexual abuse perpetrated by her biological father. A forensic interview (FI) was provided at the CAC where Nancy disclosed years of sexual abuse. After her interview, Nancy was offered an evidence recovery exam conducted in the CAC's medical room by a specially trained nurse from Mary Washington Hospital. The ability to receive the exam at the CAC, rather than the hospital, prevented Nancy from experiencing additional trauma.

Nancy's stepmother and step-grandmother were there to support her through every step. Her stepmother was provided with victim advocacy services by the CAC's Child and Family Advocate (CFA). The CFA assured the family that they are not alone; that she would continue to provide advocacy and support for the life of Nancy's case. This service was especially comforting for the family, particularly after learning about the extent of Nancy's abuse. The diligent work of the multidisciplinary team comprised of law enforcement, the department of social services, forensic nurses, and CAC staff also helped the family feel supported throughout the investigation.

Nancy was offered therapy at the CAC and began participating almost immediately. Trauma-focused therapy enhanced Nancy's knowledge of trauma and its effects on the brain; she learned cognitive processing skills to reframe negative thought patterns; and she engaged in the trauma narrative process that focused on helping her make meaning of her experiences. Nancy continues to participate in therapy and is expected to finish successfully soon.

The overall health of a community depends upon the care given to its children and the overall well-being of those children. The CAC model is dedicated to providing child victims with the tools needed to lead them to hope, healing, and justice, benefitting not only the child, but the entire community.

*name changed for confidentiality purposes

Example 2

Eleven-year-old Julio* was brought to Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center (CAC) after making an outcry of sexual abuse by his biological brother. He was provided a forensic interview at the CAC, where he made a full disclosure. The child's mother, who spoke only Spanish, was provided victim advocacy services by the bilingual Child & Family Advocate (CFA), and Julio was referred for mental health services at the CAC.

Because the CAC offers free therapy to children until they are age 18, Julio began receiving Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), with Spanish interpretive services for his mother. He attended therapy regularly for several months. As a result of participating in therapy at the CAC, Julio has been able to identify his own strengths: he enjoys playing on flag and regular football teams, he is happy to be considered class clown by his friends, and an overall great friend to others. In working with these strengths in the counseling process, Julio was able to learn coping skills that will help him feel better and increase his sense of empowerment as he begins to heal.

The dedicated multidisciplinary team provided financial assistance, food, internet service, and counseling services for the entire family. Julio's mother was connected to a local Spanish-speaking therapist, and Julio's three siblings were able to begin intensive in-home therapy. Internet service was provided to the family – a great benefit, as it allowed Julio to attend his therapy sessions virtually, and his mother to have him in the home.

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*names changed for confidentiality

Example 3 (Optional)

SAVE JANE day—October 15, 2021—was an important day for our region: that day, volunteers, staff, and partners with Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center read the names of more than 8,500 reported child abuse victims in the eleven jurisdictions served by the organization in 2020. It took seventy readers more than 8 hours to read the names; using “Jane” or “John” Doe to protect children’s identities, while still raising awareness of the magnitude of child maltreatment in our own community.

“Our first SAVE JANE event last year grew out of an awareness event first held in Dallas, Texas in 2019 with the child advocacy center (CAC) there. That CAC read more than 25,000 names over a period of twenty-four hours... straight through the night” says Elizabeth McNally, Executive Director of Safe Harbor. Child abuse remains prevalent in our region which is why Safe Harbor hosted its own SAVE JANE again this year. Experts agree that the pandemic has actually increased the frequency of child abuse—primarily due to additional stress on already fragile families. “Our primary goal with this event is to bring awareness to the frequency of child abuse—this year, through a garden of hope, we also recognized the estimated 1,500 children whose abuse went entirely unreported,” said McNally.

Safe Harbor provides a child-focused setting and the collaborative response that allow children to feel safe talking about their abuse— “our services place children on a path to hope, healing, and justice,” says McNally, “and are interdependent on support from the community—both financial and programmatic.” SAVE JANE raised more than \$22,000 for the organization allowing us to support fourteen children on their journey to healing and justice.

Founded in 2008, Safe Harbor relies on philanthropy to coordinate the community’s response to child maltreatment across the region. Since its inception, Safe Harbor has served more than 2,700 of the region’s children.

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Program Overview

You may save your work at any time by clicking on the "Save My Work" link/icon at the bottom or top of the page.

When you have completed all questions on the form, select the "Save My Work and Mark as Completed" link/icon at the bottom or top of this page.

You may also SWITCH between forms in this application by using the SWITCH FORMS feature in the upper right corner. When switching forms, any updates to the existing form will automatically be saved.

General Information

Program Name Safe Harbor Child Advocacy

Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

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Title Executive Director

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Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center (SHCAC) is a nonprofit whose mission is to strengthen and coordinate the community's response to child maltreatment. Nationally accredited, SHCAC follows an evidence-based model which had its origins in Huntsville, Alabama in the 1980s with the nation's first Child Advocacy Center.

SHCAC aims to lessen the trauma to child victims of abuse by utilizing a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach. Professionals from Law Enforcement, Medical Forensics, Mental Health, Child Protective Services, Prosecution, and Victim Advocacy, and the child advocacy center come together to address and respond to child abuse. The MDT approach not only reduces trauma, but is demonstrated to prevent further victimization of children as well.

SHCAC operates in a psychologically and physically safe, child-focused setting. Services offered by SHCAC include case management, forensic interviewing, forensic medical examinations, support for non-offending caregivers, and trauma-focused therapy. SHCAC also provides development, coordination, and training for members of the MDTs of the six jurisdictions it serves.

Client Fees

Please describe the fees clients must pay for the services by this program.

There are no fees for any service provided to children or families at Safe Harbor.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

Nationally, studies are beginning to demonstrate that the incidence of child abuse—specifically physical abuse—tripled in some parts of the country during the pandemic. Economic stress, job insecurity, loss of housing potential, and the closing of schools during the pandemic constituted the "perfect storm". The Virginia Department of Social Services reported 52,554 children were possible victims of abuse or neglect during state fiscal year 2020.

The investment by each locality in Safe Harbor's services has a profound, lasting impact as the child survivor pursues a healthy, productive future. Research by Miller & Rubin found that the use of CACs and MDTs resulted in a dramatic increase in successful prosecution of child abuse perpetrators.

Locality funding to support CACs should be considered as an extension of all efforts to maintain safe, stable communities.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

n/a

Target Audience and Service Delivery

Describe the program's intended audience or client base and how those clients are served.

Safe Harbor aims to serve children and adolescents age 0-18 who are reported victims of sexual or physical abuse. Safe Harbor serves Planning District 16: the City of Fredericksburg, and the Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford; our child-focused facility is located in the City of Fredericksburg. Members of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) begin the process by accepting the initial report of child maltreatment. Safe Harbor collaborates with MDT members to collect intake information and provides services based on the recommendation of the MDT. Services include forensic interview (ages 3-18), forensic medical exam (ages 0-18), victim advocacy/case management, and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT). Services continue, at no cost, until the child no longer needs them. Additionally, children may return to Safe Harbor to access services from the time of their forensic interview until their eighteenth birthday.

If your program has specific entry or application criteria, please describe it here.

Safe Harbor's services are initiated and provided at the request of locality MDTs.

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Program Budget Narrative

Please indicate in detail reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts you are requesting.

A nominal increase in locality funding requests is due to the need to maintain pace with the cost of doing business.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

If an increase is not awarded, or a partial increase is awarded, the result will be that staff will be required to spend additional time and resources to raise needed funds.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

N/A

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Program Specific Budget

In the boxes below provide program specific administrative costs associated with this program for FY 2023. Please also provide updated FY 2021 Actuals. Data has been rolled over from previous fiscal year application submissions.

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Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total					534,117.00		520,515.00

Program Specific Revenue

In the section below please provide revenue specifically associated with your program for FY 2023. Please also provide updated FY2021 Actuals. Data has been rolled over from previous fiscal year application submissions. The revenue in this section supports the implementation of your program and the services provided to the community.

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Foundation & Trust Grants			9,500.00	17,500.00		18,375.00	
Church Donations			500.00	0.00		0.00	
Individual & Business Contributions	26,854.63		14,498.94	28,000.00	22,353.21	35,000.00	23,000.00
Gifts in Kind	25,390.00		3,278.05	15,000.00		15,750.00	
Investments	470.56		233.44	100.00		105.00	
Other types of income			0.00	0.00		0.00	
NonProfit Organization Grants			0.00	3,825.00		7,000.00	
NCA Grant			3,250.00	0.00		0.00	
KG County Sheriff's Department							
Courtesy Forensic Interview Income				0.00		10,000.00	
Foundation & Trust Grants		12,000.00					
Church Donations		500.00					
Individual & Business Contributions		28,000.00					
Gifts in Kind		15,000.00					
Investments		100.00			45.19		50.00
Other types of income	2,917.16	0.00					
NonProfit Organization Grants		0.00					
NCA Grant		6,500.00					
KG County Sheriff's Department		1,500.00					

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Courtesy Forensic Interview Income		0.00					
Virginia Department of Social Services	167,998.70	340,081.37			330,985.00		325,000.00
VA DCJS ESF Grant						18,000.00	
Total	408,668.05	564,023.37	486,944.26	540,408.05	496,507.90	562,025.00	512,069.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
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Collaborative Impact

Efforts and Partnerships

Describe in detail examples of collaborative efforts and key partnerships between your program and the other programs or agencies in the area.

SHCAC has well-established formal partnerships with Mary Washington Healthcare (MWHC) and the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) which enable the organization to achieve its mission.

MWHC provides Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNEs) to perform free medical consultation and forensic medical exams for child victims. Nurses have access to a child-focused examination room and state-of-the-art equipment at SHCAC.

RACSB is SHCAC's key partner for free, onsite TF-CBT. Children who are forensically interviewed at the CAC remain eligible for therapy at any point in time after their disclosure until the age of eighteen. SHCAC maintains inter-agency collaborative agreements with the City of Fredericksburg, Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford as their dedicated personnel form our multidisciplinary teams comprised of Law Enforcement, Department of Social Services (Child Protective Services) Commonwealth's Attorney, and Victim Witness.

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your program were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

Safe Harbor CAC is the only child advocacy center in this region of Virginia. Multiple pervasive and negative impacts would occur with the loss of Safe Harbor: (1) a delay for child victims receiving or total lack of availability of trauma-informed medical, therapeutic, or support interventions, (2) the loss of coordinated and comprehensive services, (3) the loss of training paid by SHCAC for government and public professionals who comprise MDTs; and (5) the loss of a cost saving of more than \$1,400 per case when approached using best practices through a CAC as compared to the traditional approach.

As described in our agency collaborative statement, data exists which demonstrates that communities with CACs have dramatic improvement in felony prosecution of child abuse as well as faster case processing time. Because SHCAC exists, healing, trust, and justice are the outcomes for victimized children in our service area.

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Number of Individuals Served

Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2021 and the estimated numbers of individuals to be served in FY2023.

Locality	FY2017 (Actual)	FY2018 (Actual)	FY 2019 (Actual)	FY 2020 (Actual)	FY 2021 (Actual)	FY 2022 Estimate	FY 2023 Estimate
Fredericksburg City	31	25	65	52	42	60	53
Caroline County	29	12	21	6	13	10	18
King George County	14	14	19	13	23	15	25
Spotsylvania County	74	61	36	51	67	60	69
Stafford County	54	56	51	74	95	85	95
Other Localities	35	56	46	82	73	70	85
Total					313		345

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Goals

Goal:

Safe Harbor services will be utilized by local multidisciplinary teams from each jurisdiction to investigate cases of suspected abuse and neglect.

Objectives		2020 Baseline	2020 Year End	2021 Baseline	2021 Year End	2022 Baseline	2022 Year End	2023 Baseline
Safe Harbor will provide the resources to conduct a minimum of 190 forensic interviews, medical evaluations, and consults.	Total # Clients Served	300	279	300	309			340
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	300	279	300	309			340
	% Achieved / Successful	100	100	100	100			100
100% of forensic interviews at Safe Harbor are conducted by an individual trained in the ChildFirst model of forensic interviewing.	Total # Clients Served	300	283	300	309			305
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	300	283	300	309			305
	% Achieved / Successful	100	100	100	100			100

Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

Updates for FY2018

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Major changes are not anticipated with the exception of continued outreach and education to the community and MDTs regarding the CAC model with the goal of a higher percentage of child maltreatment cases being brought to the CAC through MDT referral.

If you are restating the goals or objectives for the prior calendar year, please include those here

Goal:

Child victims of alleged child abuse have immediate needs addressed onsite in a coordinated, comprehensive, child-focused, safe and protected environment.

Objectives		2020 Baseline	2020 Year End	2021 Baseline	2021 Year End	2022 Baseline	2022 Year End	2023 Baseline
Family needs assessments will be conducted with 225 families.	Total # Clients Served	225	171	225	272			300
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	225	171	225	272			300
	% Achieved / Successful	100	100	100	100			100
Child victims of alleged abuse return for ongoing mental health and support services to address the impact of traumatic events.	Total # Clients Served	75	76	75	73			85
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	35	43	45	30			45
	% Achieved / Successful	46.67	56.58	60	41.10			52.94
To be eligible for therapy at SHCAC, there must be a disclosure of abuse during the forensic interview and a subsequent score of 25+ on the UCLA Post Traumatic								

Stress Scale (exceptions may be made by the MDT on a case-by-case basis to provide therapy for children who score lower).

Explanation & Overview

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Our outcome for successful completion of therapy was slightly lower than anticipated which may be the result of delivery of services via the internet (due to COVID). Telementalhealth services were embraced by some children and caregivers while others found it difficult to make a therapeutic connection with the provider. We anticipate that as the pandemic subsides and we return to in-person therapy sessions, more children will successfully complete therapy.

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We have expanded our therapy program to add a full time therapist which will allow the program to serve more children while reducing the current wait list for therapy.

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