

THE REALITY...

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS LIKELY THE MOST PREVALENT HEALTH PROBLEM CHILDREN FACE WITH THE MOST SERIOUS ARRAY OF CONSEQUENCES.
 (WWW.D2L.ORG)

ONE  IN 10 CHILDREN WILL BE SEXUALLY ABUSED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18

10% OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED WILL DISCLOSE THEIR ABUSE AS A CHILD...

90% OF ABUSERS ARE SOMEONE THEY KNOW, LOVE AND TRUST...

 **1 IN 5 CHILDREN ARE SOLICITED WHILE ON THE INTERNET**

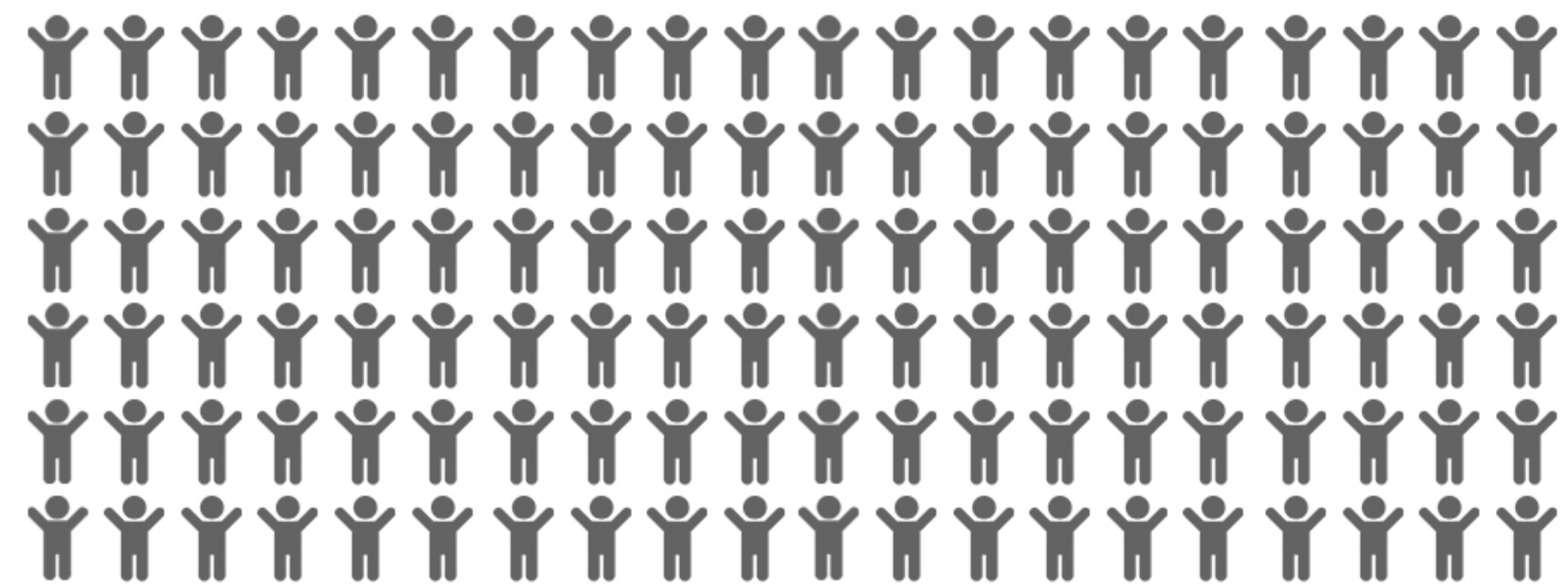
THE STCAC IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

OVER **3,000** CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED SERVICES AT OUR CENTER SINCE THE STCAC OPENED OUR DOORS IN OCTOBER 2007

ON AVERAGE PER YEAR...

300

CHILD ABUSE CASES ARE INVESTIGATED BY THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM



92%

OF CASES INVOLVE AN ALLEGATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

250

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS OF CHILDREN ARE CONDUCTED

75

SPECIALIZED FORENSIC MEDICAL EVALUATIONS ARE PROVIDED

200

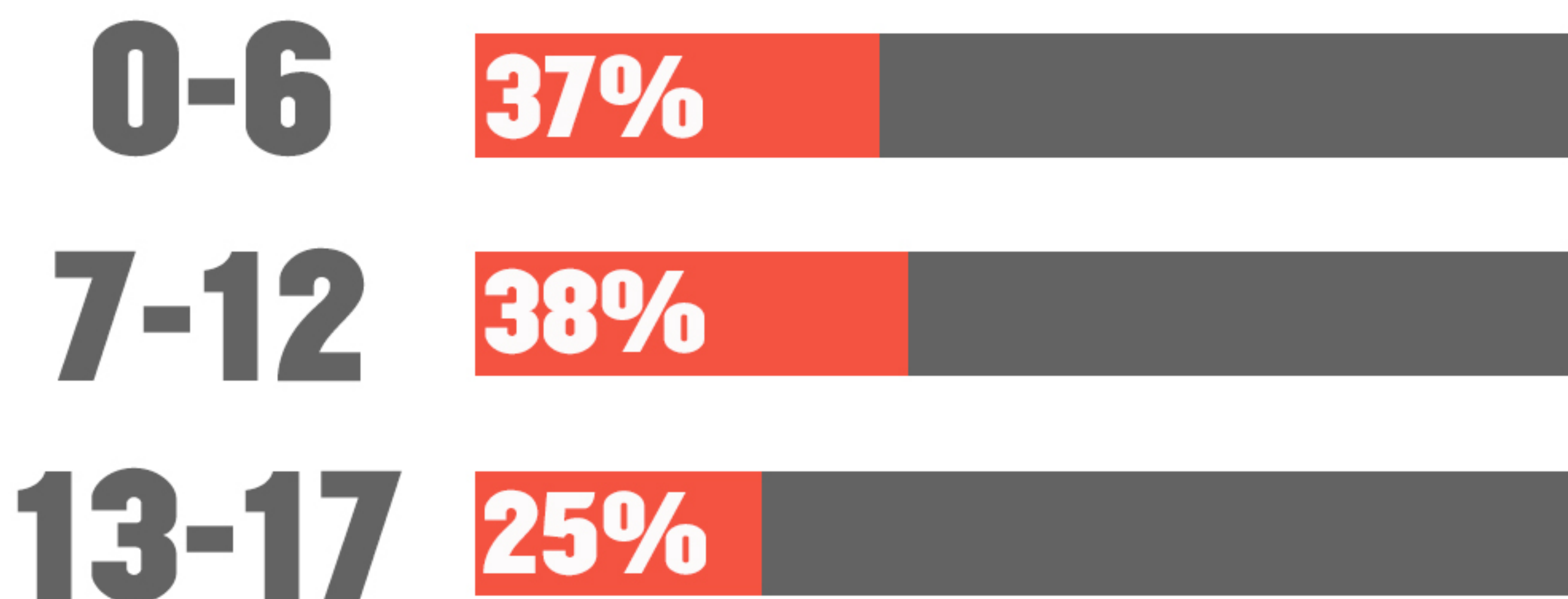
CAREGIVERS PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM SERVICES

250

CHILDREN ARE REFERRED FOR EVIDENCE-BASED THERAPY

CHILDREN SERVED BY THE STCAC...

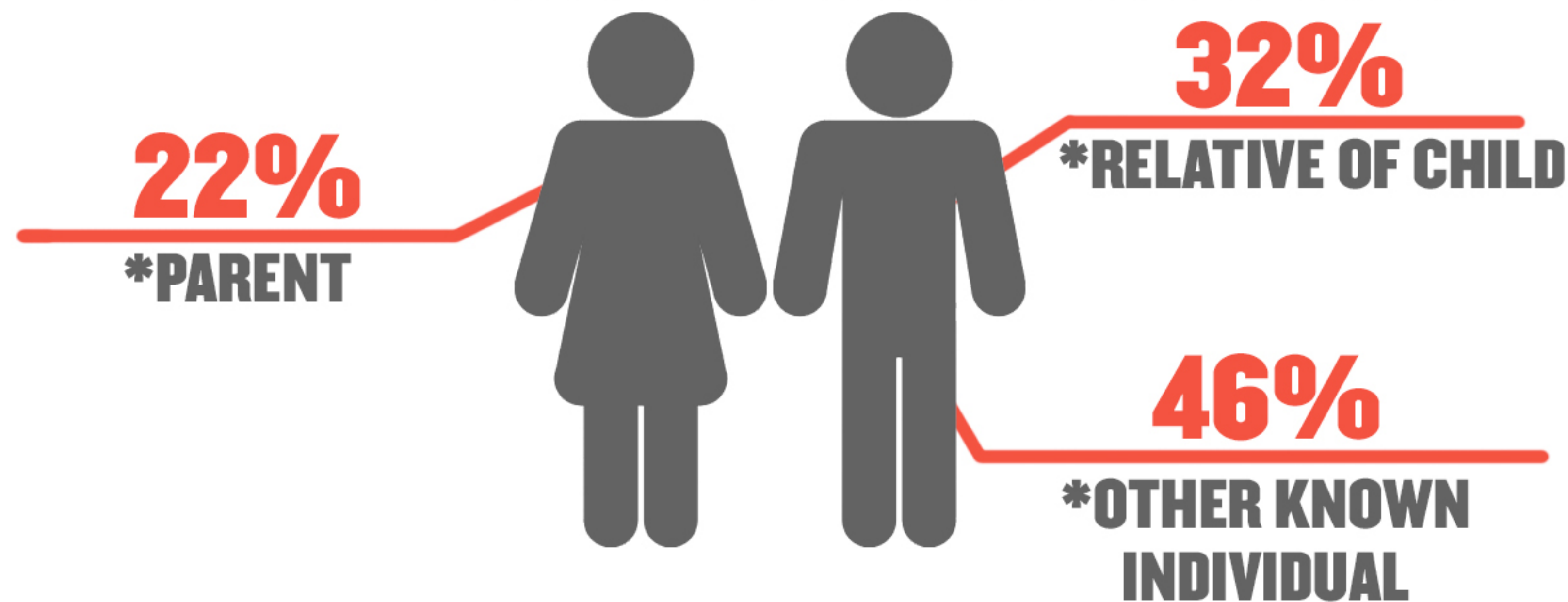
AGE



GENDER



IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, MORE THAN 1750 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED FOR ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE BY THE STCAC MDT... *RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM



97%

OF FAMILY RECEIVING SERVICES AT THE STCAC SAID THEY FELT SAFE WHILE AT THE CENTER AND STATED THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THE STCAC TO ANYONE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.



WHO WE ARE...

RESPONDING TO ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE IS A CHALLENGING PROCESS REQUIRING INPUT AND COLLABORATION BY ALL PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED WITH INTERVENTION. THE SOUTHERN TIER CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (STCAC) OF ALLEGANY AND CATTARAUGUS COUNTY COORDINATES THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) RESPONSE WORKING WITH A TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS THAT PUTS THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD AS THE PRIMARY CONCERN.

AT THE CENTER, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION, VICTIM ADVOCATES, FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS, MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND CENTER STAFF COLLABORATE TO LIMIT ANY ADDITIONAL TRAUMA TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY. WE WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND TREATMENT PLAN WHICH PROMOTES JUSTICE AND HEALING, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

WHAT WE DO...

THE SOUTHERN TIER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER HELPS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY PROVIDING THEM WITH JUSTICE AND HEALING FROM THEIR ABUSE IN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SETTING THEY CAN TRUST. IN ADDITION TO HELPING COLLECT FORENSIC EVIDENCE TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CPS IN THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, THE STCAC COORDINATES A COMPLETE RESPONSE TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF EACH CHILD WE SERVE. OUR TEAM WORKS TOGETHER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDING A FULL ARRAY OF SERVICES INCLUDING:

- ➔ FORENSIC INTERVIEW SERVICES
- ➔ FORENSIC MEDICAL EVALUATIONS
- ➔ EVIDENCE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
- ➔ CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
- ➔ FAMILY ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- ➔ COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



WHY WE DO IT...

SEXUAL ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE, AND NEGLECT ARE FORMS OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES) THAT RESEARCHERS HAVE LINKED TO MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS SUCH AS MOOD DISORDERS, ANXIETY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND IMPULSE CONTROL DISORDERS. ADULTS WITH MULTIPLE ACES HAVE EVEN BEEN SHOWN TO BE MORE LIKELY TO ENDURE POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES LIKE DIABETES, STDS, HEART DISEASE, AND EARLY DEATH (CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, 1998).

IN SHORT, WITHOUT INTERVENTION, CHILD ABUSE MAY CAUSE LIFELONG PROBLEMS.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GREAT CHILDHOOD

THE SOLUTION...



95%

OF ABUSE CAN BE PREVENTED THROUGH EDUCATION

LEARN **5** STEPS TO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN VISIT DARKNESS 2 LIGHT WWW.D2L.ORG

KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON THE INTERNET VISIT WWW.NETSMARTZ.ORG

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING IF YOU SUSPECT SOMETHING... REPORT IT

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