

Childsafe

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Help & Healing for Sexual Abuse



Executive Director:	Kim Abernethy (kima@childsafe-sa.org)
Mission Statement:	The mission of ChildSafe is to restore dignity, trust, and hope to children traumatized by sexual abuse. ChildSafe provides a sensitive environment for the evaluation of child/adolescent sexual abuse which minimizes further trauma to the child and optimizes the investigative process including the following goals: (1)conduct recorded forensic interviews of child victims of abuse, (2) Ensure the coordination of appropriate and thorough investigation of sexual abuse cases with both public and private agencies, (3) Provide crisis intervention and on-going counseling, (4) Advocate for the child and family during the investigative process, (5) provide child sensitive medical evaluation, and (6)provide public education and professional training.
Operational Since:	1992
Annual CAC Budget:	\$1,000,000 and above
Service Area:	Single County
County(ies) Served:	Bexar
Community Characteristics:	Mixed
CAC Model:	Independent
Case Criteria:	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Neglect Child Fatality Child Witness Child at Risk Sexual and Physical Abuse
Ages of Children Served:	0 to 18
Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:	140
Interagency Partners:	Bexar County District Attorney's Office, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, San Antonio Police Department, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, Leon Valley Police Department, Universal City Police Department, Windcrest Police Department, Alamo Heights Police Department, Balcones Heights Police Department, Castle Hills Police Department, Converse Police Department, Elmendorf Police Department, Fair Oaks Police Department, Grey Forrest Police Department, Helotes Police Department, Hollywood Park Police Department, Kirby Police Department, Olmos Park Police Department, Live Oak Police Department, Somerset Police Department, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital Center for Miracles
Interagency Partners Housed On Site:	Yes
Core Program Components/Services:	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews Off Site Mental Health Services On Site Mental Health Services On Site Sexual Assault Exams Volunteer Program

Additional Services Provided: Assistance With Completion Of CVC Application
 Child Fatality Review Team
 Court Accompaniment
 Court School/Trial Preparation
 Information Regarding Client's Case, Services Available, Criminal/Civil Justice System
 Non-forensic Exams, Assessments, Consults, and/or Treatment
 Rainbow Room-type Services
 Referral for and/or Coordination of Other Social/Family Services
 Transportation For Receiving Investigative, Medical, Therapeutic, Justice Services
 Prevention Program
 Community Education
 Internship Program
 Medical Training
 Support Groups
 Pediatric Resident Rotation
 Consultation for medical
 Emergency Funds Assistance
 CARE Project
 Mentoring
 Domestic Violence Counseling
 Peer Activities
 Fone Friend volunteers to mentor caregiver

Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed: President/CEO (fte);
 Director of Programs (fte);
 Director of Operations (fte);
 Director of Development (fte);
 Counselors (5 fte and 1 pte);
 Accounting and IT Manager (fte); Registered Nurse - SANE(fte);
 CARE Project (fte);
 Development Assistant (fte);
 Client Services Director (fte);
 Clinical Director (fte);
 Case Coordinators (7 fte)
 Secretary (3 fte and 1 pte)
 Social Work Interns (pte);
 Medical Director (pte);
 Counseling Interns (2 fte);
 Training Coordinator (fte);

Facility Information: Square footage: 9,000. ChildSafe is a specially designed building to respect and meet the needs of the abused child. The flow of the spacious circular design facilitates treatment while providing a sense of freedom and movement that abused children need. The reception area is a spacious octagon shaped room that provides access to waiting areas, offices, conference, examination and interview rooms. The Teddy Bear room and the 600-gallon aquarium provide an inviting and comfortable place for the children and their families. The two forensic interview rooms and the two examination rooms are designed for the child so they may be at ease during this process at the Center. The child is the focus of this unique center.

Funding Sources: CACTX Swalm Grant
 County Government
 Foundations
 OVAG
 Special Events
 State Government
 United Way
 VOCA
 University Health System
 Program Income
 Consultation Fees
 Crime Victims' Compensation Individual and Corporate Donations Private Foundations