



The  
Center for the  
Prevention  
of Child Abuse

We are *here for you*

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Mission

THE CPCA'S MISSION IS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE IN THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) is a private non-profit that has been dedicated to the reduction of child maltreatment since 1973. Each year, we offer support and advocacy services to thousands of children that have been abused and families that are at-risk. We are also the only agency in Dutchess County providing sexual-abuse prevention training to children. Through our services, children and adults are empowered with knowledge to prevent future abuse.

# Our Team of Heroes

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**Peace**  
Service Dog

## Dear Friends and Supporters,

*I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report for The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA).*

*The pandemic threatened the success and sustainability of many nonprofits in 2020 and 2021 but the CPCA responded to these challenges head-on. While we could not predict how COVID-19 would impact child welfare, we continue to see the negative impact the pandemic has had on our most vulnerable —our children. Loss of wages and changes in childcare led to increases in parental stress and anxiety. School is a safe haven for at-risk youth. As schools started to open back up, reports of child abuse and neglect continued to rise from teachers and school personnel.*

*This year, our Supportive Parenting Program continued home visits which became a lifeline to these families. With these home visits, our case managers brought food, cleaning supplies, and their professional guidance. We continued to provide regular assistance to families via phone and video. This enabled staff to maintain consistent connections with 38 families to provide the sustained support they needed to care for their children, as well as cope with the stress and anxiety brought on unexpectedly by the coronavirus.*

*After seeing the devastating results of the stay at home order on child abuse and neglect, we launched Project Protect as a way to reach average community residents. We needed more eyes on our community's children. We are proud to report that in 2021, 1,309 members of the community learned to recognize the warning signs of child abuse and took the pledge to keep kids safe.*

*Our Child Advocacy Center remained a beacon of light this year for 630 children who disclosed a story of a abuse. Forty-one of those children were referred to our trauma therapy so they could begin their healing journey. Our service dog, Peace, was brought into forensic interviews and therapy sessions to provide additional comfort. Peace, no doubt lives up to his name and continues to help staff in their own comfort and healing too!*

*As schools started to open back up this year, our Personal Safety Program began in-school presentations and lessons. Despite scheduling challenges, Personal Safety facilitators taught*

*6,416 students in local schools how to protect their bodies! The Personal Safety Program continues to be our flagship program in preventing the abuse of children. If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that children need to be equipped with how they can protect themselves. The Personal Safety Program staff continues to provide a familiar face as children are brought into our Child Advocacy Center. Over the summer, our investigators assisted in the arrest of a delivery driver who was accused of raping minors inside his company truck. We offered therapy and support to these victims.*

*We continued strong partnerships with the New York State Children's Alliance, National Children's Alliance, Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities, Dutchess County Community and Family Services, and the Dyson Foundation, and discovered new partnerships like the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, the Ascienzo Foundation, and The Vincent and Carol W. Dean Family Charitable Foundation. These new partnerships and friendships helped us raise critical funds during Restaurant Week for Child Abuse Prevention, Match Tabitha and Giving Tuesday.*

*These are just a couple of instances demonstrating how we worked throughout the year to ensure that children and families in Dutchess County have access to much-needed services and resources.*

*We're tremendously proud of these achievements and the collaborations. I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone reading this report and for supporting our work. 2021 was a challenging year but we remain encouraged by your commitment to our mission. Thank you for remaining by our side as we continue the fight against child abuse in the Mid-Hudson Valley.*

Sincerely,



**Kimberly Haight, MPA**  
Executive Director



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We are here to *help survivors heal*

## CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a safe, family-friendly space for alleged child victims to disclose a story of sexual and/or extreme physical abuse. The CAC team is comprised of victim advocates, law enforcement, CPS workers, trauma therapists and program coordinators all working together to ensure a child's safety. The goal of a CAC is to reduce retraumatizing the child by collecting as much information as possible in a forensic interview. The CAC also provides resources to assist children and families through the healing process.

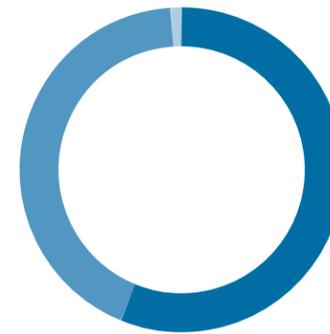
**630** Primary Child Clients

**346** Forensic Interviews

**24** Arrests Made

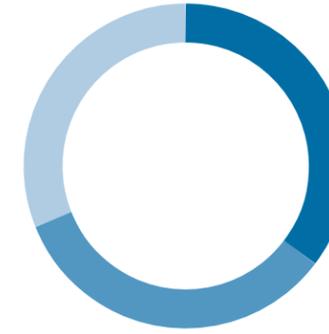
### PRIMARY CHILD CLIENTS

GENDER



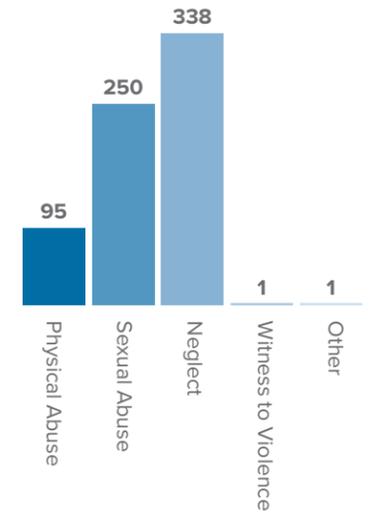
Female (56.4%)  
Male (42.7%)  
Undisclosed (0.9%)

AGE



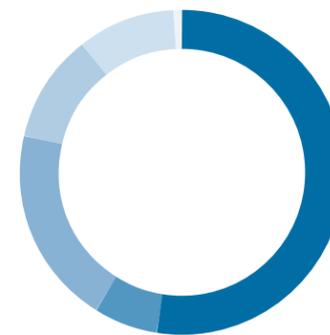
0-6 (35.5%)  
7-12 (33.5%)  
13-18 (31.0%)

### TYPES OF ABUSE REPORTED



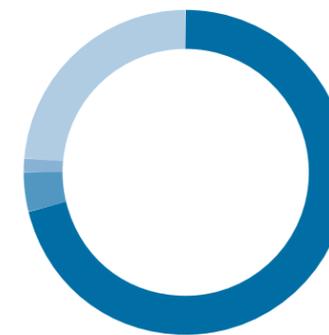
### OFFENDERS

RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM



Parent (52.6%)  
Step-Parent (6.4%)  
Parent's Partner (0.5%)  
Other Relative (19.7%)  
Other Known Person (10.9%)  
Unknown (9.9%)

AGE OF OFFENDER



18+ (71.3%)  
13-17 (3.7%)  
Under 13 (1.4%)  
Undisclosed (23.6%)



We are here to *support families*

### SUPPORTIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

The Supportive Parenting Program provides intensive case management services for parents with developmental disabilities and/or a mental health diagnosis that includes weekly home visits, supervised visitation, and group parenting classes. Classes help to improve parenting skills as well as provide socialization and support from their peers. Case managers assist clients to meet the needs of their child and they work closely with other service providers involved to better serve our clientele's needs.

**38** Parents/Caretakers Served

**18** Parents/Caretakers Completed Program

"Thank you so much for everything you do and helping me and my family get baby Lila\* healthy and happy."

—Supportive Parenting Client

\*Name changed for privacy purposes

Thank you for the presentation because now I know how to keep my body safe.

### PERSONAL SAFETY PROGRAM

The Personal Safety Program is offered for free once a year to schools in Dutchess County and provides age-appropriate, in-class instruction on sexual abuse prevention to children Pre-K through 5th grade. Similar to how students view fire drills, it is considered a "just in case" lesson. Students learn how to speak up and use their voice to protect themselves if someone breaks the personal safety rules and makes them feel uncomfortable.

**6,416** Children Served

**11** (of 13) School Districts Received Personal Safety Lessons



We are here to *empower children*



We are here to *educate communities*

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

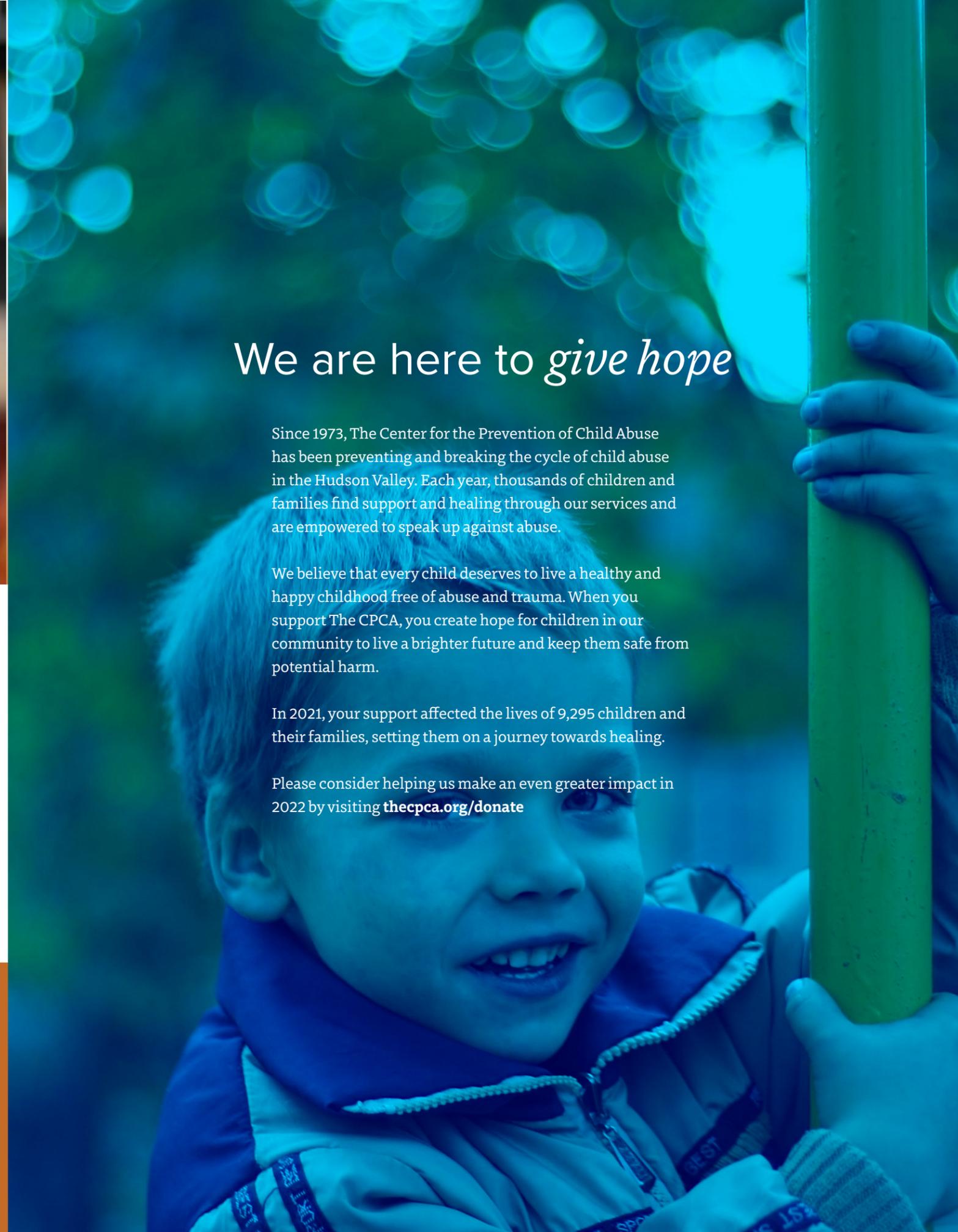
The Community Education Program teaches adults, caregivers, educators, and other community groups on how to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect, as well as how to report when an instance arises. Our program offers both a Mandated Reporter Training for professionals in New York State who are legally required to recognize and report as well as a free presentation for community members who want to learn how they can help keep children safe.

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**1,309** Professionals and  
community members learned to  
recognize and report child abuse

“Even with the background in mental health services, now more than ever we needed to have the lively discussion of how we can be more observant during Telehealth and recognize if a child is at risk. I encourage anyone who comes in contact with children to take the session.”

—Jackie Muller, LCSWR Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions



We are here to *give hope*

Since 1973, The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse has been preventing and breaking the cycle of child abuse in the Hudson Valley. Each year, thousands of children and families find support and healing through our services and are empowered to speak up against abuse.

We believe that every child deserves to live a healthy and happy childhood free of abuse and trauma. When you support The CPCA, you create hope for children in our community to live a brighter future and keep them safe from potential harm.

In 2021, your support affected the lives of 9,295 children and their families, setting them on a journey towards healing.

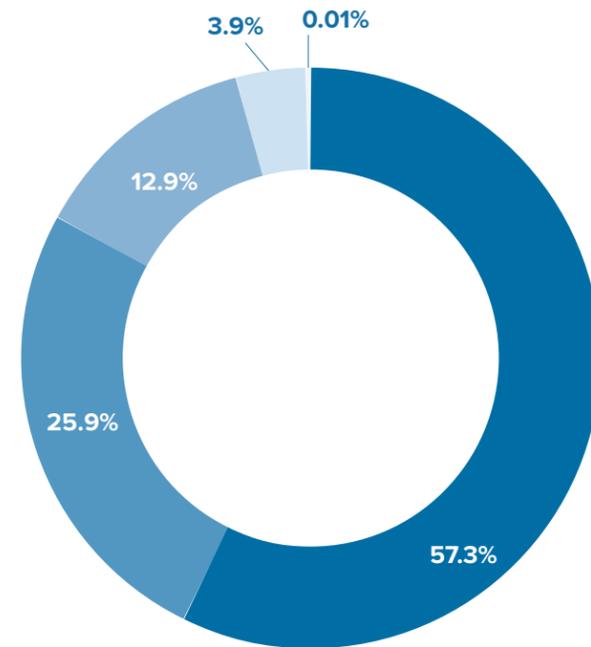
Please consider helping us make an even greater impact in 2022 by visiting [thecpca.org/donate](https://thecpca.org/donate)

# Financial Statement

## INCOME

Government Grants	\$605,383
Contributions	\$273,862
Paycheck Protection Program Grant	\$136,500
Special Events	\$40,769
Other Income	\$109

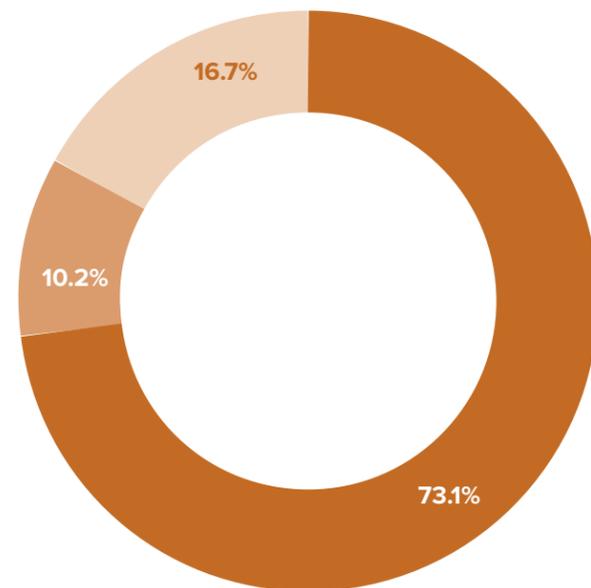
**Total Support & Revenue**    **\$1,056,623**



## EXPENSES

Programs & Services	\$755,144
Fundraising	\$105,868
Management & General	\$172,508

**Total Expenses**    **\$1,033,520**





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