

Child Advocacy Center

Criminal Procedure Article § 11-923(h)

MSAR # 8610

January 18, 2011

Submitted by: Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Contact: Anne Marie Litecky

410-821-2840

alitecky@goccp.state.md.us



300 E. Joppa Road, Suite 1105
Baltimore, Maryland 21286-3016
410-821-2828/Toll Free: 1-877-687-9004
Fax: 410-321-3116
INFO@GOCCP-STATE-MD.ORG
WWW.GOCCP.MARYLAND.GOV

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony Brown
Lt. Governor

Kristen Mahoney
Executive Director

January 18, 2012

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Office of the Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Governor O'Malley:

As required under Md. Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure Art. §11-923(h) and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) requirement to produce an annual report on the Child Advocacy Centers. Attached is the required report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Child Advocacy Centers Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Mahoney".

Kristen Mahoney
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
The Honorable Michael Busch
Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services
Joan Bourne, Enoch Pratt Free Library

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) is a part of the Executive Branch of State Government. GOCCP's mission is to serve as the State Administering Agency in the application for, and administration of, federal and state funds for public safety, crime control and prevention; and to coordinate and promote public safety linkages and partnerships between and among federal, state and local agencies. The office is Maryland's one stop shop for resources to improve public safety and exists to educate, connect, and empower Maryland's citizens and public safety entities through innovative funding, strategic planning, crime data analysis, best practices research and results-oriented customer service.

On May 4, 2010 Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law a bill supporting Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) and the services that they provide for Maryland children and their families. The law states that money shall be provided in the annual State budget and shall be used to supplement, but not supplant, money that the programs receive from other sources. The law supports law enforcement, child protective services, social workers, and all who work to protect Maryland's vulnerable child victims of crime and abuse. (Md. Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure Art. §11-923(h)) By signing the Child Advocacy Center bill, Governor O'Malley made a substantial commitment ensuring that Maryland's children are safe and protected.

On October 1, 2010, GOCCP started its first year of funding to CACs under the Child Advocacy Center Assistance grant program by offering support to existing Child Advocacy Centers. In these challenging times, there is nothing more important in our State than protecting Maryland's most vulnerable citizens - our children. The partnerships formed in the Child Advocacy Centers combine compassion for victims with a commitment to law enforcement, a vital participant and first responder in our overall effort to protect our children.

The purpose of these funds for Child Advocacy Center Assistance Grants is to support a broad range of functions, to include:

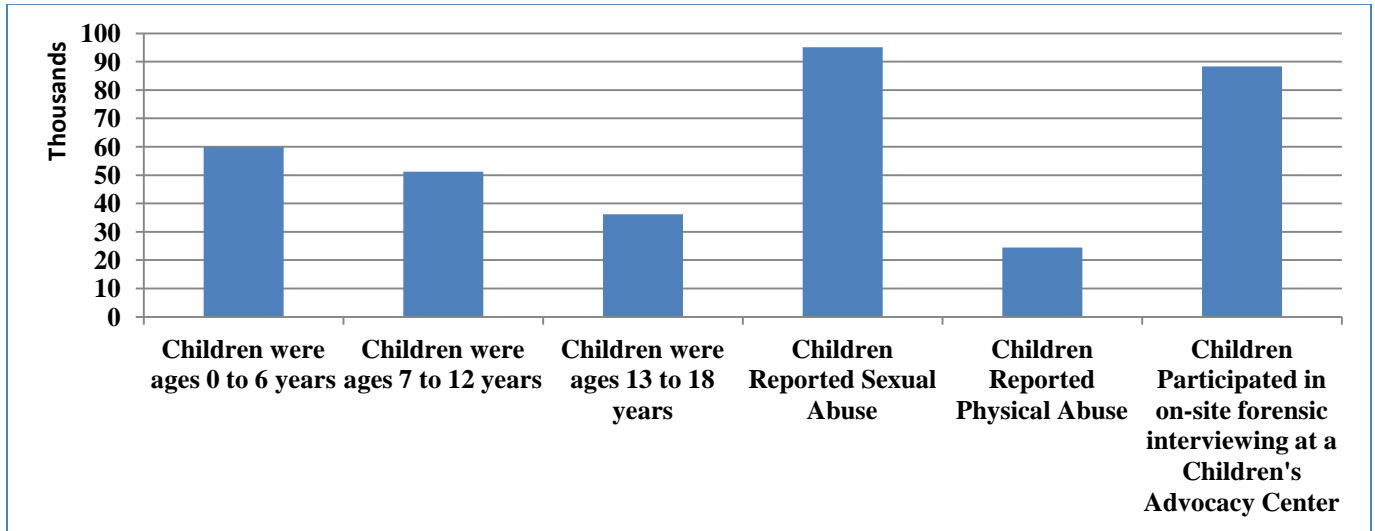
- Counseling and psychological services for children who have been physically, sexually, and/or emotionally abused;
- Services to help child victims overcome trauma;
- Counseling and support for families of children who have been victimized and abused;
- Forensic/medical evaluations;
- Specialized equipment;
- Training; and
- Overtime for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors and Child Protective Service Workers.

In the first year of funding, twenty (20) CACs were eligible annually for up to \$12,500 in funding. In FY 2011, the total amount awarded to CACs was \$223,303. Eligibility is limited to existing CACs that are invited by GOCCP to apply for funding.

National Trend

According to the National Children’s Alliance, among the over 141,000 children served by Children’s Advocacy Centers around the country from January through June 2011, some startling statistics include:

- 59,932 children were ages 0 to 6 years
- 51,196 children were ages 7 to 12 years
- 36,131 children were ages 13 to 18 years
- 95,120 children reported sexual abuse
- 24,414 children reported physical abuse
- 88,312 children participated in on-site forensic interviewing at a Children’s Advocacy Center



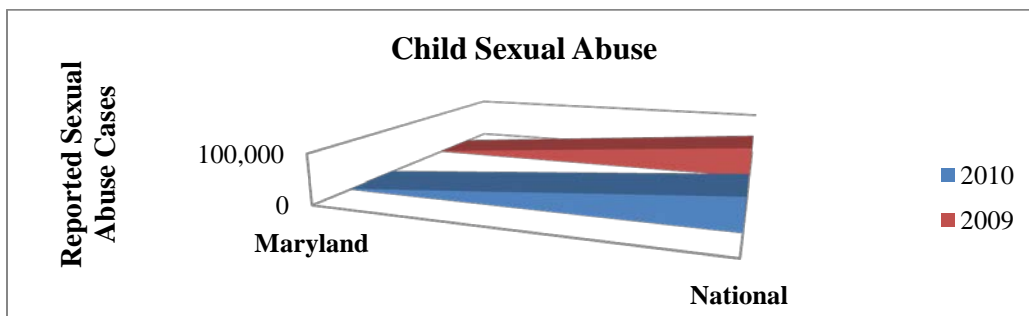
- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 1 in 5 children is solicited sexually while on the internet.

Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) are on children ages 17 and older.

State Trend in Maryland

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children & Families:

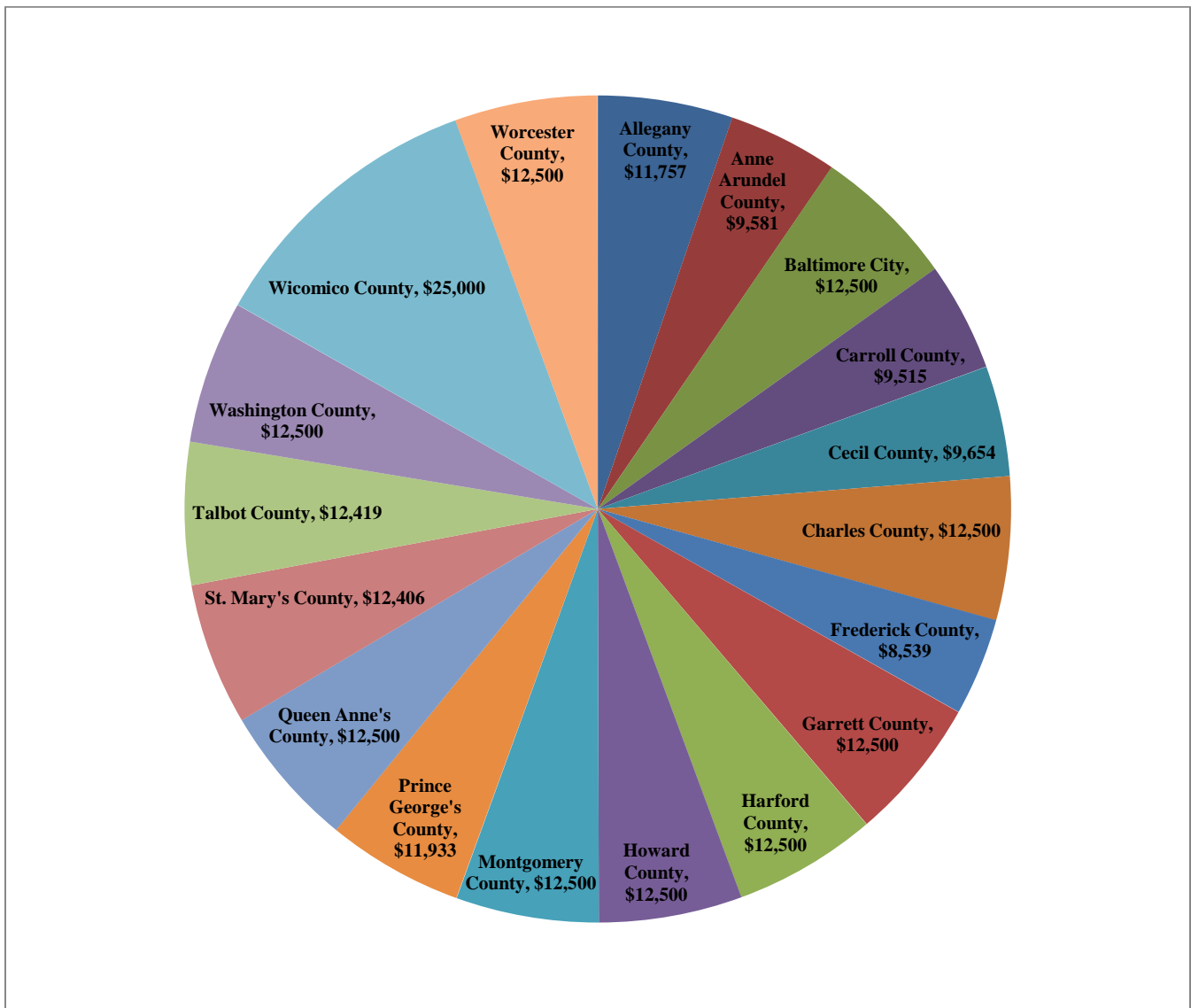
- 1,891 sexual abuse cases were reported in Maryland in 2009 compared to 65,964 nationally
- 1,719 sexual abuse cases were reported in Maryland in 2010 compared to 63,527 nationally



In fiscal year 2011, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services allocated funds to Child Advocacy Centers throughout the State, which provided:

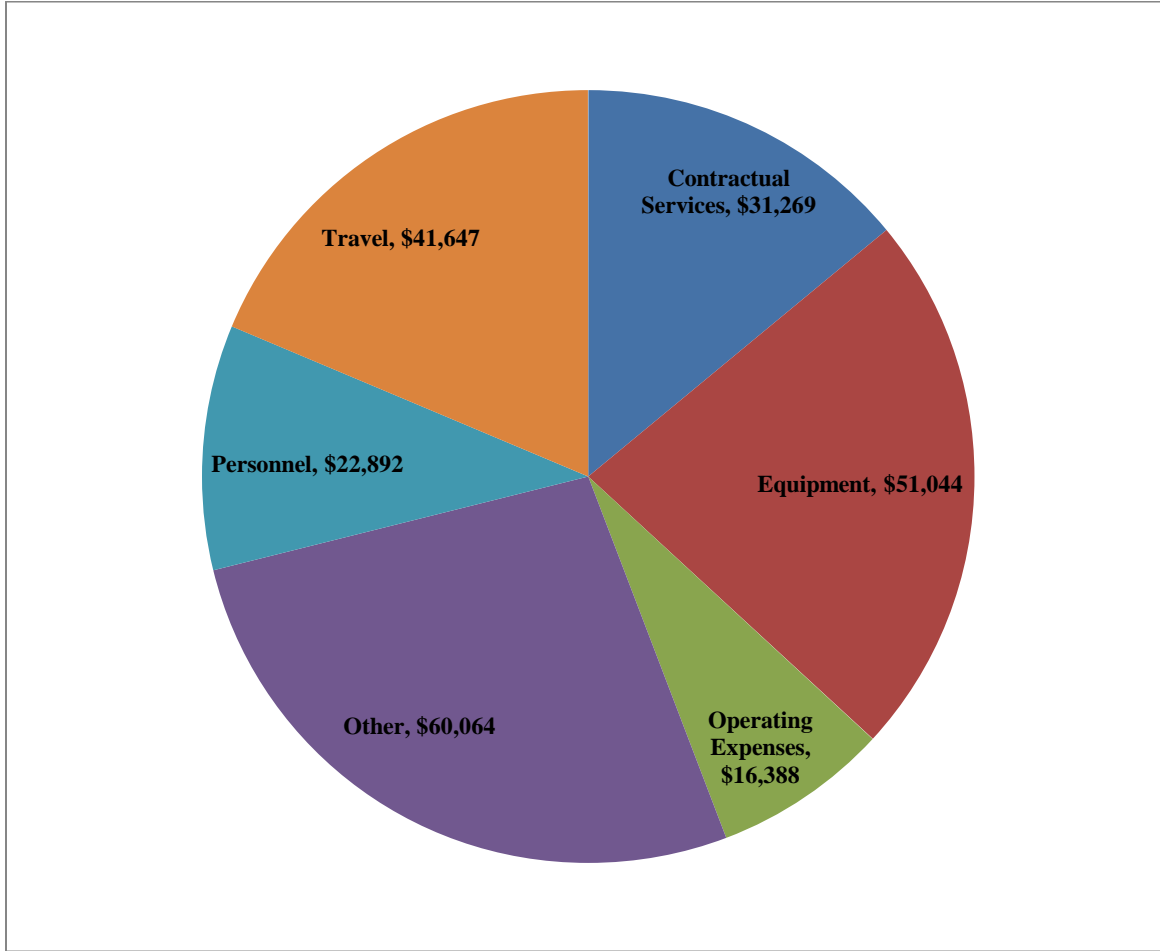
- Services to 3,939 victims
- Crisis intervention to 3,760 victims
- Follow-up services to 1,541 victims

FY 2011 Grant Funding for Child Advocacy Centers per Maryland Jurisdiction¹



¹ Grant funding was only provided to jurisdictions with Child Advocacy Centers.

Grant Funding for Child Advocacy Centers: FY 2011 Budget Detail²



² The budget detail is categorized into six different categories: Contractual Services (e.g., yoga, family counseling, forensic data capturing equipment, training, software, graphic design/artwork, etc.), Equipment (e.g., software, CellDEK Workstation, medical encyclopedias, Teach-A-Bodies Forensic Interview Dolls, furniture, security cameras, monitors, projector, GPS navigation, etc.), Operating Expenses (e.g., electric utilities, telephone and fax, training, etc.), Other (e.g., training, educational materials, therapeutic toys and supplies, etc.), Personnel (e.g., benefit; salary, mental health therapist, etc.), and Travel (e.g., mileage, meal reimbursement, roundtrip airfare, hotel, car rental, lodging, parking, etc.).

CACS Grants

Run Date: 01/04/2012

Award Number: CACS-2010-1001 **Applicant Agency:** Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County
Implementing Org: Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County

Project Title: Child Maltreatment Victims Counseling - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Montgomery **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,500.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The Montgomery County Primary Care Coalition's Child Maltreatment Victims Counseling program helps reduce existing gaps in services and foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Montgomery County, MD. The program provides crisis and continuing care to victims of child maltreatment and their non-offending family members. The program reduces child victims' trauma, prevents their further maltreatment, and ensures they live in safe, healthy environments where they can develop to their full potential. The center offers free medical care, mental health treatment, victim advocacy, and other essential services. Grant funds provide salary support for mental health therapists.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1002 **Applicant Agency:** Life Crisis Center, Inc.
Implementing Org: Life Crisis Center, Inc.

Project Title: Equipment and Maintenance - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Wicomico **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,500.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The Somerset County Life Crisis Center, Inc.'s Equipment and Maintenance program helps equip a therapy room, provide best practices training and certifications, and maintain a child friendly space for the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child sexual abuse in Somerset County. The program provides appropriate space for these endeavors, as well as up to date training for staff engaged in child abuse work. Grant funds provide therapy room equipment, training, and utilities.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1003 **Applicant Agency:** Talbot County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: Talbot County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Essential Personnel Support - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Talbot **Municipality:** Easton

Award Amount:	\$12,418.68
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (TCCAC) Essential Personnel Support program helps reduce existing gaps in services and foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program provides continued support to the TCCAC coordinator and mental health professional to maintain them in their job functions. Grant funds provide salary support for the coordinator and the mental health professional.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1004 **Applicant Agency:** Center for Children, Inc.
Implementing Org: Center for Children, Inc.

Project Title: Operation, Accreditation, and Training Support Services - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Charles **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,500.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The Charles County Center for Children, Inc.'s Operation, Accreditation, and Training Support Services program works to support the Child Advocacy team. Currently, there is no operational funding or staff assigned to the program. Due to this, the Center has not been able to move forward with the accreditation process and complete key components. Grant funds provide operating expenses, training and membership dues for NCA, MCA, licensing for NCATrak software, and application fee for the accreditation process.

CACS Grants

Run Date: 01/04/2012

Award Number: CACS-2010-1005

Applicant Agency: Washington County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Washington County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Safe Place - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

County: Washington

Project Summary:

The Washington County Department of Social Services, Safe Place program provides support services to children from birth to age eighteen who have been sexually and physically abused in Washington County and their non-offending family members. The program provides a child-friendly environment through collaborative investigations, therapeutic/medical interventions, and criminal prosecutions of child abuse cases. Grant funds provide equipment.

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1006

Applicant Agency: Allegany County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Allegany County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Child Advocacy Center - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

County: Allegany

Project Summary:

The Allegany County Department of Social Services Child Advocacy Center program provides services to child crime victims and the non-offending family members in Allegany County, Maryland. This program promotes collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies throughout the County. Grant funds provide equipment, office supplies, and training.

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$11,757.38

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1007

Applicant Agency: Garrett County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Garrett County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Prevailing Over Trauma - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

County: Garrett

Project Summary:

The Garrett County Department of Social Services Prevailing Over Trauma program helps reduce existing gaps in services and foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program partners with representatives from child welfare, law enforcement, medical and prosecution and provides services to victims of child abuse/assault and child sexual abuse/assault utilizing various methods of treatment for individuals and groups and ancillary child and family support services. These services include child abuse investigation, forensic interviewing, medical services, and therapeutic services. Grant funds provide overtime, psychological exams, a forensic medical exam room, and specialized training.

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

Municipality: Oakland

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1008

Applicant Agency: Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office

Implementing Org: Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office

Project Title: Multi-Disciplinary Development Training - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

County: Queen Anne's

Project Summary:

The Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office's Multi-Disciplinary Development Training program helps reduce existing gaps in services to victims of child sexual abuse and their families. The program fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout the community and provides for on-going multi-disciplinary participation in the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child maltreatment. Grant funds provide advanced training and support the strategic planning process.

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

Municipality: Centreville

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

CACS Grants

Run Date: 01/04/2012

Award Number: CACS-2010-1009

Applicant Agency: Cecil County Board of County Commissioners

Implementing Org: Cecil County Board of County Commissioners

Project Title: Medical Services and Training - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Cecil

Municipality: Elkton

Award Amount: \$9,654.07

Matching Funds: \$.00

Project Summary:

The Cecil County Board of County Commissioners' Medical Services and Training program provides contracted medical services to child victims served through the Cecil County Child Advocacy Center. The medical provider performs direct services on-site to include examination, treatment and consultation, and serves as a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Team. Grant funds provide medical equipment, training, and the purchase of a software support package for the Center's Digital Video Recording System.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1010

Applicant Agency: Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Child Advocacy Center Assistance - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Anne Arundel

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$9,581.24

Matching Funds: \$.00

Project Summary:

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services' Child Advocacy Center Assistance program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Anne Arundel County. The program provides services to primary and secondary victims of sexual child abuse and assault to protect vulnerable children. Grant funds provide equipment and facilities upgrade and enhancement to better serve child victims of sexual abuse and serious physical abuse.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1011

Applicant Agency: Prince George's County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Prince George's County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Enhanced Training and Development - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Prince George's

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$11,932.75

Matching Funds: \$.00

Project Summary:

The Prince George's County Department of Social Services' Enhanced Training and Development program helps reduce existing gaps in quality service delivery and foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Prince George's County. The program provides enhanced interviewing technique training for the Child Advocacy Center staff and the Multidisciplinary Team members. Grant funds provide John E. Reid & Associate, Inc., Interview and Interrogation Technique training, Corner-House Finding words training, and Teach-a-Bodies anatomically correct dolls.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1012

Applicant Agency: Wicomico County Department of Social Services

Implementing Org: Wicomico County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Counseling Services and Technical Support - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Wicomico

Municipality: Salisbury

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Project Summary:

The Wicomico County Department of Social Services' Counseling Services and Technical Support program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program provides a multidisciplinary team approach to assess allegations of child maltreatment in Wicomico County, Maryland. The program addresses issues of child physical & sexual abuse, neglect, and mental injury. Grant funds provide salary support for a part-time therapist, Trauma Certification, training, and upgrades interview video equipment.

CACS Grants

Run Date: 01/04/2012

Award Number: CACS-2010-1013

Applicant Agency: Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.

Implementing Org: Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.

Project Title: Multidisciplinary Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Baltimore City

Municipality: Baltimore

Project Summary:

The Baltimore Child Abuse Center's (BCAC) Multidisciplinary Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse program ensures that all reports of sexual abuse in Baltimore City are investigated by a multi-disciplinary team comprised of professionals from Baltimore City Police Department, The State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City, Baltimore City Department of Social Services, and Baltimore City Health Department. All children who report sexual abuse are interviewed once (in a child friendly environment) by a licensed social worker employed by BCAC and trained in national standards for forensic assessment. Grant funds provide salary support for a Forensic Interviewer.

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1014

Applicant Agency: Frederick County Government - Commissioners

Implementing Org: Frederick County Government - Commissioners

Project Title: Counseling Support Services - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Frederick

Municipality: Frederick

Project Summary:

The Frederick County Counseling Support Services program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration among partner agencies and stakeholders. The program provides an extension to the current therapeutic services and serves approximately 25 children and their families. This program allows the CAC to offer intensive traditional family counseling and new forms of nontraditional therapy such as trauma sensitive yoga classes for children, adolescents, and adults to support recovery, effective coping and self-regulation skills, and resiliency. Grant funds provide contractual services, seminar fees, travel expenses, and equipment.

Award Amount: \$8,538.67

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1015

Applicant Agency: Carroll County Board of County Commissioners

Implementing Org: Carroll County State's Attorney's Office

Project Title: Training and Medical Exam Equipment - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 09/30/2011

County: Carroll

Municipality: Westminster

Project Summary:

The Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center Training and Medical Exam Equipment program provides a friendly environment committed to reducing trauma as it investigates allegations of sexual and physical abuse and sexual assault, assesses and protects the victim, and provides resources for the victim. Establishing a medical examination room provides a one stop shop for victims of sexual abuse. Ongoing training is crucial to conducting appropriate and productive forensic interviews. Grant funds provide medical equipment and training.

Award Amount: \$9,514.60

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2010-1016

Applicant Agency: Harford County Child Advocacy Center

Implementing Org: Harford County Child Advocacy Center

Project Title: Evidence Gathering - CAC

Project Start Date: 10/01/2010

Project End Date: 06/30/2011

County: Harford

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Harford County Child Advocacy Center's Evidence Gathering program improves public safety by supporting technology improvements at the Child Advocacy Center while reducing existing gaps in services and fostering collaboration and cooperation among partnering agencies. The Logicube CellDEK Phone/PDA data extraction kit, improves the center's ability to investigate crimes and present evidence in court for cases involving child abuse and child exploitation. Grant funds provide equipment and training.

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

CACS Grants

Run Date: 01/04/2012

Award Number: CACS-2010-1017 **Applicant Agency:** Howard County, Maryland
Implementing Org: Howard County Police Department

Project Title: Equipment and Training Enhancements - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Howard **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,500.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The Howard County Child Advocacy Center's Equipment and Training Enhancements project provides exceptional services for child abuse victims and their families. The Howard County Child Advocacy Center has a history of collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies in the county and throughout the state to reduce child abuse. Grant funds provide equipment and training.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1018 **Applicant Agency:** St. Mary's County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Development and Support - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: St. Mary's **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,406.03
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The St. Mary's County Child Advocacy Center's (CAC) Development and Support program enhances services provided to child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. The program ensures that equipment, educational materials and staff training programs that support the CAC are comprehensive and child focused. Grant funds provide equipment, educational materials, and staff training programs to improve the services and cooperation among agencies and increase community awareness.

Award Number: CACS-2010-1019 **Applicant Agency:** Cricket Center, Inc., The
Implementing Org: Cricket Center, Inc., The

Project Title: Multi-Disciplinary Team Services - CAC
Project Start Date: 10/01/2010 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2011
County: Worcester **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$12,500.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

Project Summary:

The CRICKET Center Multi-Disciplinary Team Services program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program provides investigation of child sexual and acute physical abuse in Worcester County. Grant funds provide team training and investigative tools.

Total Awards: 19

Total Funds:

\$223,303.42