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December 18, 2013

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
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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 "Tammy M. Brown".

Tammy M. Brown
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Anthony G. Brown
The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
The Honorable Michael Busch
Ellen Alexander, Maryland State Board of Victim Services
Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services
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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.

Crimes committed against women and children are especially heinous due to the fact that they can impact a family for generations. To improve public safety and enhance the quality of life for all Marylanders, particularly for Maryland's women and children, the O'Malley Brown Administration has set a goal of reducing violent crime against women and children by 25 percent by the end of 2012. As a result, juvenile homicides have been driven down by 36.1 percent since 2006.

Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to the problem of child abuse. CACs are safe, child friendly environments for forensic interviews and medical evaluations for the alleged child victim and offers continued support to the child and non-offending family members. CACs also promote specialized training for professionals as well as public education and prevention efforts.

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 services, including:

- 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;
- Specialized personnel including Child Protective Service Workers,
- Training; and
- Supports successful prosecution of all child abuse cases.

In the first year of funding, twenty (20) CACs were eligible annually for up to \$12,500 in funding. In FY 2012, the total amount awarded to CACs was \$249,362. Eligibility is limited to existing CACs that are invited by GOCCP to apply for funding.

Maryland CAC Structures

Of the 20 CACs in Maryland, fifteen are government based, three are private non-profit, and one is a private-public partnership.

Government Based:

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Prince George's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester counties

Private Non-Profit:

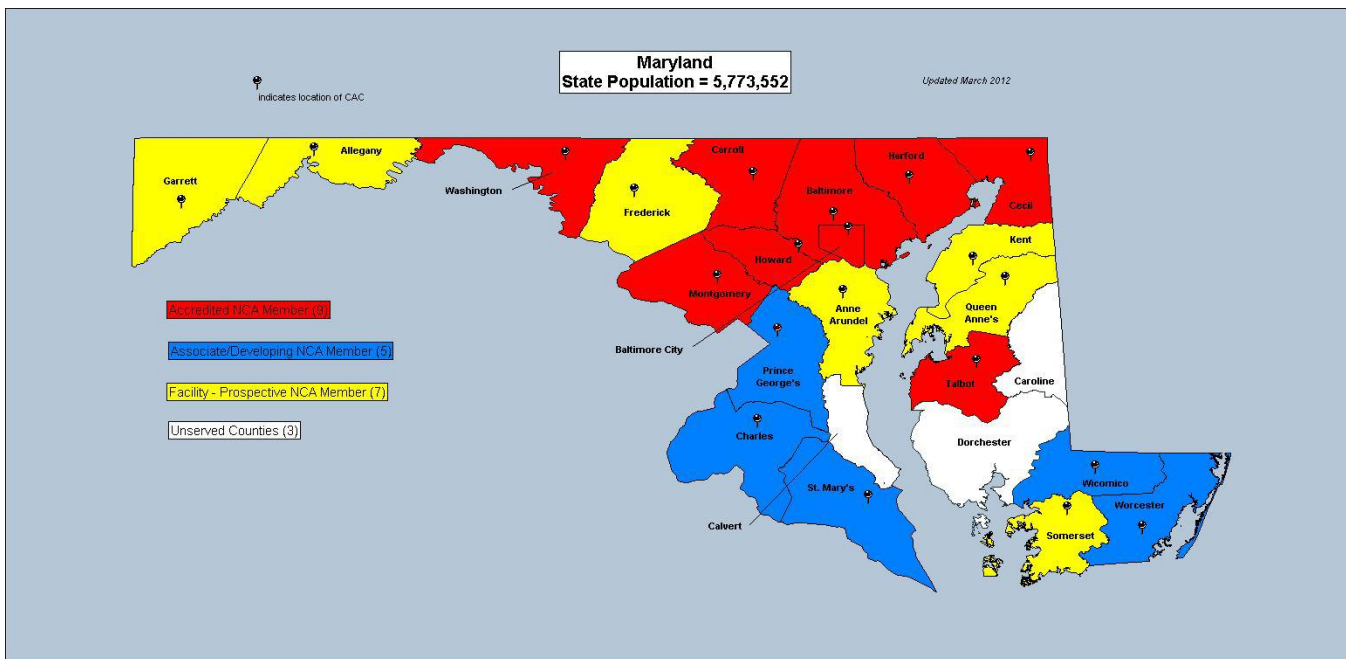
Allegany County, Baltimore City, Charles County

Private-Public Partnership:

Montgomery County

No CAC:

Caroline, Calvert, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's counties



*Map on accreditation of CACs in Maryland by National Children's Alliance (NCA)

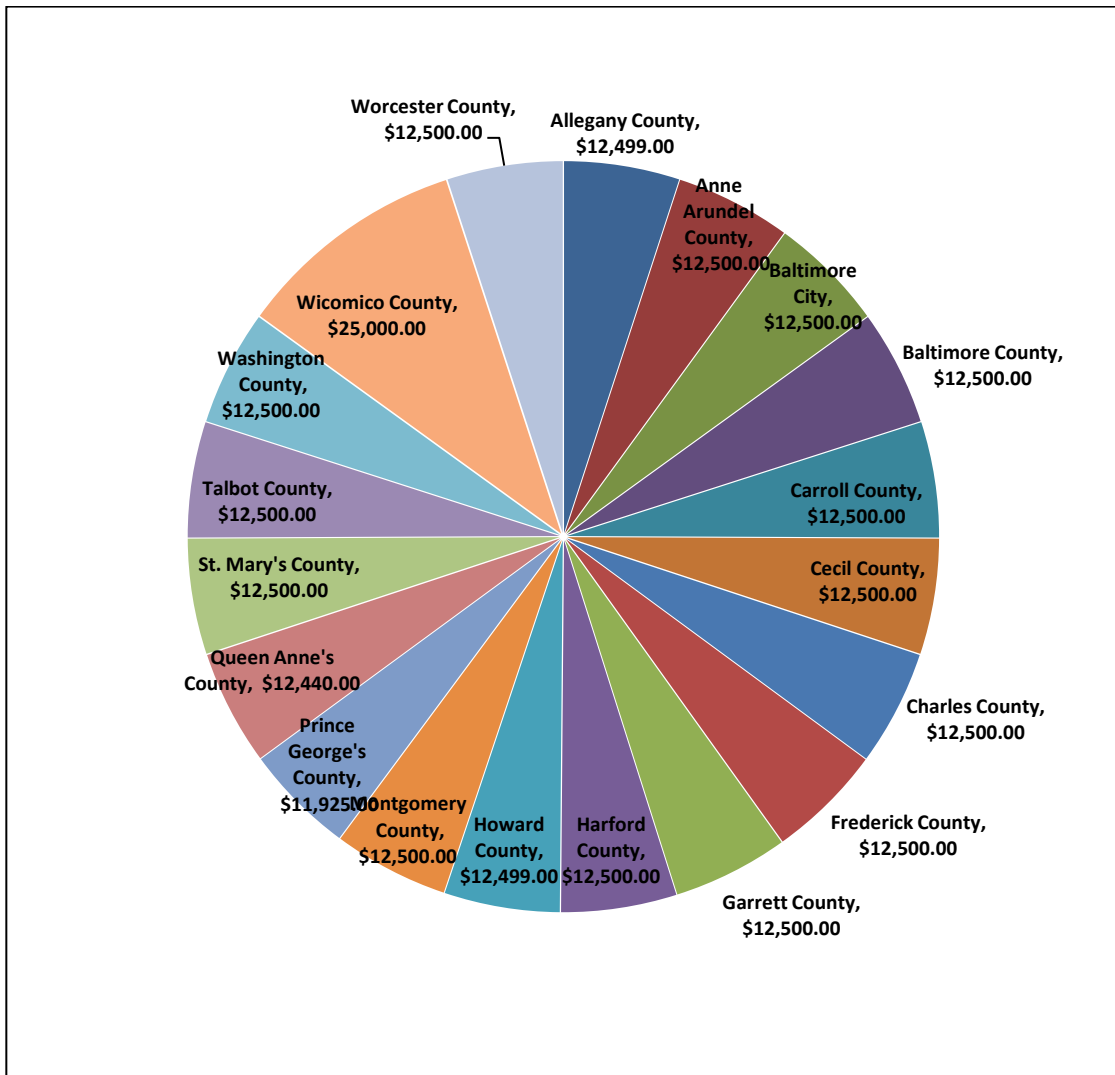
In fiscal year 2012, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services allocated funds to Child Advocacy Centers throughout the State, which provided:

(See Appendix)

- Services to 6,095 victims
- Crisis intervention to 5,343 victims
- Follow-up services to 2,642 victims

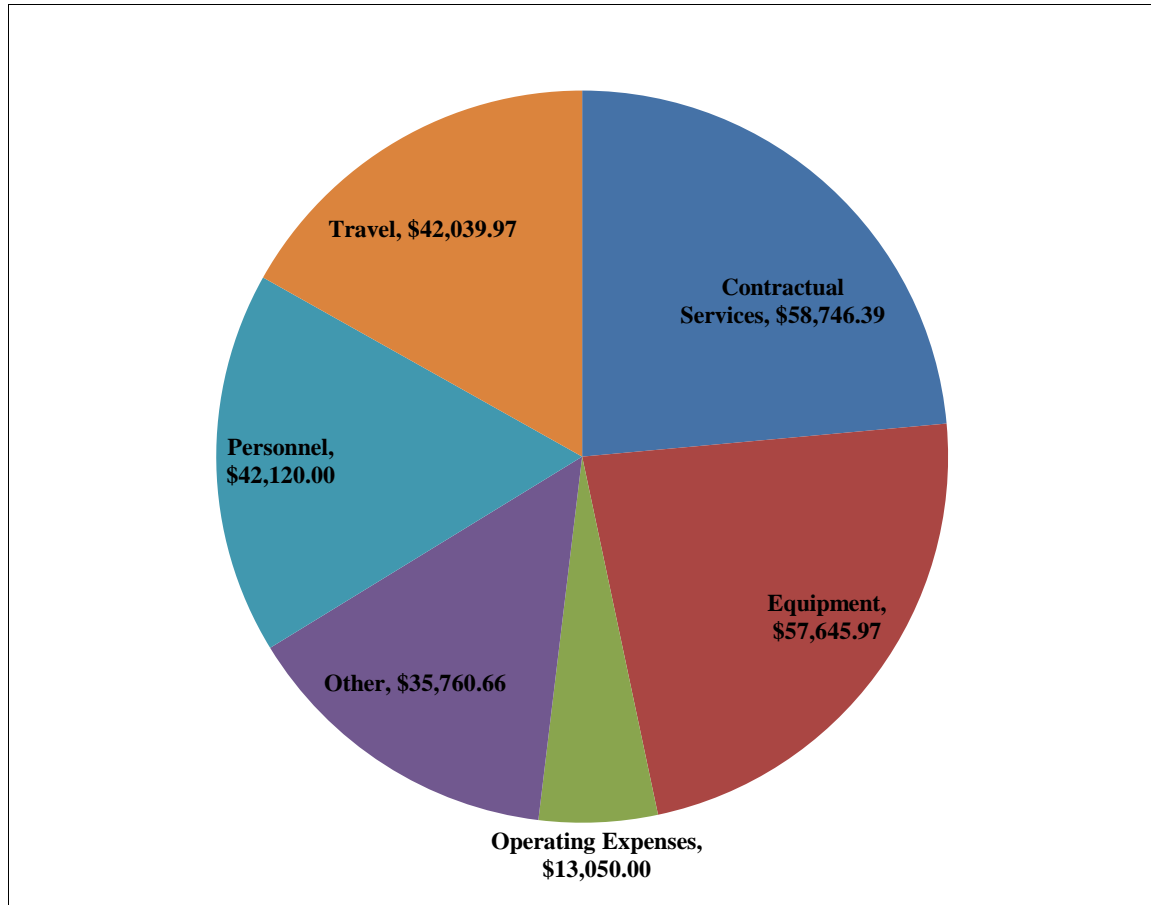
CACs program funds go to help reduce existing gaps in services, foster collaboration and increase cooperation among partnering agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland through salaries, operating expenses, specialized equipment and trainings. Skilled staff embrace and care for child victims of trauma and their families. Following the interview, the child is assisted by the Case Manager or Advocate in rejoining the parent or guardian, answering questions, providing a short “de-briefing” and providing referral information to the family for counseling and other needed services. Team case reviews and coordination is conducted on a regular basis to assure best possible outcomes for the child and family.

FY 2012 Grant Funding for Child Advocacy Centers per Maryland Jurisdiction¹



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

Budget Funding for Child Advocacy Centers: FY 2012 Budget Detail²



Conclusion

According to OJJDP Juvenile Justice Bulletin, the difficulties that child abuse victims face are enormous. CACs are an important mechanism for society to address these difficulties. This research suggests that CACs can help coordinate agencies and involve police with child protective services, and can facilitate such needed services as medical exams. Non-offending caregivers also favor CACs over traditional services. However, CACs are not a panacea for the difficulties of child abuse investigation, and prosecuting offenders or caring for victims will always require the commitment and skill of community health professionals, child protective services, and law enforcement.

CACs' experience in bringing professionals together, their attention to training, their ties to the private and public sectors, and their lack of entrenchment in bureaucracy position them to help lead the child abuse professional field. Although CACs have existed since the 1980s, the components and goals of the CAC model are still evolving. Research and program improvements help CACs find ever better ways to help children tell their stories and receive the response that they need.

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.).

Appendix
CACS Grants

Run Date: 11/08/2012

Award Number: CACS-2012-1204 **Applicant Agency:** Center for Children, Inc.
Implementing Org: Center for Children, Inc.

Project Title: Operation, Accreditation, and Training Services
Project Start Date: 10/01/2011 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2012
County: Charles **Municipality:** County-wide
Project Summary:

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

The Charles County Center for Children Inc.'s Operation, Accreditation, and Training Services program provides training and support to allow the Charles County Child Advocacy Center to move forward with accreditation. The program provides multidisciplinary child abuse investigation, prosecution, and treatment. Grant funds provide salary support, training, membership dues, a tracking system, and video equipment maintenance licenses.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1205 **Applicant Agency:** Washington County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: Washington County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Safe Place
Project Start Date: 10/01/2011 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2012
County: Washington **Municipality:** Hagerstown
Project Summary:

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

The Washington County Department of Social Services Safe Place program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program provides a child-friendly environment through collaborative investigations, therapeutic/medical interventions, and criminal prosecutions of child abuse cases. Grant funds provide equipment.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1206 **Applicant Agency:** Jane's Place, Inc.
Implementing Org: Jane's Place, Inc.

Project Title: Jane's Place
Project Start Date: 10/01/2011 **Project End Date:** 10/31/2012
County: Allegany **Municipality:** Cumberland
Project Summary:

Award Amount:	\$12,499.00
Matching Funds:	\$.00

The Allegany County, Jane's Place program provides a friendly facility where children who have been traumatized from physical and sexual abuse are interviewed and undergo medical examinations. The child victim is approached in a coordinated fashion to avoid the trauma of having to share the incident repeatedly with child welfare, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and prosecutors. The program is named in the memory of Mrs. Jane Dawson, a local educator. Grant funds provide salary support for a part-time coordinator.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1207 **Applicant Agency:** Garrett County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: Garrett County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Prevailing Over Trauma
Project Start Date: 10/01/2011 **Project End Date:** 09/30/2012
County: Garrett **Municipality:** Oakland
Project Summary:

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

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 psychological exams, services to assist child victims overcome trauma, and specialized training.

CACS Grants

Run Date: 11/08/2012

Award Number: CACS-2012-1208 **Applicant Agency:** Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and
Implementing Org: Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and

Project Title: Multi-Disciplinary Training

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

County: Queen Anne's

Project Summary:

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

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Municipality: Queen Anne

Award Amount: \$12,440.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2012-1209 **Applicant Agency:** Cecil County Board of County Commissioners
Implementing Org: Cecil County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Medical Services and Training

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

County: Cecil

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 training and salary support.

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Municipality: Elkton

Award Amount: \$12,499.99

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2012-1210 **Applicant Agency:** Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Service Enhancements

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

County: Anne Arundel

Project Summary:

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services Service Enhancements program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program provides for forensic interviews for child sexual abuse victims, and siblings, crisis intervention services for primary and secondary victims and the investigation of allegations of child sexual abuse/assault. The program collaborates with law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, and the Victim Witness Program. Grant funds provide salary support, equipment, training, and membership fees for Maryland Children's Alliance and the National Children's Alliance.

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

Award Number: CACS-2012-1211 **Applicant Agency:** Prince George's County, Maryland
Implementing Org: Prince George's County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Enhanced Training and Development

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

County: Prince George's

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, and Corner-House Finding words training.

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Municipality: County-wide

Award Amount: \$11,925.00

Matching Funds: \$.00

CACS Grants

Run Date: 11/08/2012

Award Number: CACS-2012-1212 **Applicant Agency:** Wicomico County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: Wicomico County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Counseling Services

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

County: Wicomico

Municipality: Salisbury

Project Summary:

The Wicomico County Department of Social Services' Counseling Services program helps reduce existing gaps in services and foster 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 and addresses issues of child physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and mental injury. Grant funds provide salary support.

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

Award Number: CACS-2012-1213 **Applicant Agency:** Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.
Implementing Org: Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.

Project Title: Victim and Family Treatment Services

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

County: Baltimore City

Municipality: Baltimore

Project Summary:

Baltimore Child Abuse Center's Victim and Family Treatment Services program provides counseling and psychological services for victims of child sexual abuse and their families through a variety of individual and group therapy options. In FY 2012, the program's first year, BCAC expects to serve 150 children, teens, and parents through the program. Grant funds provide salary support

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

Award Number: CACS-2012-1214 **Applicant Agency:** Frederick County Government - Commissioners
Implementing Org: Frederick County Government - Commissioners

Project Title: Counseling Support Services

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

County: Frederick

Municipality: County-wide

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. The program allows the CAC to offer traditional family counseling and new forms of nontraditional trauma-focused 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 for contractual services, seminar fees, supplies, and equipment.

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

Award Number: CACS-2012-1215 **Applicant Agency:** Carroll County Board of County Commissioners
Implementing Org: Carroll County Board of County Commissioners

Project Title: Training and Interview Equipment

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 10/31/2012

County: Carroll

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Carroll County Board of County Commissioners' Training and Interview Equipment program provides an interview room and training opportunities to staff. The 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. An updated/established interview room provides investigators with the capability to properly conduct victim/suspect interviews. Ongoing training is crucial to conducting appropriate and productive forensic interviews. Grant funds provide audio/visual equipment and training.

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

CACS Grants

Run Date: 11/08/2012

Award Number: CACS-2012-1216 **Applicant Agency:** Harford County Child Advocacy Center
Implementing Org: Harford County Child Advocacy Center

Project Title: Investigative Enhancement

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Matching Funds: \$.00

County: Harford

Municipality: Bel Air

Project Summary:

The Harford County Investigation Enhancement program improves public safety by supporting technology, equipment, and training improvements at the Child Advocacy Center while reducing existing gaps in services and fostering collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies. This program improves the ability to investigate crimes and present evidence in court for cases involving child abuse and child exploitation. Grant funds provide equipment and training.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1217 **Applicant Agency:** Howard County, Maryland
Implementing Org: Howard County Police Department

Project Title: Investigative and Training Enhancements

Award Amount: \$12,499.00

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Matching Funds: \$.00

County: Howard

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Howard County Investigative and Training Enhancements program helps reduce existing gaps in services and to foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland. The program is a team approach to the investigation of child abuse and providing services to child victims and their families. Grant funds provide equipment and training.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1218 **Applicant Agency:** St. Mary's County Department of Social Services
Implementing Org: St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Enhanced Forensic Interviews and Children Services

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Matching Funds: \$.00

County: St. Mary's

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The St. Mary's County Department of Social Services' Enhanced Forensic Interviews and Children Services program provides a child friendly atmosphere to interview child victims with the most effective, non intrusive equipment. This program provides advanced training to child welfare professionals to develop the skills to assist child victims through recognizing and reporting abuse, providing effective interviews and accessing all information required to make appropriate referrals. The program ensures that child victims and their family members are able to receive services that are comprehensive, effective and non-traumatic. Grant funds provide for contractual services, training, and equipment.

Award Number: CACS-2012-1219 **Applicant Agency:** Cricket Center, Inc., The
Implementing Org: Cricket Center, Inc., The

Project Title: Multi-Disciplinary Team

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

Project Start Date: 10/01/2011

Project End Date: 09/30/2012

Matching Funds: \$.00

County: Worcester

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Worcester County Cricket Center's Multi-Disciplinary Team program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration among partner agencies by providing training by National Children's Alliance and Maryland Children's Alliance, community outreach, accreditation support, and equipment. The program expands the use of the multi-disciplinary team approach in Worcester County by initiating and conducting joint child abuse investigations and training/expanding the multi-disciplinary team to develop communication skills imperative to the prosecution process. Grant funds provide training and related equipment.

Total Awards: 20

Total Funds: \$249,362.99