



## FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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Serving child victims of abuse in  
Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and  
surrounding counties since 2006



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### What is our mission?

Foothills Child Advocacy Center provides a coordinated system of effective **response and intervention** to children who have been victimized. Our goals are to **minimize trauma, promote healing, and ensure child safety.**

### How are children referred to Foothills?

It begins with a concerned adult who suspects child abuse and makes a report to the local Child Protective Services or Police Department, who then determine if an investigation is needed and, if so, make a referral to Foothills.

### What happens at Foothills?

The family arrives at our child-friendly facility.

The caregivers meet with the child abuse team members. Then, the child is interviewed by Foothills' highly qualified forensic interviewer.

During the forensic interview, Foothills' family support staff meets with the caregivers to assess the family's needs and to provide crisis intervention, education, and referrals for services.

The interview is video and audio-recorded and observed by the investigators so that the child only needs to be interviewed once, **which reduces the trauma** for the child.

The child may also receive a forensic medical evaluation and other medical services.

After the interview and medical evaluation, the caregivers meet with the team again to discuss next steps.

### Who are our partners?

The Charlottesville and Albemarle Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT):

- Albemarle County and Charlottesville Police Departments, Child Protective Services, Commonwealth's Attorneys, and Victim-Witness Offices
- Piedmont Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- ReadyKids
- Region Ten Community Services Board
- Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA)
- The University of Virginia Forensic Team.

We also partner with MDTs in Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, and Nelson Counties.

In FY 2019, **944** adults participated in our community training sessions on child abuse prevention and intervention.

**Read more about our public education and outreach program at**  
<http://www.foothillscac.org/safekids.html>

### What happens after Foothills?

Foothills' staff continue to work with the families to ensure that they receive the services they need to provide a safe and healing environment for the child. Foothills also provides mental health services on site to children and families or referrals to our mental health partners.

The **Charlottesville and Albemarle Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)** is facilitated by Foothills staff

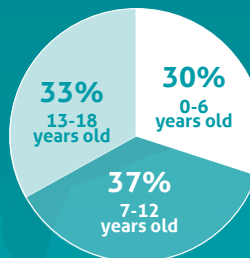
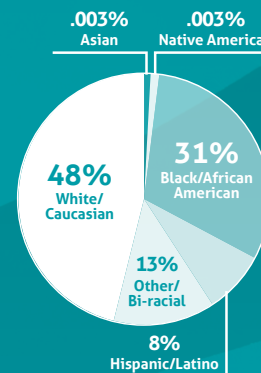
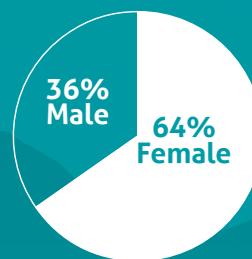
and supports the child and family throughout the investigative process. The MDT professionals meet monthly to review cases. They discuss such questions as: Are there gaps in services? How is the family doing?

The Child Advocacy Center/ Multidisciplinary Team model is used nationwide and considered a **best practice** in helping child victims.

### Children Served

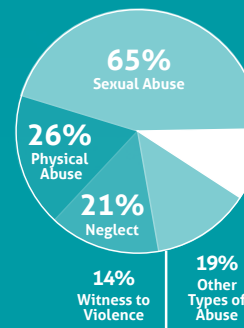
In FY 2019, we served **219** new children and their families from Charlottesville and Albemarle County and **141** new children and their families from surrounding counties.

#### The 360 children were:

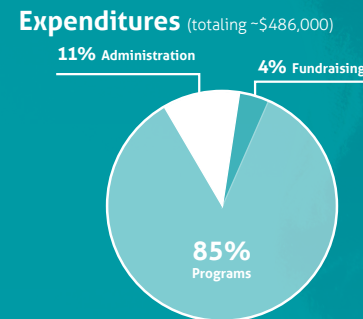
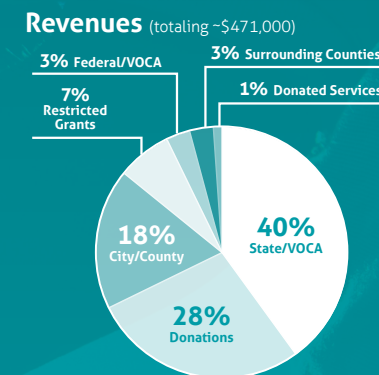


**30% Reported disabilities**

The children were alleged victims of one or more types of abuse:



### FY 2019 Revenues & Expenditures



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