

SAFE HARBOR ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

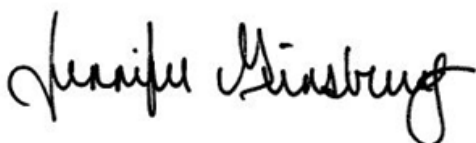
Thank you for your interest in the work of Safe Harbor. We provide essential services to children who have experienced the unthinkable— sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, trafficking, witnessing domestic violence- and are undergoing a criminal investigation for the harm they've experienced. 2025 was a year of building and deepening our programs and services so that we can help the children who come through our doors find a clear path to hope and healing.

Since 1999, Safe Harbor has provided trauma informed forensic interviews, family advocacy, and coordinated the multidisciplinary team so that no child falls through the cracks. In 2025 we added two mental health specialists to our staff, and now conduct trauma symptom screenings of every child we see, so we can quickly intervene to reduce their symptoms of trauma, such as sleeplessness, anxiety, fear, and sometimes thoughts of self-harm and suicide. In addition, we began building our prevention education and outreach program, training staff on curricula for children aged 5-11 to teach them boundaries, body safety, and that it's never too late to tell an adult that they are being harmed.

Also in 2025, thanks to a generous grant from UW - Madison Humorology, a large student-run philanthropy organization, we began to implement a dream we've had for over 20 years: building a child-friendly forensic medical exam room based here at Safe Harbor. In partnership with the Child Protection Program at American Family Children's Hospital, we are creating a trauma-informed exam room, staffed by the experts from AFCH, to reduce barriers and improve access for children to receive essential medical treatment in a setting that is welcoming and safe.

Every day it is our privilege to listen to children, amplify their voices, and provide support, advocacy, hope and healing. Thank you for your support of this essential work, making our community a better place for children and families.

In peace,



JENNIFER GINSBURG, MSSW, LCSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WHO WE ARE



OUR HISTORY

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center opened in 1999. We are the only Child Advocacy Center in Dane County. There are 16 Child Advocacy Centers in Wisconsin and over 900 nationwide. Law enforcement, child protection, prosecutors, and medical providers come together to this single location to collaborate and ultimately reduce the number of times the child has to share and relive their story. Since opening our doors, we have served more than over 6,000 children and their families free of charge.

OUR MISSION

Safe Harbor seeks to reduce the trauma to children who are victims of abuse or neglect or witnesses to crimes, by promoting the coordination of multidisciplinary investigations, conducting forensic interviews in a child-friendly environment, and providing ongoing advocacy to affected children and families.

WHAT WE DO

OUR SERVICES... are engaged through referral from law enforcement or child protective services.

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS IN A CHILD-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Safe Harbor provides a safe and friendly place for a child to talk about what has happened to them. Safe Harbor forensic interviewers are highly trained in best practice interviewing methods and child development. The forensic interview is video recorded, so that the statement can be considered for use in court.

ONGOING ADVOCACY TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Safe Harbor provides family advocacy services to non-offending caregivers of children who are interviewed at Safe Harbor. Family Advocates provide support for caregivers both at the time of the interview and on an ongoing basis. In addition, Family Advocates can voice concerns of the caregiver to the investigative team.

TRAUMA TREATMENT

Mental Health Specialists conduct trauma assessments, suicide assessments, crisis intervention, and short-term trauma treatment to children and their caregivers.

COORDINATION OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS

Safe Harbor brings together a multidisciplinary team of professionals with the philosophy that collaboration is essential for an effective investigation and intervention process.

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

SAFE HARBOR PROVIDED

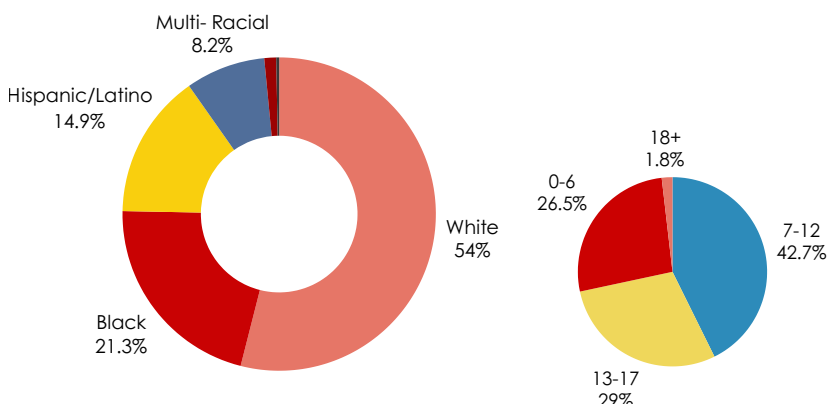
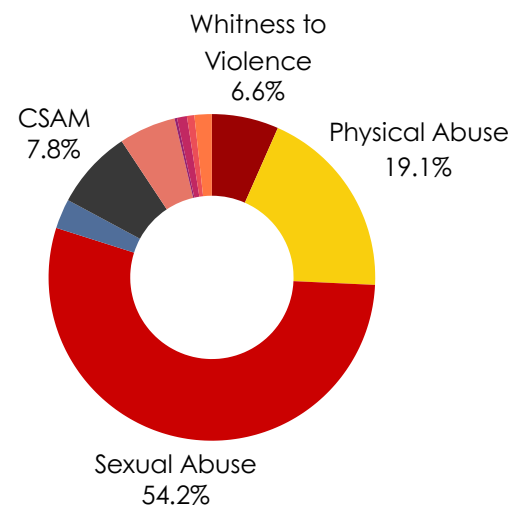
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IN 2025.

CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN SEEN AT SAFE HARBOR HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL ABUSE, FOLLOWED BY PHYSICAL ABUSE, WITNESS TO VIOLENCE, NEGLECT, AND DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN CASES. MOST CHILDREN SEEN HERE ARE 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

THE BREAKDOWN OF FORENSIC INTERVIEWS BY MALTREATMENT TYPE

THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES INVOLVE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE, FOLLOWED BY PHYSICAL ABUSE, WITNESS TO VIOLENCE, NEGLECT, AND DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN CASES.



CLIENTS BY AGE AND RACE

THE MAJORITY OF ABUSE VICTIMS ARE 12 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER. 67% OF CLIENTS IDENTIFY AS FEMALE AND 33% IDENTIFY AS MALE.

ADVOCACY, TRAUMA TREATMENT, & TEAM RESPONSE

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Family Advocates provided services to **331** caregivers in 2025. This work entailed making **1,272** contacts with caregivers and others on their behalf over the course of 2024.

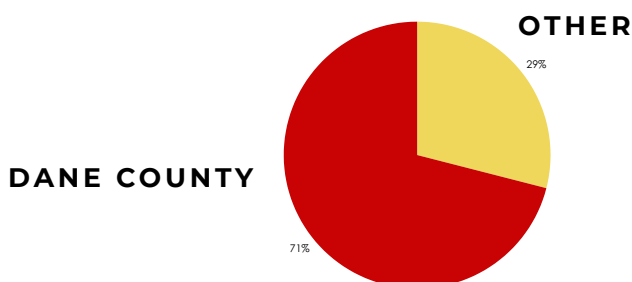
TRAUMA TREATMENT

Trauma treatment is critical for children's healing and recovery. In 2025 Safe Harbor was able to add a full time position to our mental health team, so we now have two mental health specialists (1.5 FTE). Our therapists provide crisis intervention, suicide risk assessments, and trauma treatment. In 2025 our therapists served 155 children and caregivers, providing 427 sessions of support.

ENSURING BEST PRACTICES FOR CHILDREN

In addition to providing services, Safe Harbor coordinates Dane County's multidisciplinary team of child abuse investigators. Safe Harbor ensures the development of and adherence to county-wide best practice protocols. These protocols include responses to child abuse, drug endangered children, and commercial sex trafficking. Safe Harbor also coordinates monthly case reviews, to ensure that the protocols are being followed and the team is working together effectively. Safe Harbor staff also trains law enforcement, child protection workers, schools, churches, and other groups on best practice responses to child abuse disclosures. In 2025 Safe Harbor trained over 375 professionals and community members.

SERVING SURROUNDING AREAS



SAFE HARBOR PRIMARILY SERVES DANE COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE ALSO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OTHER COUNTIES AS WE ARE THE ONLY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION. IN 2025, SAFE HARBOR PROVIDED **98 INTERVIEWS** FOR OUTSIDE COUNTIES.

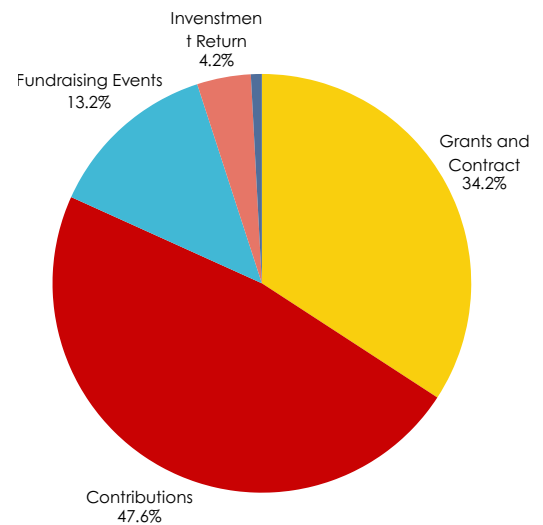
FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

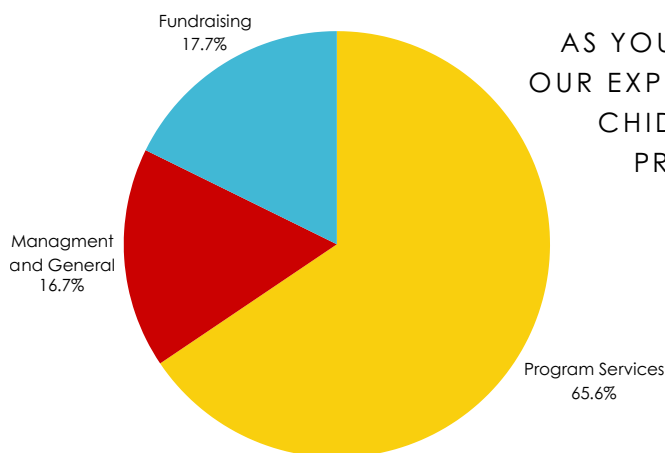
SUPPORT & REVENUE

AS A NON-PROFIT, SAFE HARBOR IS RELIANT ON THE GENEROSITY OF THE COMMUNITY TO FULFILL OUR MISSION. THE GRAPH TO THE RIGHT SHOWS WE ARE FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS, FUNDRAISING, AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

GRANT AND CONTRACT REVENUE:	\$636,701 [34%]
CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$886,189 [48%]
FUNDRAISING EVENTS:	\$246,664 [13%]
INVESTMENT RETURN, NET:	\$77,399 [4%]
INTEREST INCOME:	\$15,703 [<1%]
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE:	\$1,862,026



EXPENSES



AS YOU CAN SEE TO THE LEFT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR EXPENSES GO TOWARDS DIRECT SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE. THIS IS VITAL TO PROVIDING SUPPORT AND A TRAUMA-INFORMED, HEALING- FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT.

PROGRAM SERVICES:	\$747,911 [66%]
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL:	\$190,735 [17%]
FUNDRAISING:	\$202,162 [17%]
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,140,808

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RED
ROSEWOOD FLOWERS
SARDINE
SETTLE DOWN TAVERN
SHAKE SHACK
SHINE MED SPA
SIMPLY SWIMMING
TIPSY COW
TQ DIAMONDS
TURNKEY SUPPER CLUB
X GOLF

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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