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Restoring Hope

2019 Annual Report



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A LETTER FROM THE SAFE CENTER LI'S BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2019 was a year of growth, new opportunities, and expansion.

As we look back on 2019, we are proud of our accomplishments and ability to continue to serve as a leader on trauma and interpersonal violence throughout Long Island and New York State. Our clients and staff inspire us to continue to grow and enhance our services so that each client is provided a safe and healing environment on their journey from victim to survivor.

In 2019, our advocates, counselors, legal staff and volunteers...

- ◆ Responded to 992 cases of child abuse through referrals to the Child Advocacy Center's Multidisciplinary Team.
- ◆ Assisted 4,096 survivors and families impacted by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trafficking and Child Abuse.
- ◆ Collectively provided more than 43,500 vital services to survivors and their families, including individual and group counseling sessions, housing, legal assistance and representation, emergency assistance and advocacy within the Criminal Justice, Civil, and Family Court systems.
- ◆ Responded to 6,318 hotline calls from survivors and community members seeking guidance and services.

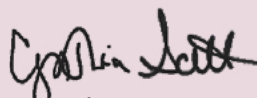
Our Relationships with community partners continued to flourish to sustain existing programs and services while we formed new bonds with those intent on ending systemic cycles of abuse.

- ◆ The Ilene Barshay Impact Fund provided critical rent subsidy support to domestic violence survivors to avoid homelessness while they worked to heal from abuse and towards independence; sponsored a day-long youth retreat at Pal-O-Mine for male adolescent survivors of abuse; and enabled The Safe Center leadership to further train and enhance their skills for working with trauma victims.
- ◆ With the support of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, our Child Advocacy Center was able to contract with Westchester Institute for Human Development's Child Abuse Pediatrics program to provide specialized medical examinations for child victims of sexual abuse.
- ◆ The Safe Center's Rape/Sexual Assault Department is now providing group counseling services to incarcerated females at the Nassau County corrections Facility in conjunction with its Drug, Alcohol, Rehabilitation Treatment (DART) program.
- ◆ In June, the Nassau County Department of Social Services approved funding for a new domestic violence emergency shelter. Opening a second Safe Home will allow The Safe Center to further support victims of Domestic Violence Victims and their non-offending family members by adding an additional 15 beds in Nassau County.
- ◆ Our Professional and Community Educators reached 20,000 Nassau County residents. We also partnered with The Retreat to educate establishment owners of bars operating in Suffolk County about how to keep clientele safe from sexual violence. The Safer Bars Initiative worked with 19 Suffolk County bars to date.

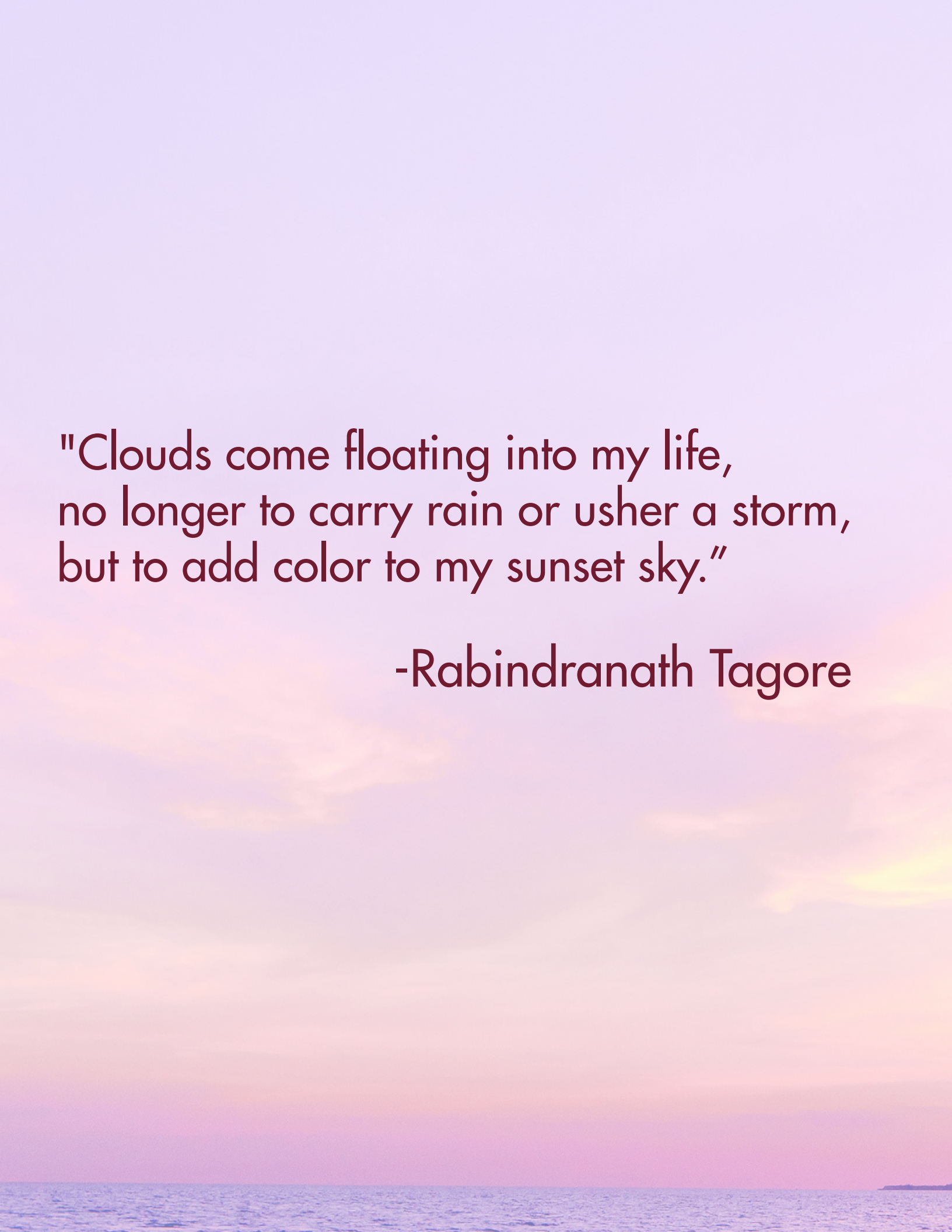
As you continue to read about The Safe Center's programs and services and its accomplishments, please know that we could not have provided this next level of support without your continued commitment to the work being done here each day. It is with great pride that we present our 2019 Restoring Hope Annual Report.



Stephen G. Bondi
Board President



Cynthia G. Scott
Executive Director

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of pink, orange, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The ocean is visible at the bottom of the frame, with gentle waves. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

"Clouds come floating into my life,
no longer to carry rain or usher a storm,
but to add color to my sunset sky."

-Rabindranath Tagore

CRISIS INTERVENTION

THROUGH THE HOTLINE (516.542.0404)

24 hours a day, seven days a week, The Safe Center Hotline staff provide those in need of crisis intervention easy access to agency services. Crisis Intervention Counselors are prepared to assess each situation and offer emotional support and service assistance, whether the caller seeks information or expresses needs that must be addressed immediately. The safety of the caller is always a primary concern and all calls are confidential.

In 2019, The Safe Center Hotline responded to 5,082 calls from victims of domestic violence; 1,156 calls from victims of rape/sexual assault and 55 calls from victims of sex and labor trafficking. In addition to those housed at the Safe Home, the hotline secured alternative or out-of-area housing for 62 adults and 56 children.

IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM

SAFER (Survivor Advocate for Emergency Response) Advocates are volunteers who complete a 30-hour intensive training program. Upon completion of the program, the volunteers then join the 24/7 on call system to provide emergency room advocacy to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and child sex abuse who have been brought to hospitals in Nassau County. During the 2019 Spring and Fall training sessions, The Safe Center partnered with LIU Post and their Interprofessional Simulation Center where volunteers experienced a more realistic training scenario. Actors from LIU's theater program role played live scenarios of victims while the volunteers practiced their role as responding advocates.

SAFER advocates provided hospital advocacy support to 378 victims in 2019. This included 212 Rape/Sexual Assault victims, 80 Child Sex Abuse victims, 78 Domestic Violence victims, 5 Child Physical Abuse victims, and 3 Human Trafficking Victims.

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE POLICE

Through the Police Project, Nassau County Law Enforcement partners connect victims of interpersonal violence to The Safe Center. The Nassau County Police Department and municipal police departments responding to a domestic violence incident provide the victim with information about The Safe Center's services while also notifying agency staff who will then contact the victim to inform him/her of available help. This collaborative outreach is a first step to ensure the future safety of a victim and their non-offending family members.

1,474 people were connected to The Safe Center's programs and services through the Police Project collaboration.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

ADULT VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The Safe Center Advocates provide a wide range of services to adult victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault, including the elderly who can be mistreated physically and/or emotionally or exploited financially. Services offered include intake, telephone and face-to-face support, information and referrals, emergency assistance, as well as accompaniment to Criminal and Family Court proceedings, forensic interviews, and medical exams.

236 people received over 2328 services from The Safe Center's Adult Victim Advocate Program in 2019.

RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELING

Sexual Violence takes many different forms, including unwanted sexual touching, attempted rape and forcing a victim to perform sexual acts. However, one thing always remains the same: it is never the victim's fault. Victims, regardless of gender, that suffer from sexual violence (including adult victims of current assaults and/or adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse) respond uniquely to the various types of trauma, and each victim's recovery process is different. When a victim of sexual violence connects with The Safe Center, specially-trained trauma-informed Counselors offer them services that include individual and group counseling. The effect of sexual violence can be devastating. However, with support, compassion, and time, a victim can heal and rebuild their lives.

316 victims received counseling through the Rape & Sexual Assault Services Program in 2019. Counselors facilitated 120 support group sessions and 2510 individual counseling sessions.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING

Victims of domestic violence live with fear, secrecy, isolation, and shame. Overcoming these barriers to healing is essential if victims are to establish safe, independent, productive lives and healthy relationships in the future. Through individual and group counseling, victims build trusting, supportive relationships with trained counselors who specialize in helping domestic abuse victims. Group counseling also offers victims a chance to connect with others and regain hope.

481 domestic violence victims received counseling services in 2019. Counselors facilitated 138 group sessions and 2494 individual counseling sessions during the year.

Project Hope Update: Through the generous fundraising efforts of the UJA Federation, Project Hope is positioned to provide culturally competent domestic violence services to the underserved Orthodox Jewish community. By locating a counselor at a site that is both easily accessible to victims and that allows them to utilize services without fear of community exposure, the project is reaching victims who have not previously had services.

In 2019, Project Hope served 72 victims.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY

Within the past decade, individuals living and working in Nassau and Suffolk Counties have become increasingly more aware that sex and labor trafficking exist in their communities. To address this issue, The Safe Center is available as the leading provider of services on Long Island to victims of human trafficking. The Department provides female and male domestic and foreign-born victims of sex and labor trafficking with vital services which include individual and group therapy with licensed clinicians, court advocacy, crisis counseling, community referrals, supportive services, and case management. Services are bi-lingual and include English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Russian languages. Department staff offer trainings to professionals and community members on how to recognize human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of both adults and minors.

133 adult victims of human trafficking received 1413 services in 2019.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION COURT

The Safe Center is the lead service provider for the Nassau County Human Trafficking Intervention Court which was created with the goal of shifting the perception of individuals arrested for prostitution from a criminal-based perspective to a victim-centered approach. The Court has a diversion program that enables a victim to rehabilitate through services provided by The Safe Center rather than being sentenced to jail. Victim services include trauma-informed individual and group counseling, case management, and court advocacy. Through this initiative, there has been a significant shift in the way prostitution is viewed by the justice system and community, supporting individuals who have been systematically exploited by pimps, traffickers, and johns.

SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM

The Safe Harbour program is a collaborative network of child welfare, law enforcement, prosecutorial, medical and service professionals trained to identify and respond to the commercial and technology-facilitated sexual exploitation (child pornography) of children. The Department of Social Services designated The Safe Center as the facilitator and primary referral source for child trafficking cases in Nassau County. Safe Harbour Counselors and Advocates work directly with the Child Advocacy Center and in the community to ensure that both the child and their families receive a trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary response.

In 2019, 134 new referrals were received by the Safe Harbour Program while agency staff continued to work with minors from 40 cases received in earlier years.

Department Highlights:

In the summer of 2019, The Safe Center's Human Trafficking Department hired a Safe Harbour Clinician/Coordinator. This greatly expanded the reach of our Safe Harbour program.

The agency also began training its Human Trafficking Court Partners on working with victims of trafficking, and specialized needs that may occur.

Department staff also completed Brainspotting trainings to begin the process of creating Human Trafficking Informed Brainspotting, which will be first of its kind therapeutic modality that is directly targeted for working with survivors.



SAFE HOME & SHORT-TERM HOUSING

EMERGENCY HOUSING AT THE SAFE HOME

Safe housing is a critical component of the response to domestic violence. Individuals fleeing from an unsafe home environment find safety and respite from desperate and often dangerous living situations at The Safe Center's Safe Home. This 17-bed confidentially located facility is Nassau County's only safe house for victims of domestic violence and their children.

The stable, safe, and supportive environment provided by The Safe Home gives survivors time to explore options and take the next step in establishing a life free of abuse. Under the guidance of experienced staff, survivors start the healing process and think about a new future. Services provided include counseling, case management, advocacy, and legal services.

In 2019, 114 domestic violence victims and 85 children received safe housing through The Safe Center. Of those, 67 adults (66 women and 1 male) and 36 children were housed at the Safe Home.



Building a Brighter Future for Those in Need:

The Safe Center currently operates the only 17-bed domestic violence shelter in Nassau County. That is the lowest per-capita number of beds for domestic violence victims in New York State. This lack of capacity means that each year hundreds of individuals and their families must be housed in other counties, potentially disrupting their connections to their families, their jobs, their children's school, and their community. Building a second Safe Home will add an additional 15 beds for victims of domestic violence and their children. It is expected that the additional capacity will enable The Safe Center to house an additional 75 individuals per year.

Visit tsclisafehomes.org for more information on how to help.

HORIZONS RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM

Housing services are funded on the federal level by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide short-term housing support for survivors of domestic violence that are considered homeless or fleeing a domestic violence situation and do not have other resources. In 2019, The Safe Center was awarded a grant to oversee the Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System (DVCES) for Long Island. This program was created to ensure that all domestic violence victims experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access to housing. Participants are quickly identified, assessed, referred, and connected to available housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs. The program provides better access to resources and referrals which help clients maintain independent living from their abuser and help break the cycle of abuse. Eligible individuals and families who participate in this program receive assistance in identifying and securing housing. Once housed victims receive continued case management and advocacy services. In addition, monthly rental subsidies are provided based on each participant's income. The goal of the program is to rapidly house individuals and families, provide them with supports and connect them with resources that will help them to sustain permanent housing.

In 2019, 12 adults and 11 of their children were housed in The Safe Center's Rapid Rehousing Programs.

LEGAL SERVICES

LEGAL SERVICES AND COURT ADVOCACY

Legal services are a critical component to the array of services available that ensure victims of interpersonal violence and their children are protected and free of their abusers. The Safe Center's Legal Department provides legal services and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse, dating violence, elder abuse, rape and sexual assault in Nassau County. Attorney representation and advocacy are available for custody and visitation matters, child and spousal support, family offenses, divorces, immigration, and other legal issues arising from the abuse. To meet those needs, the agency's attorneys, advocates, and Pro Bono attorneys who collaborate with the Legal Department provide services in the Supreme Court and Family Court of Nassau County, the Domestic Violence and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, and also advocate with the criminal justice and law enforcement systems. The Department is familiar with and is prepared to address the unique challenges the legal system poses for the unserved and underserved populations such as the Latino and Muslim communities and victims who are lacking in English proficiency. In addition, the Legal Department offers internships and externships to qualified law students who exhibit a sincere interest in assisting victims of abuse.

In 2019, 667 Safe Center clients received 5344 legal services.

Attorneys worked with 307 individuals and Court Advocates assisted 185 individuals.



PRO BONO PROJECT

The Safe Center Pro Bono Project supplements the availability of legal services provided by the agency and recruits attorneys for pro bono representation to underserved clients. The agency also offers an established Mentor/Mentee program which pairs inexperienced lawyers with seasoned matrimonial attorneys. Trainings offered through the Pro Bono Project have included the "Representing Victims of Domestic Abuse in Divorce Proceedings" and "The Impact of Domestic Violence on your Legal Practice".

In 2019, pro bono lawyers accepted 46 new cases and continued to work on approximately 60 cases that were assigned prior to 2019.

The Pro Bono Project recruited and trained 35 potential new volunteer attorneys and currently has a total of 154 attorneys participating in the program.

"I referred The Safe Center's Legal Services to a personal friend in need and she found her work with the legal staff helpful to her situation". -- A Safe Center Supporter

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

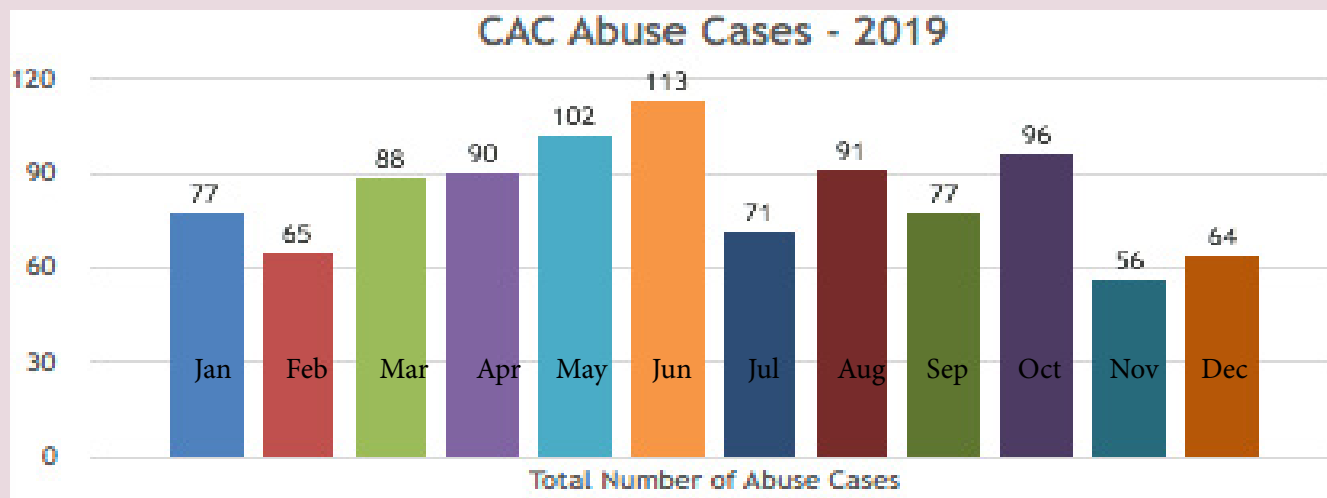
THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER AND CHILD ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The Nassau County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a leader among New York CACs for our client-centered and trauma-informed response to child abuse. The Nassau County CAC is a child-friendly center in which law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy professionals work together to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable.

The Nassau County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) responds to cases involving child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Along with The Safe Center's Forensic, Child Victim Advocate, Safe Harbour, Children's Mental Health, and Rape and Sexual Assault programs, the MDT partners include:

- ◆ Nassau County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services, Sex Abuse and Severe Physical Abuse Units.
- ◆ Nassau County Police Department's Special Victims Squad
- ◆ District Attorney's Office- Special Victims Bureau
- ◆ County Attorney's Office- Family Court Bureau
- ◆ Nassau University Medical Center- SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program
- ◆ Nassau County Probation – Criminal and Family Divisions
- ◆ Westchester Institute for Human Development – Child Abuse Pediatrics Program
- ◆ Nassau County Probation – Criminal and Family Divisions

In 2019, the Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team responded to 992 cases of child abuse.



CHILD VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The Child Victim Advocate Program provides support and information for families involved with the Child Advocacy Center as well as assists families in addressing concrete needs (i.e., transportation, housing referrals, etc.) Support provided by the advocates increases engagement and lessens anxiety about interactions with criminal justice professionals and service providers. Advocates are available to accompany families to forensic interviews, medical appointments, and court proceedings. Referrals to community services are provided and ongoing follow-up contact is maintained as needed throughout the life of the case.

In 2019, the Child Victim Advocate Program provided 6321 direct services to 888 individuals.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Safe Center's Children's Mental Health Department works to help children heal and break the cycle of abuse. Trained staff provide trauma-focused mental health services to children and adolescents impacted by domestic violence, sexual abuse, teen dating violence, and commercial sexual exploitation/trafficking. These services include:

- ◆ Crisis intervention
- ◆ Intake and assessment
- ◆ Individual and family therapy
- ◆ Parent guidance
- ◆ Advocacy and case management
- ◆ Referrals and linkage to other service providers
- ◆ Group work and programs for children, teens, parents, siblings and caregivers such as:

"The Nassau County Child Advocacy Center is really the gold standard in responding to abuse". -- Legislator Arnold Drucker

Child Victims Act

In 2019, New York passed major legislation supporting adult victims of child sexual abuse. The bill extends the statute of limitations for a survivor of child sexual abuse in criminal and civil cases in New York.

The Safe Center collaborated with Senator John Brooks, Assemblymember Charles Lavine, and the Zero Abuse Project to participate in the Courageous Conversations series to educate the public on the issue.



"I WAS SCARED TO FIND HELP AND WASN'T SURE WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. I WANTED TO PROTECT MY CHILD WHO WAS THE "ABUSER" AND ALSO KNEW I HAD TO GET HELP AND SUPPORT FOR BOTH OF MY CHILDREN. IF NOTHING CHANGED, I WASN'T BEING A GOOD MOM. EVERYONE I TALKED TO HERE MADE ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT IT. NOW I HAVE A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENED AND FEEL COMPLETELY DIFFERENT COMPARED TO HOW I FELT WHEN THIS FIRST HAPPENED. I WAS LOOKING FOR HELP AND THIS PLACE IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!". ~ PARENT OF CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PROJECT KIDZ TALK® is a group work program for children who have been sexually abused and their non-offending family members. Its purpose is to increase social support, reduce isolation, and help families cope with the effects of sexual abuse. In 2019, Spanish-speaking programming for Project Kidz Talk® was strategically moved to a location in Hempstead creating easier access for Latinx families. Families are now more engaged, and enrollment has increased significantly.

In 2019, 169 children received mental health services at The Safe Center. Counselors facilitated 73 group sessions and 1143 individual and family sessions. Project Kidz Talk® served a total of 25 families, which included 29 caregivers and 45 children.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS GROUP

The Safe Center's Healthy Relationships Group is a support group for teen dating violence victims and at-risk teens. The agency continues to further develop and expand services for this underserved, often hidden, population.

Youth Retreats

The Safe Center welcomed 25 girls to the Girl's Retreat in August. This all-day retreat, held at Nassau County BOCES, provided an opportunity for developing supportive social relationships following an incident of abuse. The girls were able to enjoy ice breaker activities in the morning before splitting into two groups. The older girls participated in making collages with Soul Collage while the younger girls participated in physical education games. All girls participated in a Zumba class and created either flower mandala's or terrariums led by Rising Gardens. The girls then came together as a large group to make flower cupcakes with the 1-800 Flowers volunteers. The end of day was capped with the reading of a poem and the girls creating a "positivity wall" to reflect on the positive things about the day and their lives. Goodie bags donated by both 1-800-Flowers and Transition Network were distributed to each child.

The Boy's Retreat was held at Pal-O-Mine in Islandia. 11 boys in attendance had a fun day participating in an Equine Assisted Learning activity. Activities included Natural Horsemanship, Mindfulness and Reiki, Small Farm Animal Experience, and Obstacle Course and Games. The Boy's Retreat was sponsored by The Ilene Barshay Impact Fund.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

The Safe Center's Substance Abuse Specialist and Substance Abuse Case Coordinator work collaboratively with Nassau County Child Protective Services to address cases where there is suspicion that substance usage has impacted a caregiver's ability to safely care for their child(ren). The Substance Abuse Specialist provides substance abuse testing, assistance with case planning and disposition, and participation in joint field visits with Child Protective Services workers. The goal of the testing is to link caregivers with substance abuse services, supporting their ability to parent their child effectively.

The Substance Abuse Case Coordinator is able to work with Child Protective Workers to facilitate linkages with local substance abuse treatment centers and to assist with connecting caregivers with the appropriate level of care. They also facilitate the Nassau County Substance Abuse Task Force including members from The Safe Center, NUMC, YES Community Counseling, OASIS, and CPS.

In 2019, the Substance Abuse Specialist received 186 referrals and conducted 90 tests on behalf of the Department of Social Services.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Safe Center's Education Department is dedicated to raising awareness of interpersonal violence issues by educating individuals and system responders to recognize, prevent and respond appropriately to all forms of abuse and sexual violence. The Department trains professionals from a variety of fields including law enforcement, child protection, education, business community, mental health professionals, attorneys and judges.

The Safe Center also provides trainings to people of all ages to help increase awareness about family violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. School-based prevention programs are offered to middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities, and focus on sexual assault prevention and healthy relationships. The Safe Center is an authorized provider of continuing education units for Social Workers, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, and Substance Abuse Prevention Professionals and Counselors, allowing for the provision of continuing education workshops based on the latest research in the areas of domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and the effects of trauma on individuals and families. Trainings are tailored to fit the specific dynamics of each group.

In 2019, The Safe Center educational staff facilitated 837 trainings for 25,893 attendees along with 82 community outreach events where 9,412 people stopped by our tables to get information about our services.

ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF BAIL REFORM IN THE NEWS

Keith Scott, Director of Education at The Safe Center spoke to News 12 Long Island about the new bail reform laws set to go into effect in New York at the start of 2020. The law will allow people charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be released without cash bail, pending their trials.

The Safe Center pointed out that reform is long overdue, but many of these measures go way too far, and do nothing to protect victims. "They're getting out within a couple of hours and they can go right back to possibly abusing the victim again," commented Scott about perpetrators of abuse.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The Safe Center's Enough is Enough Initiative is funded by New York's Department of Health to collaborate with colleges and universities in Nassau County. The goal is to reach students in their daily lives to raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence and how it can be prevented. The Safe Center, in partnership with colleges and universities throughout Nassau County, is engaging students in the critical dialogue regarding how to keep their campus communities safe.

The Safe Center is currently working with New York Institute of Technology, Adelphi University, Hofstra University, Molloy College, LIU Post, Nassau Community College SUNY Old Westbury, New York School of Professional Medicine, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

The Safe Center facilitated 88 Enough is Enough trainings in 2019 reaching 4,009 attendees consisting of faculty, staff, and students.

ENOUGH ABUSE CAMPAIGN

The Enough Abuse Campaign is a prevention initiative designed to empower parents and community members to reduce the occurrence of child sexual abuse. The Safe Center is the only approved Enough Abuse training site on Long Island. Each year we continue outreach throughout Long Island with our goal to educate adults from all walks of life with the knowledge on how to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

In 2019 there were 24 Enough Abuse workshops attended by 467 people. Attendees included 180 College students; 79 Summer camp staff; 48 Nassau County Medical Reserve Corps. (professional volunteers); 41 Nassau County Lawyers and Legislators; 119 Community members (parents, professionals)



SPECIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY THE EDUCATION TEAM

8th Annual Many Faces of Family Violence Conference: The Safe Center, in collaboration with LIU Post and the Nassau County Department of Social Services, facilitated the 8th Annual Many Faces of Family Violence Conference in April. Nationally-known speaker, David Wallace Executive Director of the Lasalle school provided the keynote address and a workshop on Trauma informed response for supervisors.

Leaving Neverland: The education staff held a special event, screening of the Michael Jackson documentary "Leaving Neverland" along with an in-depth panel discussion on the effects of child sexual abuse.

No Visible Bruises: The Safe Center education staff hosted a presentation featuring acclaimed author Rachel Louise Snyder speaking about her new book No Visible Bruises on October 22nd as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The book demonstrates how an individual act of private terror ripples outward, devastating not just the immediate victims but families, friends, and children causing hospitalization, homelessness and intergenerational cycles of trauma. The event was well attended by clinicians, advocates, and college students. Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas also provided remarks on the importance of domestic violence awareness month and the collaborations between victim service agencies and law enforcement.



Denim Day: Denim Day is an international day of awareness that encourages individuals to wear jeans (denim) to honor survivors of Rape and Sexual Assault. The day was developed as a response to a 1992 case tried in Italy in which a judge overturned a conviction of rape because the young female victim wore tight jeans. It was argued that because her jeans were so tight, she must have had to help her attacker remove her jeans, making the act consensual.

On April 23rd, The Safe Center presented a special a screening of the 2018 Award-Winning HBO documentary, I am Evidence. The film tells the story of four survivors whose untested rape kits lay in a warehouse for years. The screening was followed by a thought-provoking facilitated discussion. In addition to the documentary, attendees viewed an inspiring and moving exhibition of denim jeans and patches decorated by The Safe Center's clients.

SUPPORTING THE SAFE CENTER



Although The Safe Center is largely supported through government contracts and grants, 17% of annual revenue for 2019 was raised through individual support, foundation grants, special events and campaign fundraisers which included Taste That Jazz Food and Beverage Tasting, Swing for Hope Golf Outing, Every Home A Safe Home Gala and 2019 Season of Giving. Other revenue generated income accounted for 1% of total revenue.

Safe Center Champions

Both monetary and in-kind donations are received annually via The Safe Center Champions initiative. Associations, advocacy groups, local businesses, corporations, college and university clubs and others who select The Safe Center as their "charity of choice" provide much-needed support for programs and services not fully covered under government contracts and grants.



In 2019, over 215 individuals toured The Safe Center to learn more about programs and services and to explore opportunities on how to become one of The Safe Center Champions.

Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund

The Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund receives monetary donations designated for the purchase of basic client necessities including food, clothing, bedding, personal hygiene items, toiletries, and transportation expenses (metro cards, gas cards, and cab fare).



Generous donations to the Fund amounted to over \$39K in 2019.

School Supply and Holiday Gift Card Drives

Each year, client families receiving services from The Safe Center are provided with gift cards so that they can make their own decision when purchasing school supplies and gifts, as well as other family necessities, during the holiday season. Gift cards and monetary contributions to purchase gift cards are generously donated by supporters of the agency.



In 2019, 225 Gift Cards were distributed to Safe Center families during the Back-to-School Gift Card Drive and over 300 children and 64 adults benefited from gift cards distributed during the Season of Giving.





BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

STARTS WITH YOU

FACT

The Safe Center currently operates the only domestic violence shelter in Nassau County.

FACT

The capacity of the current shelter is 17 people per day.
This is the lowest per-capita rate of beds for domestic violence victims in New York State.
Nassau County has a population of 1.3 Million.

FACT

In 2018, The Safe Home housed 55 adults and 26 children.
During that same time period, 594 victims from Nassau County were housed in other counties.

FACT

Nassau County needs more beds for victims of domestic violence
in need of a safe place to heal from trauma and to rebuild their lives.

REALITY

We Need Your Help Building a Second Safe Home in Nassau County.

Please Help us Reach our \$3 Million Campaign Goal.

Visit www.tsclisafehomes.org or email to fmedaglia@tscli.org to make a donation.



Restoring Hope for Victims of Abuse

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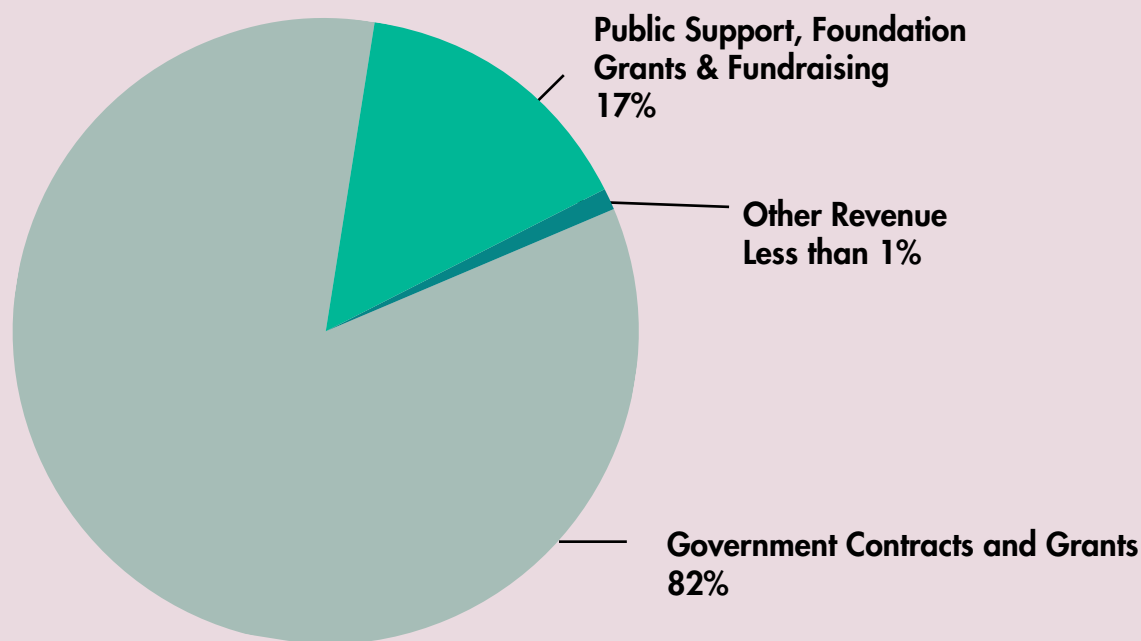
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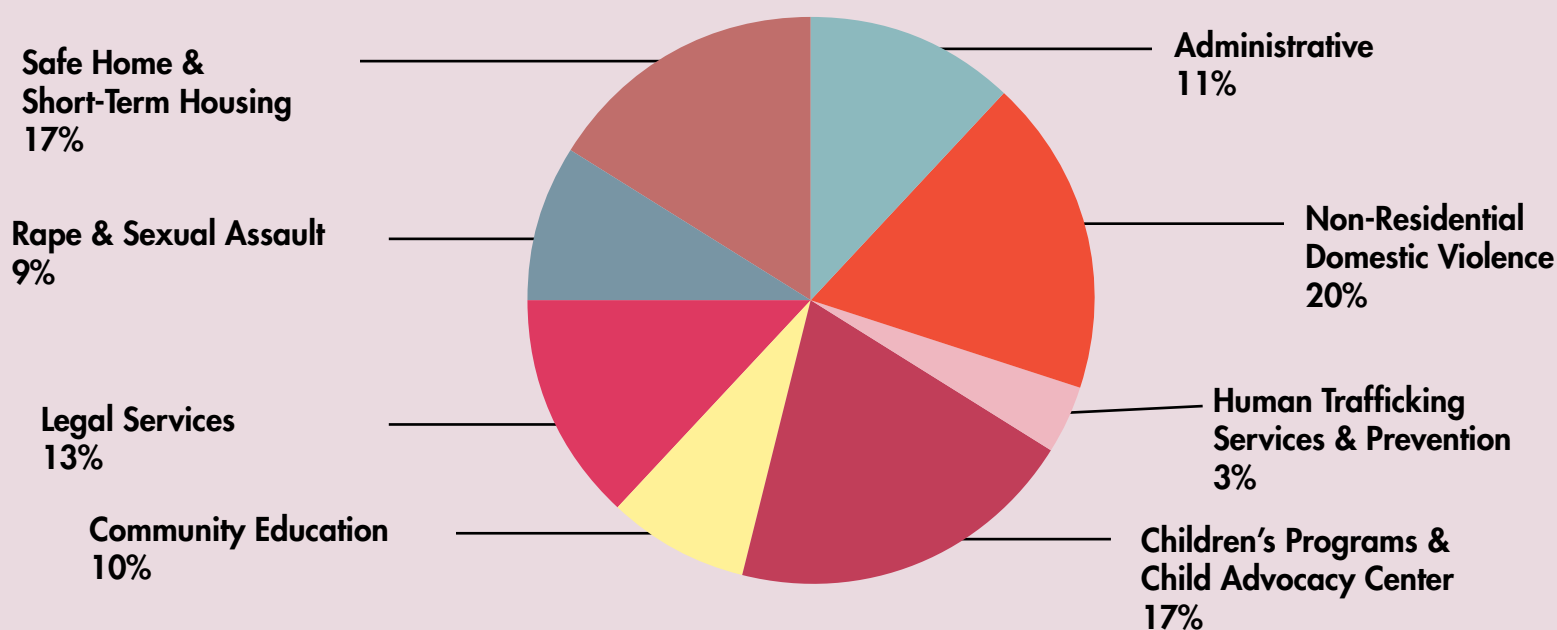
REVENUE BROKEN DOWN BY SOURCES OF FUNDING

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019



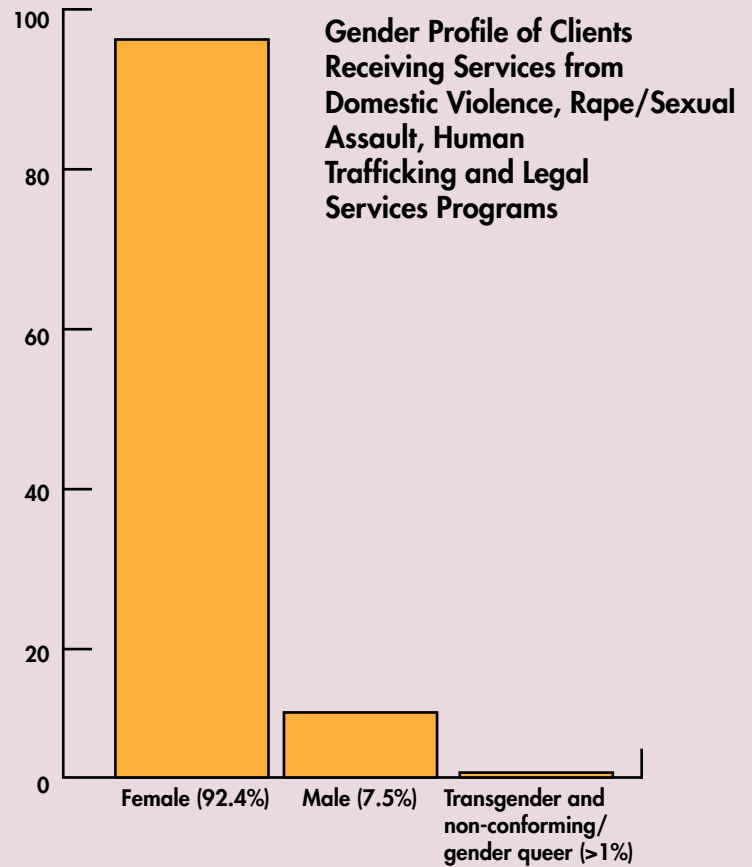
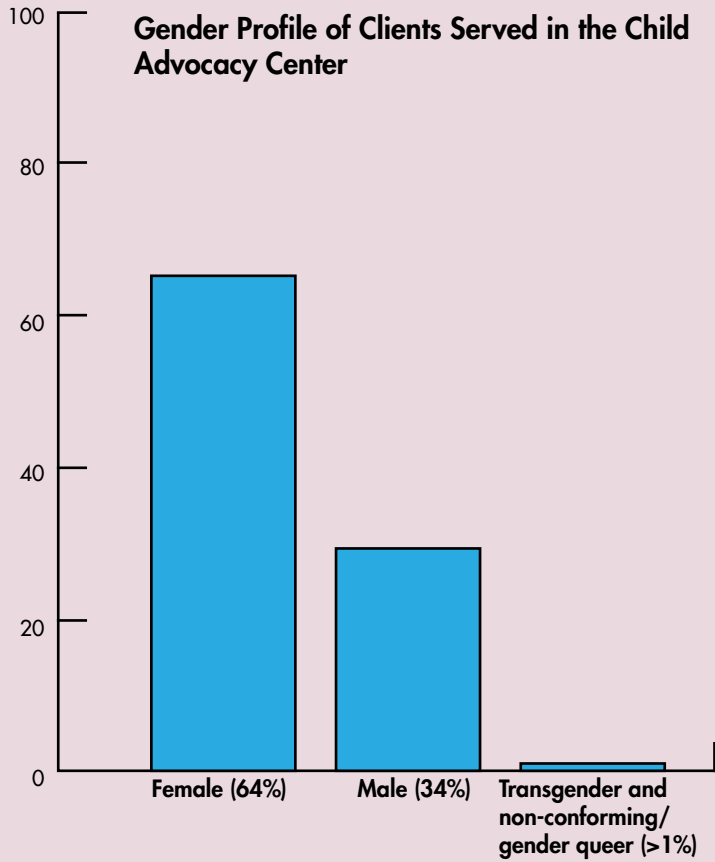
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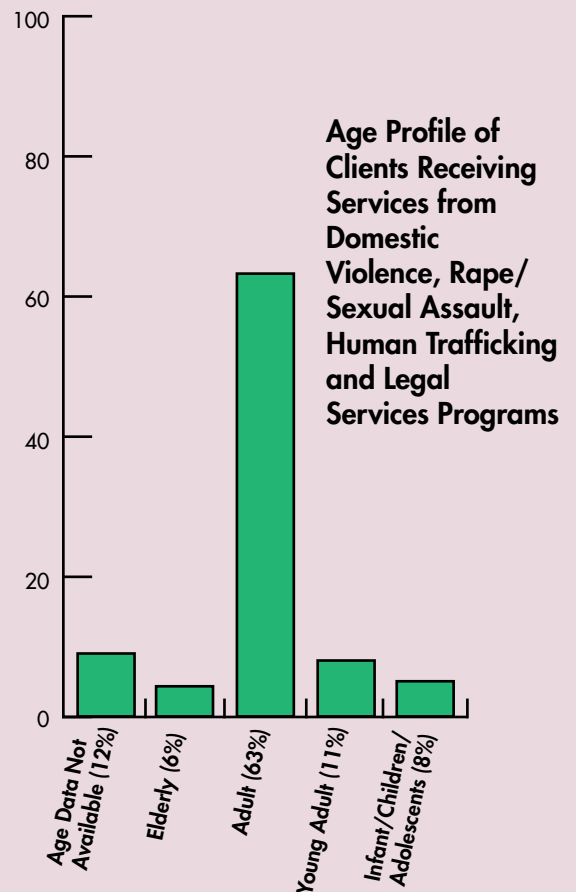
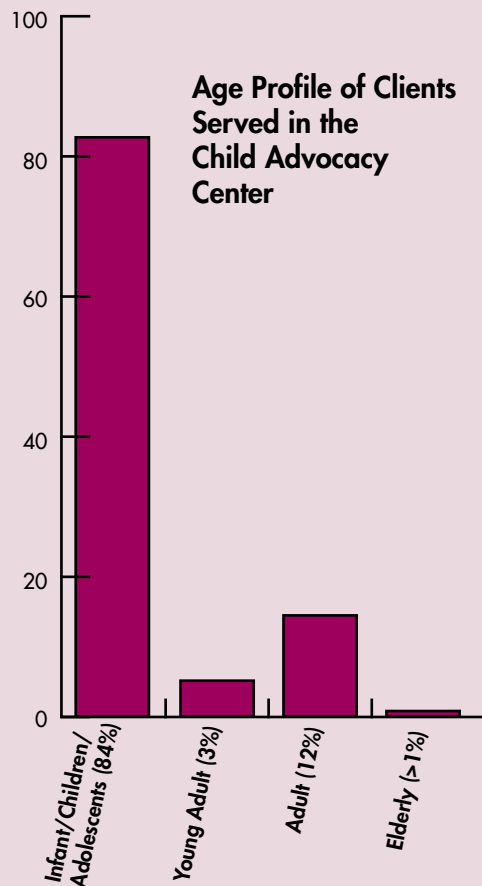
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POPULATIONS SERVED BY THE SAFE CENTER



BREAKDOWN OF AGE GROUPS:

- Infant/Children/Adolescents (Age 0-17)
- Young Adult (Age 18-24)
- Adult (Age 25-59)
- Elderly (Age 60+)



Ethnic populations served by The Safe Center include White, Latinx, Black, Asian/SE Asian/Indian, and American Indian/Alaskan/Pacific Islander adult and child victims of abuse.

CHAMPIONS AND SUPPORTERS

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100 Who Care Alliance ♦ Adelphi University ♦ Asofsky Family Foundation ♦ The Association of Wall-Ceiling and Carpet Industries of New York ♦ Beacon Light Foundation ♦ Bethpage Cares Charitable Giving ♦ Central Nassau County Rotary Foundation, Inc. ♦ Community Chest of Port Washington ♦ Community Church of East Williston World Service ♦ Diane and Darryl Mallah Family Foundation ♦ Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. ♦ The Ferriday Fund Charitable Trust ♦ Fight Against Domestic Violence ♦ Friends Academy Tournament Club ♦ Friends of The Honorable Rhonda Erin Fischer ♦ From Our Family To Yours Foundation ♦ The Glen Oaks Philanthropic Fund ♦ Glick Family Foundation ♦ Greater New York Health Care Facilities Association ♦ Great Neck Community Fund ♦ Greenpoint Union Free School District ♦ Harbor View at Port Washington ♦ HOA, Inc. ♦ Insurance Professional Association of LI ♦ Hofstra University-Alpha Theta Beta ♦ The Joe Namath Foundation ♦ Juliber-Adams Philanthropic Fund ♦ Joan F. Greenfield Trust ♦ John N. Blackman Sr. Foundation ♦ Judith and Donald Rechler Foundation, Inc. ♦ The Judith C. White Foundation, Inc. ♦ JR/BC Blumenthal Foundation ♦ The Long Island Coalition For The Homeless ♦ Long Island Women's Rugby Association ♦ Manhasset Community Fund ♦ Coalition Against Substance Abuse ♦ Manhasset Community ♦ Greentree Foundation "Good Neighbor" Fund ♦ Nassau Bar Foundation, Inc./We Care Fund ♦ Nassau County Women's Bar Association ♦ Nassau County Detectives Charitable Foundation of New York ♦ Nassau County Superior Officers Association ♦ Newsday Charities ♦ New York City District Council of Carpenters Benefit Funds ♦ New York Institute of Technology ♦ New York State Children's Alliance ♦ The Pinetree Foundation ♦ Pritchard Charitable Trust ♦ The Richards Family Fund ♦ The San Diego Foundation ♦ South Nassau Communities Hospital ♦ St. Catherine's Philoptochos Greek Orthodox Church Of The Holy Resurrection ♦ St. Lukes Women's Ministry (LIFT) ♦ Stanley and Iris Rabinowitz Foundation ♦ Sterling National Bank Charitable Foundation ♦ Susan and Leonard Feinstein Foundation ♦ Syosset Moms Facebook Group ♦ The Transition Network, Inc. -Long Island ♦ Temple Sinai of Roslyn ♦ UJA-Federation of NY ♦ United Fund of Manhasset, Inc. ♦ The United Methodist Church of Hempstead ♦ United Way of Long Island ♦ Verizon Foundation ♦ Women's Club of Farmingdale

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Subcontracted Awards From: Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services, Inc. ♦ Family and Children's Association ♦ LifeSpan ♦ The Retreat, Inc.

In-Kind Donations of Products and Services

In addition to generous monetary donations received in 2019, The Safe Center accepted in-kind donations of products and services from members of the Long Island community throughout the year. These donations which included baby care items, new clothing and bed linens, household and cleaning supplies, kitchen essentials, paper goods, toiletries and gift cards to local Target, Walmart & Stop and Shop stores helped to offset expenses incurred for client needs at both the Safe Home and the agency. Local businesses, restaurants, and retail stores also contributed to our fundraising efforts by providing products and services which were used as raffle and silent auction items at special events.

Message to all Safe Center Champions

Administrative staff work very hard to present a complete listing of all who make donations in support of The Safe Center's programs and services. The listing of Association, Corporate, Foundation and Individual donors include those who have contributed \$500 or more in the 2019 calendar year. The Safe Center apologizes if an acknowledgement of support was inadvertently missed and extends its heartfelt appreciation to each of you who had provided support at any level. Support provided by Safe Center Champions is invaluable. Thank you for being an important part of The Safe Center family.

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Employees and volunteers of The Safe Center work tirelessly to ensure that adult and child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members are safe, receive the necessary services to heal from abuse without shame, and restore hope for a better future. Staff members include attorneys, counselors, social workers, advocates, educators, program interns, and administrative personnel, many of whom are bilingual service providers. The Safe Center requires new staff to attend educational trainings that provide an overview of the types of abuses addressed by the agency including child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, rape and sexual assault, and human trafficking. Our volunteers are compassionate individuals from all walks of life who train to provide support to those in need, and to aid in the work of The Safe Center.

MISSION

To protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

VISION

To Restore Hope For Victims of Abuse

APPROACH

Due to the visionary leadership of Executive Director, Cindy Scott, and The Board of Directors, The Safe Center has become a beacon of hope within Nassau County and surrounding communities that provides a fast and easy path to resources that assist in saving and changing lives of women, men, children and elderly victims of family violence and sexual abuse. The Safe Center addresses the impact of abuse on victims as well as their families so that cycles of abuse can end. Services are free of charge, bilingual and confidential.


NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY


Services provided by The Safe Center are available for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, marital status, disability, or age. The Safe Center welcomes everyone and works hard to overcome each victim's unique barriers to safety.



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