



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**.



All children are entitled to be **safe**, **healthy**, **nurtured** and **valued**.

How are children referred to Foothills?



It begins with a concerned adult who suspects abuse...

and makes a report to the local Child Protective Services or Police...



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.



Forensic Interview Room



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 so that the child only needs to be interviewed once, **reducing the trauma** for the child.

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



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

What happens after Foothills?

The **Charlottesville and Albemarle Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)** is facilitated by Foothills staff and supports the child and family throughout the investigative process. Foothills' staff work with the families to ensure that they receive the services they need to keep the child safe and help the child to heal.

The MDT professionals meet monthly to review cases. They ask 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.

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)
- UVA Forensic Nurse Examiners and Department of Pediatrics.

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

Children Served

In FY 2018, we served **236** new children from Charlottesville and Albemarle County and **116** new children from surrounding counties.

The **352** children were:

- 66% Female
- 34% Male
- .02% Asian
- 30% Black/African American
- 7% Hispanic/Latino
- 11% Other/Bi-racial
- 51% White/Caucasian
- 28% 0-6 years old
- 42% 7-12 years old
- 30% 13-18 years old
- 26% Reported disabilities



The children were alleged victims of at least one type of abuse, some of them more than one type of abuse:

- 68% Sexual Abuse
- 26% Physical Abuse
- 22% Neglect
- 13% Witness to Violence
- 22% Other Types of Abuse

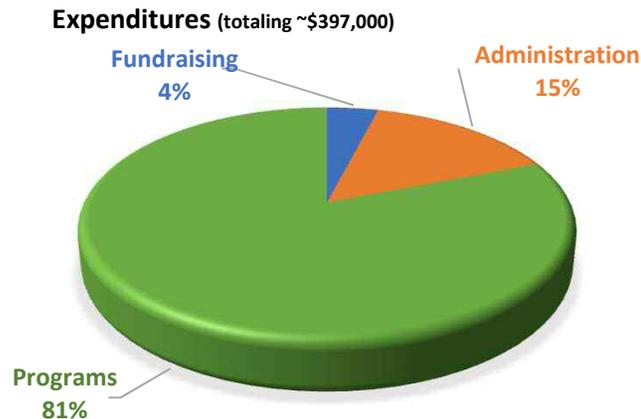
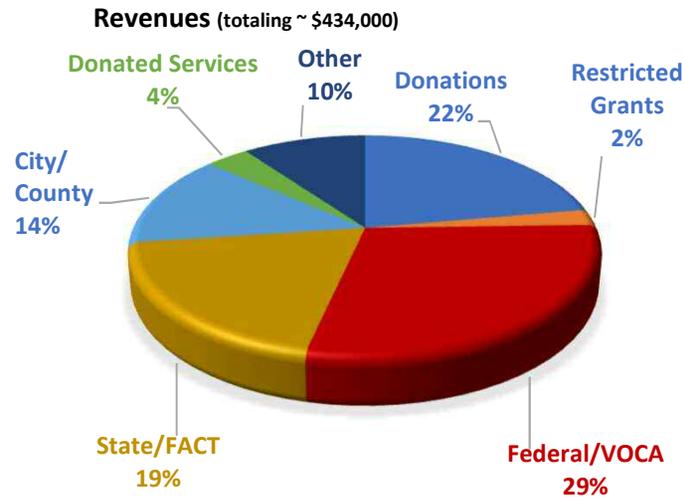


In FY 2018, **575** adults participated in our community training sessions on child abuse prevention and intervention.

Read more about our public education and outreach program at

<http://www.foothillscac.org/safekids.html>

FY 2018 Revenues & Expenditures



Foothills is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Foothills relies fully on grants and private donations to fund its services.

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