

2021 FAQ Sheet on Endowment Act Funding Outcomes

In 2021, a total of 9,394 child victims and adult survivors of child sexual abuse were supported through \$3.9 million in funding awarded through Act 1 of 2013 (Endowment Act) funds.

Out of 9,361 children served:

- 3,562 received a forensic interview at a Child Advocacy Center (CAC).
- 2,296 were referred for a medical examination.
- 1,308 received a medical examination (57% of all referrals; an increase from 55% in 2020 and 51% in 2017).
- 1,863 were referred to counseling or therapy.
- 41.6% of children who completed therapy reported improvement in their Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms suffered as a result of their victimization.

Endowment Act funding supported 715 trainings (15,080 individuals trained) related to child sexual abuse prevention, awareness, medical services, and mental health therapy.

In collaboration with the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network (CMSN) at Pennsylvania State University, PCCD began a four-year child sexual abuse prevention project in 2018 with the goal of lowering child sexual abuse rates within four geographical areas in Pennsylvania (Bucks, Cambria/Somerset, Chester, and York County). The pilot will roll out three evidence-based practice components:

- Community-based = Stewards of Children,
- School-based = Safe Touches, and
- Parent-based = Smart Parents—Safe & Healthy Kids added to an existing evidence-based parent education program.

Since April 2018, more than 14,500 second graders received Safe Touches. As a result of the Safe Touches implementation, there were 31 known referrals made to Childline. The Stewards of Children prevention program was delivered both in person and virtually to over 14,000 participants. In the fall of 2019, the Smart Parents—Safe and Healthy Kids curriculum was rolled out; this module has been delivered to more than 200 parents. As a result of this project, 10 papers have been published or are in the process of being published in peer-reviewed journals.

PCCD continued to support a total of 21 projects awarded in 2019 that requested a total of \$1.99 million and awarded \$1.9 million in 2021 to support 10 EA—Treatment Training and EA-Prevention projects. For more information about these individual projects, please see our Annual Report online at www.pccd.pa.gov.

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*Data in this sheet was extracted from Endowment Act (EA) - CAC and EA-Direct Victim Service Organizations that started in January 2020 and July 2020, EA-Treatment Training grants that started in July 2021, EA-Programs Assisting Victims grants that started in July 2019, and EA-Prevention grants that started in January 2018.