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Who We Are . . .

Tyler's Justice Center for Children, located in Stockton, Illinois, is a non-profit children's advocacy center providing services to abused children and their non-offending family members in Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties. The Center, founded in July 2002, was named after a two-month old baby who was the fatal victim of child abuse in Jo Daviess County. After working through Tyler's case, professionals from each discipline agreed that much more needed to be done to protect the victims caught in the middle of most difficult cases to investigate and prosecute—child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse cases. Tyler's Justice Center for Children was established to ensure that not one child "slips through the cracks" of the very system that was designed to protect them. Each year, too many children suffer from abuse - and all too often they are victimized by the very

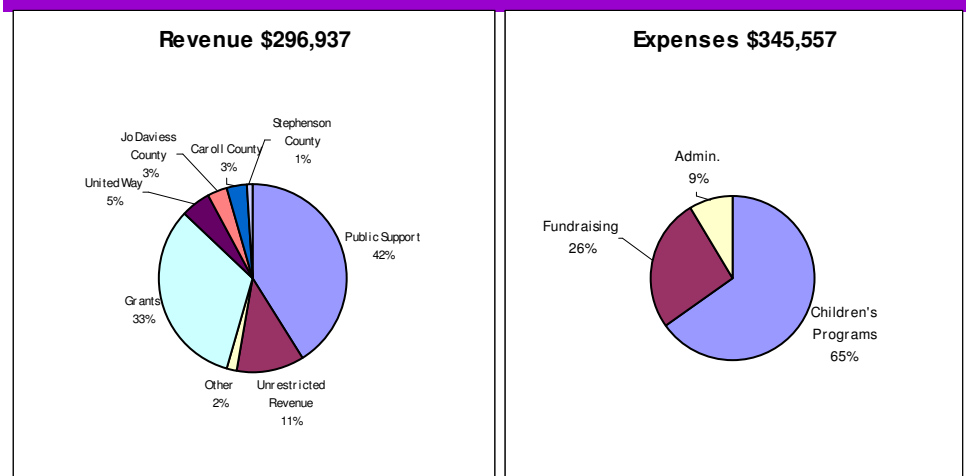
What We Do . . .

adults charged with protecting and providing for them. Unfortunately, in their attempts to come to the aid of abused children, our criminal and civil justice systems can inadvertently cause additional suffering to child victims and their families. Tyler's Justice Center was established in an effort to enhance the sensitivity and responsiveness of these systems, thereby minimizing the impact of the trauma, to provide vital medical and mental health services as well as linkages to additional services for these children and their families and to facilitate the prosecution of perpetrators. Child sexual abuse is a crime of secrecy. There are usually no witnesses, no "weapons" and no visible injury to the child. The case often rests on the word of a child against the word of an adult. In a

Who We Help . . .

coordinated approach, the Center ensures that disclosing abuse is the beginning of healing and relief for a child rather than additional suffering. In FY 2007, Tyler's Justice Center provided 169 child forensic interviews and assisted 507 siblings, witnesses and family members of child victims for a total of 676 unduplicated individuals. The children seen at the Center vary in age, gender and ethnicity. But they and their non-offending family members, all benefit from the caring and dedicated professionals from law enforcement, child protective services (DCFS), prosecution, mental health, the medical community and our staff, who make up the Tyler's Justice Center for Children multidisciplinary team.

Statement of Activities...



Tyler's Justice Center FY 2007 Statistics

Age & Gender of Children

0-5	male 8% female 18%	TOTAL: 26%
6-12	male 18% female 29%	TOTAL: 47%

Age & Gender of Perpetrators

17 & under	male 24% female 1%	TOTAL: 23%
18-29	male 17% female 1%	TOTAL: 18%
30-50	male 46% female 2%	TOTAL: 48%
51 & older	male 8% female 0%	TOTAL: 8%
Unknown age		TOTAL: 3%

Type of Abuse

Sexual	94%
Witnesses	4%
Physical	6%

Ethnicity of Children

Caucasian	77%	African American	14%
Hispanic	6%		

Law Enforcement Agencies

Involved

Freeport Police Department	44%
Stephenson Co. Sheriff's Department	16%
Jo Daviess Co. Sheriff's Department	10%
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Department	5%
Warren Police Department	5%
Stockton Police Department	4%
Illinois State Police Department	4%
Courtesy	4%
Hanover Police Department	3%
Galena Police Department	2%
East Dubuque Police Department	1%
Lanark Police Department	1%

DCFS Investigate Findings

Indicated	35%
Unfounded	42%
Non-DCFS	23%

Perpetrator's Relationship to the Child Victim

Biological Father	15%
Mother's Paramour	15%
Sibling	14%
Step-Father	6%
Uncle	3%
Unknown	3%
Other Relative	2%
Aunt	1%
Biological Mother	1%
Grandfather	6%
Neighbor	1%

Service Hours Provided

Crisis Counseling	487 hours
Family Advocacy	640 hours
Forensic Interviewing	514 hours

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