stories of hope...

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the tree house

CAC of Montgomery County, MD

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Ruthie, Eva, and Emma

This is the story of three sisters who began their lives amidst the chaos of a physically, sexually, and emotionally abusive home. They were placed in foster care at the ages of two, three, and five; eventually, their biological parents relinquished their parental rights. All three girls struggled with severe emotional and behavioral problems. They were in therapy at a variety of places with therapists who did not specialize in treating abuse and trauma, without much success. Then their foster parents found The Tree House and our therapists specifically trained to help children like them. After a year of showing courage in therapy, the girls were able to tell their stories and make sense of the horrors they experienced. Our therapists also worked with the girls to learn healthy coping skills. With the support of their loving and patient foster parents, who have become their permanent adoptive parents, the girls were able to incorporate the skills they developed in therapy to work through their difficult behaviors at home and in the community. Today, the family is no longer in a constant state of crisis and all three girls are thriving. They truly are a success story!

...and healing

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The Tree House Staff and Partners

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Lucy

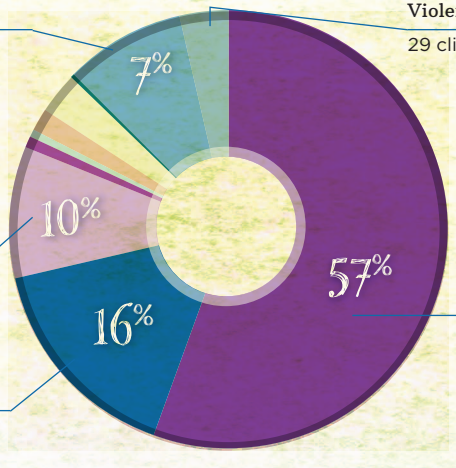
Lucy, a nine-year old, came to The Tree House after having been brutally raped by a friend of her babysitter. As a consequence of the trauma, she became sullen, withdrawn, irritable, and depressed. She was disengaged from her friends and was scared to sleep alone. After four months of therapy, Lucy was able to write about her experience and speak of the event with little discomfort. She now enjoys life again. With support and love from her parents and proper therapy, Lucy has ended treatment with a dramatic decrease in her symptoms and a resilient understanding of the event.

Children & Families Served and Services Provided

Victimization, Services, Age, Race, and Gender

Charts and figures reflect data July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

BY TYPE OF VICTIMIZATION — 827 TOTAL



Parental Concern of Abuse
60 clients

Witness to Domestic Violence (4%)
29 clients

Neglect
81 clients

Sexual Abuse
474 clients

Physical Abuse
132 clients

Other Services–Not Abuse/Neglect (3%)
26 clients

Foster Care Exams (1%)
12 clients

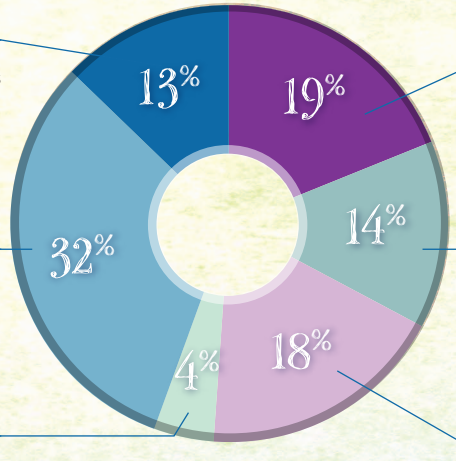
Mental Injury/Neglect (<1%)
7 clients

Mental Injury/Abuse (<1%)
5 clients

Child Fatality (<1%)
1 client

Often, children experience more than one type of Victimization.

SERVICES PROVIDED — NEW **564** | ONGOING **147** | TOTAL **711**



Victim Advocacy
131 clients served
1,394 total services

Medical Exams & Record Reviews
198 clients served
254 total services

Forensic Interviews
332 clients served
354 total services

Mental Health Intakes
145 clients served
192 total services

Multidisciplinary Team Meetings
46 clients served
432 total services

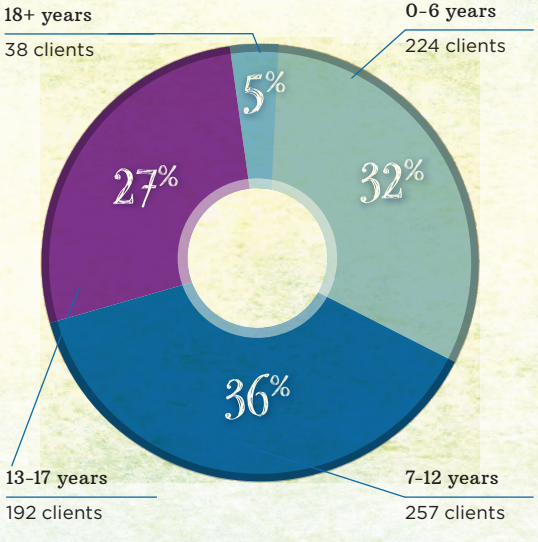
Mental Health (excluding Intake-Only Clients)
190 clients served
2,602 total services

Percentages represent clients receiving each service.
Children often receive multiple services at The Tree House.

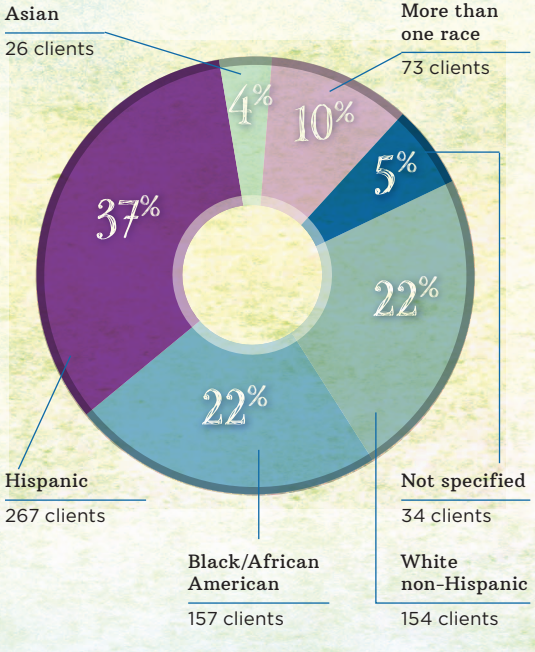
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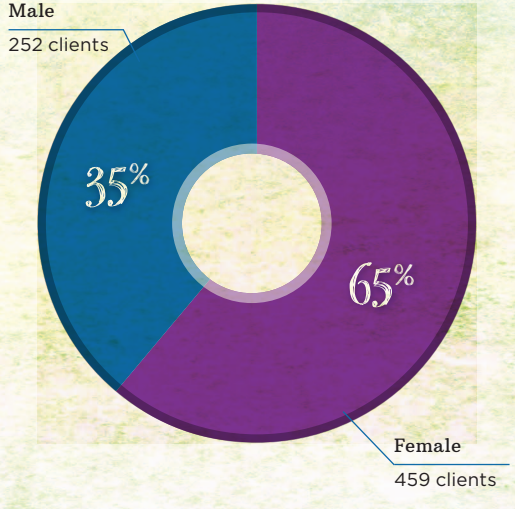
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BY RACE — 711 TOTAL



BY GENDER — 711 TOTAL



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Ralph

As a four year old, Ralph was sexually abused by his drug-addicted mother. Knowing nothing else, he came to believe this was a normal mother-son relationship. Eventually, he was removed from his mother and placed with his loving father and stepmother. Since he was previously entirely isolated, this was a difficult transition being away from his mother. For the past two years, he has been attending therapy regularly at The Tree House and his aggressive behaviors are slowly diminishing. He now trusts his father and stepmother. Ralph still has a long road to full recovery, but he is making strides in the right direction.

Our Financial Roots

▼ FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY15 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
County Contracts	$ 522,609	Contractor Staff	$ 294,470
Foundation Grants	68,500	Salaries and Benefits	289,197
State Grants	50,164	Program Overhead Expenses	51,052
Event Income	32,287	Office Supplies & Expenses	20,373
Federal Grants	28,000	Direct Client Services	20,297
Contributions	24,590	Community Outreach	20,067
State Support	20,480	Training and Membership	14,476
TOTAL	**$ 746,630**	**TOTAL**	**$ 709,933**

Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures . . . . . $ 36,697



Juliet

After many years of sexual abuse at the hands of family members, Juliet came to The Tree House at 17 years old. At that time, she was a senior in high school with low grades and an uncertain future. She was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and had suicidal thoughts as a consequence of the abuse. After six months of therapy at The Tree House, Juliet's grades drastically improved, and she had a positive outlook on her future after high school. Following almost a year of therapy, Juliet has graduated from high school and plans to attend her local community college. She is a survivor and her future is bright!

You can make a difference in a child's life

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$5	Pays for bubbles used in breathing exercises during therapy
$10	Provides snacks and drinks for 10 children who are waiting for services
$20	Allows us to buy new toys and books for our waiting room
$25	Provides first aid supplies for one month
$30	Allows our Victim Advocate to attend court with our children for 1 hour
$50	Provides 1 hour of Mental Health Therapy Provides 1 hour of care by a Forensic Nurse Practitioner Provides transportation for a child to and from The Tree House when he or she may have no other way to get to us
$75	Provides a skilled Forensic Interviewer for one forensic interview
$100	Provides 1 hour of Physician care
$250	Pays for 14 days of HIV prophylaxis for one child
$500	Allows us to perform a full psychological assessment of a child Allows us to perform a full medical exam including all lab work for a child
$1,000	Allows us to perform a complete forensic evaluation of a child
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