

April House

Children's Advocacy Center
of Whiteside County

Improving the lives of abused children

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Data Review: FY2019

July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

Forensic Interviews Conducted in FY2019 = 122



Interviews by Community*

Sterling	34
Rock Falls	25
Morrison	17
Fulton	8
Other Whiteside County	15
Other Outside Whiteside Co	23
TOTAL	122

*not necessarily where alleged abuse occurred

100% of the forensic interviews were performed on-site in a child-focused, comfortable, private, and both physically and psychologically safe for diverse populations of children and their families.

Children served at April House: 118

Abuse Allegation	Abuse Allegation	
	Sexual Abuse/Assault	79%
	Physical Abuse	11%
Multiple victimization	10%	

Gender Identity	Gender Identity	
	Male	37
	Female	82
Other/unspecified	3	

Age	Age	
	0-12 years old	74
	13-17 years old	41
Over 17	7	

Race	Race	
	White	92
	Hispanic/Latin@	17
	Black	5
Other/unspecified	8	

Whiteside County Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The Whiteside County Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) consists of the Whiteside County State's Attorney's Office, all eleven local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), April House staff, local mental health providers, and medical personnel.

- 100% of the forensic interviews conducted at April House included at least two members of the MDT
- Unique # of DCFS Families served: 50
- Unique # of law enforcement-only families served: 21
- Formal Case Review meetings with the MDT: 8
- Non-offending caregivers served: 117
- The MDT conducted pre- and post- interview meetings for 100% of the interviews
- 33 MDT surveys completed
- DCFS attended 100% of DCFS-related interviews
- Law Enforcement attended 100% of law enforcement involved interviews
- 6 MDT members attended the 2019 Champions for Children Conference
- Orientation was held for 4 new detectives
- 5 MDT members attended Medical Aspects of Child Maltreatment training conducted by MERIT
- 22 MDT members attended Multi-disciplinary Team: Child Abuse training in Whiteside County
- 9 MDT members attended Pinwheels for Prevention with many other community members to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go as a team. -African Proverb



April House Services: 730.25 hours*

*43% increase from FY18

- Victim Sensitive Forensic Interviews
- Case Coordination & Management
- Advocacy, Referrals, Information
- Crime Victims Compensation Assistance
- Crisis Intervention
- Medical & Mental Health Referrals

ABOUT APRIL HOUSE

- STAFF: Carrie Melton, Executive Director, Lisa Zacharski, Forensic Interviewer, & Diane Heath, Advocate
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lisa Peck, Doug Fargher, Melissa Ryan-Bergstrom, Kevin Johnson, Ryan Simon, Mike Buckwalter, and Kristina Kaecker.



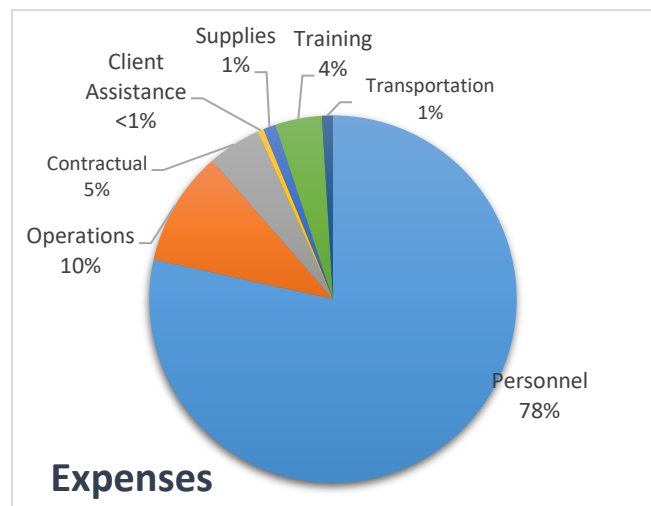
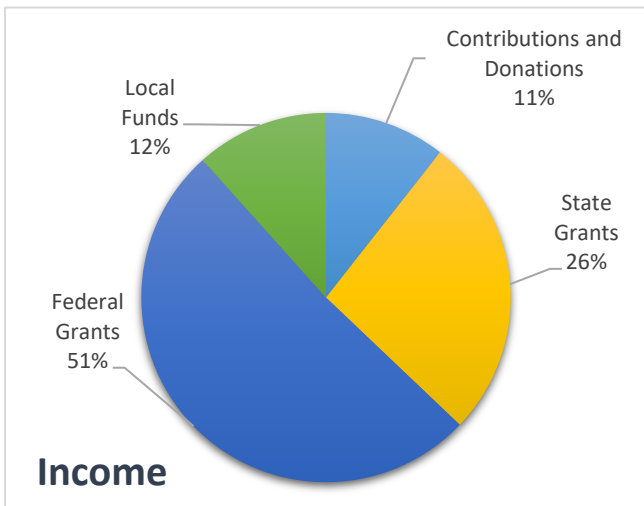
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
ACCREDITED MEMBER

➤ April House was accredited in 2015: A Children's Advocacy Center, like April House, is a child-focused facility-based program in which representatives from core disciplines-law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy-collaborate to investigate child abuse reports, conduct forensic interviews, determine and provide evidence-based interventions, and assess cases for prosecution. The primary goal of all CACs is to ensure that children are not further victimized by the intervention system designed to protect them.

➤ FAMILIES are SURVEYED: April House offers all new families a survey to help determine strengths and weaknesses in the CAC experience. Right is a snapshot of the comments received from 46 completed surveys. *What did you appreciate the most about your experience at the Center?*



➤ FISCAL YEAR 19 Finances: Income & Expenses



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