2018 FAQ Sheet on Endowment Act Funding Outcomes

In 2018, a total of 18,265 child victims and adult survivors of child sexual abuse were supported through \$3.46 million in funding provided by Act 1 of 2013 (Endowment Act); a 79% increase in the number served from 2016 grantees.

Out of 18.265 children served:

- 6,372 received a forensic interview at a Child Advocacy Center (CAC).
- 3506 were referred for a medical examination.
- 2063 received a medical examination (59% of all referrals; an increase from 51% in 2017).
- 4,289 were referred to counseling or therapy (75% increase since 2016).
- 189 reported improvement in their Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms suffered as a result of their victimization.

Endowment Act funding supported 387 trainings (8,228 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 three-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.

During the first year of implementation, 4,688 second graders in 285 classrooms received Safe Touches. As a result of the Safe Touches implementation, there were 21 known referrals made to Childline. The Stewards of Children prevention program was delivered 212 times to 4,953 participants.

PCCD approved a total
of 54 projects
amounting to \$3.46
million in 2018. For
more information
about these individual
projects, please see
our Annual Report
online at
www.pccd.state.pa.gov.

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