

2019 FAQ Sheet on Endowment Act Funding Outcomes

In 2019, a total of 13,226 child victims and adult survivors of child sexual abuse were supported through \$4.71 million in funding provided by Act 1 of 2013 (Endowment Act).

Out of 13,193 children served:

- 5,817 received a forensic interview at a Child Advocacy Center (CAC).
- 3,570 were referred for a medical examination.
- 2,117 received a medical examination (59% of all referrals; an increase from 51% in 2017).
- 2,591 were referred to counseling or therapy.
- 71% 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 263 trainings (5,830 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 two years of implementation, 14,235 second graders in 718 classrooms received Safe Touches. As a result of the Safe Touches implementation, there were 29 known referrals made to Childline in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years. The Stewards of Children prevention program was delivered in 444 workshops to 11,134 participants. In the fall of 2019, the Smart Parents—Safe and Healthy Kids curriculum was rolled out; this module was delivered to 73 parents.

PCCD supported a total of 47 projects amounting to \$4.71 million in 2019. For more information about these individual projects, please see our Annual Report online at www.pccd.state.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 2019, EA-Treatment Training grants that started in July 2018 through June 2019, EA-Programs Assisting Victims grants that started in July 2019, and EA-Prevention grants that started in January 2018.