

2022 FAQ Sheet on Endowment Act Funding Outcomes

In 2022, a total of 7,331 child victims and adult survivors of child sexual abuse were supported through \$3 million in funding awarded through Act 1 of 2013 (Endowment Act) funds.

Out of 7,331 children served:

- 3,963 received a forensic interview at a Child Advocacy Center (CAC).
- 2,926 were referred for a medical examination.
- 1,409 received a medical examination (48% of all referrals; an decrease from 57% in 2021 and 51% in 2017).
- 1,362 were referred to counseling or therapy.
- 87.6% 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 173 trainings (6750 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 continued to implement a child sexual abuse prevention project that began in 2018 and included implementation of three components within four geographical areas of PA, Stewards of Children, Safe Touches, and Smart Parents—Safe & Healthy Kids.

Since April 2018, more than 16,600 second graders received Safe Touches. As a result of the Safe Touches implementation, there were 31 known referrals made to Childline. The Stewards of Children prevention program was delivered both in person and virtually to over 14,500 participants. In the fall of 2019, the Smart Parents—Safe and Healthy Kids curriculum was rolled out; this module has been delivered to more than 200 parents. As a result of this project, 10 papers have been published or are in the process of being published in peer-reviewed journals.

Due to the success of the 2018 pilot, CMSN and PCCD released a solicitation in 2022 to proliferate the school-based program, Safe Touches, and a modification of the original parent program, Smart Parents. Ten applicants were awarded to implement the two-year project which started July 1, 2022. Safe Touches is being implemented in year one with Smart Parents being added during the second year of implementation. During the first six months, 389 Safe Touches workshops were provided to 7,584 second graders. A total of 9 known child abuse disclosures/referrals to Childline were made to the Safe Touches facilitators.

PCCD continued to support a total of 41 projects awarded in 2022 that requested a total of \$1.99 million and awarded \$1.9 million in 2021 to support 10 EA—Treatment Training and EA-Prevention projects. For more information about these individual projects, please see our Annual Report online at www.pccd.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 June and October 2022, EA-Treatment Training grants that ended June 2022, and EA-Prevention grants that started in January 2018 and a second group of grants starting June 2022.