



North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center 2010—2011 Community Report

PROGRAMMING THAT WORKS

For those of you intimately connected to the Center, you may already have a sense of the work being done in our community. But even though you may know that the Center works to end sexual violence and child abuse, many of you don't know the depth of the programs offered. Currently the Center has 13 full and part-time staff managing a variety of programs and services.

ChildSAFE has been a part of the agency's repertoire since 1984. The school-based prevention curriculum consists of 2-3 day workshops aimed at educating youth on personal safety issues. The program's goal is to not only prevent child abuse but to empower children to disclose when they are being inappropriately touched or abused. Starting as early as Kindergarten, ChildSAFE instructors talk to students about good and bad touches and touches that may be confusing to them. By providing tools that the students can use, discussing options for telling someone if they are being hurt physically or sexually, and by encouraging them to speak out, stu-



dents are supported in using their voices that might otherwise have been silenced. The ChildSAFE program has been enthusiastically accepted in northern Santa Barbara County schools and is considered a staple in most district curricula.

In November 2009 Center staff had a goal to begin a new club for students at Lompoc High School. In January 2011 the final go ahead was given, allowing staff to begin working with students to start the Club. Early on the Club was named SAVE (Students Against Violent Experiences). In February, nineteen students gathered for the first meeting. While serving as an introductory meeting, students chose to show up because they wanted to make a difference on their campus...they wanted a change and they wanted to be the agents for that change. While still riding high from the feedback following the first meeting, staff gathered students for a second meeting in March where twenty-six students attended. From there, the Club has grown to thirty-two members. Club plans are in the works for the coming school year in which students will be active participants on campus in ending sexual harassment, bullying, teen dating violence, and stalking. Members have expressed a desire to

have guest speakers talk to them about issues they face. Center staff will be responsible for provid-



Members of SAVE volunteering for Tip-An-Advocate night at Tom's Burgers.

ing guidance to the Club and will be present at all Club meetings to assist the members in reaching their goals.

The newest program the Center will soon be offering is a bystander intervention strategy training called Green Dot. While the Center has been engaged in prevention work since its inception, the addition of Green Dot programming approaches the prevention of power based personal violence from a different angle. By zeroing in on the strengths of bystanders to be active change agents and help us sustain behavior change, Center staff anticipate that the rates of violence will begin to drop in our community.



Chosen as one of eight Green Dot pilot sites in the state of California, the Center is eager to begin facilitating these bystander intervention trainings throughout the community.

Our Mission

The purpose of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center is to reduce the incidence of and vulnerability to sexual assault and child abuse by providing education and prevention skills to community children and adults, and to alleviate the trauma experienced by survivors of these crimes by providing direct services.

MEET THE STAFF



Executive Director Shannon Rose Chávez has been with the Center for nearly 28 years. As the Executive Director Shannon has oversight of the agency, providing fiscal management and program guidance.



Ann McCarty is the Center's Associate Director and has been with the agency since 1994. Ann has the opportunity to work with all staff members to meet programming goals and provide leadership and guidance on many issues related to the operation of the Center.

Karin Powers is the agency's Finance/Human Resource Director. Working closely with the Center's Executive Director, Karin is responsible for the financial management of the agency as well as grants management.



Alison Wales has been associated with the Center since 1994 when she first became a volunteer. In her capacity as Counseling and Volunteer Services Coordinator, Alison provides counseling, facilitates the survivor support group and monthly volunteer meetings in Lompoc and Santa Maria, and supports volunteers as they provide advocacy services through the agency's two 24-hour hotlines.



As the Client Advocate housed at the Lompoc Police Department, Cozetta Blow provides an integral link between survivors and their families and the criminal justice field. Cozy is responsible for case management of all reported violence related incidents, and provides survivors of violence with valuable resources available to them in the community.



In the Fall of 2010 Cyndi Burritt answered an ad in the local newspaper looking for volunteers. Not long after finishing Volunteer Advocate Training, Cyndi was hired as the new Program Assistant. Cyndi's duties include providing programmatic assistance to all areas of the agency.



The Santa Maria Education Team consists of Bilingual Outreach Presenter Maria Valencia and Program Coordinator Joannette Austin. Maria and Joannette work with Santa Maria Valley schools to provide ChildSAFE workshops to area youth. Maria is also responsible for providing Spanish language prevention programming to the Spanish-speaking community when she's not in the schools with Joannette.



Emily Einolander comes to the agency with a zest and zeal for educating the public on sexual assault prevention. As Lompoc's Community Education Coordinator, she is also an integral part of the SAVE Club and the Green Dot projects.

Another former volunteer turned staff member, Arleen Lewis leads the charge in fundraising efforts at the Center. As the Special Events Coordinator, Arleen is responsible for working with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director in planning and facilitating fundraising events. Her efforts in organizing the 2010-2011 Holiday Auction, Kids Day in the Park, and other smaller events raised \$55,000 for agency programs.



The Lompoc Education Team is made up of Margaret Fuentez-Smith, Program Coordinator and Sue Gardiner, Education Presenter. Margaret and Sue provide the ChildSAFE Program in the Lompoc Unified School District as well as schools located in the unincorporated areas surrounding Lompoc.

Luvia Gomez is the Center's newest staff member, bringing 6 years of related experience to her position as Community Outreach Presenter in the Santa Maria office. Luvia is responsible for coordinating and presenting self-defense and prevention programs to Santa Maria area youth and adults.



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"Winter Nights" Holiday Auction

November 19th is the day we are holding our Annual Holiday Auction, "Winter Nights." Save the date — we have some wonderful items for the live and silent auctions! The event will be held at the Santa Maria Country Club.

Holiday Wreath Sales

Once again we have the pleasure of offering Holiday Wreaths. If you would like to purchase a wreath for yourself or have one shipped to a loved one, please give Arleen a call.

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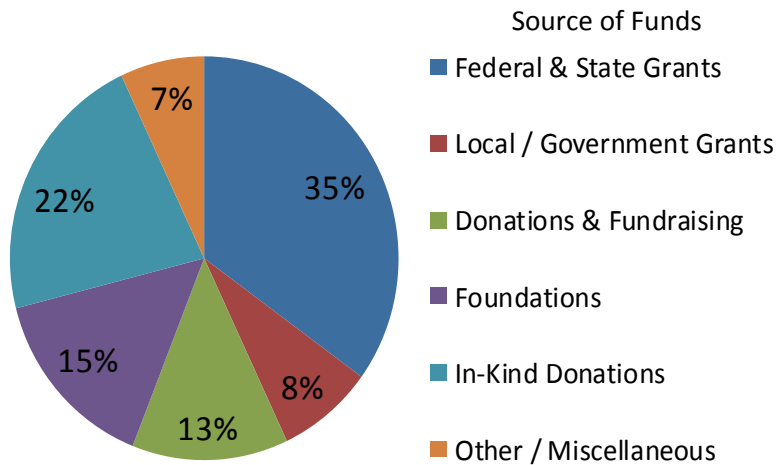
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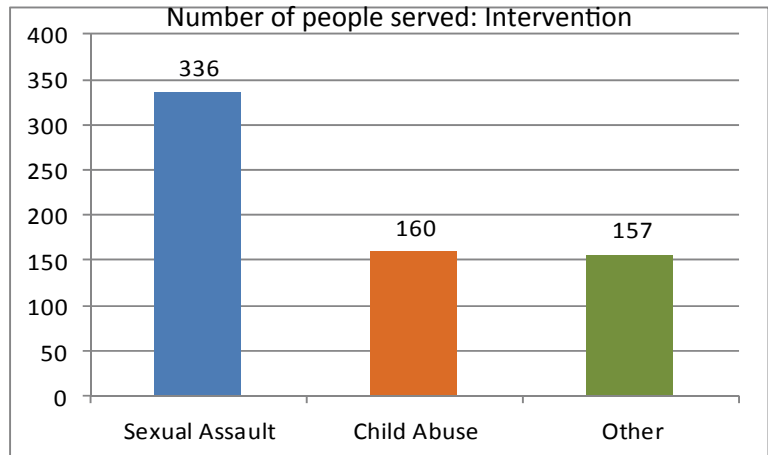
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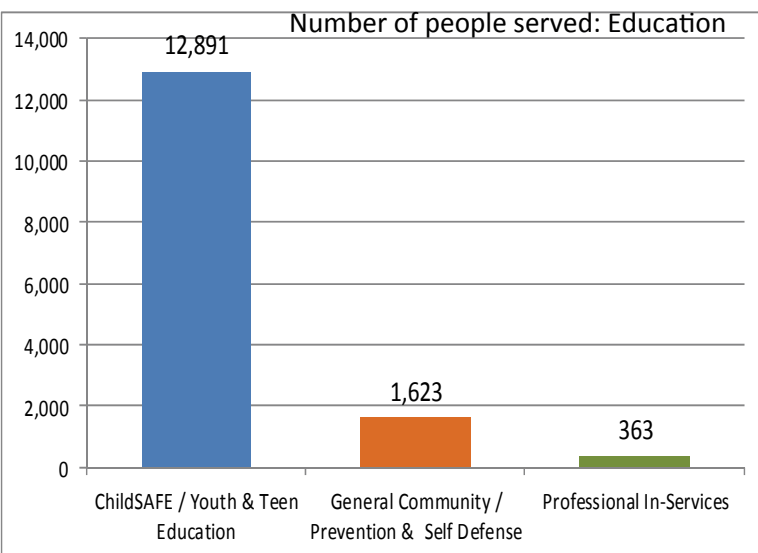
The Center is extremely fortunate in that the overwhelming generosity of Center supporters, private foundations, volunteers, and funding streams at the state and local level have assisted in sustaining the Center at its current operational level. We are so appreciative of the many groups and individuals that believe in the agency's mission and continue to support the work of the Center, either monetarily or with in-kind donations. As we prepare to move into another year of service, we do so with the hope that no programs will have to be reduced or eliminated due to a lack of funding.

2010-2011 INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Center's intervention program offers intervention and advocacy services to survivors and their significant others. Services provided include crisis intervention, counseling, case management, and advocacy. All volunteer advocates must attend the 49-hour state certified advocate training as well as ongoing training conducted by Center staff and community partners. Many, many thanks to our volunteers who contribute an average of nearly 600 hours each month to the Center and its services.



2010-2011 EDUCATION/PREVENTION SERVICES



Believing in the philosophy that education is the key to prevention, Center staff tirelessly provide programming to area children and adults. General community programs include self-defense and awareness/prevention programs to children and adults throughout the north county. Professional in-services, including Mandated Reporter training, are provided to members of law enforcement, teachers, medical and social service personnel. Youth and teen education and prevention workshops reach the largest number of individuals, and include the school-based ChildSAFE curriculum, SAVE Club and Green Dot projects.

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~Anne Morrow Lindbergh