

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019

2019 The beginning of the year found us settled into our beautiful new office as we welcomed our clients to a warm and caring space. We found our stride in our new location and got to know one another again after spending too many years with staff in two separate offices.

We secured short-term funding to expand the Oasis program with a new senior therapist position. This person was tasked with overseeing the clinical interns and providing additional supervision to therapists. Similarly, in the Dane County CASA program we secured short-term funding to hire an additional full-time case coordinator to help us serve even more kids.

We planned to keep these new positions long-term when we applied to continue and expand our grant from the Department of Justice. Unfortunately, in August we were notified that not only had we not received additional funding, but had also been denied the amount we had received in the past. This would have cut our annual budget in half. For the next six weeks, that felt like six years, we had to appeal this decision and simultaneously act to minimize damage.

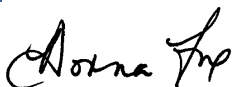
A couple of good things came of that decision. First, we were able to call on our community for support and found our true champions. With the help and support of our Dane County Executive, Senator Pocan, Governor Evers and his wife, and many more, we won our appeal and had our funding reinstated.

The second thing was that it sparked ideas for how to diversify our funding to make sure one funding source couldn't undermine the stability of our organization in the future. The first thing we did was to branch out with our Parent to Child supervised visitation program to offer the service to clients for a fee. Up until that time, we only accepted clients referred to us by Dane County Department of Human Services. Now, we are able to work with any family who is required to utilize supervised visitation. This includes families in which there is a no-contact or restraining order between the parents/caregivers. With protocol we have in place, the parents/caregivers never see one another or interact as children are dropped off and picked up for supervised visits. This brings great relief for everyone involved, but especially the children who can come and safely have a visit with their non-custodial parent.

We are also exploring ways to diversify funding in the Oasis child sexual abuse therapy program by working toward becoming a mental health clinic and taking full advantage of insurance reimbursement. This is a long process with many steps, but we are hopeful to have this in place by 2021.

While we weren't able to keep the two new positions we had hired with short-term funds, we were able to stabilize things to allow all of our programs to continue serving families in need. The pain of that ordeal is still with us, but we are resilient. We see families everyday who have endured tremendous adversity and trauma, yet they learn to move forward and not let it be the defining factor in their lives. We will do the same, for them.

Sincerely,



Donna Fox, MSSW
Executive Director



*“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.”
— Emily Dickinson*



DANE COUNTY CASA

In 2019, 75 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers served as the eyes of the court as they met weekly with their assigned child who was under the protection of the court due to child abuse/neglect and provided reports to the courts to aid in each child's safety, well-being, and permanency. 95 children and teens were provided with 3,288 hours of services over the course of the year.

In the words of a CASA advocate:

"When I first heard about CASA, it had just seemed like a nice thing to do. I had no idea that it would transform my understanding of the social determinants of health and well-being. I never imagined that NINE years later (and counting!), I would still be involved. I had no idea that one day I would find myself riding the bus, sharing tears with a woman who was pregnant with a child who would become my next CASA kid.

As a CASA volunteer with the Canopy Center, I have been honored to work with multiple infants and young children, our most vulnerable citizens. In that time, I have filled innumerable small but mighty roles. I have been a baby-holder, a literal shoulder to cry on. I have been a hide and seek player, an ABC singer, a breakfast foods feeder. I have spent hours with a young mom at an addiction treatment center, just listening. I have attended birthday parties where biological and foster families nervously mingle. I have been honored to stand as an advocate at heart-wrenching court hearings where a child's future literally hangs in the balance.

Most of all, I have been proud to be a solid, consistent presence in the life of a child who has seen guardians, social worker, care providers, even parents rotate in and out of their lives. Although some of my amazing kids have not even been old enough to speak, that hasn't stopped me from hearing them. "



"Nothing you
do for children
is ever wasted."

~ Garrison Keillor





SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT for children

207 children and teens received sexual abuse treatment in 2019, through individual, family and group therapy in our **Oasis Program**. Oasis therapists provide individual therapy to children (from birth to 18 years old) who have experienced incest and sexual abuse using quality trauma-focused evidenced based treatment. For the youngest children (birth to 5 years old) Oasis provided therapy for those who had experienced any type of trauma, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, drug endangerment and neglect. Parents and caregivers are included in treatment. Oasis offers groups to children from elementary through high school ages. This year Oasis also offered a week-long summer camp for elementary aged youth. Alongside structured learning opportunities, group members experience the benefit of sharing personal experiences with peers of a similar age. Individual services are provided in English and Spanish. Individual services were disrupted for some during the agency funding crisis that began in late summer 2019.

SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT for non-offending parents survivors of child sexual abuse

53 adults received individual, family, and/or group therapy for non-offending parents and caregivers of children who have been sexually abused. Group therapy helps caregivers learn how to respond to the particular trauma-based needs of their children as well as to learn effective and protective strategies to parent their child in the aftermath of abuse. Groups, in particular, are beneficial for caregivers to see that they are not alone, this has happened to other families, and that there are others who understand from a very personal perspective. In addition, parents and caregivers are encouraged to be active participants in their child/teens individual therapy process. Therapists meet regularly both individually with parents and caregivers and together with the parent-youth dyad. Individual and family services were disrupted for some non-offending parents and youth during the agency funding crisis that began in late summer 2019.

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"Although the world
is full of suffering, it
is also full of the
overcoming of it."

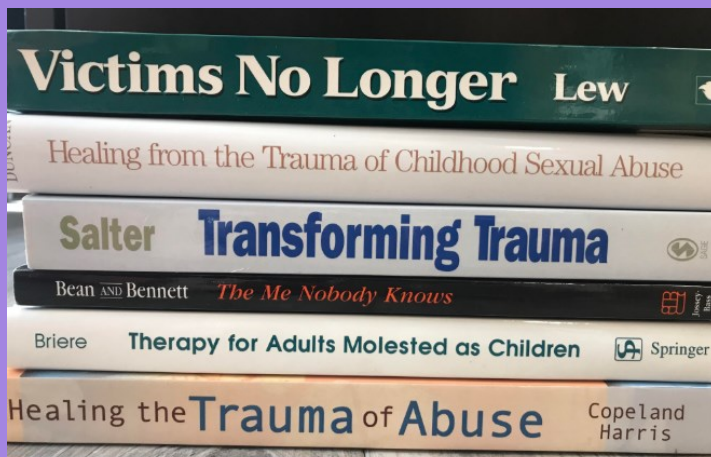
Helen Keller



SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT for adult survivors

6 adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse participated in group therapy in the Oasis Program. These groups were facilitated either by two Oasis Therapists or by an Oasis Therapist and an Oasis intern. The fall cycle of the group was shortened due to the funding crisis. This skills-based group offers tools to help survivors manage trauma symptoms that have continued from childhood trauma. Education about the impact of trauma is a focus throughout the group curriculum. This group offers space for group members to share their personal experiences in a safe environment with others who can relate to a topic that is often very isolating. The groups this year were focused on female survivors, due to the numbers and needs of those referred. For male adult survivors seeking a group experience, individual therapy was offered until a male or mixed gender group was offered.

"This group created a safe place to explore this difficult subject. I've never experienced anything like this, and I'm very grateful to have had this opportunity."





PARENT TO CHILD Supervised Visitation

Begun in 2015, the Parent to Child (P2C) program has been providing evening and weekend supervised visits for parents working with the Dane County Department of Human Services. In 2019, P2C provided 191 successful supervised visits to 29 clients. The program was able to provide this service with the help of 44 interns and volunteers contributing 1,590 hours of service.

Supervised visitation has been shown to greatly reduce the amount of time a child is in out-of-home care. We know from research that the trauma of being removed from the home can be nearly as bad as the trauma that caused the removal. Parents and children (and siblings) need regular contact to reduce the effects this separation is having on each member of the family.

In 2019 the P2C program also began serving private-pay clients. These clients come to the P2C program from the family courts. Supervised visitation services are provided as these families work through divorce, no contact orders, and other family court orders. The program launched at the end of 2019 with one family. The P2C program is looking forward to growing this program in 2020, while continuing to serve our Dane County clients.





COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Canopy Center provided community education on issues related to parenting, child abuse and neglect, and child sexual abuse.

COLLABORATION

Canopy Center is proud to be part of a collaboration with Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center. This collaboration has allowed us to be physically located across the hall from one another to enhance one another's services and ultimately create a stronger child advocacy network for our community.

OUR UNITY IS OUR
strength
& DIVERSITY IS OUR
power.

KAMALA HARRIS





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Meetings of the Canopy Center Board of Directors met at 2445 Darwin Road Meetings were held on March 6th, June 20th, August 21st, September 3rd, September 19th, and December 19th.

Meetings are held on the **third Thursday** of every other month, with the Annual Meeting in March.



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The Canopy Center has a strong history of staffing the agency with a combination of paid and unpaid staff. Because we provide services for 14 hours a day every single day of the year, we rely heavily on the volunteer efforts provided by people in our community—on average, over 80% of our staff is volunteering their time. Our volunteers: co-facilitate parent, child, adolescent or teen support groups; provide child care; answer calls on the Parent Stressline; serve on the Board of Directors; co-facilitate adult, child, or adolescent sexual abuse treatment groups; help with meal preparation and clean-up; participate in special events; or assist in the office. We are so grateful for the efforts of our volunteers!

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“The interior joy we feel when we have done a good deed is the nourishment the soul requires.”

— Albert Schweitzer





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SUPPORT and REVENUE		
Contracts and grants	851,664	69%
United Way of Dane County	53,222	4%
Contributions	314,700	25%
Fees	16,188	1%
Other	<u>3,511</u>	negligible
Total support and revenue	\$1,239,285	
EXPENSES		
Program services		
Oasis	585,047	47%
Parent to Child Pilot Program	202,897	16%
Dane County CASA	306,718	24%
Total program services	\$1,094,662	% of total Expenses 87%
Supporting activities		
Administrative	111,675	9%
Fund Development	49,576	4%
Total supporting activities	<u>161,251</u>	% of total Expenses 13%
Total expenses	\$1,255,913	
Net assets—beginning of year	365,854	
Net assets – end of year	\$349,226	

Monetary Value of Volunteer Services

Program or Service	Volunteer Hours	Monetary Value
Oasis	1,242	\$29,982
Parent to Child	4,020	\$97,043
CASA	3,289	\$79,396
Special Events	30	\$724
Development Volunteers	290	\$7,001
Board of Directors	456	\$22,800
Attorney	47	\$21,150
Attorney's associate	64	\$15,670
TOTAL		\$273,766



OUR MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Our mission is to help strengthen families and support children, teens, and adults impacted by trauma and adversity.

WE BELIEVE:

- ◆ Every person has worth, dignity and potential for growth
- ◆ Every person deserves an opportunity to access resources to enhance their social, emotional and mental well-being
- ◆ Every person should have the opportunity for self-exploration, developing a sense of belonging and connection to community

“Our vision is to give every person an opportunity to have a voice in identifying and addressing their needs; and to provide social connections, to fully develop their sense of self and community.”

