

2016 Cherokee Family Violence Center Annual Report



Executive Summary

Dear Friends of CFVC,

I am pleased to share another year of Cherokee Family Violence Center's accomplishments. We have been providing assistance to victims of domestic violence since 1986 and 30 years later, CFVC continues our mission to enhance the safety of those impacted by intimate partner violence. We accomplish this by providing dynamic services to our clients, many of which are detailed in the pages that follow.



Domestic violence is not an easy issue to understand, just as it is not an easy undertaking to address. Given that, as an agency we are committed to evaluating our programs and services so that we can better serve victims within our community. We also strive to develop community partnerships and institutional awareness of domestic violence issues, so that our community makes steady improvements with regard to abuser accountability. This issue requires a coordinated community response, which is why we are particularly proud of our community volunteers, and those businesses and citizen groups who partnered with us in our work throughout 2016. We are also proud to be good stewards of the financial contributions from our community, with almost 94 cents out of every dollar going directly to victim services.

As our community grows, so does the demand for services. 2016 saw a 27% increase in Temporary Protective Orders filed by our Legal Advocates. And while domestic violence-related 911 calls were down, call volume on our 24-hour hotline increased. During 2016, we nearly doubled the number of training events we conducted as well as the size of our training audience. These are all signs of progress, but we still have a long road ahead – as illustrated by the fact that our county had four domestic violence-related deaths during 2016. In light of those tragedies we sharpened our focus on the needs of victims and have expanded our services. During 2016, we introduced new groups and classes, implemented a Community Specialist Program, relocated our Legal Office to accommodate growth, and continued to develop our Children's Program.

We look forward to your continued support in 2017 and beyond, as we carry on vital work in our community.

Sincerely,

Meg Rogers



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About Cherokee Family Violence Center

Our Vision

We envision a community that values women and girls, where all women can be safe and that is free from intimate partner violence.

Our Mission

The mission of the Cherokee Family Violence Center is to enhance the safety of those impacted by intimate partner violence through services that empower victims while advocating for a community standard of zero tolerance for violence in the home.

Our Values

- Provide services based on best practices which are focused on safety and delivered with integrity in the best interest of the client.
- Provide services that are client-centered and strength-based.
- Embrace diversity in all that we do.
- That system change is integral to victim safety.
- That volunteers and community partners are vital to the work that we do.



Board of Directors

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Staff Members

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Transitional Housing

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Shelter Program

Jessica Flores – Shelter Operations Manager
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 Charlotte Robinson – Shelter Advocate

Community Program

Teresa Millsaps – Community Specialist

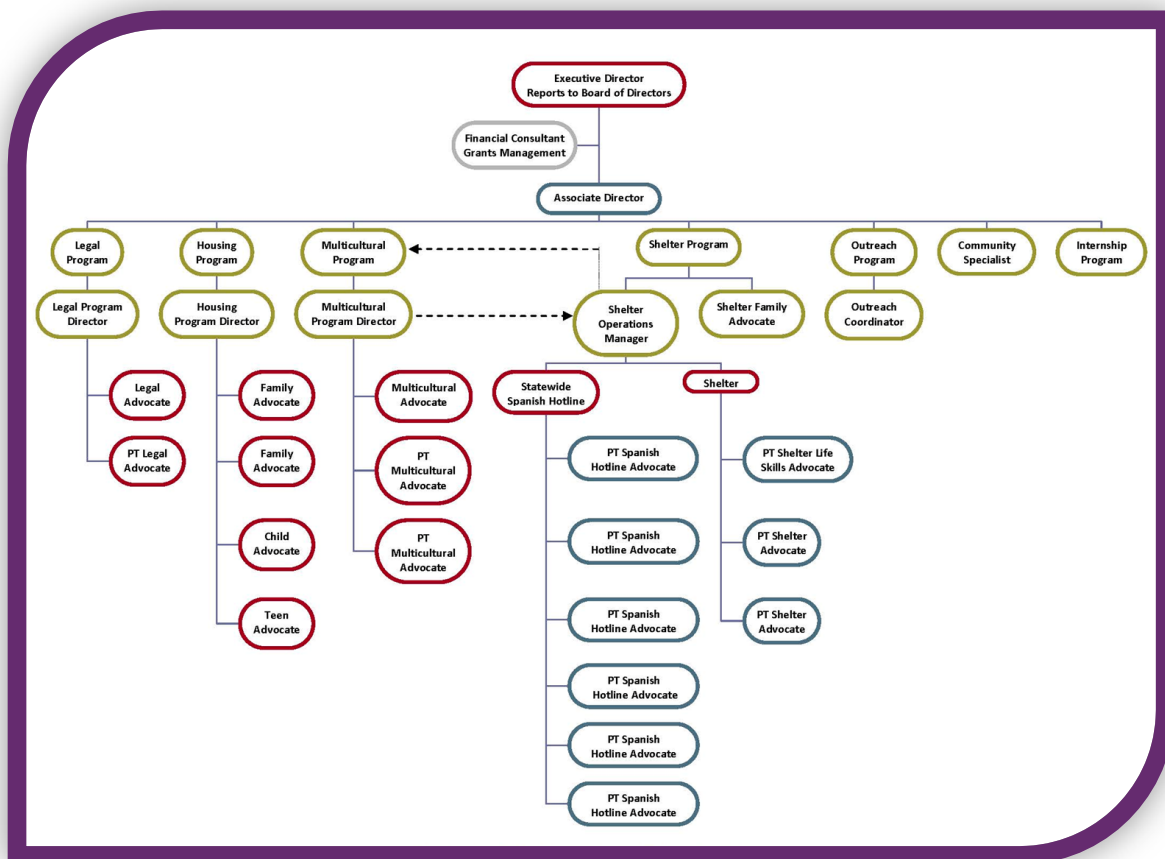
Multicultural Program

Norma Mendoza – Multicultural Program Director
 Maria Alfaro – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Erika Bernal – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Lorena Jacobo – Multicultural Outreach Coordinator
 Vivian Keller – Multicultural Advocate
 Irma Lucas – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Maria Martinez-Garcia – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Guadalupe Paredes – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Julia Perez – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Angela Salazar – Multicultural Advocate
 Mercedes Sherman – Spanish Hotline Advocate
 Reina Watt – Spanish Hotline Advocate

Legal Program

Thomasina DeGonzague – Legal Program Director
 Lyndsey Little – Senior Legal Advocate
 Elizabeth Wilson – Legal Advocate





Talented interns from local universities assist CFVC staff members in their work. During 2016, we were honored to have 14 interns join our team.

Kennesaw State University Masters of Social Work Interns included:

Katie Cantrell
Cynthia Das
Rachel Morris
Kelly Moshogianis
Michelle Price
Paul Sweatman

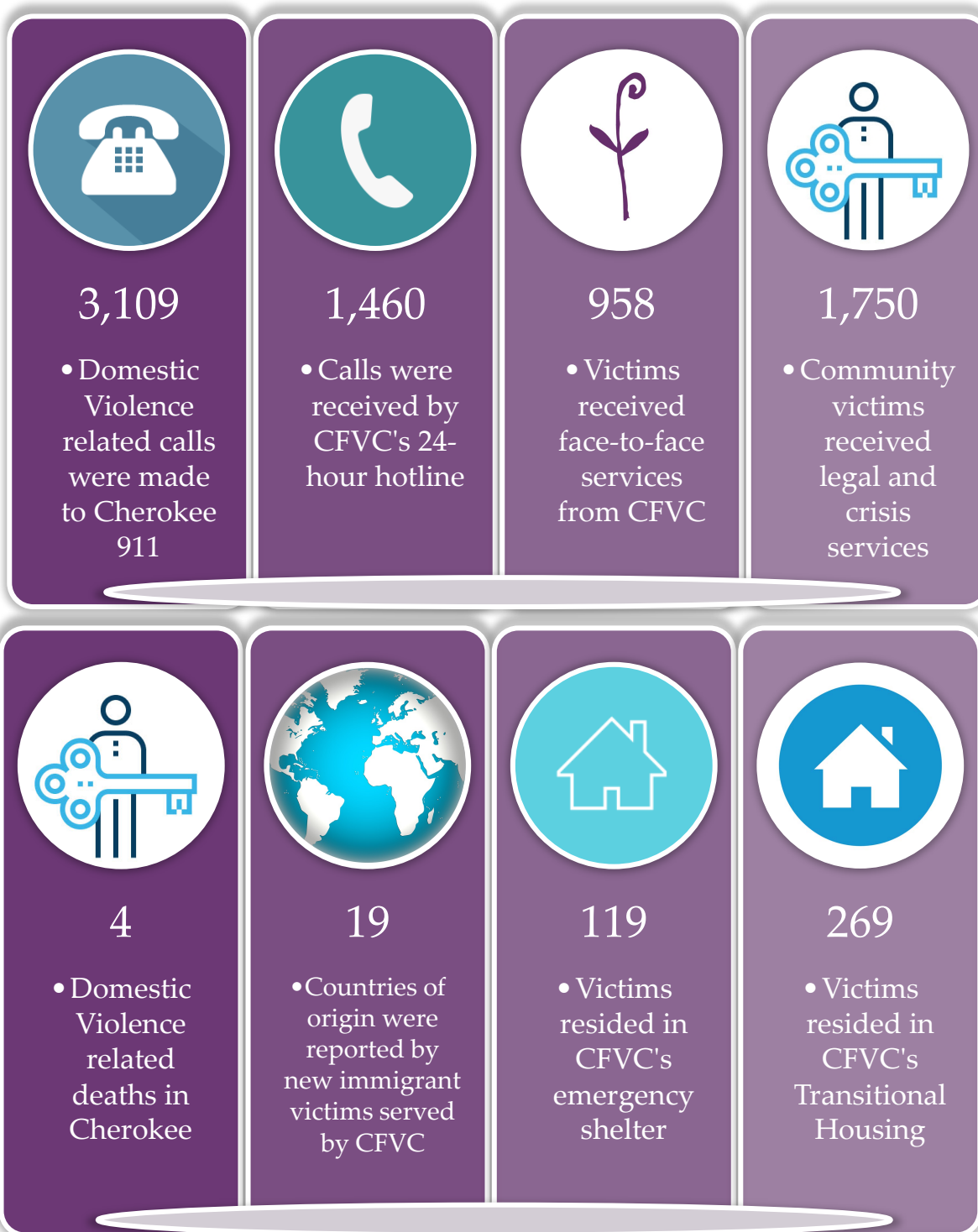
Mercer University Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy Interns included:

Jennifer Ajudua
Rachel Alerte
Samantha Heuwagen

Kennesaw State University Undergraduate Interns included:

Sharon Alpha
Madison Bobbitt
Shannon Brooks
Lindsay Emerich
Penelope Jacobs

Domestic Violence In Cherokee County During 2016



Tiffany's Story

We appreciate one of the many survivors we worked with during 2016 sharing the experience she and her children had with CFVC. Now a graduate of our Housing Program, Tiffany is an example for many of our clients. She is proof that hard work is a direct path to a bright and safe future and we wish she and her family continued success.

Before I came to the Cherokee Family Violence Center, my children and I were on the verge of homelessness. I had incurred a tremendous amount of debt due to the domestic violence situation that my children and I had become immersed in. Being without the help of the Cherokee Family Violence Center was a horrible experience in my life. I was without any money, and still had my children to somehow take care of. I have to admit that I did some things that I am definitely not proud of. I wrote bad checks to feed my children. I also depended on churches and other organizations for financial assistance. I got to know these organizations so well that I began exhausting their assistance and resources. I was in constant worry of paying rent, utilities getting shut off, or if my children and I would have basic toiletries such as toilet paper and laundry detergent. When I began to feel helpless and didn't know what to do, I found CFVC. There I was linked to an advocate, who was amazing. Without her help, support and guidance I do not know where my children and I would have ended up. She always listened, and she provided assistance on how to leave the abusive situation.

It took a lot of strength for me to leave, but my children have blossomed. They now have their own rooms, toys and beds. I no longer have the constant fear of losing my housing, getting my utilities shut off, or providing for my children. I also have held down my job, started school and have not needed any assistance or written a bad check. In being capable of accomplishing all of these positive things, whether big or small, I have been able to set an amazing example for my children.

I feel that this program has helped me in many tremendous ways. It has provided me the tools to assist me with my future endeavors, including a vehicle to assist me with transporting my children, commuting to work and continuing my education. I cannot thank my advocate enough for all the help she has given to me. She has made a permanent impact on my children and me. Ultimately, the true success story is that my children are survivors! This program made me realize I am an empowered woman! My family and I have been forever changed by Cherokee Family Violence Center.



Transitional Housing

It is difficult to overstate the crucial role affordable housing plays in victims' ability to free themselves and their children from domestic violence. With this in mind, we developed our supportive housing program in partnership with NuRock Development Corporation in 2005. The 72-unit gated apartment community features an activities center, free after school program, a swimming pool and playground. The property hosts a mix of Section 8, Income Tax Credit subsidies and market rate rentals. While residing on property, residents are encouraged to complete three curriculum-based classes:

Financial Empowerment, Intimate Partner Violence, and the Positive Parenting Program. The program also encourages residents to increase their education and income, maintain their utilities and follow all program policies. Victims who are receiving a Section 8 subsidy, who complete all requirements of the three-year program, are eligible to receive a Section 8 Community Voucher to take with them upon their move out. This innovative feature of our project provides victims and their children a path to permanent, affordable housing so they can continue to reside free from abuse.



2016

Women Housed: 80
Bednights: 22,061

Children Housed: 189
Bednights: 50,587

2015

Women Housed: 77
Bednights: 22,047

Children Housed: 156
Bednights: 47,286

2016

Permanent Housing With Voucher: 50
Permanent Housing Without Voucher: 5
No Permanent Housing: 15

2015

Permanent Housing With Voucher: 39
Permanent Housing Without Voucher: 19
No Permanent Housing: 7

During 2016, 55 victims completed their stay at Hearthstone Landing and obtained permanent housing. In contrast, only 15 victims left the program without having established permanent housing for their family. We continue to evaluate our program to grow the likelihood that victims will leave with a secure housing plan and continue to offer supportive services to all victims who leave our program.

In 2016, the onboarding process for residents of Hearthstone Landing was updated. Our partner, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), now handles the preliminary contacts and interviews with potential residents. The new process has reduced the wait times for victims to obtain supportive housing.

New Groups

This fall, we implemented a New Participants Group for residents of the Housing Program. The eight week group offers participants the opportunity to develop relationships with their neighbors and introduces the myriad services offered at CFVC. Seven new residents completed the group in 2016.

In 2017, the Housing Program will be introducing even more exciting groups for our residents including Building Communities, a career development course, Grief and Loss Group, Growing Together, and a group focused on mindfulness principles. These groups will address the needs of victims and their families to encouraging resiliency and healing from abuse, as they walk the path to permanent housing.



Advocates Lexi and Sheila celebrate the end of New Participants Group with a cake made by a talented client!



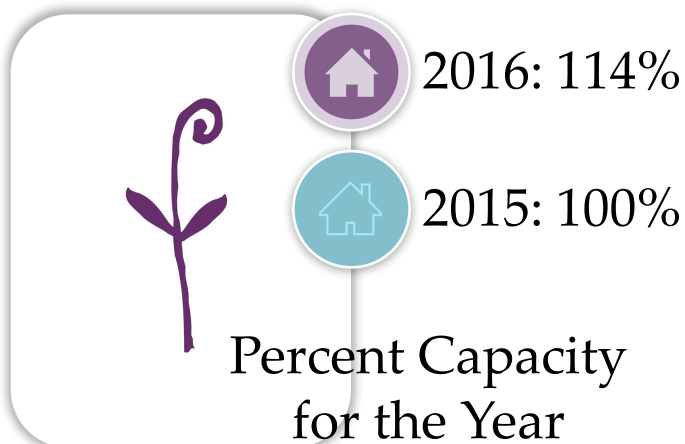
Graduation

During May 2016, CFVC staff threw a party to recognize the efforts of our residents as they accomplished the milestone of graduation. Three teen residents received high school diplomas and three women received college degrees. We were excited to celebrate with these special graduates and their families. Each has a bright future!



Shelter Program

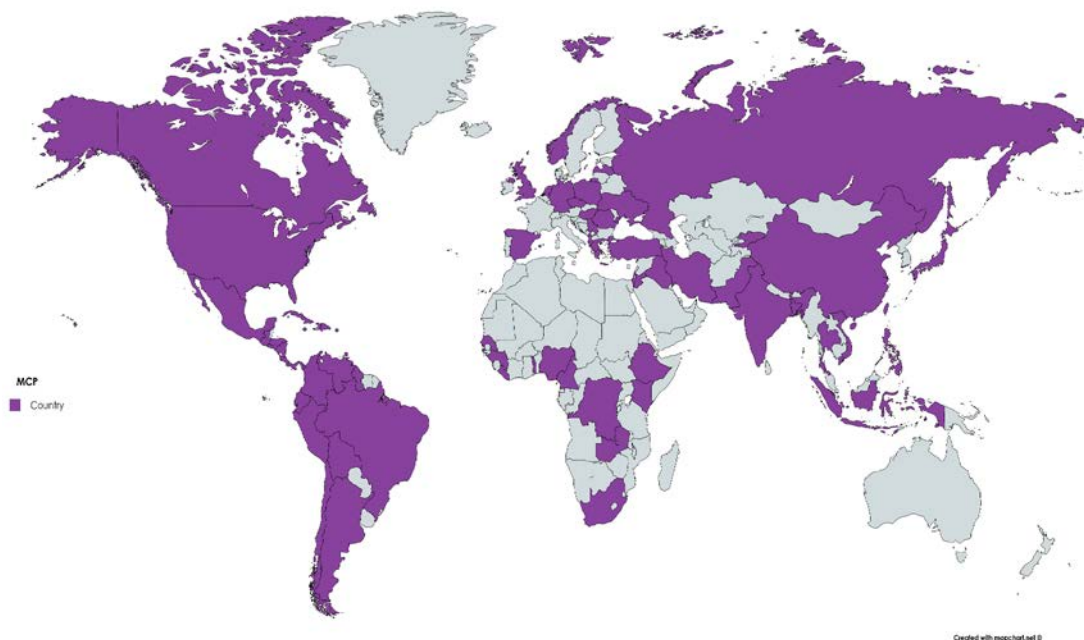
While many picture clinical or stark environments when they think of shelter, CFVC prides itself on maintaining a warm and comfortable, home-like environment for our residents. The 12-bed shelter provides a place for families who have been victims of domestic violence to find immediate safety while they get on their feet. The center allows them time to prepare a plan for safety after they leave shelter. Twenty-four hour staff assists residents in safety planning and provides emotional support and resources. Shelter work is client-focused and supportive of victims' needs. These values are what drive our staff to assist families to quickly achieve goals that can seem difficult during times of crisis. Food, transportation and unwavering support all come at no financial cost to the victims and residents are welcome to participate in supportive services offered in both the shelter and as a part of our Transitional Housing Program.



Demand for Shelter services remained higher than capacity for 2016. As an agency we strive to never turn a victim away; when we are at capacity in the shelter, we often host victims in area hotels. During 2016, 40 of the 120 victims sheltered were in a hotel for at least a portion of their stay.

Multicultural Program

Cherokee Family Violence Center has a longstanding commitment to immigrant victims of domestic violence. It is our goal to ensure that underserved populations and survivors of abuse have access to linguistically and culturally competent services through our Multicultural Program. CFVC remains the only domestic violence program in the State of Georgia that has been certified to provide immigration relief by the US Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) and has Partial Accreditation through the Board of Immigration Appeals to provide free legal immigration assistance to victims of domestic violence.



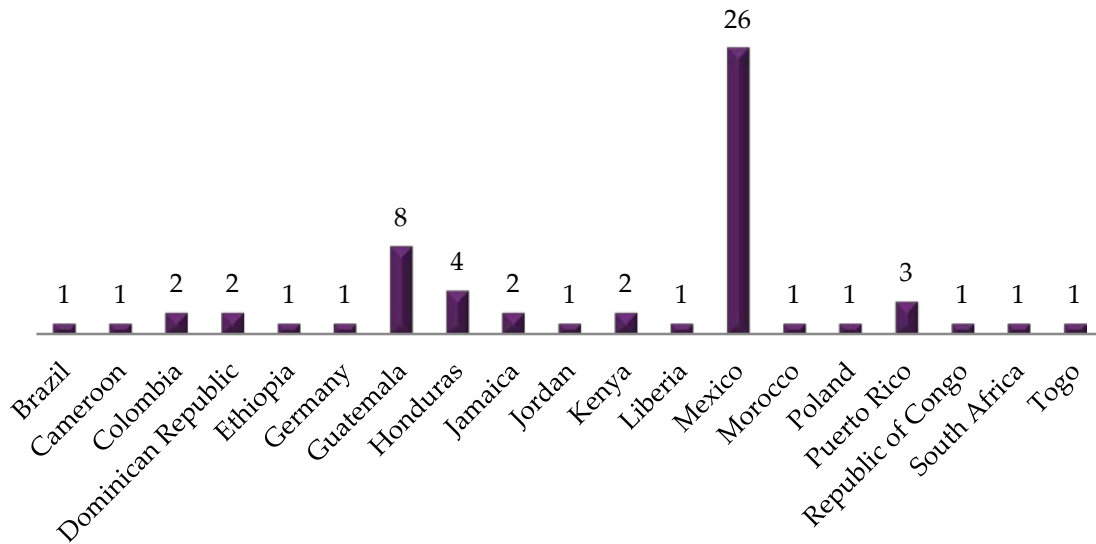
The map above depicts the countries of origin for clients of CFVC's Multicultural Program since 2005. Since that time:

CFVC HAS SERVED 490 VICTIMS FROM 67 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

VICTIMS HAIL FROM FIVE CONTINENTS ACROSS THE GLOBE – ONLY AUSTRALIA & ANTARCTICA ARE UNREPRESENTED.

MEXICO IS THE MOST COMMON COUNTRY OF ORIGIN – WE HAVE SERVED 229 CLIENTS FROM ACROSS MEXICO.

2016 New Clients' Country of Origin



Partnership with LLVI

During 2016, we continued our partnership with the Lifting Latina Voices Initiative (LLVI), a monthly leadership workshop focused on the needs of Latina women in Cherokee County. Reproductive health, self-esteem, immigrants' rights, finances and parenting are among the workshop topics. Twenty-seven women participated in LLVI during 2016.



Statewide Spanish Language Domestic Violence Hotline

CFVC continues to act as the hub for the State of Georgia's Spanish Language Domestic Violence hotline. Run by a staff of six bilingual Hotline Advocates, calls are taken around-the-clock from all over our state. Advocates work to connect Spanish-speaking victims with domestic violence programs local to them, while providing crisis intervention, safety planning and support in their native language. In addition, advocates provide emergency interpretation for law enforcement agencies, the Department of Families and Children Services (DFCS), and other domestic violence program staff who lack quick-response resources to communicate with victims.

**DURING 2016, VICTIMS MADE 438 CALLS TO THE
STATEWIDE SPANISH LANGUAGE HOTLINE.**

No Más Miedo (No More Fear) Campaign

During 2016, and in partnership with Caminar Latino, CFVC implemented a media campaign designed to address the findings of the 2015 Avon Foundation NO MÁS Study, the most comprehensive study of domestic violence and sexual assault in the U.S. Latina community to date. The study revealed that the main factors that prevented Latina victims from accessing life-saving services were fear of deportation, fear of more violence for themselves or their family, and fear of their children being taken away.

Our campaign was funded by the Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence Program to provide outreach to Latina victims through a media campaign which utilized the hashtags #NoMasMiedo or #NoMoreFear. The goals of the campaign were to provide domestic violence services to victims and to increase awareness in the community about survivors' rights as victims of crime, to include addressing the three fears brought to light by the survey.

In addition to posts across our social media platforms which encouraged use of the Spanish Language Hotline, a bilingual website and outreach materials were developed. Project partners provided materials at outreach events and public service announcements were run throughout the year on the

Univision television network. For more information on the NO MÁS campaign visit www.nomore.org/nomas.



**DURING THE CAMPAIGN, OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE
WERE REACHED WITH ONE FACEBOOK ADVERTISEMENT.**

Legal Program

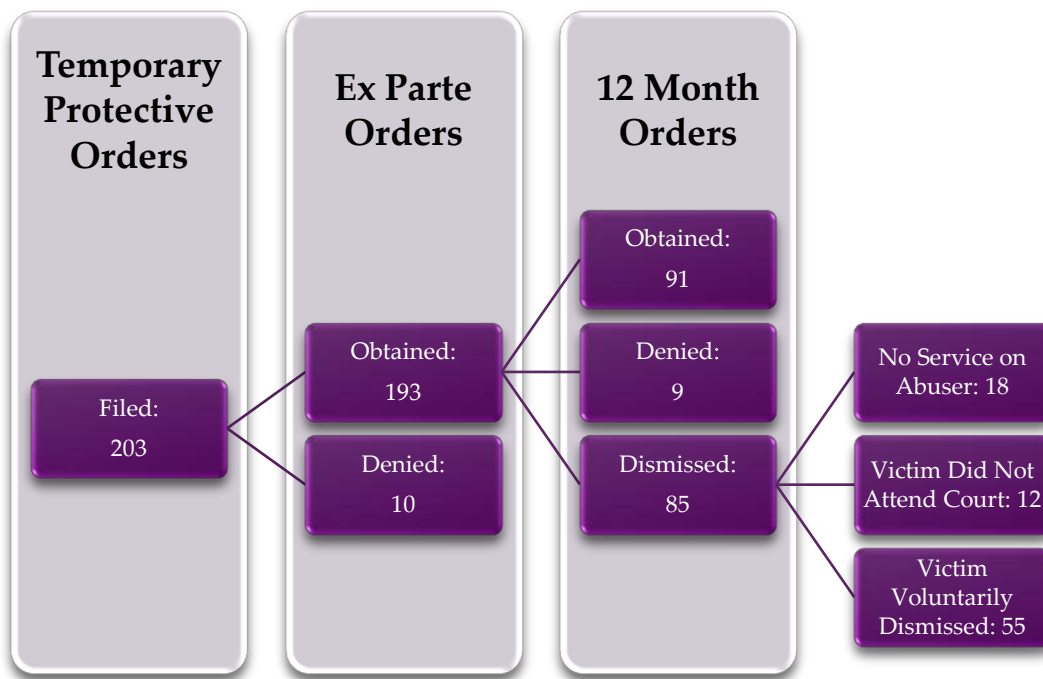
It is the mission of Cherokee Family Violence Center's Legal Program and our Legal Advocates to offer non-judgmental support, education, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence throughout the legal process. Legal Advocates aim to educate systems while they advocate for victims of domestic violence. Rigorous safety planning is conducted with victims, with a focus on legal interventions. As an agency dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence, stalking and dating violence, we are committed to helping victims understand their legal rights, available community resources, and how best to manage their personal safety. Legal Advocates are committed to supporting, listening, addressing victims' legal needs, and being empathetic and flexible.

2016 Legal Statistics



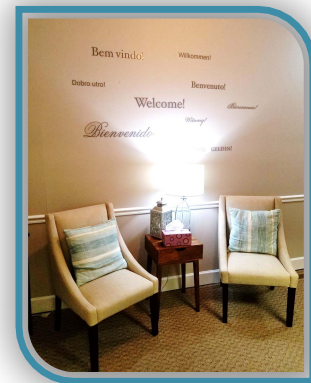
CFVC offers victims no-cost legal assistance including filing Temporary Protective Orders and other civil cases, as well as offers assistance applying for Crime Victims' Compensation, and developing a safety plan. Legal Advocates also provide information about additional legal systems including Law Enforcement and Prosecution and will assist victims with concerns around these systems by advocating with those systems, on behalf of victims, ensuring their safety needs are met.

Among our Legal Advocates' most valued duties is assisting victims with obtaining Temporary Protective Orders and providing support through other legal proceedings. Advocates also assisted 166 victim clients locate legal representation by way of referrals to local attorneys and Georgia Legal Services.



Legal Advocates maintain an open case on all active Temporary Protective Orders and complete periodic followup calls to victims who have an active TPO against their abuser. During 2016, Legal Advocates identified there were issues of contempt on active TPOs 44% of the time. Using their expertise in safety planning and systems change, Legal Advocates worked with victims to determine a plan to safely address the contempt issues and advocates with law enforcement, probation and the courts to enforce the existing orders.

In 2016, the Legal Program moved out of our Main Office and into the Legal Advocates Office, or the “L.A. Office” in Downtown Canton. The Legal Program has been consistently growing over the years and now at the new location, they are in walking distance to the courthouse which is quite efficient.



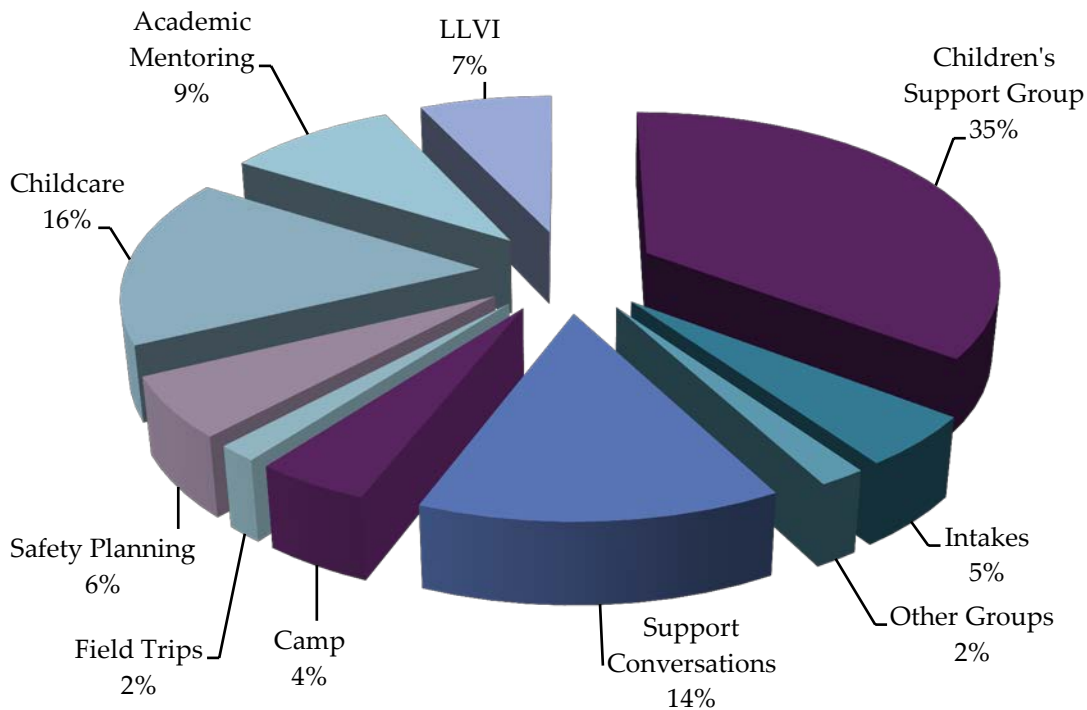
Victim Liaison

In partnership with Ascension Mental Health and Counseling, CFVC makes contact with victims whose abusers are participating in a 24-week Family Violence Intervention Program. Acting as Victim Liaisons, CFVC’s Legal Advocates and interns reach out to victims and conduct safety planning. During 2016, CFVC conducted safety checks with 53 victims and provided regular feedback to the FVIP about noted safety concerns, so the issues could be addressed in the curriculum and with the batterers in class.

Children's Program

Our Children's Program continues to grow as fast as the children we work with. The focus of our program remains advocating for children who have experienced or been exposed to violence in their homes, many of whom reside in our Transitional Housing and Shelter Programs. Aided by our community collaborations and network of volunteers, CFVC's children's services encourage healing from abuse and modeling of healthy relationships.

Children's Program Services



Holiday Events

We are fortunate to be able to host holiday events for the children throughout the year, in partnership with volunteers and civic groups. One of 2016's favorite events was an Easter Egg Hunt. More than 150 children living in CFVC's Shelter and Transitional Housing program were able to participate in the event, which was sponsored by the Cherokee County Solicitor General's Office and the Cherokee County Bar Association Law Day Committee, along with many volunteers from local public safety agencies.



Children's Support Group

Children's Support Group
Combined Attendance

2016
759 Sessions

2015
631 Sessions

Held at the same time as our groups for adults, 123 children had a combined attendance of 759 age-appropriate support groups during 2016. The 4-18 year old children, grouped by age and maturity level, find the groups to be a safe place to talk about their feelings. Advocates provide non-judgmental support during group time and lead play activities designed to build rapport and encourage resiliency.

Summer Camp

We held our first summer camp during 2016. Two sessions of Camp Summer We All Grow, also known as Camp SWAG, featured themes based on mindfulness, meditation, and attention stability. The week long camps, one held in June and the other in July, engaged a total of 22 campers. Meditation and journaling were incorporated into daily camp events, which included activities such as tie-dying camp shirts and yoga. Campers also experienced day trips to locations including Tae Kwon Do with Master Kim, Green Acres Equestrian Center, Sips N Strokes, Autumn Leaves assisted living, and the Art Barn.



Academic Mentoring

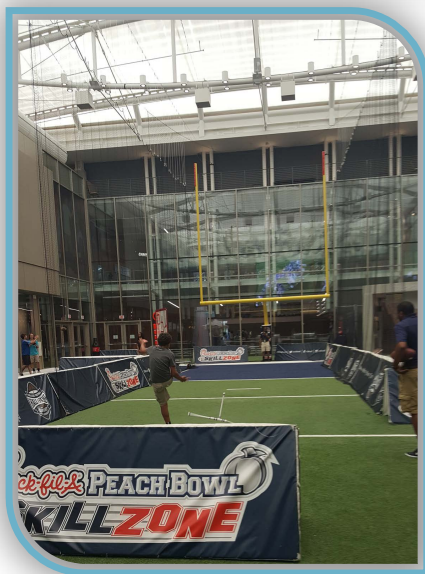
During 2016, we continued our partnership with Children's Restoration Network to conduct academic mentoring through Project One on One. The Monday night event was a hit with the 39 children who participated this year. Volunteer mentors provided 280 hours of tutoring to the children in the program.

Field Trips

We strive to provide fun experiences for the children in our program throughout the year, and during 2016 the children enjoyed many adventures as we implemented regularly scheduled field trips to locations including Zoo Atlanta.

The College Football Hall of Fame inspired the children to be active and strive for their goals no matter how difficult they may be to accomplish. At the end of the field trip, the children enjoyed showing off their football skills on the interactive playing field. Another active day was spent at the Canton YMCA, where the children enjoyed a day of swimming in the indoor pool.

We were also excited to bring some artistic experiences to the children. The Canton Theater hosted CFVC for a screening of “Zootopia” on the big screen – our kids felt like movie stars with the theater all to themselves! The children also excelled during a hip hop class at Rockwell Dance Company. They showed off their dance moves and even convinced the Child Advocates to join them on the dance floor.



Community Programs

Support Groups

Our move to Liberty Hill Church in 2015 allowed for growth and enhanced specialized programs for children, along with multiple meeting rooms for adult programs and classes. Support groups are facilitated by volunteers and paid staff and are offered in English and Spanish.

**88 ADULT CLIENTS HAD A
COMBINED ATTENDANCE OF 447
SUPPORT GROUPS DURING 2016.**

Classes

CFVC continues to provide structured classes to our community, designed to empower survivors as they reclaim independence from abuse. Eleven clients participated in our Financial Empowerment class during 2016. The class seeks to improve financial literacy and lays groundwork for positive financial choices which extend beyond the clients' time working with CFVC. Inadequate financial resources often serve as powerful barriers to victims' access to legal counsel, transportation, medical care, childcare and housing. Financial independence often equates with independence from the abuser and participants gain needed skills in that regard.

Thirty-six victims had a combined attendance of 177 Intimate Partner Violence classes during 2016. The 12-week curriculum, offered in both English and Spanish, helps victims find answers about the cause of abuse in their relationships and discusses the importance of healthy relationships, in hopes of reducing the likelihood of future violence.

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is designed to build upon the positive aspects of relationships between parent and child. The evidence-based curriculum addresses troubling behaviors in children. One-hundred-sixty-two parents participated in Triple P during 2016.



Adult Support Group made this beautiful wreath for the Festival of Trees at the R.T. Jones Library.

Hotline

CFVC is home to 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotlines in English and Spanish, and also offers TTY access for the hearing impaired. Round-the-clock assistance is offered to callers by staff and volunteers who are trained to assess for safety, assist with immediate needs, provide resources and information about our programs, and make arrangements for securing safe shelter for those who are in need.

CFVC RECEIVED 1,460 CALLS TO OUR 24-HOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINES DURING 2016.

Hotline staff and volunteers provide ongoing supportive listening to victims, concerned family members, friends, and community members 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

CHEROKEE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:

(770) 479 - 1703

STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:

1 (800) 33 - HAVEN

Low-Cost Medical, Dental, and Counseling Assistance

Funding through the United Way Healthy Communities Grant sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, has allowed Cherokee Family Violence Center to provide low-cost primary healthcare services to the families we serve. Medications, blood tests and non-emergency medical, dental and counseling services were provided to 105 individuals during 2016.

Community Specialist Program

Acknowledging the growing need for a dedicated advocate to work with victims who resided in the community, rather than in one of our housing programs, the Community Specialist position was created in November 2016 and was filled by seasoned CFVC Advocate Teresa Millsaps. Before the end of 2016, she had already met with 17 victims who received crisis intervention, safety planning, court accompaniment, advocacy with other agencies, support conversations, and case management.

The program plans to implement a Friends and Family Support Group during 2017, offering a safe space for those closest to victims to process their feelings and provide helpful support to one another and the victims in their lives.



Outreach Programs

New Logo and Branding

This year, as our programs have continued to develop and grow, so did our logo. During 2016, CFVC partnered with Bunker Design to update our look. Together with a committee of staff members, Bunker provided concepts and design expertise as CFVC implemented new branding. The 2016 logo is designed to build on the existing CFVC logo, which had been used since 2002. The new primary logo features a taller, more developed bud than that which previously appeared. Variations of the logo will be featured on a website update planned for 2017.



Old Logo



New Logo



Angel House volunteers assisted in organizing our storage area.

Volunteers

CFVC offered volunteer training twice during 2016, with 24 participants in the spring and six participants in the summer. Volunteering with CFVC requires a heart for serving those who have experienced domestic violence and those 30 new volunteers are an extraordinary, diverse group of people who were willing to join us in our work.



CFVC Volunteers help in so many ways. They pitch in on everything from working at our front desk, to answering our crisis hotline, or helping with our children's support group. Volunteers are also some of our best ambassadors, often connecting us with churches and local civic organizations that often join us in our mission.

30 NEW VOLUNTEERS JOINED A TOTAL OF 89 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS IN CONDUCTING 5,846 HOURS OF SERVICE DURING 2016.

Fundraisers

Given the demand for our services, resources are often scarce and CFVC relies on fundraising efforts driven by our Board of Directors and community members. Fundraising is a vital aspect in our efforts to support and promote safety for victims of domestic violence and we greatly appreciate the generosity of our community.

Poker Run

Poker Runs were held on April 30th and September 17th this year. Participants cruised through Cherokee County in the vehicle of their choice, picking up a playing card at each of the ride's five stops. Riders completed their hand at the final stop before enjoying an end of ride celebration including door prizes, lunch, and entertainment. The high hand of the day won a cash prize.



Jeep Raffle

Sponsored by Ed Voyles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, CFVC raffled off a 2017 Jeep Wrangler 4X4. At \$25 a ticket, hopeful participants stocked up on the raffle tickets and crossed their fingers they would win a new ride! CFVC sold over 1,000 tickets to community supporters. Lucky winner, Lynn, chose the cash option and is pictured here accepting her prize.



Trainings Given

Cherokee Family Violence Center staff are well known as subject matter experts operating within the best practices of our field and are often called on to speak about our work. Our training presentations on the local and statewide level included the following topics:

- “Working with the Department of Family and Children Services”
- “Supporting Law Enforcement's Role in Domestic Violence Response”
- “Philosophy of Domestic Violence”
- “Trauma and the Effects of Domestic Violence”
- “Lethality Indicators in Intimate Partner Violence Cases”
- “Teen Dating Violence”

Presentations on CFVC services were also made to groups including:

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| • Ahimsa House | • Forsyth County Domestic Violence Task Force |
| • Angel House | • Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force |
| • Atlanta Legal Aid | • Georgia Commission on Family Violence Annual Conference |
| • Ball Ground Police Department | • Georgia Latinas Against Domestic Violence |
| • Canton Police Department | • Georgia Probation Management |
| • Caminar Latino | • Hasty Elementary School |
| • Canton Health Department | • Johnston Elementary School |
| • Chattahoochee Learning Center | • Kennesaw State University |
| • Cherokee Christian Association | • North Cobb High School |
| • Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force | • Northside Hospital Cancer Institute |
| • Cherokee High School | • Orange United Methodist Church |
| • Creekview High School | • River Ridge High School |
| • Creekland Middle School | • Salvation Army |
| • E.T. Booth Middle School | • Sequoyah High School |
| • Etowah High School | • Woodstock High School |
| • Etowah Junior Eagles Lacrosse | • Woodstock Middle School |
| • Faith Presbyterian Church | |

**DURING 2016, CFVC STAFF MEMBERS PRESENTED
AT 110 TRAINING EVENTS ON THE LOCAL AND
STATEWIDE LEVEL. PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE
TO AN AUDIENCE OF 3,937.**



Awareness Events

Cherokee Family Violence Center staff members also took place in awareness events throughout the State:

- 2016 Alma G. Davis Empowerment Conference "Dinner for Divas"
- Back to School Bash by Amerigroup
- Back to School Blast
- Canton First Friday
- ReDream Project
- AM1310 Inspiration, Radio Interview
- Gateway International Food and Music Festival
- GCADV Race for Empowerment
- Night Out Against Crime
- Stop Violence Against Women Day
- Walking Among Us - Now and Forever
(Caminando Entre Nosotros - Ahora y Siempre)



CFVC Staff and Task Force members along with Representative Scot Thompson and Representative Michael Caldwell at Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia Capitol.

Candlelight Vigil

In accordance with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Cherokee Family Violence Center holds a candlelight vigil each October to honor survivors and memorialize Georgia victims who were killed in domestic violence-related incidents during 2016.

This year's vigil was held on October 11th in Cannon Park in Canton. 121 victims were killed in domestic violence related incidents in Georgia, during 2016.



Trainings Attended

Cherokee Family Violence Center recognizes that in order to maintain our position as one of the most progressive domestic violence agencies in the state, our staff must maintain ongoing training on best practices within our field. As an agency, we strive to achieve training goals on a variety of topics so that our staff members have a well-rounded approach to working with clients. We consistently exceed minimum training requirements for State-certified domestic violence programs.

CFVC ADVOCATES RECEIVED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 841 HOURS OF TRAINING THIS YEAR ALONE.

CFVC staff members received training on topics including:

- Abuse Later in Life
- Addressing the Link Between Violence and Animal Cruelty
- Victims Compensation Training
- Annual Family Violence Conference
- Best Practices in Legal Advocacy: Working with Law Enforcement and Court Systems
- Cognitive Based Compassion Training
- CPR Training
- CRASE Active Shooter Response Training
- Domestic Violence: What Every Frontline Advocate Should Know
- Emotionally Focused Therapy Training
- Georgia's PORCH (Crisis Response)
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Referral Services
- How to Talk to Children Who Have Been Exposed to Domestic Violence
- Human Trafficking Training for Service Providers
- KSU Internship Training
- Legal Advocate Designation
- Mediation in Domestic Violence Cases
- OVW Voluntary Services Training
- Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light
- Strangulation Training
- Telemental Health Ethics
- The Prosecution Process: Arrest to Case Disposition
- TPO Training

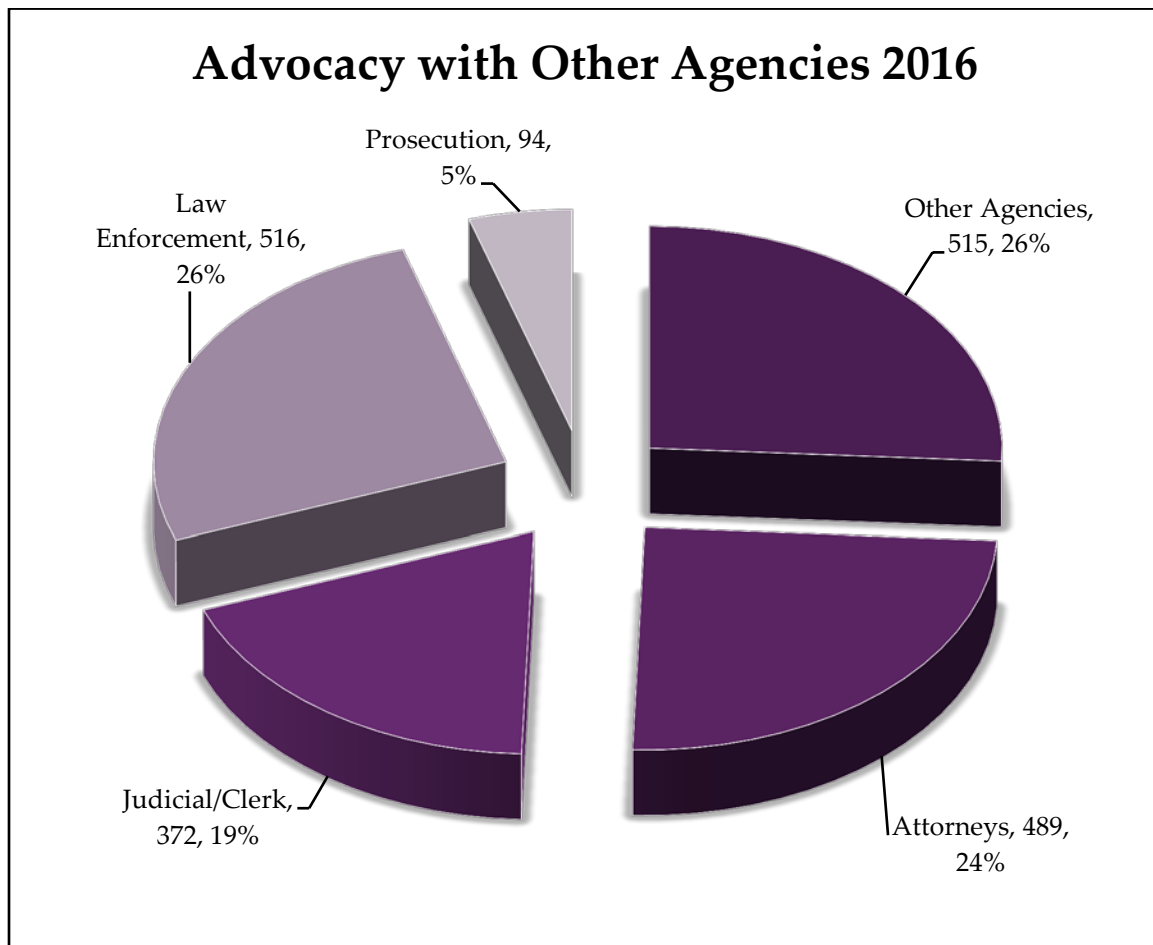


Brooke Larson, Kelly Moshogianis, and Meg Rogers met Susan Still, a survivor speaker who shared her story at the Annual Family Violence Conference.

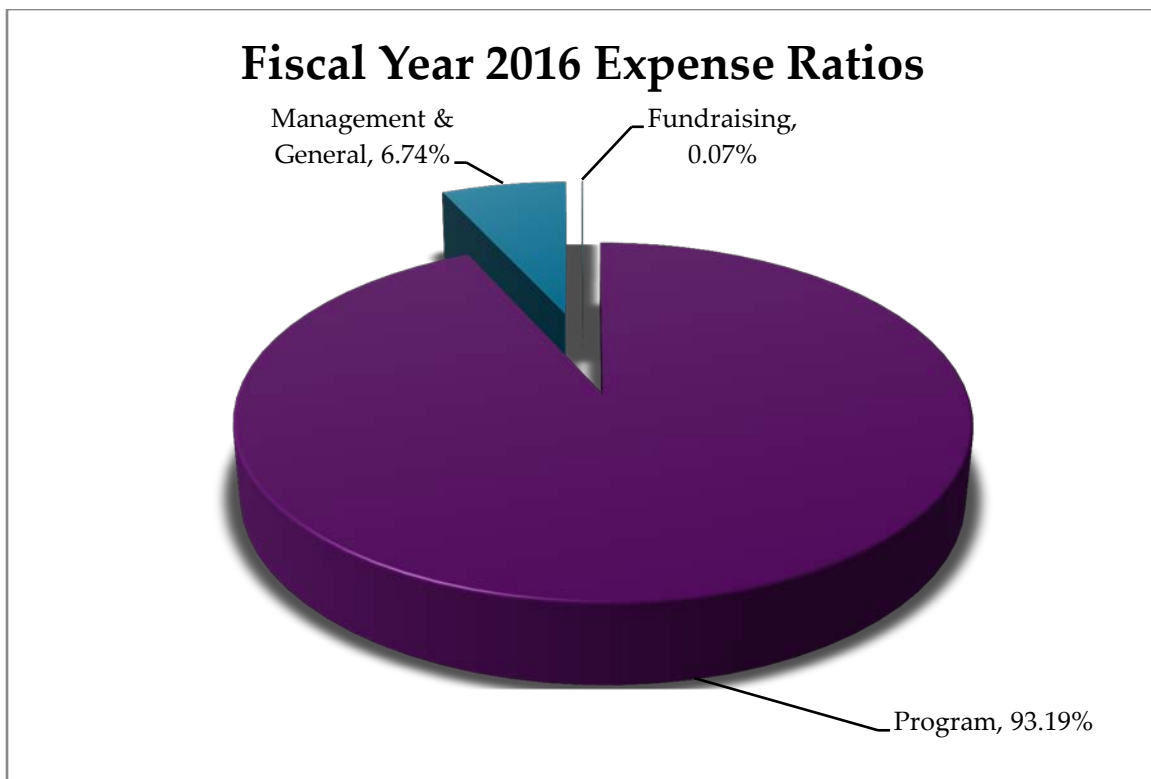
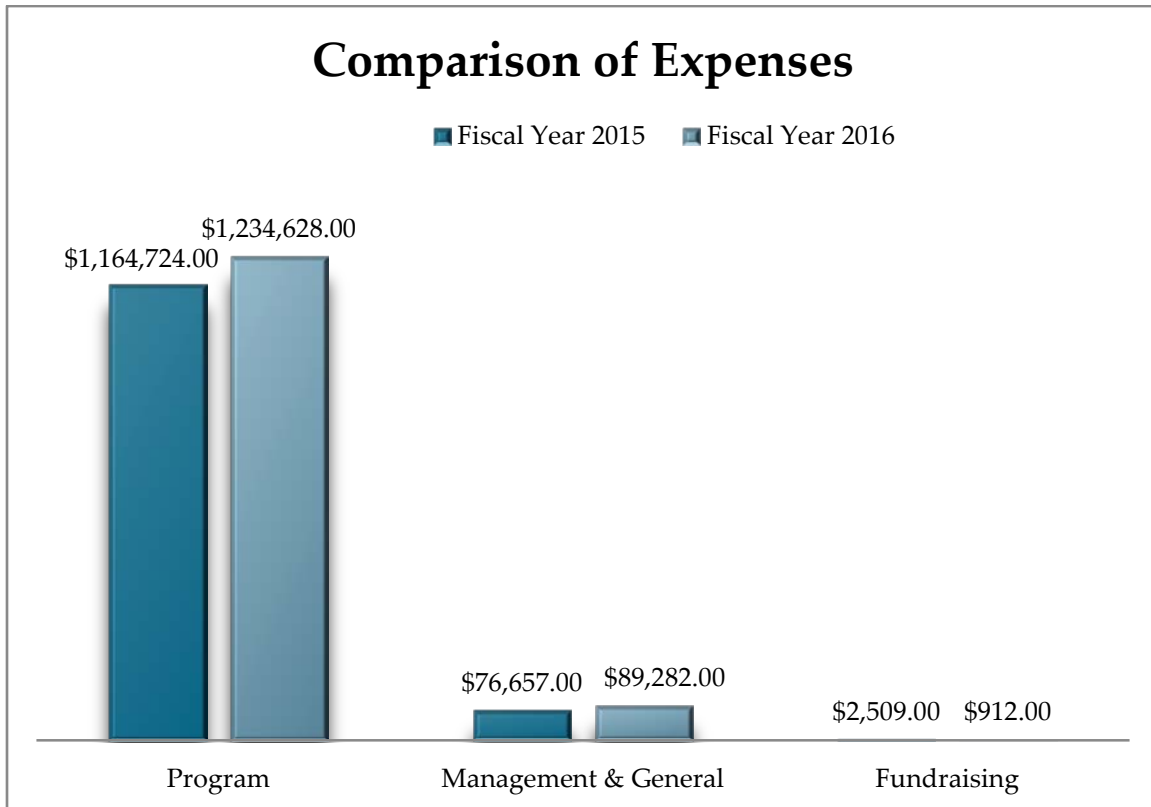
Advocacy on Behalf of Our Clients

One of our most important roles as advocates is to ensure that other community partners such as counselors, doctors, law enforcement officers, social service workers and attorneys, understand how their responses affect victims. We consider advocacy for our clients and engaging other community stakeholders to join us in modeling best practices, among our top priorities.

**DURING 2016, CFVC ADVOCATES MADE 1,986
CONTACTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES ON BEHALF OF
434 OF OUR CLIENTS.**

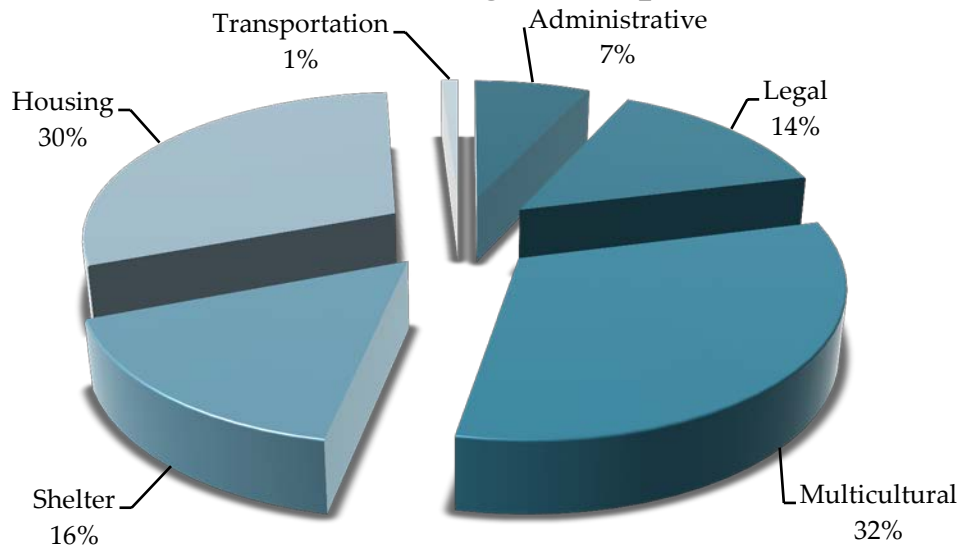


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Program Expenses

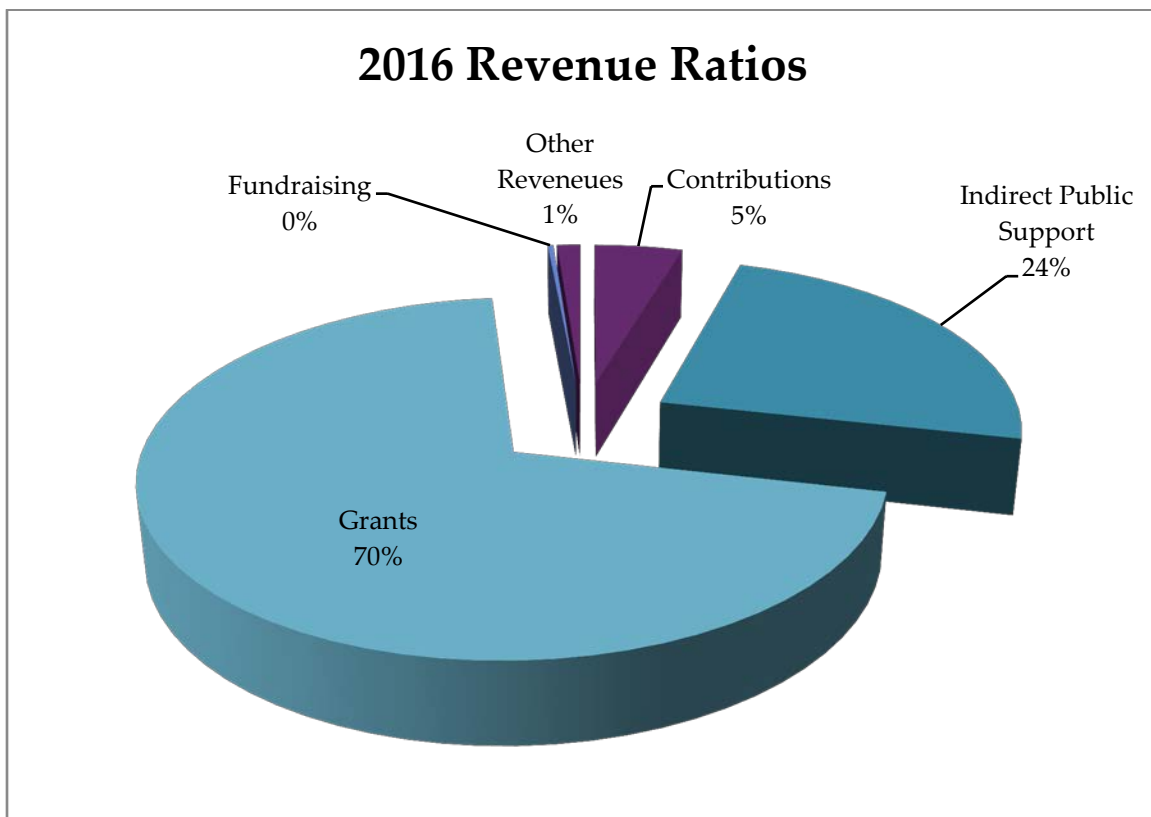
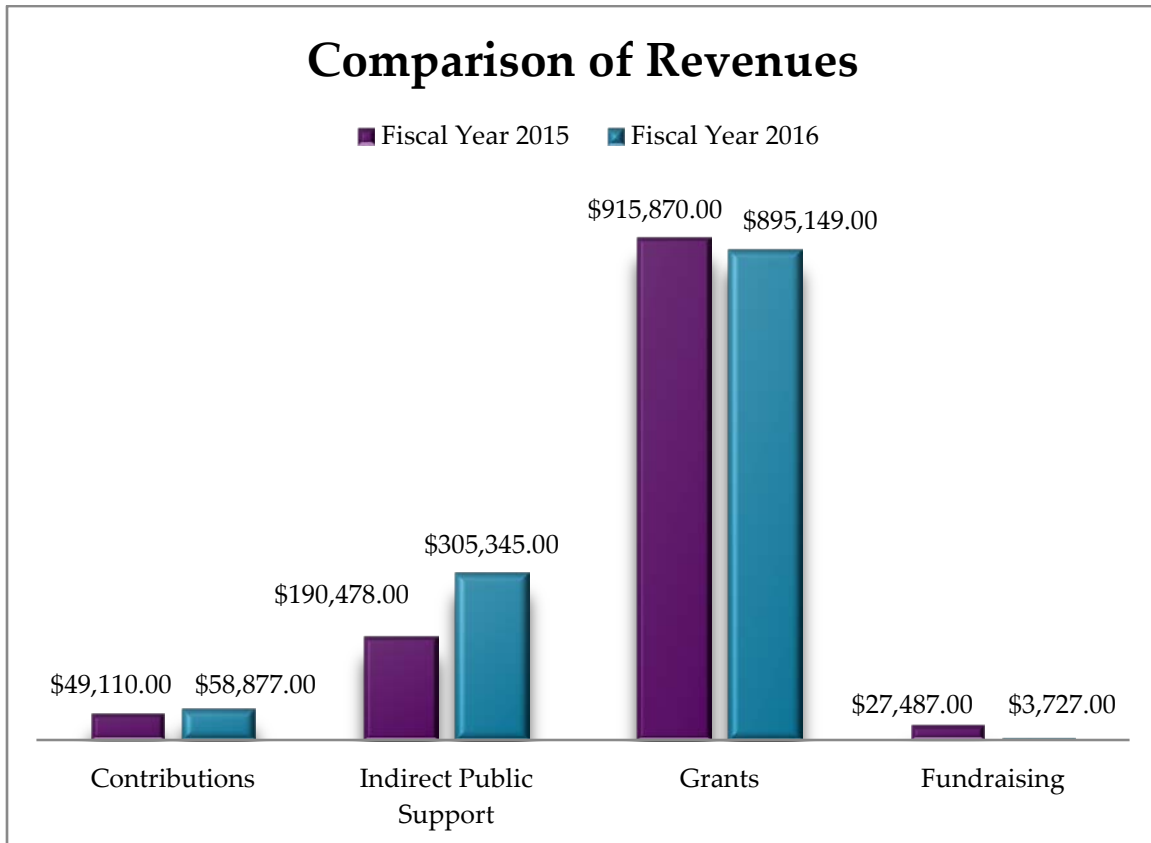
Calendar Year 2016 Program Expense Ratios



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Revenues



Partners in Our Work

Grant Funders

Nearly three quarters of our work with victims is funded by grants. We have been fortunate to receive continued support from many of our funders this year, and appreciate our generous grantors' continued support of our work. Grants received during 2016 include:

Cherokee County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grant (FVPSA)
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – State Grant
Judicial Council of Georgia/Administrative Office of the Court – Legal Services Grant
Office on Violence Against Women – Transitional Housing Grant
Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Grant
United Way – Atlanta Grant
United Way – Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant
United Way – Kaiser Foundation Grant
United Way – Permanent Housing Grant
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Legal Grant
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Statewide Spanish Hotline Grant
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Transitional Housing Grant

Community Partners

Cherokee Family Violence Center is a non-profit organization and as such, we depend on the support of our community. We are fortunate to have received support from many partners this year and thank each of them for giving of their time, talents and resources in support of our mission. A special thanks to those who contributed over \$1,000 each:

Avon Foundation
Bird Family Charitable Trust
Bridgemill Sixes Service League
Canton First United Methodist Church
Chart Industries
His Hands Church
Liberty Hill Church
Molly Maids of Cherokee County, Kennesaw & Acworth
Ms. Molly Foundation
Pamela & Milton Watkins Family Foundation
Straight Edge Tattoo
Wells Fargo Foundation
Women of Woodstock



Publix

Publix gathered their team of eager and energetic volunteers to help with projects onsite at our main office, transitional housing, and shelter locations on April 17, 2016. The group visited our program to lend a hand as part of Publix Serves, a day of service organized for employees by the Lakeland, Florida-based grocery chain. Together, Publix employees provided service to 125 non-profit organizations, including Cherokee Family Violence Center.

Publix volunteers from multiple local stores, helped with everything from painting common



areas of the main office to building planter boxes for a community garden for apartment residents. "Publix Serves celebrates our associates and embraces our communities," explained Maria

Brous, director of media and community relations for Publix. "Community service is ingrained in our culture – it's who we are. We serve our customers in our stores; we serve each other and our communities in times of need. There is nothing more gratifying than to hear and see the impact our associates make in our communities each and every day." We are lucky to count Publix among our most active supporters!



Needs List

Transitional Housing and Shelter Needs Include the Following New Items:

Kitchen utensils (such as measuring spoons, spatulas, ladles, etc.)
 Silverware
 Knife set/blocks
 Microwaves
 Can openers
 Pots and pans
 Food prep and storage items
 Shower curtains
 Bath mats
 Towels
 Wash cloths
 Cleaning supplies
 Mops
 Brooms
 Vacuum cleaners
 Laundry detergent
 Dishwashing detergent
 Deodorant
 Shampoo and conditioner
 Bar soap or body wash
 Loofahs
 Cotton Swabs Toothpaste
 Toothbrushes
 Feminine hygiene products
 Undergarments (new bras, new panties in a variety of sizes)
 Diapers (variety of sizes)
 Sippy Cups
 Birthday party kits (plates, napkins, tablecloth, etc., for kids and teens)
 Arts and crafts kits (for children and adults of all ages)
 Planners



In 2016, Ms. Lawton's first grade class from Knox Elementary School assembled 30 "Night Night" tote bags for the children of the shelter. The tote included a stuffed animal, a blanket, books, and a special card with a positive message.

Other Needs Include:

Gift cards (particularly for groceries, gas, and local retailers)
 Monetary donations in any amount

**CFVC AND THE VICTIMS WE SERVE APPRECIATE YOUR
 GENEROUS DONATIONS!**





We greatly appreciate your support during 2016. We hope you will continue to play a part in our work to enhance the safety of those impacted by intimate partner violence and their children, and look forward to a successful 2017!

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