

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.375**

**Program Name: Child Advocacy Centers**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Child Advocacy Centers & KC Child Advocacy Center**

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Protecting children from abuse/neglect.

**1b. What does this program do?**

The Children's Division Child Advocacy Center (CAC) program provides victims of child abuse and neglect an avenue to be interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer about their abuse in a child-friendly, neutral, and culturally sensitive environment, and provides medical, mental health, and advocacy services to children and their families.

Forensic interviews are conducted in a culturally competent manner by forensic interviewers trained in a nationally recognized, research-based curriculum that includes child development, linguistics, and child abuse issues. The Children's Division makes grants to the CACs. The funds are used for expenses needed to operate the centers such as salaries, equipment, facility costs, etc. MO Kids First, the organization which represents CACs, develops the funding plan for distribution of these funds, which is then reviewed and implemented by the Department. Current Child Advocacy Centers are as follows:

**FY 23 Contracted Amount per Child Assessment Center**

<b>Child Advocacy Center</b>	<b>Contracted Amt.</b>
Lakes Area CAC	\$42,684
Southeast Missouri CAC	\$196,374
Clay-Platte County CAC	\$159,489
Boone County CAC	\$251,641
Jefferson County CAC	\$289,976
Joplin CAC	\$288,919
Jackson County CAC	\$272,715
Camden County CAC	\$194,995
Pettis County CAC	\$178,929
Greene County CAC	\$361,685
St. Charles County CAC	\$385,577
Buchanan County CAC	\$183,148
Ozark Foothills CAC	\$117,038
North Central MO CAC	\$168,949
St. Louis City CAC	\$187,944
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,468,007</b>

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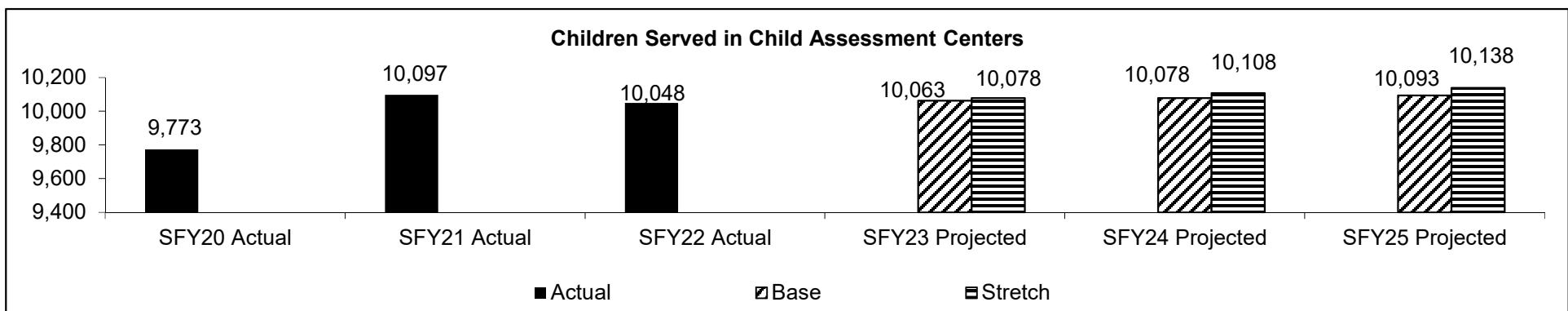
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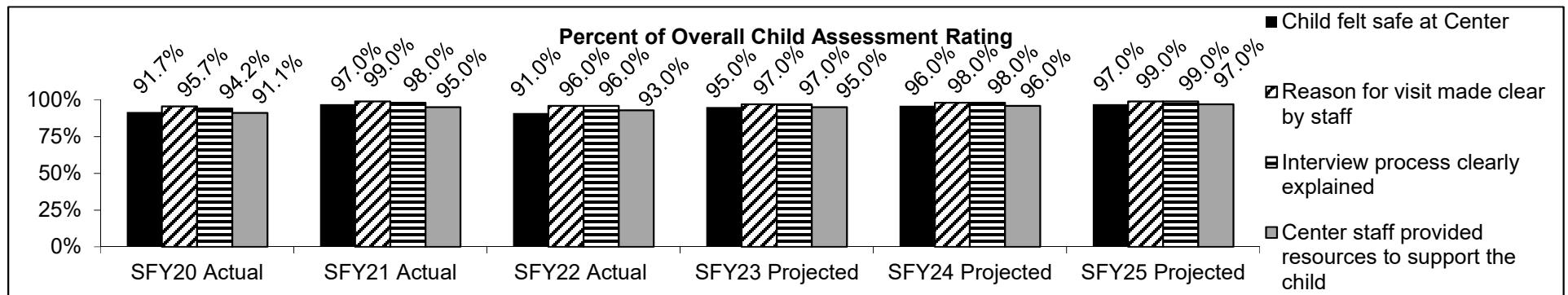
### 2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



#### Eligible:

- Children who have been reported to have been sexually or physically abused, or witness the abuse of another child or violent crime.
- Child Assessment Center Sites: Boone County, Buchanan County, Camden county, Cape Girardeau County, Clay/Platte Counties, Greene County, Grundy County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Jasper County, Pettis County, Ripley County, St. Charles County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and Taney County.

### 2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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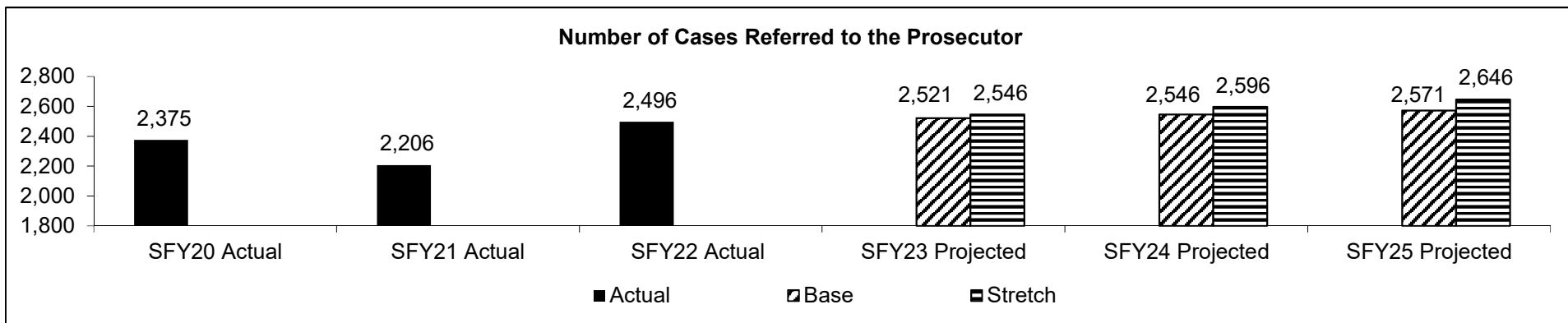
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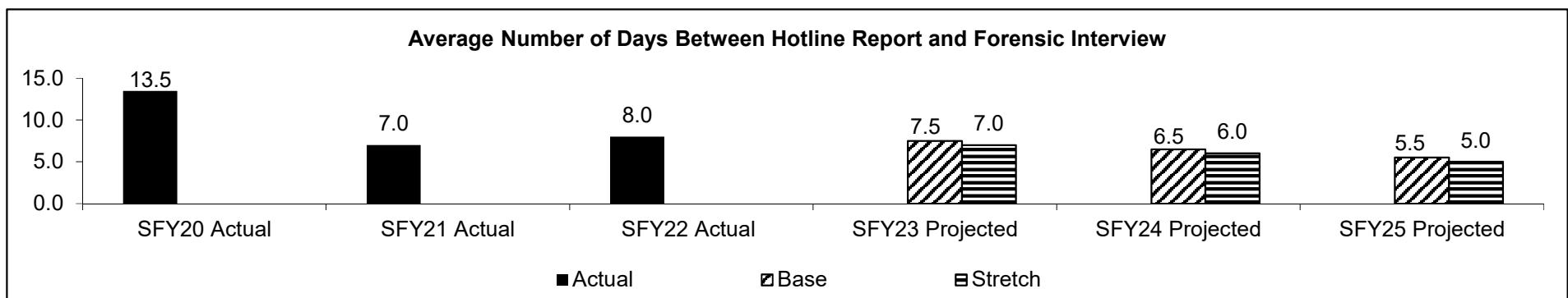
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### 2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



### 2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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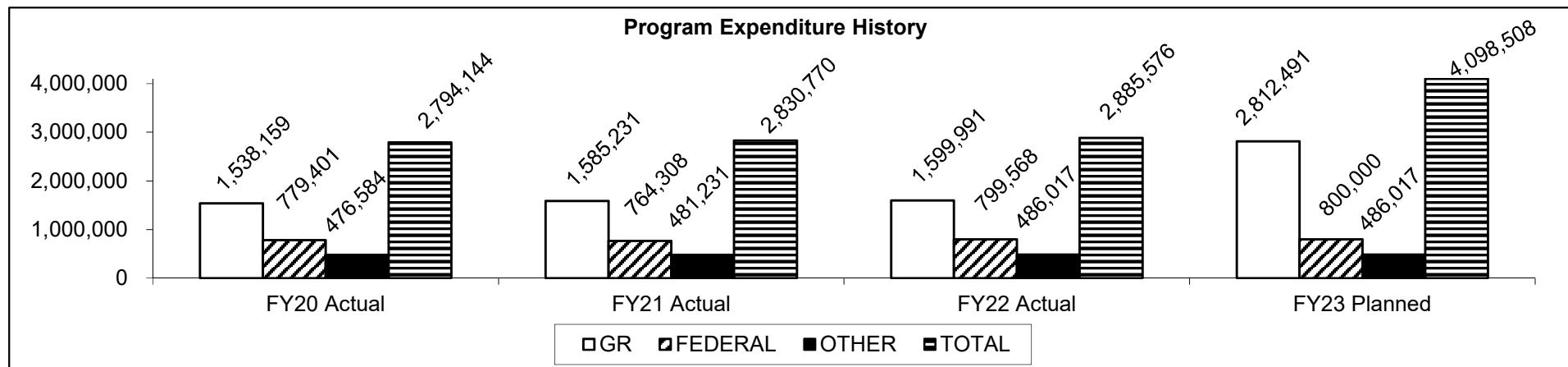
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

Health Initiatives Fund (0275)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

State statutes: Section 210.001, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to protect children who are abused and neglected. Administrative activities related to these obligations would be considered mandatory.