



**COUNCIL ON
DOMESTIC ABUSE**

IMPACT

REPORT

FY2022

INTRODUCTION

The 2022 Fiscal Year has been a year of continued change and growth for the Council on Domestic Abuse, Inc.

This year brought big change and transition as we worked diligently to continue to improve our programs and hone in on our processes during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has proven to be an exceedingly difficult time to provide services to vulnerable populations while also ensuring the safety and care of our staff. With the support of our generous donors and volunteers, we were successful.

Our community is aware that, in 2019, CODA nearly closed its doors due to financial issues caused by delays in our federal reimbursement grants. Many domestic violence programs in Indiana heavily rely on this funding and, unfortunately, had to cease operations for this reason. CODA was fortunate in that our community came together, pooled resources, and raised the necessary funds to allow us to remain in operation.

This outpouring of community support and generosity of our beloved donors wasn't something we took lightly. The situation prompted our organization, with the help of

the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), to take a deep dive into our organizational finances and spend the better part of a year doing what we could as an organization to ensure that we would not be put in that situation again.

We are happy to report that our organization is now more financially stable than it has been in quite some time. We have the ICADV recommended amount of reserves, and we can function without fear thanks to donors like you.

We would not be in the financial position we are in without the support of an anonymous donor that approached us last year. This donor grew up in Vigo County in an abusive environment. Though they no longer live in our county, they wanted to give back to an organization they wish had existed when they were a kiddo living with abuse. This donor offered a \$50,000, \$1-for-\$1 matching opportunity and, in February of 2021, we were able to meet that match, totaling \$100,000. What an incredible gift for our organization and our community!

OUR STORY SO FAR

OUR MISSION

Our mission, for many years, has been the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault through societal change and the empowerment of abused individuals and their minor children.

We made several forward moves towards our mission this fiscal year including:

- Housing 92 individuals in the emergency shelter (including pets)
- Sending staff to specialized training including Mental Health First Aid, QPR Training and an international sexual assault conference
- Starting a flexible funding program to meet survivors' needs
- Building the sexual assault program with the help of ICESAHT
- Educating at schools in Vigo and Sullivan counties
- Attending community events in Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties

OUR PURPOSE

Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault have continued to struggle in our post-Covid world. Mental health continues to be an ongoing issue, along with financial struggles and substance abuse. Our organization continues to do what we do best which is to serve as a resource hub for Survivors and to connect Survivors with the tools that they need to remove barriers in their life that, once removed, will allow them to find safe housing, away from abuse.

IN FY 2022,
16 CHILDREN
CALLED THE SHELTER
HOME

OUR FY 2023 GOALS

1 **Meet Survivors where they are in the community instead of making them come to us.**

Asking Survivors to come to us is a thing of the past. In order to help Survivors as best we can, we **MUST** meet them where they are. This means traveling to doctors' offices, the park, coffee shops, wherever someone feels safe enough to speak to an Advocate. Not all Survivors have the luxury of having transportation, and the shelter can be a very intimidating and scary place for Survivors.

2 **Survivor support groups: WE NEED THEM!**

This fiscal year, we want to bring back our in person support groups with the help and support of FSA Counseling. We want these support groups to be in neutral locations that are easily accessed by all Survivors of any financial status. We want to be able to provide bus passes to those that have no transportation, and childcare to those that need to bring their children in order to attend.

3 **Grow our sexual assault program.**

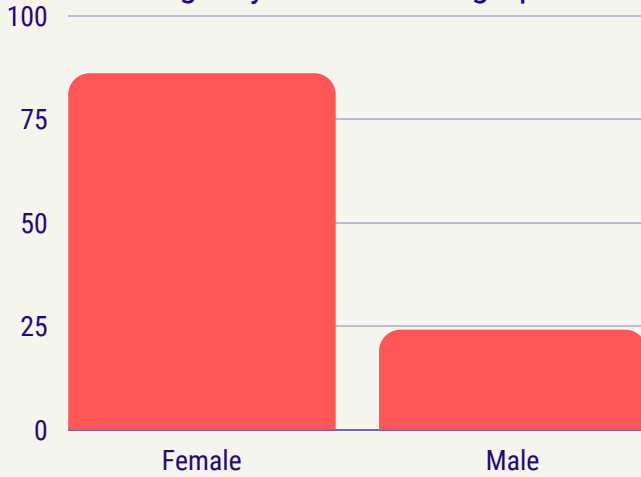
Everyone knows CODA as an organization that serves Survivors of domestic violence, but did you know that we also serve Survivors of sexual assault? In 2010, we became a dual program and started to serve sexual assault Survivors, but no one in the community knows this about us. We **MUST** work to spread the word and share these important services with our community!

4 **Provide more outside case management.**

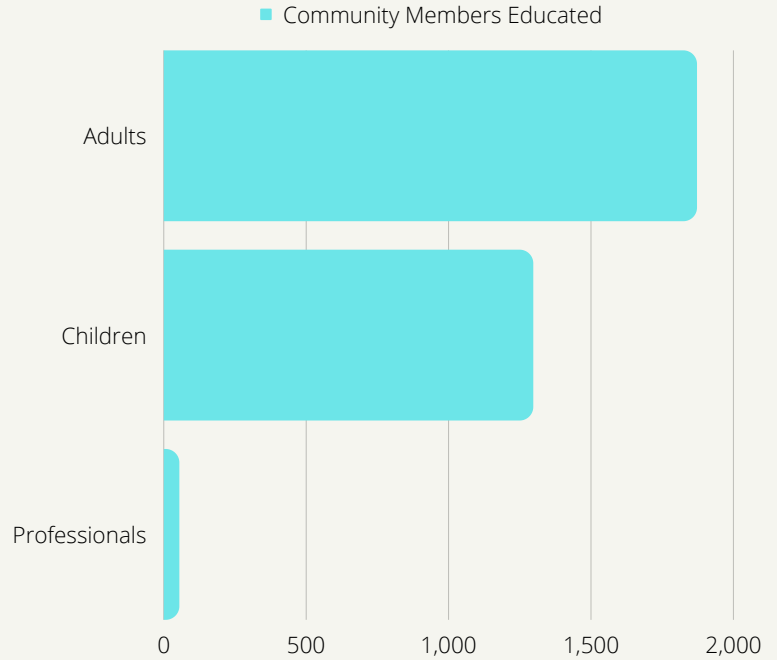
We recognize that not all Survivors require Emergency Shelter services, but just need some supportive services with the help of a case manager. This fiscal year, we want to grow our case management services, fine tune our program, and increase the amount of people that we can serve outside of the shelter with case management.

DATA, DATA EVERYWHERE!

Emergency Shelter Demographics



Prevention Education Statistics



Emergency Shelter Statistics

512

Hotline Calls

2122

Volunteer Hours

27

Sexual Assault
clients served

Legal Advocacy Program Statistics

147

Orders of
Protection

760

Victims of crime
served

357

Legal Advocacy
Hotline Calls

167

Donors

\$69,966

Donor dollars raised to fund CODA programs



CODA IN PICTURES FY2022



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