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# 20/20 Vision For Children

**Safe Shores – The DC  
Children’s Advocacy Center**

Fiscal Year 2015 Report  
October 2014 — September 2015



# About Safe Shores – The DC Children’s Advocacy Center

IN JANUARY 1995, THE FUTURE BECAME BRIGHTER FOR children and families affected by abuse in DC. Believing that DC could do much better in responding to and protecting children, three very smart and determined women – Patricia A. Riley, Esq., Lavdena Orr, M.D. and the Hon. Administrative Judge Arlene Robinson (deceased) – found their paths crossing far too often at child death reviews. They moved from frustration to action. As a result of their leadership, the children’s advocacy center (CAC) model was adopted in the Nation’s Capital. In 1995, Safe Shores was officially established as an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving child victims of sexual abuse and their families. In 2002, the DC Council formally recognized the CAC and mandated a multi-agency response for cases involving child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

**Safe Shores** – The DC Children’s Advocacy Center provides intervention, hope and healing to children and families affected by abuse and other violence in the District of Columbia, and works to prevent abuse through education and training. As the only children’s advocacy center (CAC) in DC, Safe Shores serves as the hub of a multidisciplinary team united in a mission to provide comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate services to children and families.

# Dear Friends,

In FY 2015, Safe Shores commemorated 20 years of providing intervention, hope and healing to children and families affected by abuse in the District of Columbia. Many of you helped us observe the anniversary by hosting and attending events that raised even more friends and support for Safe Shores. Thank you, again.

Although 2015 was a milestone year for us, the anniversary brought mixed emotions. We are so grateful that three bold, brave women founded Safe Shores in 1995. At the same time, the truth that child abuse continues to be a crisis is difficult to know. In FY 2015, Safe Shores served more children than we had ever served in a single year: 1,301, marking a 23% increase from the previous fiscal year.

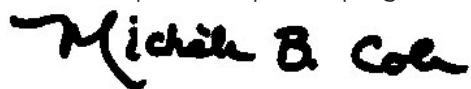
We matched the growing need for intervention and prevention services with smart growth in our capacity to be excellent for children and families.

One example that I love to talk about is Safe Shores' prevention program. In FY15, we trained nearly 300% more adults in prevention than in FY14, going from 302 trained to 1,118!

This report highlights the remarkable achievements Safe Shores made in FY 2015 on behalf of children. Our success depended upon the constant commitment of staff, board members, agency partners, donors and friends who recognize the urgent need and never-ending responsibility to protect children.

I hope that we can continue to count on your generous friendship in this mission.

In the spirit of hope and progress for all children,



Michele Booth Cole, J.D.  
Executive Director





## More people than ever before turned to Safe Shores for child abuse training in FY15.

Trained 1,118 people in Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® child sexual abuse prevention training program

Up 270% from FY 2014

## Safe Shores served more children in FY15 than in the previous fiscal year.

Safe Shores provided intervention, hope and healing to 1,301 children in FY 2015 compared to 1,057 in FY 2014. Safe Shores also began providing clinical therapy services to non-offending parents and caregivers in fulfillment of our goal to treat the whole family.

## Family Advocacy Services Program

### Child Friendly Waiting Area

Number of children served onsite through Youth Activity Program

**800**

Number of times center was accessed

**2194**

Number of meals or snacks served

**1893**

### Emergency Crisis Services

Number of Take Care Bags distributed

**394**

Number of families receiving transportation assistance

**154**

Number of times transportation assistance was accessed

**463**

### Number of Families receiving Emergency Victim Crisis Fund (EVCF)

**90**

Number of times EVCF was distributed

**108**

### Family Advocacy

Number of Intakes with non-offending caregivers

**351**

Number of follow up contacts

**984**

Number of caregivers provided parent resource packets

**139**



## Forensic Services Program

### Forensic Interviews

Number of Forensic Interviews Held

**589**

### Case Review

Number of Cases Reviewed

**590**

## Clinical Services Program

Referrals Received

**164**

New clients enrolled in FY2015

**68**

Therapy Clients Total for FY2015

**108**

## Therapy Sessions Held

**1,365**

Consultations with Parents of Children in Therapy

**1,267**

## Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Support and Advancement Program

To ensure that the MDT and our staff have the most up-to-date and relevant training, Safe Shores offers a wide variety of trainings on a host of topics critical to the effectiveness of child abuse treatment and prevention professionals.

In FY 15, Safe Shores held 3 joint trainings:

- Talking to Children, Part 1, Oct. 29, 2014
- Talking to Children, Part 2, Dec. 10, 2014
- Keeping Families at the Center of Our Work, June 4, 2015

Additionally, Safe Shores awarded 4 scholarships to MDT members for professional development training.

### Volunteer Support

Volunteers supported our programs in important ways.

<b>Clinical Services</b> (# of interns)	7
Hours	1885
<b>Family Advocacy Services</b> (# of volunteers)	37
Hours	849

### Prevention & Outreach

<b>Prevention &amp; Outreach</b> (# of volunteers)	13
Hours	147
<b>Special Groups</b> (# of volunteers)	134
Hours	19.5
# of Events	9



## More hearts. More minds. More Reasons to Have Hope.

Preventing child abuse and helping children affected by abuse heal means a lot to you, and that means a lot to us. In FY 15, people engaged with Safe Shores in a number of meaningful ways.

### 20/20 Engage!

Individual supporters sponsored 20 acts of giving events and activities to commemorate Safe Shores' 20 years of service.

### Coffee for Kids Tours

183 guests attended 22 tours of Safe Shores' mission

### Cherishing Childhood Breakfast

Safe Shores held its fourth annual Cherishing Childhood Breakfast on April 21, 2015 at the Hotel Monaco in Washington, DC. More than 150 people attended the event, which generated funds, pledges and new donors.

### Satellite Medical Office Opened at Safe Shores

In July 2015, MDT partner Children's National Health System opened a satellite medical office at DC Children's Advocacy Center, completing the co-location of all MDT agencies at DC's CAC. Safe Shores and Children's National Health System held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the fulfillment providing all services under one roof.

### They Came. They Saw. They Left Inspired & Informed.

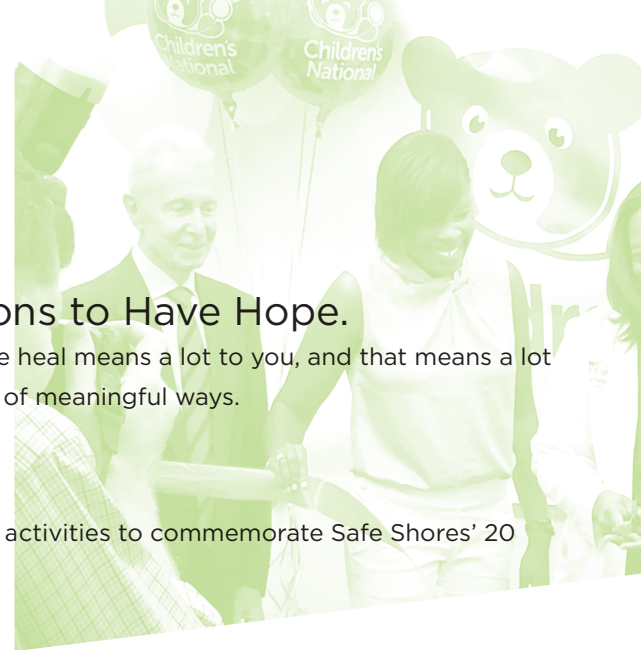
Safe Shores hosted scores of visitors from around the region, nation and globe who came to Safe Shores to learn more about how we implement the children's advocacy center model. Child welfare workers, legislators, judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers toured Safe Shores' program space and sat down with us over breakfast or lunch to learn more.

#### Visiting Delegations

- DC Attorney General Karl Racine
- Kenyan First Ladies
- International Justice Mission
- Ret. NFL Defensive Back Brig Owens
- Child Abuse Survivor and Cross-Country Cyclist David Higgins
- Children Advocacy Center Leaders

### Communicating to Engage, Educate & Motivate

Inspiring people to get involved in our mission is a big part of what Safe Shores does. In FY 2015, Safe Shores gained nearly 1,300 Twitter followers and contributed subject matter expertise to news stories that reached thousands of people. What's more, Safe Shores was profiled in a two-part series that won WUSA\*9 Reporter Lesli Foster an Emmy in June 2015. "Stopping the Hands that Hurt" (Part 1) and Part 2 aired on May 6 and 7, 2014.



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# FY 2015 Audited Financials

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2015 TOTAL
<b>Support and Revenues</b>			
Government Grants	\$1,230,265	\$ -	\$1,230,265
Individual, Corporate, and Community Contributions	807,433	165,625	973,058
In-Kind Contributions	36,885	-	36,885
Interest Income	2,586	-	2,586
Other Revenue	2,670	-	2,670
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	72,692	(72,692)	
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>	<b>2,152,531</b>	<b>92,933</b>	<b>2,245,464</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>			
Forensic Services Program	234,553	-	234,553
Family Advocacy Services Program	425,085	-	425,085
Clinical Services Program	510,339	-	510,339
MDT Program	221,000	-	221,000
Prevention Education	205,289		205,289
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>1,596,266</b>		<b>1,596,266</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>			
Fundraising	267,104		267,104
General and Administrative	234,273		234,273
Total Supporting Services	501,377		501,377
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,097,643</b>		<b>2,097,643</b>
Changes in Net Assets	54,888	92,933	147,821
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	2,021,369	166,534	2,187,903
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,076,257</b>	<b>259,467</b>	<b>2,335,724</b>

