

# CAC FAST FACTS



*Pine Manor After School/Summer Program*

**OUR MISSION:** To provide a coordinated response to child victims of abuse and neglect; and, improve the lives of at-risk children and their families through prevention services.

- Established 1981
- Serving Lee, Glades, Hendry & Charlotte Counties
- Accredited by the National Children’s Alliance
- All services free of charge
- Abuse determination services
- Therapeutic counseling
- Parenting education
- Family advocacy
- Prevention programs
- Beesley’s Paw Prints Pet Therapy program



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## CAC of SWFL STATISTICS CY 2018

Child Protection Team

Medical Diagnosis & Evaluations—  
1,272 children

Crisis Counseling— 2,025 children

Forensic & Specialized Interviews—  
1,681 children and 1,442 family members

Family Alliance

528 children and 74 adults (parents & survivors) for a total of 4,210 hours of therapy

Prevention

Food Pantry, East Fort Myers  
 United Way House—489 families served representing 2,501 people

Parenting Classes—  
718 classes with 483 clients

Beesley’s Paw Prints Pet Therapy Program

882 pet therapy team volunteer hours  
 38 pet therapy teams

Family Advocate Program

723 adults and children



CAC offers services free of charge in five different areas:

- **Child Protection Team** provides comprehensive assessments, medical exams, forensic interviews, crisis intervention, psychosocial assessments and case coordination. Services are available 24/7.
- **Family Alliance** provides therapeutic treatment to children who have been abused or neglected, have witnessed or experienced family violence, or have witnessed a violent crime or homicide.
- **Prevention Services** include an after-school/summer program in the Pine Manor neighborhood; parenting classes to court-ordered parents, high-risk families and the general public; and a United Way family resource center in East Fort Myers.
- **Beesley's Paw Prints Pet Therapy Program** provides trained and certified volunteer therapy animal teams to aid in the child's therapy process.
- **Family Advocacy** provides coordinated case management and advocacy services to children and families from the point of intake and throughout the investigation and intervention process.



### NATIONAL STATISTICS

- ♦ 1 in 5 children in the US will be abused by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ♦ 90% of victimized children are abused by someone they know and trust
  - 60% are acquaintances like teachers, neighbors or community leaders
  - 30% are immediate or extended family
  - Only 10% are strangers to the child
- ♦ Many sexually abused children suffer trauma severe enough to negatively impact their adult lives. They're 3x more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol and 2x more likely to drop out of school.
- ♦ Children who experience neglect and abuse and do not receive help are more likely to enter the juvenile justice system and more likely to become abusers later in life.



### HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT CAC?

- Show children you care via your financial support. Visit [cac-swfl.org/donate](http://cac-swfl.org/donate).
- Make a long-term commitment to the fight against child abuse by considering a planned gift.
- Schedule a tour of our agency, learn first-hand how CAC assesses & treats child victims.
- Volunteer for one of our prevention programs.
- Provide sponsor support for one of our fundraisers or donate needed items from our Wish List.
- Purchase a "Stop Child Abuse" license plate.

