



Children's  
Advocacy Project

**GROWING**

*strong*

2015 ANNUAL SUMMARY



From a small  
seed, a mighty  
trunk may grow.





# OUR MISSION

The Children's Advocacy Project is a team of committed agencies and individuals who work together to provide coordinated forensic and comprehensive services for alleged victims of child abuse and neglect in order to minimize trauma to children, to break the cycle of abuse and to foster a more effective and efficient community response to child maltreatment.



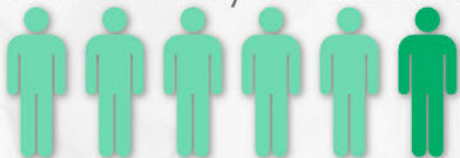
There are  
**42 MILLION**

Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in the U.S.

1 in 4 Girls &



1 in 6 Boys will be



Sexually Abused  
before Age 18

Research suggests that

**1/3**

of all individuals who were  
abused or neglected as  
children will subject their  
children to maltreatment.

**90%**

of sexual abuse  
victims know



their perpetrator

Child Protective  
Services Estimates that  
**686,000**  
Children were Victims  
of Maltreatment

Adults who were  
maltreated as children  
show higher rates of  
health problems, such  
as heart disease,  
cancer, chronic lung disease, and  
liver disease.



The total lifetime economic  
burden resulting from new cases  
of fatal and nonfatal child  
maltreatment in the United  
States is approximately

**\$124 BILLION**

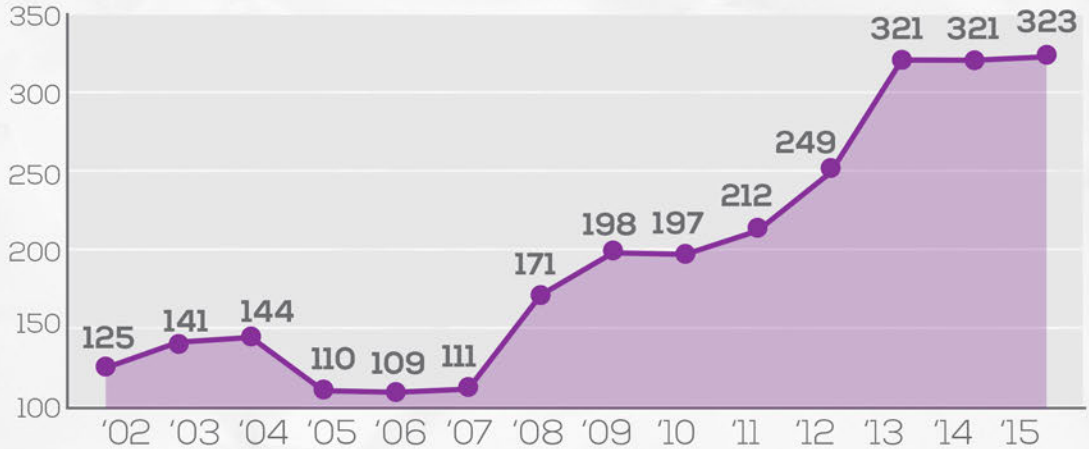


# 2,732



Children have bravely completed a Forensic Interview at CAP over the years

## Forensic Interviews at CAP



# 542

Individual Counseling Sessions were Conducted in 2015

# 14

Girls Group Counseling Sessions Held



# 116

Follow-up Support Calls to Families



# 490

Children Attended a CAP In-school Training

# 200

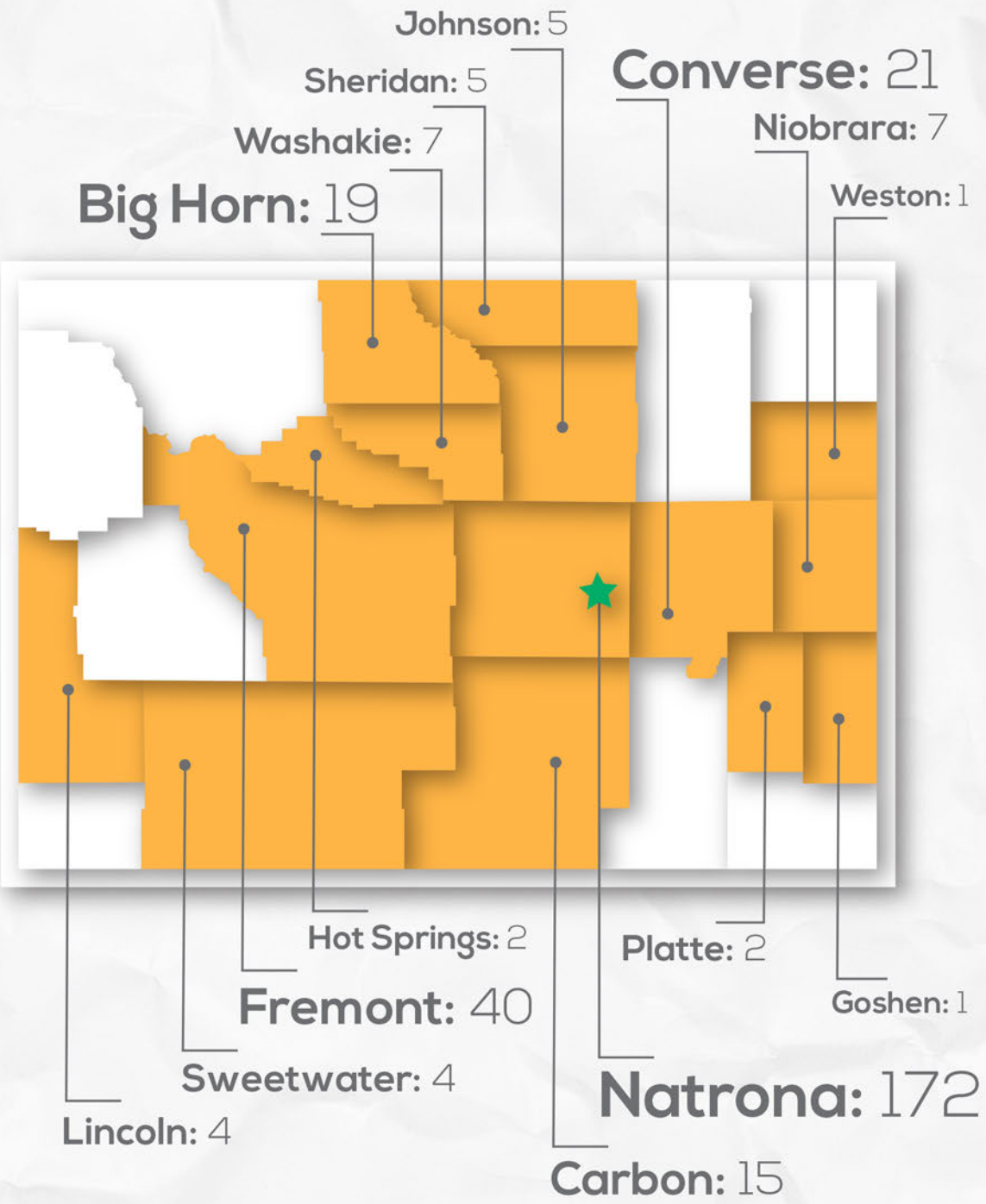
Adults Attended a CAP Community Training



Every child is  
a different  
kind of  
flower and  
all together  
they make  
this world a  
beautiful  
garden.



# CHILDREN SERVED by COUNTY



CAP is the Largest, Most Comprehensive, & Widely Used Child Advocacy Center in Wyoming. In 2015, 307 Wyoming children & 16 out-of-state children received Forensic Interviews from CAP.

# Emma: A Story of Growth

When Emma was just 11 years old, she was raped by her best friend's father.

Emma Smith and Peyton White had been best friends since 2nd grade. They competed together in track, spent every weekend and evening together, their families even went camping and had barbecues together. Emma considered Peyton's family her second family.

Emma called Peyton's house to see if she could hang out. Peyton and her siblings were away, but Mr. White said they would be returning soon. Emma decided to head over and wait for Peyton. Mr. White and Emma sat on the couch watching Nickelodeon and drinking Coca-Cola like they had so many times before. This day Mr. White put his arm around Emma and pulled her close. Confused, she allowed herself to cuddle up next to him.

Mr. White forced Emma onto the floor and raped her.

Stunned, she was unable to move, get up, or leave the house. Finally, she gained the courage to get up, lift up her shorts, and walk the six blocks home to tell her mom what had happened.

Fortunately, Mrs. Smith took in the information and acted immediately, taking Emma to the emergency room. Emma received an exam from a nurse who had just attended a national conference on the best practices in conducting Sexual Assault Exams, paid for by the Children's Advocacy Project. The nurse was able to use a high-powered camera, donated by CAP, to record injuries. During the exam, the ER notified law enforcement, who follow CAP protocol and cross reported to DFS. A joint investigation started and a Forensic Interview was scheduled at CAP immediately. The District Attorney was notified. Emma and her family were welcomed to CAP by staff who are specially trained in trauma response, offering the family education, support, and reassurance.

At CAP, Emma sat one-on-one with a skilled Forensic Interviewer in a room designed specifically for children. The interviewer followed a nationally researched protocol, like they have hundreds of times before, allowing Emma to describe her experience in detail. Emma's interview would be peer reviewed by nationally recognized leaders in the field ensuring it was legally sound and developmentally appropriate.



## Emma's Journey Without the Children's Advocacy Project

The ER nurse didn't have recent training on conducting sexual assault exams. The ER nurse never had an exam peer reviewed by a nationally recognized professional. Emma's injuries weren't recorded or photographed with quality equipment. Law enforcement never cross reported the allegations, and DFS was never notified. Since the District Attorney wasn't notified there was no input on the interview or the case. No one explained the process to Emma's parents, they were left to fend for themselves and navigate it alone.

After the two hour long invasive physical examination, Emma remained on the exam table in the emergency room and was questioned by law enforcement. Her parents watched and Emma felt too uncomfortable to share details. During the interview, the law enforcement officer wore a uniform, badge, and gun, conducting the



A Multiple Disciplinary Team comprised of a prosecutor, law enforcement investigator, child protection investigator, and a mental health provider monitored the interview in real time. CAP professionals offered support to the family after the interview, including education on the investigation process and a referral for Emma to begin counseling. The team staffed the case, developing a plan on how to proceed in the investigation and ensure other children were protected.

Emma returned to school the next week. Even though she told no one, somehow the news spread through her middle school.

Emma was taunted by classmates and called a “whore” by one of her best friends. Peyton and her siblings ignored Emma completely. Emma could barely focus on schoolwork and her grades plummeted from straight A’s to D’s and C’s. At mid-term Peyton’s mother moved out of state with the children, but the taunting for Emma persisted.

Emma’s parents started fight more, making Emma afraid they would split and it would be her fault. Emma’s youngest brother started wetting the bed again, and Emma was having nightmares and mood swings. She often had panic attacks worried she would see Mr. White in the community. She experimented with self-harming.

CAP conducted phone calls with Emma’s mother to follow-up on the counseling referral and to see how things were going at home. Emma’s mother relayed what they were experiencing and an appointment was scheduled.

Within days Emma began meeting weekly with a CAP counselor. Emma and the therapist talked about what had happened, not just to Emma’s body, but to her heart and mind. Emma learned interventions to help her deal with her nightmares and panic attacks, and practiced assertive communication skills. Emma also attended the CAP Survivor Girls Group, where she met other girls who had survived similar experiences. She learned she wasn’t alone, that laughter was okay, and healthy relationships with others could help her heal. Emma’s mother was provided with support at CAP, learning how she could offer encouragement to help her daughter. Emma began to regain her self-confidence and heal slowly.

CAP billed Emma’s insurance, but never billed the family for any fees not covered by the insurance company. Mr. White pled guilty to the charge of first degree sexual assault of a minor. Emma attended the sentencing, supported by members of her

interview the same way as for an adult suspect. It is the only way law enforcement has been trained.

Feeling uncomfortable, Emma forget or chose not to discuss many details of the incident. No one else observed the interview or provided feedback on how to proceed. Other children that the suspect had access to were not considered and DFS was not notified of a possible threat. There was no team consideration of the case, Emma was never referred for needing follow-up care. No support was offered to the family. Law enforcement made a unilateral decision to close the case for lack of evidence.

Emma’s mom was unsure how to help her daughter, never receiving support or information. Since the law enforcement officer never followed up with her, Emma’s mother thought maybe Emma wasn’t telling the truth about what happened.

Emma never received any counseling, and believed the rape was her fault. She internalized the traumatic event, like millions of girls before her. Statistics indicate that Emma probably would have experienced a future of criminal behavior, unhealthy relationships, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, or possibly suicide. Even if Emma had found a way to heal, it would have been after years of unprocessed pain, discontent, self-blame, and anger. Like millions of other families, Emma’s family would never discuss the incident again. The confusion, anger, and pain would be left unresolved within Emma’s family, unresolved issues would cause conflict with the family.

family and the CAP staff. She bravely stood in front of the court and read the Victim Impact Statement that she wrote with the help of her CAP counselor. Mr. White was sentenced in Natrona County District Court to 28-40 years in the state penitentiary.

Today, Emma has friends again. She made the Dean's List last semester. Emma seems like a normal pre-teen girl and continues to grow stronger every day.

Ultimately, Emma would need to seek out treatment. Inpatient mental health services average \$800/day, juvenile detention centers average \$250/day and adult state correction institutions cost average \$100/day.

No charges were ever filed against Mr. White. Mr. White was never found guilty of First Degree Sexual Assault. Mr. White continued to raise his three young daughters, who invited their friends over to visit and stay the night. According to statistics, Mr. White would have continued to sexually assault children through his lifespan, leaving a trail of devastated children and families in his wake.

Without CAP, our community would be asking how Emma fell through the cracks. Was it the law enforcement officer, the system, the family? Who would be to blame?

**With CAP we don't have to ask the question, because we know the answer. It is all of us as a community saying we believe in**

*giving*  
**ROOTS TO  
GROW**







A tree stands strong  
not by its fruit or  
branches, but by the  
depth of its roots.

-Anthony Liccione



# Year in Review

## January

Robin Keene, 33, pled guilty to one felony charge of incest and to two misdemeanor counts of child endangering

## January

Doris Towner, mother of Robin Keene, faces 1.5-3 years in prison for charges of second degree sexual abuse of a minor, second degree sexual assault, and incest.

## February

Roberta Shane, former library worker of Roosevelt High School, and husband were charged with child abuse after their 9 year-old daughter told police that she had been repeatedly locked in family's garage.

## April

Raul Trujillo, 48, was accused of sexually abusing a 14 year old girl pleaded guilty to four counts of third degree sexual abuse of a minor.

## April

Bobbi Humphreys, 24, faces up to two years in prison for leaving her 14 month old daughter in the care of a woman she knew had abused the infant. The baby suffered from burns and bruises on face, abdomen, pelvis, and legs, as well as a brain bleed and bleeding in the eyes. The woman who abused the baby, Stephanie Shirts, faces 20 years in prison.

## May

Rawlins man, Darren William Cornell, 31, was charged with sexual exploitation, after trying to solicit children for an inappropriate training class. He planned to teach a 7 year-old girl how to fight off a rapist. He would act as the rapist and the girl would be asked to touch him inappropriately.



## June

Kirk Grant Padilla pled guilty to one count of child abuse. He will face five years in prison for fracturing 7 month old daughter's leg by dropping her while he was drunk.

## June

Sonny Shepperson, 42, was sentenced to five years suspended probation for downloading images of child pornography.

## August

Wyoming teacher, Ashley Tillard is charged with two counts of third degree sexual abuse of a minor after allegedly having sex with two students.

## August

Kain Michael Osmon, 19, pleads guilty to sexually abusing a 14 year-old girl.

## September

45 year-old man faces four counts of sexual exploitation of a child, four counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, and four counts of third degree sexual assault. He essentially faces life in prison if convicted on all counts.

## October

Casper woman, Kelsey Steed, will serve 5 years of probation for breaking 8 month old daughter's arm out of frustration.

## October

Shawn Kenneth Hamilton, 29, faces charges for raping two girls, age 14 and 15. He faces up to 190 years in prison if found guilty on all counts.

## November

Lynn Charles Lee sentenced to 18-28 years behind bars for sexually assaulting a 14 year-old boy on three separate occasions.

## December

Carroll Michael Chiasson, 25, will spend up to 20 years in prison for sexually abusing a girl over a six year period of time, starting when she was only 6 years old.

Where  
flowers  
bloom, so  
does hope.

-Lady Bird Johnson





# OUR WORK

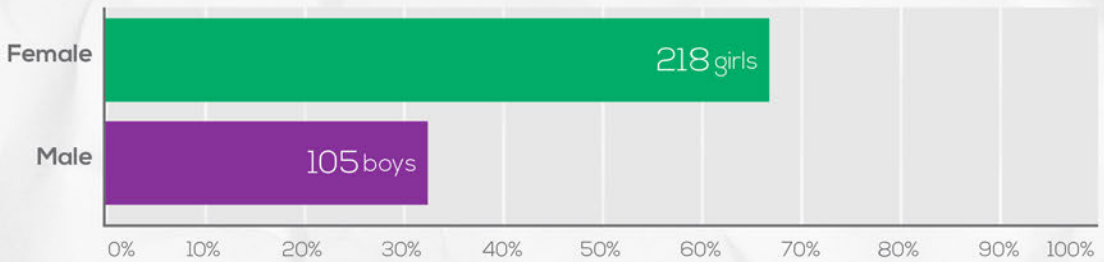
- Protect, treat & counsel survivors of severe child maltreatment.
- Support families as their child begins to heal from abuse.
- Coordinate the investigation & prosecution of child abuse crimes.
- Assist children in their journey from victim to survivor.
- Give children a chance to let their dreams of a happy, hopeful future take root.

# OUR VALUES

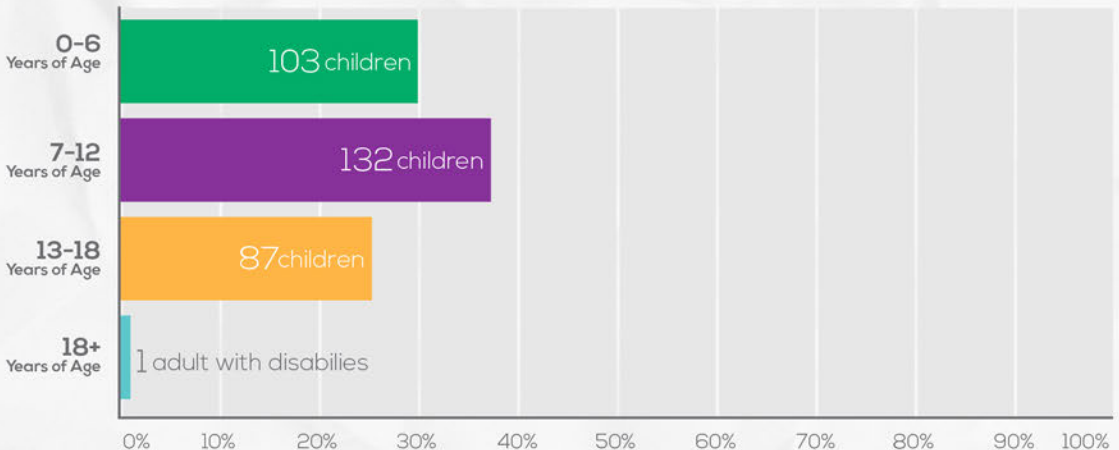
- Responsible Stewardship ensures a financially accountable program that is committed to providing quality services to children & families.
- Professionalism is our core, child focused is our soul.
- Crucial Conversations address concerns with candor and sincerity, moving us to a higher level of excellence
- Responsive Innovation defines future services & the profession of serving children who have been victims of abuse.
- Respecting Differences establishes a team built for success.

# All the Flowers of Tomorrow are in the Seeds of Today

## GENDER of VICTIM

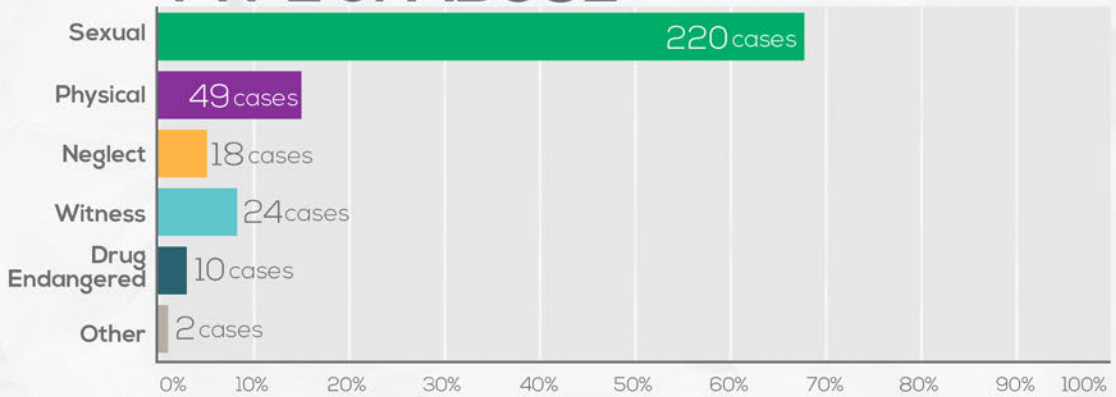


## AGE of VICTIM





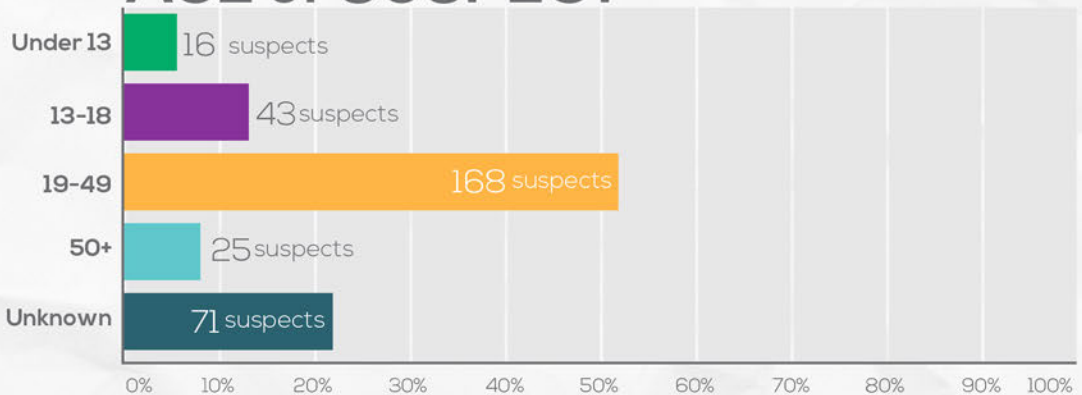
## TYPE of ABUSE



## RELATION of SUSPECT to VICTIM



## AGE of SUSPECT



# 2015 events

## **CAP, Cabernet & Calcutta**

200+ Attended Calcutta Event:  
54 Silent Auction Items,  
7 Live Auction

## **Shoot Trap for CAP**

21 Heavy Hitter Teams,  
14 Rec. League Teams,  
Total of 175 Shooters

2015 Total Raised:  
**\$59,820.53 For CAP Services**



**2016** events

CAP's  
**NIGHT** of  
*Giving*

*Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016*  
**5:30 pm | Wolcott Galleria**  
Entertainment, Happy Hour,  
Hors D'oeuvres, Auction Items  
\$40 tickets



11<sup>th</sup> Annual

SHOOT  for  
TRAP SHOOTING CAP

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

Rocky Mountain Gun Club

5 PERSON SHOOTING TEAMS  
Rec League (25 pigeons) \$150 Registration  
Youth & Law Enforcement (99 pigeons) \$250 Registration  
Heavy Hitters League (99 pigeons) \$500 Registration

Calcutta will be held prior to Trap Shoot at 8:00 a.m.

Register at [childrensadvocacyproject.org](http://childrensadvocacyproject.org) • 307.232.0159





I'm planting a  
tree to teach  
me to gather  
strength from  
my deepest  
roots.

-Andrea Koehle Jones



# Annual Budget

## FUNDING SOURCES

State Funds	\$88,800.00
Program Income	\$84,830.00
Natrona City & County Funds	\$78,000.00
Fundraising Income	\$53,000.00
Wyoming Community Foundation	\$50,000.00
Other City & County Funds	\$46,000.00
United Way	\$40,000.00
Donations	\$30,000.00
McMurry Foundation	\$30,000.00
Ellbogen Foundation	\$20,000.00
Martin Family Foundation	\$20,000.00
Community Action Partnership	\$17,900.00
National Children's Alliance	\$9,000.00
	\$567,530.00

## EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	67.0%
Contract Services	9.5%
Training & Travel	5.9%
Building (Utilities, Phone, Internet, Insurance, Housekeeping)	4.2%
Equipment & Supplies	3.8%
Printing & Postage	2.9%
Accounting	2.8%
Meetings, Memberships, Dues	1.8%
Advertising, Website, Education	1.4%
Legal Services	1%
	100%

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your part in supporting CAP's Mission.

# THANKS

## \$200-\$499

Matt & Ally Orr  
Advanced Skin Care LLC  
Aaron Cook  
Holiday Inn McMurry Park  
C'Mon Inn  
Nicolaysen Art Museum  
Reveal Outdoors  
Chris & Allyn Hadlock  
Cadillac Cowgirl  
Crosswind Aviation  
Josh & Lacey Larson  
Jean McNamee  
Paula Lamb  
Chad Pew  
Atlas Office Products  
Computer Logic  
Fabtech  
First Interstate Bank  
Fischer Auto Body  
Graybar Voice & Data  
Hi Allen Ranch  
Killmer & Associates  
Sonny's RV  
Macy's  
Monte L McNamee CPA LLC  
Pete & Julie Greiner  
Shirts & More  
Vicki Orcutt  
Wind City Physical Therapy  
Platte Valley Bank  
Natrona County Farm & Ranch  
Bureau  
Rocky Mountain Oil Field  
Warehouse  
Nalco FabTech  
Budweiser  
Greiner Motor Company  
Natrona Co Farm & Ranch  
Bureau  
Platte River Lodge  
Adam & Kayla Jackson

Amerigas Propane  
Chad & Leah Schieck  
Casper Country Club  
Paul & Leslie Fritzler  
Pier 39  
Heather Ross  
Cora Salvino  
Frosted Tops  
Lisa Bush  
Emily Catellier  
Sloane's General Store  
Complete Nutrition  
RJ's Carpet Cleaning  
Haven  
John & Linda Miner  
Three Crowns Golf Club  
Source Equipment  
Huberth & Carissa Marak  
Cody Hill  
Rocky Mountain Discount  
Sports  
Windy Point Puppies  
Brenda Miller  
Quinn & Kayleigh Clark  
Stephan Cathey  
Edward & Julie Schebler  
Decker Auto Glass  
Flannigan's Furniture  
Steven & Cheryl Degenfelder  
Ed & Linda Toohey  
Scott Sissman & Kate Sarosy  
Casper Women's Care  
Amanda Porter  
Larry & Jenadene Gray  
Dr. Kolton & Amy Erickson  
Friends of Kalico Kat Quilt Shop

## \$500-\$999

Bridger Steel Casper Inc.  
International Brotherhood Of  
Electrical Workers  
Justice Leage

TT Welding & Fabrication  
Knife River  
Lonnie & Emily Genoff  
Jeffery & Cheri Grutkowski  
Platte Valley Bank  
Mark & Risa Petrie  
Unit Drilling  
Jim & Lynne Horne  
Kamrath Consulting  
Skogen, Commetto & Associates  
Pepsi Cola of Casper  
Big Horn Country USA  
Kids Works  
Justin Sandback  
Crazy Rainbow Ranch  
Elizabeth Steinhaus  
Riddle's Jewelry  
Brad & Natalia Follensbee  
Tara Fairbanks  
Diana Roby  
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Shelia Delach  
Carey Hamilton  
Dennis & Sandy Atkinson  
Tim Weinhandle  
The Cake Lady  
Joe & Cheri Corbett  
Hart Painting & Home Repair  
Ka-Larks  
Wendy Travers  
Samantha Finn & Michelle  
Anderson  
Wyoming Casing Service  
Craig Reidt  
Cedar Kennels  
Lifetime Health & Fitness Center  
Brian Martin  
Wyoming Behavioral Insitute  
Ronald Clark  
Steven & Brad Pate  
Nancy Vermeulen



\$1,000-\$4,999

Mark Cardwell  
 Brian & Jackie King  
 Chad & Kandice Fagot  
 Hilltop National Bank  
 Keyhole Outdoor Living  
 Sinclair Refinery  
 Hat Six Travel Center  
 Spence Law Firm  
 Stabil Drill  
 Garlick Law Office  
 Jon Boulanger  
 Gear Up & Modern Electric  
 Robin & Marla Tuma  
 Marty Kamrath & Ashley  
 Lundblade  
 Gail Zimmerman  
 Kerry & Glo Clark  
 Peak Asset Managers  
 Wind City Dental  
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 307 Orthodontics  
 Casper Star Tribune  
 Town of Evansville  
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 City of Riverton  
 City of Douglas  
 Town of Glenrock  
 Hot Springs County  
 Washakie County  
 City of Worland



Big Horn County  
 Lovell Town Council  
 Town of Wheatland  
 Town of Lusk  
 Carbon County  
 City of Rawlins

\$5,000-\$14,999  
 National Children's Alliance  
 Converse County  
 Drakes Landscaping & Excavation  
 Fremont County  
 American Petroleum Institute

\$15,000-\$39,999  
 City of Casper  
 Natrona County  
 Martin Family Foundation  
 Ellbogen Family Foundation  
 Community Action Partnership  
 McMurry Foundation

\$40,000+  
 City of Casper  
 Division of Victim Services  
 Wyoming Community Foundation  
 United Way





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