



KIDS FIRST

a children's advocacy center



ANNUAL REPORT

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A word from Sarah

Dear Friend,

This year marked a significant milestone for Kids FIRST: the launch of our inaugural mental health program. We firmly believe that every child, regardless of their insurance or financial means, deserves access to evidence-based trauma therapy following abuse. You passionately share this belief with us and your support has empowered us to transform our convictions into tangible change.

Thanks to your support, we were able to launch onsite mental health services in July 2022. We started by screening child clients for trauma symptoms and mental health concerns during their initial assessment. The screening tool helps us identify children in need of support and promptly refer them to our in-house therapy program. This transformative step, made possible by your generosity, is not just a victory for families, but a triumph for our entire community. In the pages that follow, you'll find the inspiring results from our first year of operation. **Spoiler alert: the impact was even greater than we anticipated!**

But our progress doesn't stop there. We're thrilled to announce that **nine of our team members are now certified facilitators for Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children**, a program equipping adults with the tools to prevent, recognize, and respond responsibly to child sexual abuse. By extending this training to our community, we're not just raising awareness; we're fostering a culture of vigilance where everyone is engaged in protecting children from harm. This significant step aligns with our vision of a society where every child is safe, secure, and free from abuse. Stay tuned for our upcoming community training opportunities; details will be announced on our website: kidsfirstcenter.net/training.

When I first became a Victim Advocate at Kids FIRST twelve years ago, I dreamt of referring children and families to prompt, evidence-based therapy, enabling them to heal from the trauma of abuse. The implementation of Stewards of Children has been a dream of ours for years, aiming to prevent child sexual abuse and create a safer future. **Together, we are not merely dreaming of change; we are actively making it happen.** Your commitment has transformed dreams into reality.

With boundless gratitude and optimism,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah M. Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

SARAH M. STEWART

Executive Director

Who we are



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For the third year in a row, Kids FIRST is being recognized as one of the Best Nonprofits to work for in Oregon!

Our Team

Becky Austin, LCSW | Therapy Director
Becky Cruz | Medical Office Assistant
Darian DeMarce | Mental Health Coordinator & Victim Advocate
Sheila Espinoza | Bilingual Forensic Interviewer
Tricia Fierling | Medical Assistant
Katie Gregory | Trafficking Intervention Coord. & Victim Advocate
Aly Golditch | Forensic Interviewer & Development Coordinator
Megan Jones | Finance Director
Tanya L. Korrell, MD, FAAP | Pediatrician
Kathi Kiley | Intake Specialist & Lead Victim Advocate
Jaclyn Lemonds | Development Director
Korryn Monkevicius | Domestic Violence Witness Coordinator
Kerri Olschner | Victim Advocate
Savannah Ovaldia | Clinic Manager
Marlene Polleri | Lead Victim Advocate (bilingual)
Wubit Reerslev | Office Coordinator
Nichole Satterwhite, MS | Lead Forensic Interviewer
Deanna St. Germain, DO | Medical Director
Sarah Stewart, MNM | Executive Director
Kelsey Turner | Medical Assistant & Case Manager
Lynn Williams | Finance Assistant

Our year at a glance



683

children served



381

medical assessments



467

forensic interviews



24

grand jury hearings

2/3

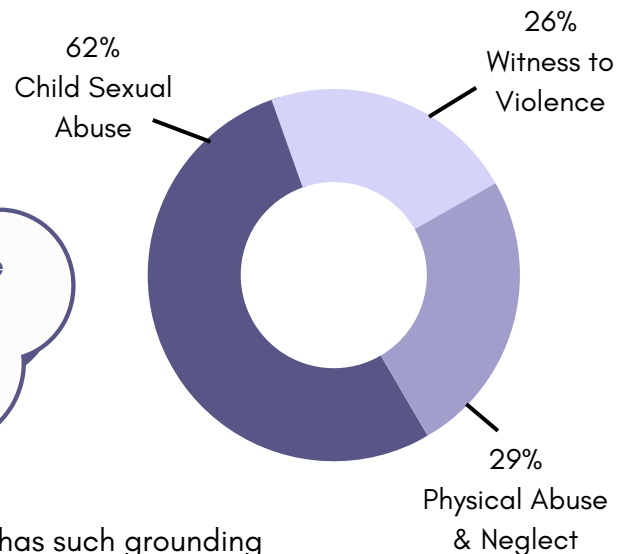
of the children we served were under age 12

1/5

children were seen for more than one abuse concern

Our graph below exceeds 100% due to some children experiencing more than one type of abuse.

Children were served for the following types of abuse:



“ The calming environment especially given the circumstances. ”

“ Everyone I came in contact with was very nice and comforting. I'm feeling more relief now. ”

We asked our clients: What did you appreciate most about your experience at KF?

“ Making sure my son was heard about what happened to him. ”

“ Everyone has such grounding energy. Positive people bringing light to dark times. ”



Mental Health

Our Therapy Program, launched in 2022, focuses on the emotional well-being of children, adolescents, and families. We serve people who have accessed Kids FIRST forensic and medical services or who are referred from another Children's Advocacy Center. It is our mission to provide therapy support to children and their families in a safe and comfortable environment. We are pleased to share the success of our first year with you!

92

children received therapy services

721

therapy sessions provided

339

mental health screenings

Fun Fact



Some children choose to celebrate their therapy completion with KF staff! When this happens, our team is sent a message to gather in the lobby, and when the therapy graduate enters the lobby after their final session, we cheer and high-five!

In appreciation...

We send a special thank you to our founding donors of the Mental Health Program (2020 - 2023). You believed in Kids FIRST's capacity to launch this program, but more importantly, you've always believed that **healing is possible.**

Chambers Family Foundation
Chris Parra & Jan Jacobs
Coquille Tribal Community Fund
Eugene Active 20-30 Club
J. Ingrid Kessler, DVM & Andy Burke
McKay Family Foundation
Oregon Community Foundation
Palo Alto Software
Riddle High School Leadership Class

Susan & Charles Sowards
The Ford Family Foundation
Three Rivers Foundation
Trillium Community Health Plan
Windermere Foundation
Woodard Family Foundation



Community Support



Several local Girl Scouts donated boxes of cookies to Kids FIRST this year. We love kids helping kids!



72 volunteers served **2,620** hours valued at **\$88,766** by the Bureau of Labor & Industry.



Heritage Bank featured Kids FIRST as their nonprofit spotlight at an Em's game this season, where a KF staff member threw the first pitch!



Lane County Sheriff's Department employees donate \$100 each year as part of a "No Shave November" Campaign. Last year, their team raised over \$15,000 for Kids FIRST!



UMPQUA BANK

A special thank you to **Umpqua Bank** for sponsoring Kids FIRST Spring Box & Egg My Yard fundraisers in April 2023. With their support, we raised nearly \$8,000 for child victims of abuse in Lane County.



Kids FIRST sends a special thank you to the Eugene Active 20-30 Club volunteers who helped us "egg" 29 houses this year!

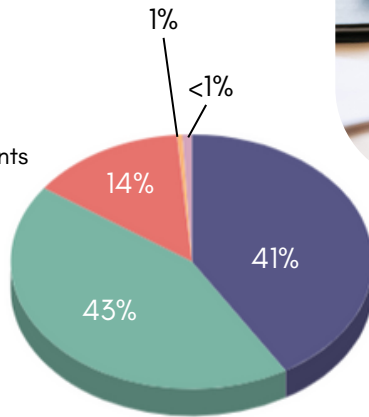


Kids FIRST received a grant in support of our Mental Health Program from Riddle High School's Leadership Class.

Financials

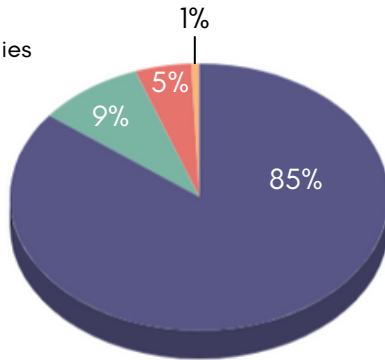
Revenues & Support

- Government Grants
- Program Service Revenue
- Donations & Fundraising Events
- In-Kinds & Other
- Investment Revenue



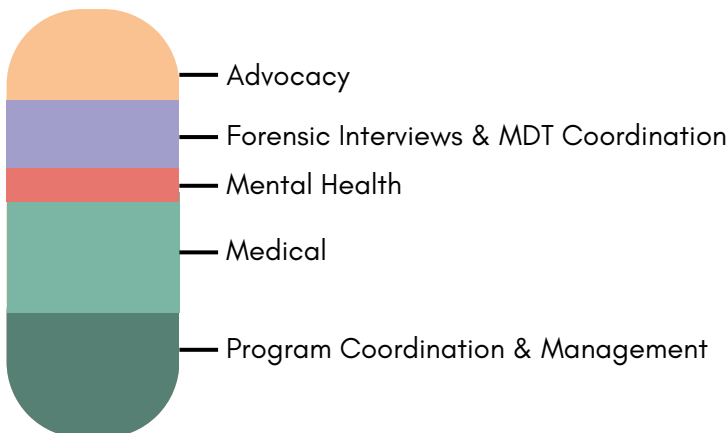
Functional Expenses

- Program Services
- Admin & Management
- Fundraising
- Other Donated Supplies & Expenses



Below you can see our largest functional expense, *Program Services*, broken down by category

Program Services



Summary of Revenues & Expenses*

	June 30, 2023*	June 30, 2022
Revenues & Support	3,215,233	2,726,056
Expenses	2,697,417	2,007,196

Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	4,187,691	3,681,967
Property & Equipment	2,919,279	2,998,148
Current Liabilities	230,890	280,750
Long-Term Liabilities	1,283,128	1,324,228

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	3,894,825	3,299,866
Invested in Property & Equipment	1,594,236	1,633,605
With Donor Restrictions	103,891	141,666
Total Net Assets	5,592,952	5,075,137

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	7,106,969	6,680,115
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*Unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP

Did you know?

Insurance reimbursements cover less than 60% of the costs of providing a child abuse assessment. Your support is critical to Kids FIRST's work and ensuring our services remain free to families.



A year of giving

Below are direct gifts received from donors between **July 1, 2022 & June 30, 2023**. This list does not include event sponsorship.

\$25,000 +

The Ford Family Foundation
Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

McKay Family Foundation
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Eugene Active 20-30 Club
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Community Foundation

\$2,500 - \$4,999

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Susan & Charles Sowards
Sarah M. Stewart
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\$500 - \$999

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Molly Wijers
William Seider & Amanda Miller
Scott Wright

*Thank you so
very much!*



Accuracy is important to us! If you notice an error on this list, please let us know by e-mailing jaclynekidsfirstcenter.net

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The number of online birthday fundraisers hosted through Facebook. Thank you to those who made us part of your special day!

KF Winetasia 2022

We always kick-start each new fiscal year in July with **Kids FIRST Winetasia**, our largest fundraising event of the year. Our 2022 event was filled with great spirit, amazing vendors, and your tremendous generosity. Not only was it the first time in over two years that we were **all together again** -- in person! -- it was also a record breaking year for fundraising! Nearly \$60,000 was raised for child victims of abuse in our community. We were inspired to see so many community members rally for kids who need help. Your attendance, sponsorship, raffle ticket purchases, and donations help ensure kids receive the intervention and support they need to heal from abuse. And if you missed the event in 2022-- no worries -- we've got a few recap pics to share with you here!



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 Windermere Real Estate
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Planning Committee

Debora Artemeier	Jaclyn Lemonds
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Best Bite: 1st Place



Best Bite: 2nd Place



... thank you to all of our table and raffle sponsors and the volunteers who made this special evening possible!



Kids FIRST Circle is our monthly giving program. When you commit to giving \$10 or more per month to Kids FIRST, you automatically become part of the Circle. We are thrilled to announce that **KF Circle contributed \$8,678 during the 2022-23 fiscal year**, which serves as a testament to show how powerful monthly giving can be. We send our heartfelt thanks to our friends below who support Kids FIRST each month.

Join KF Circle Today!



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- Nicole Cartelli
- James & Christen Conners
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Our Mission

To provide intervention and advocacy for children who are victims of, or witnesses to, crime.

Save the date!

Saturday, July 27, 2024



Learn more at kfwinetasia.com



Hi there!

Looking to get involved? Here are a few ways you can support KF's mission this year.

- Bring a friend in for a tour
- Share open KF positions with folks who may be interested to apply
- Refer new grant or sponsor opportunities
- Make a donation
- Volunteer at KF Winetasia
- Donate a raffle item for Winetasia

E-mail info@kidsfirstcenter.net to help!