



ST. CLOUD AREA CHILD RESPONSE INITIATIVE

Responding to the Needs of Children in Crisis

Mission

The mission of the **St. Cloud Area Child Response Initiative (CRI)** is to **provide early intervention** to children and families after a traumatic incident; **inform adults and children** about trauma and its impact on child development; and **connect children and families** to trauma informed care services.

CRI Partners

- Central MN Mental Health Center
- St. Cloud, Waite Park and Sartell Law Enforcement Agencies
- Stearns, Benton and Sherburne Counties
- Anna Marie's Alliance
- Village Family Services
- Lutheran Social Services
- Caritas-Catholic Charities
- Ken Hanna
- Creative Connections
- True Balance Counseling
- Medway Services
- Northwest Counseling

St. Cloud Area CRI

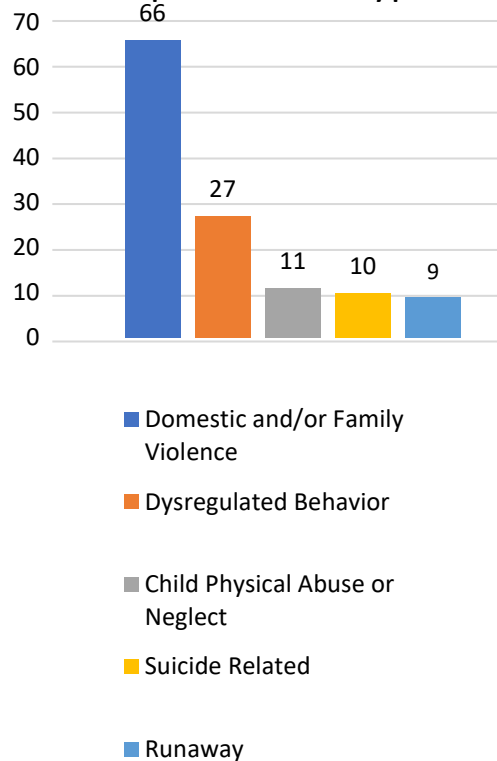
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St. Cloud Area CRI Impact

Top 5 Trauma Types



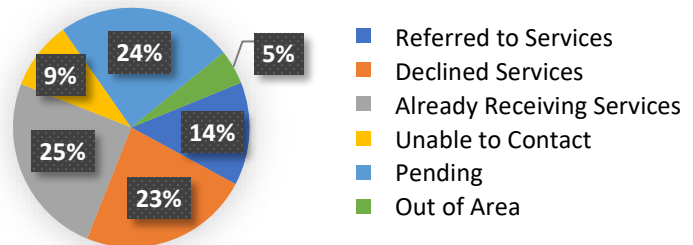
In the 4th Quarter of 2019, CRI received **91** referrals, involving **129** children.

Since inception in April 2014, CRI has served **1,876** children.

Referrals were received by Trauma Advocate:
Less than 24 hours – **79**
Less than 48 hours – **7**
More than 48 hours – **5**



OUTCOMES



A Day in the Life of a CRI Advocate

8:00am: Advocate starts work. Checks messages for referrals.

8:30am: Attends 1 ½ hour Crisis Management Training.

10:00am: Makes calls parents and makes one referral to Village Family Services. Advocate responds to text from a child who is concerned about her parent who is in recovery from addiction. Advocate follows up with the parent and the child, who both expressed gratitude to Advocate for reaching out.

10:30am: Advocate is contacted by a School Resource Officer (SRO) from an area middle school. A student with dysregulated behavior, trauma symptoms, and has possibly been sex trafficked was taken to emergency room at the hospital. The SRO asks Advocate to connect with student's guardian.

10:40am: Advocate proceeds to the hospital but is temporarily diverted by a call from another SRO. A request was made for Advocate to come to a school to assist with the de-escalation of a student who has broken glass and is flipping chairs.

11:30am: Advocate resumes trip to the hospital but is once again called away to another school via a radio call from an officer. Two officers and the school's SRO were on scene with a student who was dysregulated and confrontational. Advocate works with the officers and staff to de-escalate the situation.

12:30pm: Advocate attends weekly "PRYSE" meeting. This group is for high school students in District 742 who have one or more parents who are currently incarcerated, and it is facilitated by Advocate, therapists, law enforcement officers and volunteers.

1:30pm: Advocate gets call from a Stearns County Child Protective Services (CPS) worker. She is concerned about a 12-year-old student who has been missing school. Advocate goes to the child's home, but no one answers the door. Advocate follows up with the CPS worker who will continue to follow up with the student.

2:00pm: Advocate finally makes it to hospital to meet with guardian of the student from the morning's first call. The guardian wants a referral for therapeutic services. Advocate decides to follow up with the other cases from the hospital later as there is a scheduled meeting at another school.

3:30pm: Advocate meets with a father, his child, and the school's SRO regarding alleged abusive and neglectful parenting by the child's other parent. The child and father are both receptive to being referred to therapeutic services, and Advocate will follow up with the other parent.

4:30pm: Advocate receives a phone call from a school social worker. A 7-year-old child that Advocate has previously worked with was too dysregulated to ride school bus home. Advocate was requested to come on-scene to assist.

6:00pm: Advocate leaves scene and signs off for the day.