



ST. CLOUD AREA CHILD RESPONSE INITIATIVE

Responding to the Needs of Children in Crisis

<p>Mission</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>CRI Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central MN Mental Health Center • St. Cloud, Waite Park and Sartell Law Enforcement Agencies • Stearns, Benton and Sherburne Counties • Anna Marie's Alliance • True Balance Counseling • Medway Services • Village Family Services • Lutheran Social Services • Caritas-Catholic Charities • Ken Hanna • Northwest Counseling • Ellison Center • Creative Connections <p>St. Cloud Area CRI St. Cloud Police Department 101 11th Ave N St. Cloud, MN 56303</p> <p>Trauma Advocate: Paige McConkey Phone: (320) 247-3701</p>
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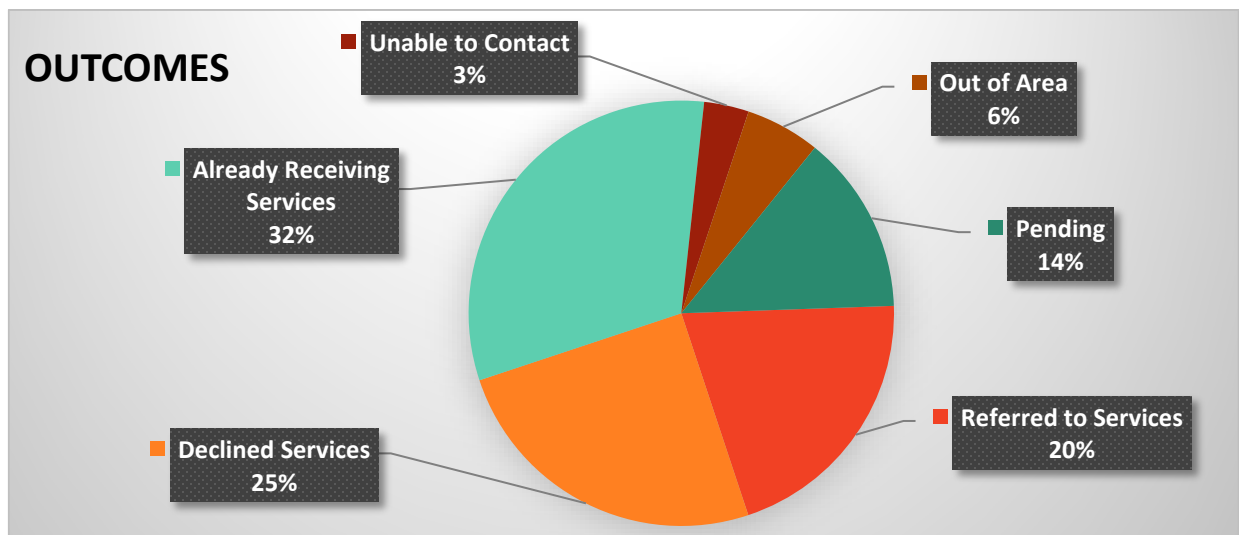
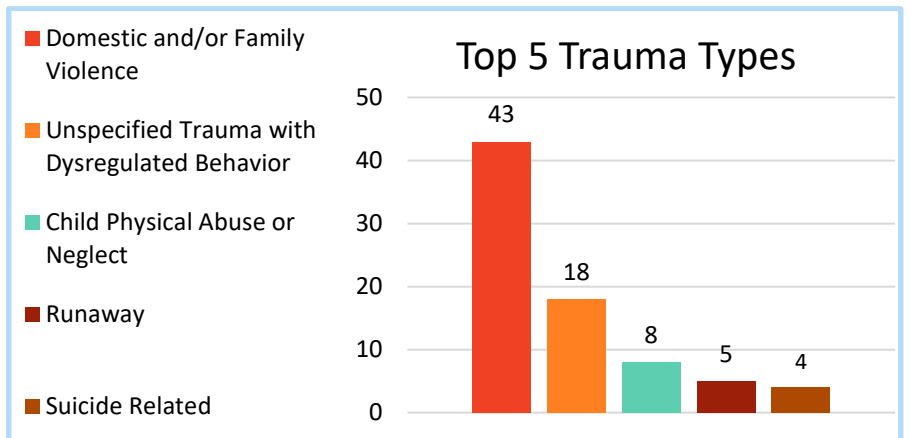
St. Cloud Area CRI Impact

In the 2nd Quarter of 2020, CRI received **67** referrals, involving **90** children.

Since inception in April 2014, CRI has served **2,070 children**.



Referrals were received by Trauma Advocate:
 Less than 24 hours – **46**
 Less than 48 hours – **5**
 More than 48 hours – **16**



COLLABORATION SUCCESS STORY

Alex* is a 13-year-old child with the cognitive assessment of a 6-year-old. His mother is a single mother raising him and an older sibling who is non-verbal autistic. Through Stearns County, Alex has a Developmental Disabilities Case Management Worker as well as a Mental Health Worker. He also has two skills workers in the home for 60 hours a week, along with other services.

In the past month law enforcement has been called to the home at least 7 times due to Alex's dysregulated behavior. He has become aggressive to his mother and skill workers when he experiences episodes of anxiety and escalation.

Law Enforcement referred Alex to CRI and the Trauma Informed Advocate (TIA) has been able to build a relationship with the family. There have been 5-6 instances where instead of calling Law Enforcement, the mother called the TIA instead. In all these instances except one, the TIA was able to arrive and work with the skill workers to deescalate the situation. This means that Law Enforcement did not need to intervene, and Alex did not have to be taken to the Emergency Room.

CRI is working closely with Stearns County and the other partners to be a source of information for what is going on in the home. Next steps are being drafted for how to best help Alex and keep him and his family safe. CRIs involvement helps Stearns County make an informed decision about what approach and plan will be used to resolve the situation and bring peace into the home.

** Story has been adapted to protect identity of the family/individuals*