



# ST. CLOUD AREA CHILD RESPONSE INITIATIVE

## Responding to the Needs of Children in Crisis

### Purpose

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

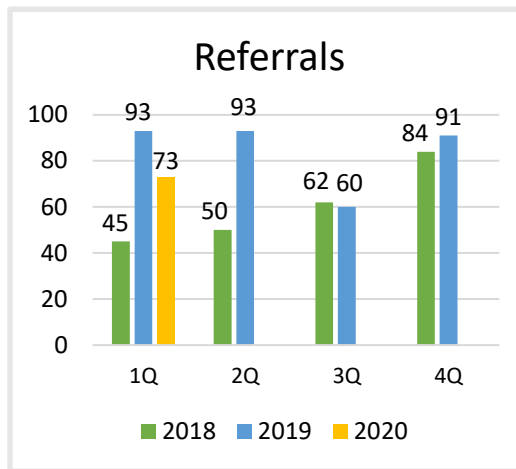
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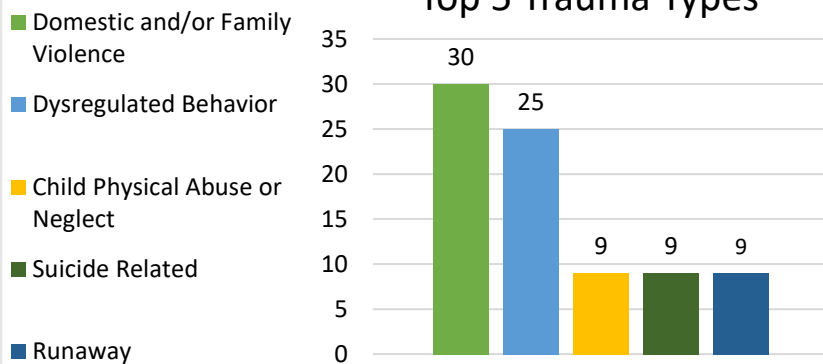
### St. Cloud Area CRI Impact



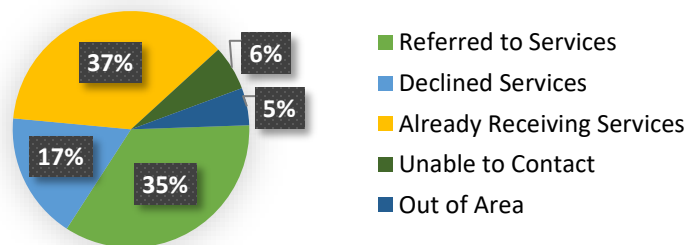
In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020, CRI received **73** referrals, involving **98** children.

Since inception in April 2014, CRI has served **1,974** children.

### Top 5 Trauma Types



### OUTCOMES



## COLLABORATION SUCCESS STORY

Trauma Informed Advocate, Paige McConkey has been working with a single parent and her five children for approximately 4 ½ years. The family was initially referred to CRI by law enforcement. One of the children, who is autistic, currently has a Social Worker through Stearns County.

McConkey had contact with the social worker and spoke about the needs of the children. Mom works full time, so the children are cared for by other family members. Mom is a good mom and juggles responsibilities as she is also the primary financial provider. Mom was looking for ideas to help the children become active and to find things for them to do that are positive.

Social worker thought getting the children bikes would be a good solution. She was able to find a bike for the one child assigned to her. McConkey reached out to a CRI volunteer who was able to find bikes for the other four children through community partners. Stearns County helped secure a bike rack for security. Other volunteers and partners further secured helmets and bike locks for each of the children. Repairs on the bikes were done by some essential volunteers. The mother was incredibly grateful.

The kids were each excited to have a new bike, to give them an opportunity to have a much more active life and a social means to interact with other peers. It is a good resource as well for them to get out of the house and be more active. It is hoped that this new resource will help distract them from destructive and negative behavior.