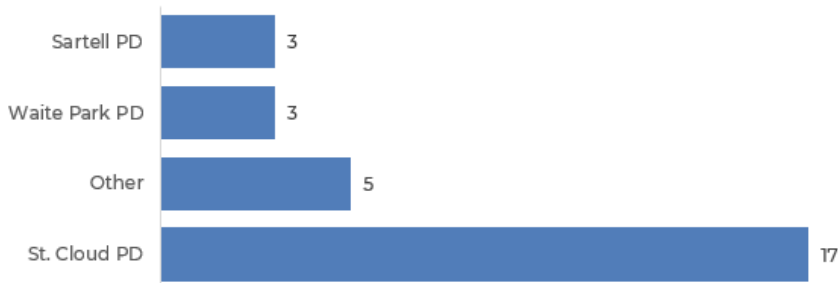


St. Cloud Area Child Response Initiative (CRI)

St. Cloud Area CRI Impact

- In the 2nd Quarter of 2026, CRI received 28 referrals
- Since its inception in April 2014, CRI has served 3,966 children.
- Of the referrals received, Child Protective Services was involved with 3 children.
- In addition, there were 0 repeat clients.

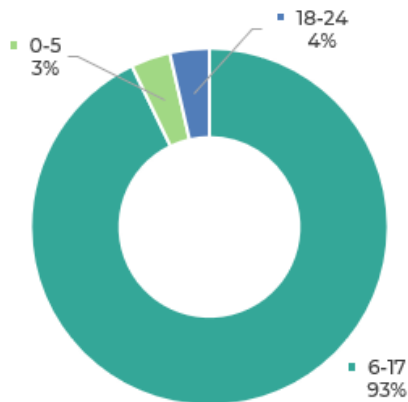
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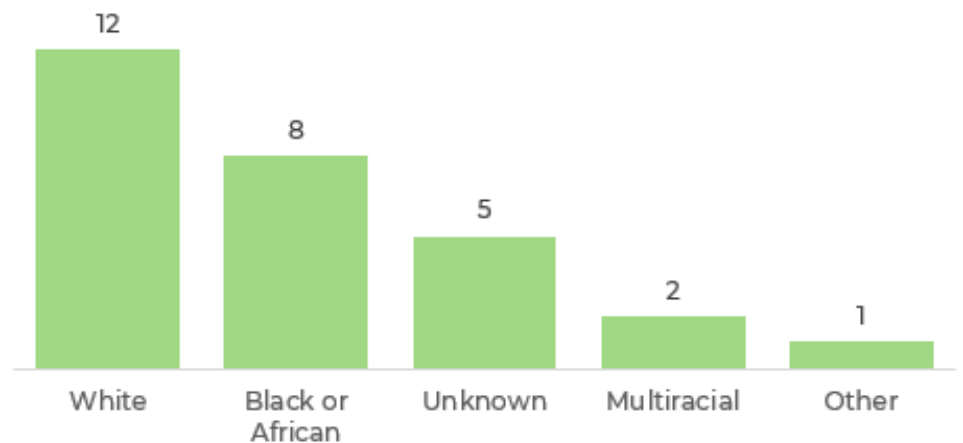
Distribution of Gender



Distribution of Age



Distribution of Race



Collaboration Success Story

In late March 2026, an 11-year-old boy was awake late at night playing video games. After hearing a loud noise, he came downstairs to find his father and his grandfather attempting to contain a fire in the kitchen. The fire grew larger, and the young boy evacuated safely. His father and grandfather, unfortunately, passed away that night. After the investigations team was able to work with the family, a CRI Referral was sent in early April as a follow-up service provided to the family after experiencing this traumatic event.

Upon reaching out to the family, the advocate was informed that not only had this child experienced the loss of his parents and grandparents, but about a week prior to the house fire, he had lost his grandmother as well. It was evident that the family was devastated by grief. The 11-year-old's mother had informed the CRI advocate that he had an appointment set later in the month to help process the recent events. The family thanked the advocate and agreed to a follow-up call after funeral planning was completed.

Two weeks later, the advocate reached out again to see how the family was coping with the loss of their family members. As expected, the family was experiencing overwhelming amounts of grief and sadness. As additional support in combination with the therapy services both the mother and son had been receiving, the CRI advocate was able to connect the family to Bri's Lodge in Waite Park, Minnesota. Here, they had access to support groups for children, adults, and families. The family continues to work through their grief journey with the support of peer groups in the community and mental health professionals who can help the family navigate through this extremely difficult loss.

CRI Partners

- St. Cloud Fire Department
 - Bri's Lodge
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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.

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