



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
July 23, 2018
5:30 PM

I. Town Council Items

II. Study Session Items

1. Community Contribution Recipient Presentation - Crisis Center - 10 minutes
2. Traffic Plan Update - Williams/Aden - 30 minutes
3. Communications "White Board" Discussion - Penington - 30 minutes



PARKER TOWN COUNCIL

JULY 23, 2018



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT

MISSION AND VISION

The Crisis Center exists to end domestic violence through advocacy, education, and prevention; while helping communities live free of violence



Nine-year-old William came to the Crisis Center for play therapy because of the physical and emotional abuse he experienced – punishments were severe whenever William made mistakes. William and his therapist were playing 'sword fight' when William accidentally threw the sword toward the toy box, missed and hit a window, breaking it. William began crying, telling his therapist he was afraid he would never be allowed to come back to “play”. The therapist told him he didn’t do anything wrong, this was just an accident. After lots of reassurance, William stopped crying and understood he would come back. This was a powerful moment for William – his mistake didn’t end in abuse, but in unconditional understanding and support.

SERVICES

- ◆ 24-Hour Crisis Line
- ◆ Emergency Shelter
- ◆ Community Advocacy Program (CAP)
- ◆ Therapy
- ◆ Legal Advocacy
- ◆ Community Outreach and Education
- ◆ Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)



“She was 8-years-old when she first saw her father beat me so terribly she had to ride in the ambulance with me on the way to the hospital. I will never forget the first time she came out of a play therapy session with her therapist and Fiddle, the Crisis Center’s therapy dog. She looked up at me and said, ‘Fiddle made all the bad feelings go away today.’”



OUR THERAPY DOGS

FIDDLE AND ANNIE

2017 WHO WAS SERVED

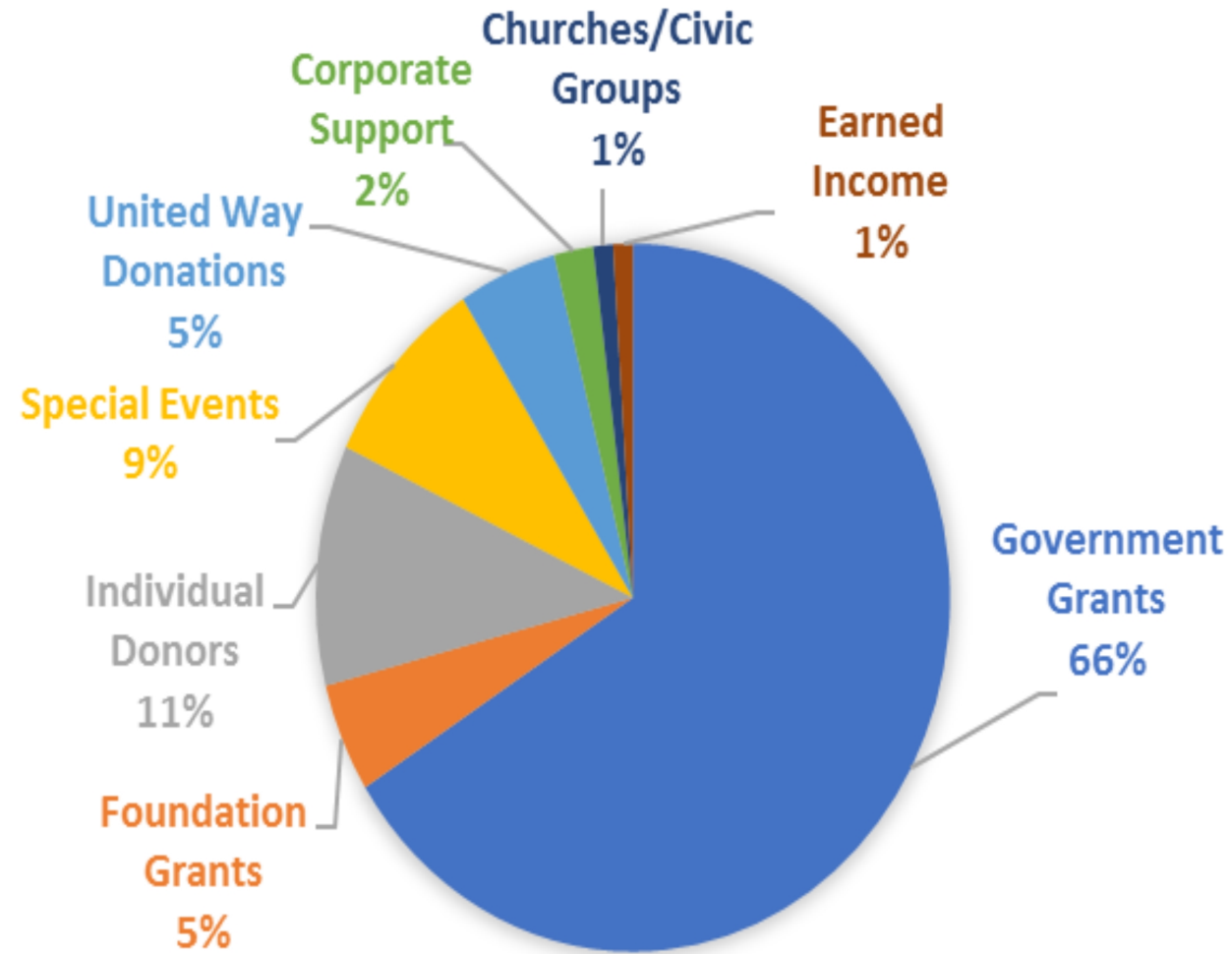
1614 calls to our 24-hour crisis line

85 adults and children spent 1401 nights in our safe shelter

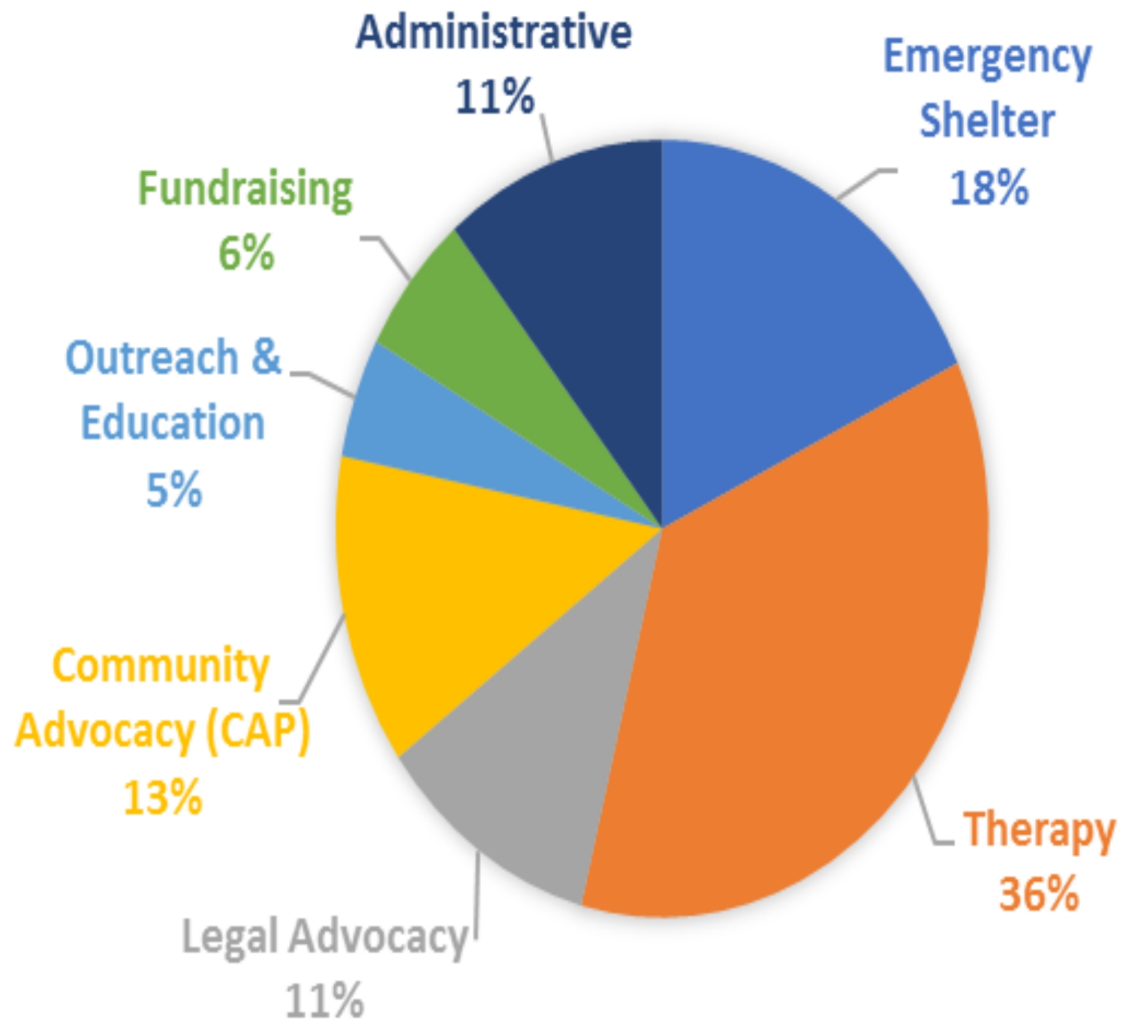
295 adults and children traumatized by domestic violence received therapy

258 clients were assisted with legal advocacy services

Served a total of **638** domestic violence victims in our community



Income



Expenses



“After nine months of marriage, I knew he was dangerous. The only problem was I was about to give birth any day now.

I had to hang on until I had the baby and then I could get out. There were times the abuse was so tormenting such as waking up to find him holding a knife to my swollen pregnant belly threatening to end both my life and that of our unborn child.

I thought, how can this be me? I have a master’s degree; I am a strong, independent woman!”

83% OF EVERY DOLLAR

GOES BACK TO SERVE CLIENTS

PARKER
CLIENTS

91



Adam lives with PTSD from combat and is in an emotionally, physically, and verbally abusive relationship with the mother of his 5 children. Adam describes his relationship as hopeless, depressing, and paralyzing. Adam started therapy with the Crisis Center and in a very short time there was a noticeable positive shift in his overall emotional and mental well-being. Adam reports feeling more confident, happy, and able to process the effects of his abusive relationship. He is making great strides to protect himself and his children and gives credit to the Crisis Center for their support.

OUTCOMES FROM CLIENT SURVEYS

91% gained knowledge about community resources

94% know more ways to plan for their safety

95% are more hopeful about their future

96% are more self-sufficient than before engaging in services

93% understand the violence was not their fault

85% stated their overall emotional health and well-being have improved

95% stated their parenting skills have improved

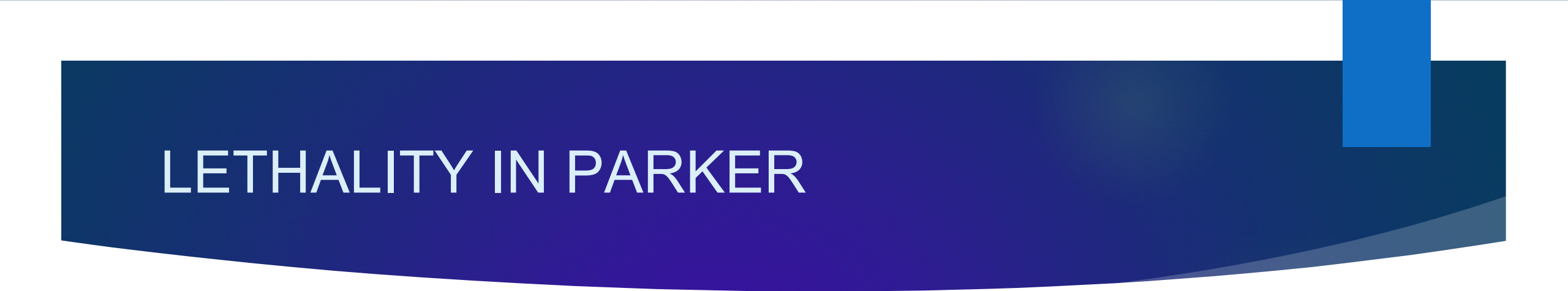
Lethality Assessment

- ◆ For 28 – 33% of victims, the first incident of violence was the HOMICIDE.
- ◆ More than 44% of perpetrators were arrested in the year prior to the homicide.
- ◆ Only 4% of victims used a DV hotline or shelter within the year prior to being killed
- ◆ Victims who went to shelter were significantly less likely to experience re-assault than those who did not go.

Lethality in 2017

Approximately **800** domestic violence calls in Douglas County. **60%** of these calls involved a highly lethal offender with a history of lethal violence toward their partner.





LETHALITY IN PARKER

**39 CALLS WITH A
HIGHLY LETHAL
OFFENDER**

COST OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**\$9.3 BILLION
ANNUALLY**

RESEARCH,

INSTITUTE OF WOMEN'S POLICY

GLADYS MCLEAN, SARAH GONZALEZ -
BOCINSKI, M.A.

TOWN OF PARKER FUNDING

\$274.72 PER CLIENT PER
YEAR

IN COLORADO

**\$10,000 PER
VICTIM**

(INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO
ARE EXPOSED TO DV)



70% OF CRISIS CENTER CLIENTS
DO NOT CONTACT FORMAL
SYSTEMS FOR ASSISTANCE

COST SAVINGS TO PARKER

\$364,000

QUESTIONS