



BC NETWORK OF CHILD & YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTRES

**Annual
Report
2021**



SERVING BC COMMUNITIES

A coordinated response to children and youth who have experienced abuse

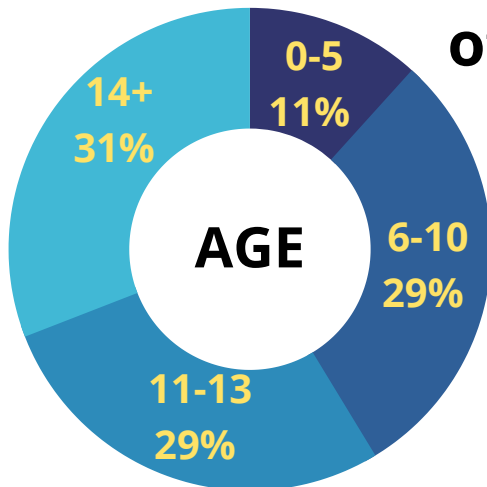


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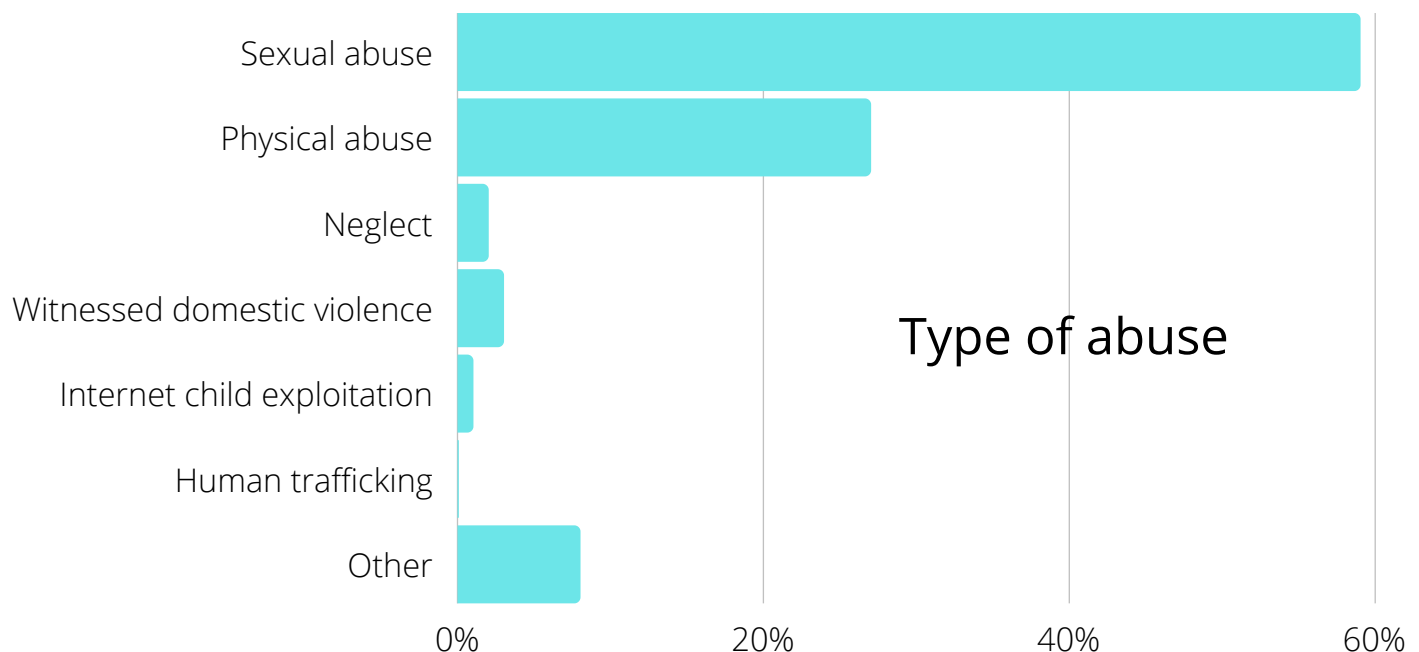
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of BC's children visited
a CYAC in 2021

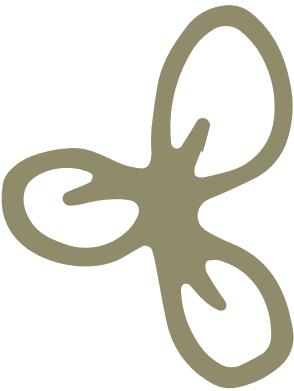
27% boys
71% girls
1% transgender
1% unknown



80% had not been served by a CYAC before
21% had prior domestic violence in the family
30% experienced repeated abuse



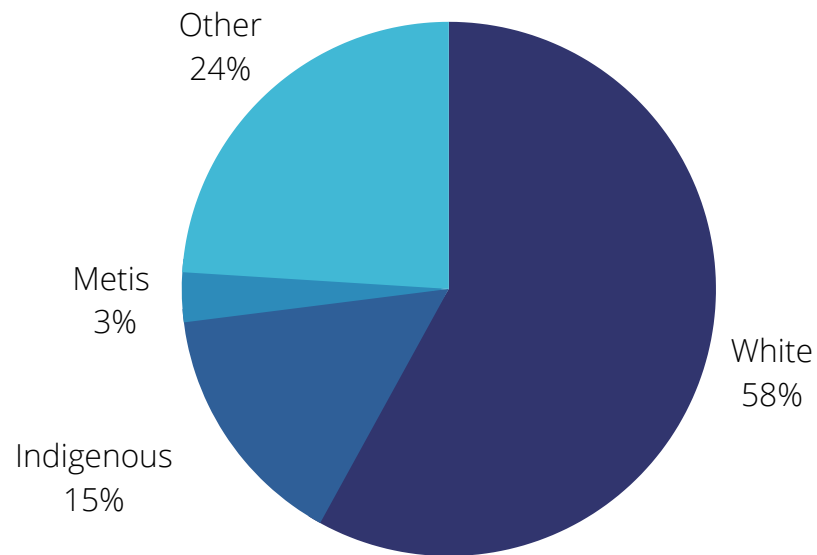
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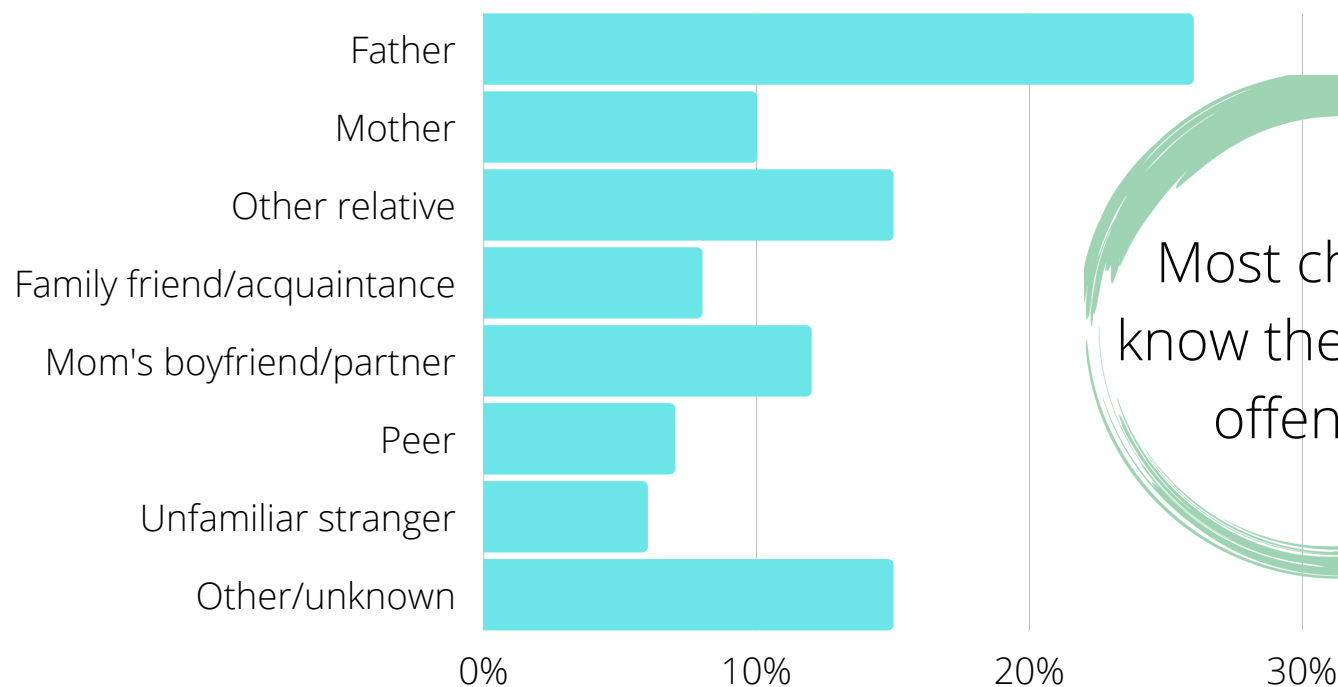
61%

of children had complex characteristics (e.g., trauma symptoms, anxiety, depression)

Ethnicity/cultural background



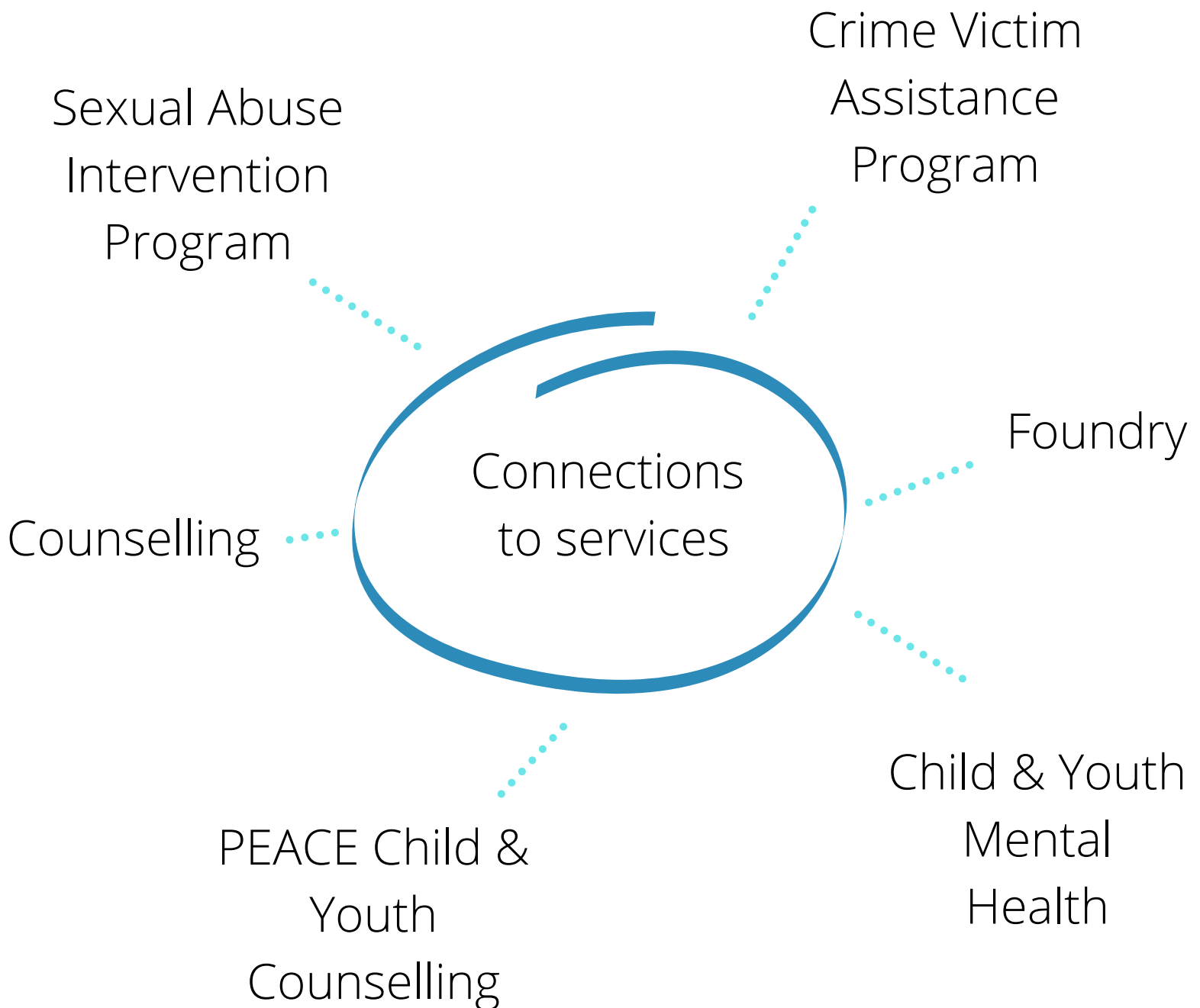
Alleged offender/child relationship



Most children know the alleged offender

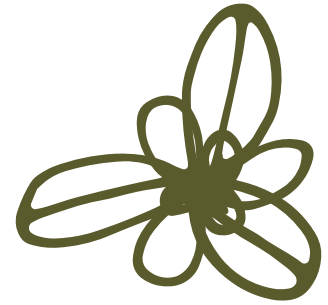
THE CYAC EXPERIENCE

Children and families are connected to a wide range of services



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM FEEDBACK

The CYAC model involves regular meetings between professionals collaborating to ensure the child's and family's needs are met



 **90%** of MDT members find meetings beneficial

"There is no doubt the model works. We just need more of it."

96%
of MDT members reported that their working relationships within the MDT were effective or very effective

MDT MEMBERS BELIEVE IN THE CYAC MODEL:

Over 89% agree that the model:

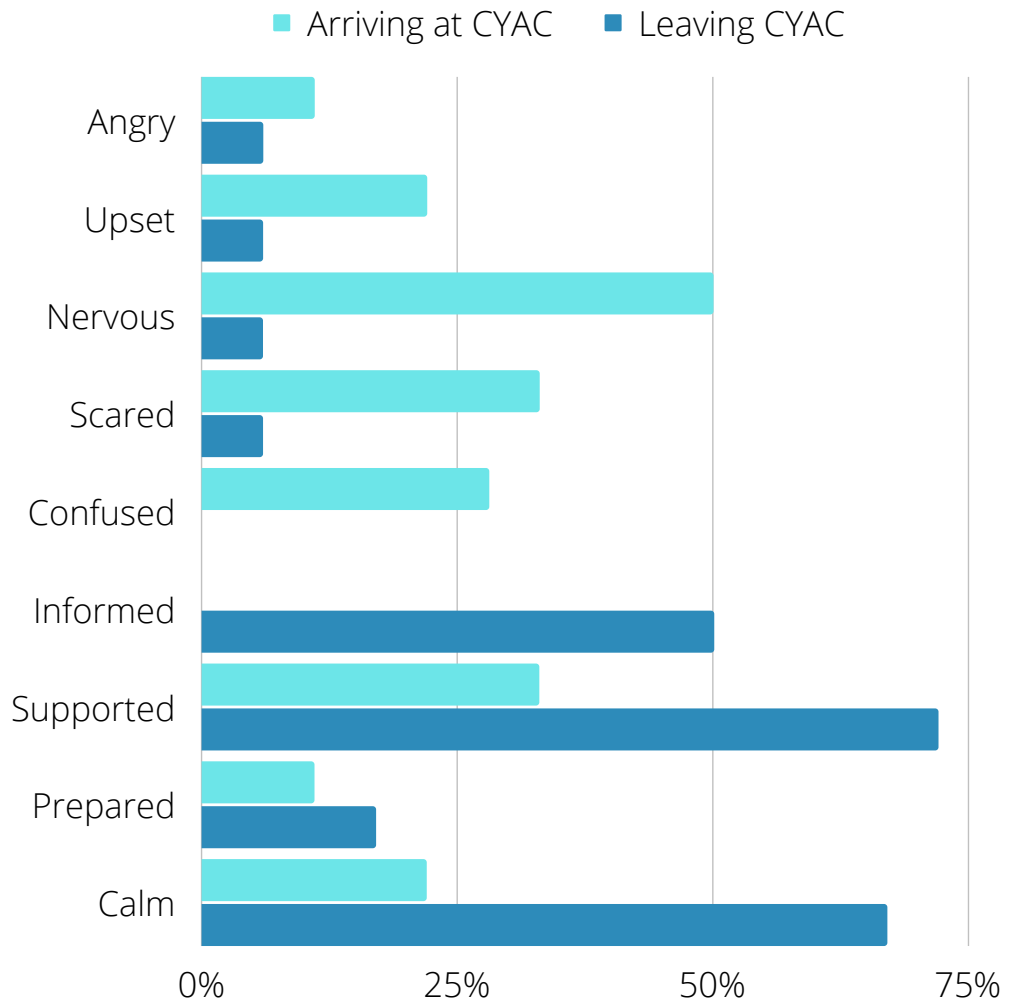
- Helped better serve the case
- Resulted in a more collaborative approach
- Resulted in coordinated planning
- Helped provide a timely response

CAREGIVER FEEDBACK

Caregivers receive support and information at CYACs

*"I was very
anxious and
nervous, my
child had been
through so
much during
the week and
everyone was so
calming and
easy to speak
to."
-Caregiver*

Caregiver emotions



Caregivers left the CYAC feeling
more positive

Over 70% of caregivers were pleased with
the CYAC services received during this
difficult time

CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE

Children receive age-appropriate support and expertise at CYACs

"Everyone was really nice."
-Child

91%

of professionals say children benefitted from the collaborative approach

95%

of children were interviewed only one time



"The combination of [the Advocate] and the center contributed to the family feeling heard and cared about. It was the best scenario for all concerned. Thank you so much!!"



Changing the way we respond to children and youth who have experienced abuse and violence in BC

