The Problem

In Solano County….

… Between 12,000 and 14,000 individuals experience homelessness each year. Nearly 70% of these are women with children.

… An estimated 25% of the homeless population are victims of domestic violence.

… Poverty, lack of social support, family stress and violence, and the mother’s low level of education all have a direct correlation with the rates of maltreatment of children.

… Approximately 15% of children 0-5 live in poverty and 11% or nearly 12,000 children under 18 live in poverty. Nearly one third or 32,000 live in low income households.

… In one year, 631 children were reported to CPS for Sexual Abuse allegations. There were no face-to-face investigations in 440 of those cases.

… In the same year, 1247 children were reported to CPS for Physical Abuse allegations. There were no face-to-face investigations in 395 of those cases.

… Child Welfare Services only affects a fraction of the children subjected to maltreatment.

… Infants and toddlers are at highest risk of neurological damage due to neglect. They are also least likely to receive referral for mental health services.

… There are approximately 3,000 domestic violence-related calls each year.

… The teen birth rate is the highest in the Bay Area. Babies born to teen mothers are more apt to have low birth weight and childhood health problems. Teen mothers often lack the emotional maturity needed to care for an infant. One-third receives inadequate prenatal care.

The Solution: Child Haven, Inc.

Child Haven, a non-profit organization founded in 1983 as a response to the growing problem of child abuse in Solano County. Services help ensure successful physical, social, emotional, and/or cognitive development of young children and provide intensive parenting and family support with the belief that early intervention, education, and targeted professional services prevent child abuse.

Child Haven provides in-depth assessment and diagnosis for conditions affecting a child’s successful development that may arise from mental health concerns, trauma from child abuse/neglect, or developmental delays and uses prescriptive therapeutic services with individuals, groups, or families including counseling, psychotherapy, and/or developmental therapies.

Solano County Health and Social Services (Children’s Mental Health and Children’s Protective Services), law enforcement, and the Solano County’s Family Resource Centers refer children who are exposed to family and environmental violence for therapeutic intervention and treatment to Child Haven.
**Services**

Child Haven’s services are family and child focused, taking into account environment, multicultural/multietnic context, physiological, and developmental attributes and the results of neglect or trauma. Services are multidisciplinary and integrated with a case plan developed with the participation of the family/caregiver.

Services include:

- Intake Assessment
- Client Service Plan Development
- Dyadic Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Support Groups
- Art Therapy
- Screenings and Assessments
- Case Management / Periodic Review
- Developmental Guidance
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
- Group Therapy
- Parenting Education
- Case Conferencing / Consultation

Services are available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

**Staff**

Child Haven is widely recognized in Solano County as experts in the field of dealing with mental health and developmental issues in infants and young children with staff who recognize the child’s medical, emotional, social, behavioral and cognitive development needs. Staff is trained in addressing the needs of children and families who have experienced trauma of physical and/or sexual abuse, family violence, and/or severe neglect.

Highly trained and experienced staff includes:

- 2 Doctorate degree staff with Child Clinical, Family or Developmental Psychology focus
- 8 Masters in Education, Family Therapy, or Child Development staff
- 3 Bachelors in Child Development staff
- 2 Licensed Psychologists, 3 Licensed Family Therapists, 1 Intern Family Therapist and 1 Doctoral Intern
- 2 Masters in Social Work staff
- 4 Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) therapists trained by the University of California Davis Medical School
- 7 Bilingual staff proficient in Spanish and 1 staff proficient in American Sign Language and Italian
- 2 Contract specialists in developmental guidance with Masters or Doctoral degrees in Child Development
- 4 Doctoral Candidate Trainees supervised by Licensed Psychologist

**Funding**

Child Haven has an annual operating budget in excess of $1,000,000 which comes in part from contracts with the State of California’s Office of Emergency Services (Child Abuse Treatment program), Solano County Department of Health and Social Services (Mental Health or Child Protective Services), North Bay Regional Center (for children with developmental delays such as autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and other developmental disorders), and the Victims of Crime program. Services referred by the above agencies are provided free of charge to clients. Other funds are raised through community fundraisers, and donations from community conscience businesses and caring individuals.

Child Haven serves over 400 clients annually.

For more information call (707) 425-5744 or visit our website at www.Child-Haven.org