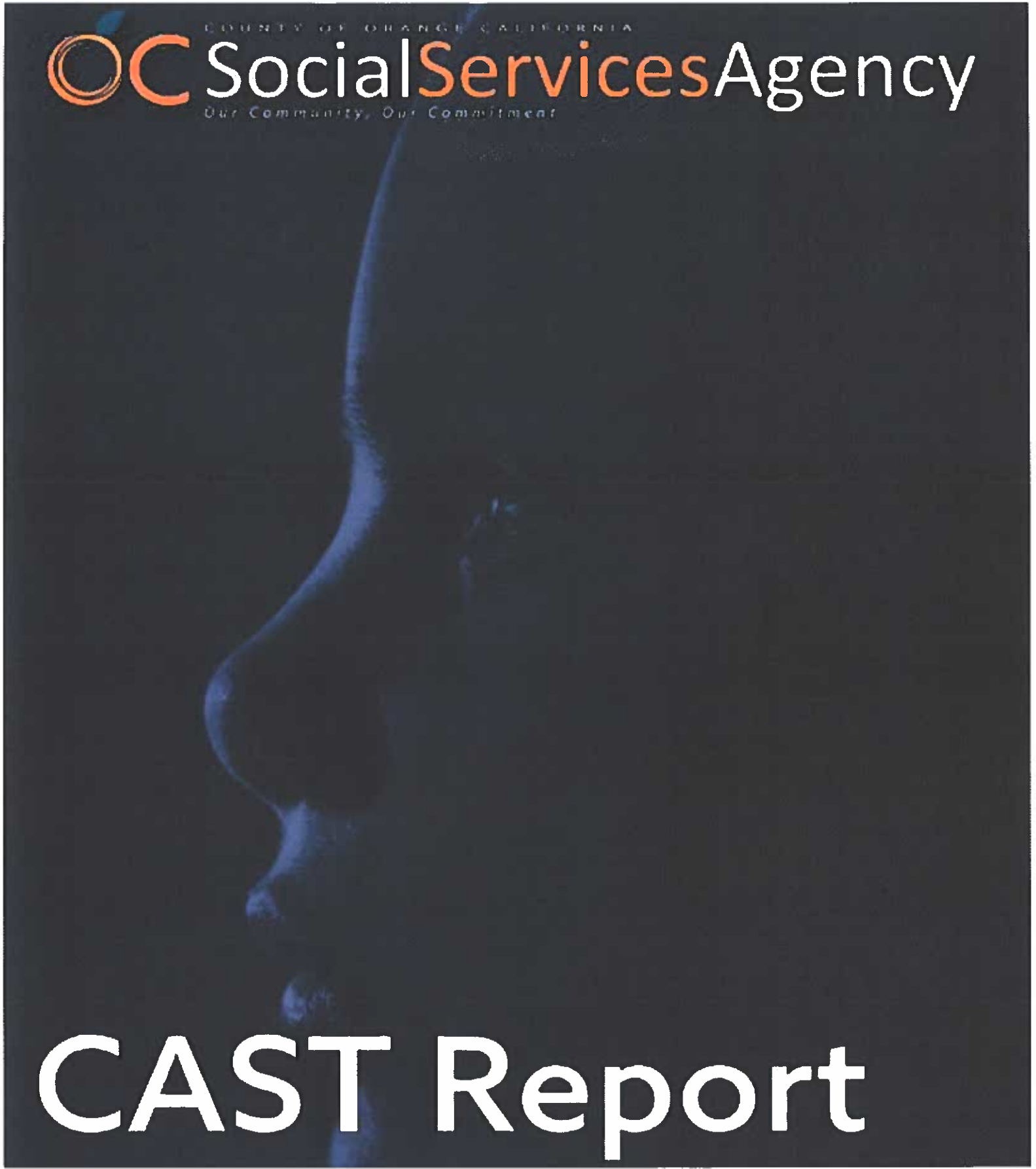




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Social Services Agency

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CAST Report

2022

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CAST HIGHLIGHTS 2022

- The forensic interview team was fully staffed, backup interviewers trained and completed monthly interviews.
- One social worker attended Certified Forensic Interview Training (CFIT).
- Two forensic interview interest trainings were completed.
- Three forensic interviewers attended a court proceeding to observe the examination of a CAST interview.
- Four advocate trainings were completed with both virtual and live options.
- 525 forensic interviews were completed.
- 747 children were served through the CAST playroom.
- 2,382 hours of mental health services were provided.
- An average of 16 ongoing therapy cases were seen a month.
- 81 sexual abuse exams were completed.
- 486 referrals were made to victim witness.
- UCI medical residents continued to train monthly at CAST.
- Medical participated in developing and providing trainings including child maltreatment conference; Social Work Induction Training; New Emergency Response Internal Training; and Child abuse lectures for UCI medical students, CHOC nursing residents and nurse practitioner students from California State University, Long Beach.
- A colposcope was donated to UCI Medical/CAST.
- The Priority Center, in conjunction with Meridith Baer, updated the lobby, parent rooms and playroom with furniture and wall hangings. A teen room was created.
- Two interview rooms were updated.
- Three interviewers actively participated in Peer Reviews through the Child Advocacy Centers of California (CACC).
- Forensic Interviewers participated in trainings including Child Interviewing Lab Bi-Weekly Review through University of Southern California (USC), National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) trainings, San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) trainings, Child Abuse Summit, Presenting Evidence, and National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) trainings.
- CAST Staff provided over 25 tours of the facility.
- Multi- Disciplinary intake forms were updated.

CAST Interview Rooms

This is where children are forensically interviewed in a child friendly setting



LAW ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

Law enforcement agencies bring children suspected of being abused to CAST to be interviewed and receive services from the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

Police Depts/Agency	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		Total Interviews	Total Exams
	Interview	Exam	Interview	Exam	Interview	Exam	Interview	Exam	Interview	Exam		
ANAHEIM	161	54	150	32	140	19	120	20	79	14	650	139
BREA	5	1	2	0	7	3	4	0	16	2	34	6
BUENA PARK	13	11	20	4	25	1	22	5	21	3	101	24
COSTA MESA	12	8	12	2	15	2	37	7	26	11	102	30
CYPRESS	4	0	10	1	2	0	9	2	1	0	26	3
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	3	1	6	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	15	4
FULLERTON	31	6	19	2	16	1	10	0	7	2	83	11
GARDEN GROVE	22	10	35	3	22	6	24	0	21	5	124	24
HUNTINGTON BEACH	25	6	44	5	19	1	28	3	13	0	129	15
IRVINE	23	3	35	2	23	3	28	4	37	8	146	20
LAGUNA BEACH	1	0	7	6	2	0	6	0	3	1	19	7
LA HABRA	17	4	12	5	13	1	10	2	19	8	71	20
LA PALMA	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	13	1
LOS ALAMITOS	0	1	4	3	2	0	1	0	2	1	9	5
NEWPORT BEACH	6	1	13	0	9	0	8	1	4	1	40	3
OC SHERIFF	115	21	103	23	54	6	51	6	57	7	380	63
ORANGE	19	8	36	8	30	7	29	4	36	7	150	34
PLACENTIA	8	3	14	3	12	0	5	0	6	1	46	7
SANTA ANA	86	51	76	29	53	14	85	15	110	14	410	123
SEAL BEACH	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	1
TUSTIN	14	13	15	4	7	0	25	3	15	0	76	20
UC IRVINE	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	0
WESTMINSTER	5	4	9	0	15	1	13	3	12	6	54	14
OTHER	8	3	37	2	35	5	44	0	32	0	156	10
SSA	0	2	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	9	7	12
Totals	584	211	668	137	506	71	571	75	525	102	2854	596

BREAKDOWN OF ADVOCATE STATISTICS: FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

The advocate component coordinates and represents non-profit partner The Priority Center. This valued partner works directly with children making them feel comfortable during their time at CAST, helping to ease the trauma associated with being interviewed and examined to confirm allegations of suspected abuse.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New children served at CAST	695	754	572	668	610
Repeat children served at CAST	180	342	114	155	137
Total children served at CAST	875	1096	686	823	747
Advocates (average per month)	50.2	50.6	31.5	37.8	43.3
Number of new advocate trainings	4	4	3	2	4
New advocates	51	62	30	29	50
Advocate hours	10356.25	11818.25	5708	8919	10080
Number of presentations	38	54	6	10	25
Total presentation attendees	541	854	61	114	277
Number of tours	75	84	32	45	74
Total tours attendees	241	314	45	103	175

WAYMAKERS STATISTICS: FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

The victim-witness advocate Waymakers, is responsible for working with SSA, law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office and other collaborative partners to ensure that child abuse victims are afforded services and assist the family through the criminal justice/court process through advocacy, education, encouragement and empowerment.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Totals
Juvenile/Dependency Court	144	159	66	180	72	621
Sexual Assault Victim Services	354	386	402	282	336	1760
Other Court Centers	26	58	40	84	78	286
Totals	524	603	508	546	486	2667

DISTRICT ATTORNEY STATISTICS: FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

The CAST Deputy District Attorney (DDA) observes the forensic interviews for the purpose of assessing competency and witness demeanor, and to ensure the interview process is conducive to use in a Court setting. The DDA coordinates case reviews and law enforcement trainings.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases Reviewed	363	259	215	222	226
Cases Filed	240	99	79	93	99

CAST GOALS

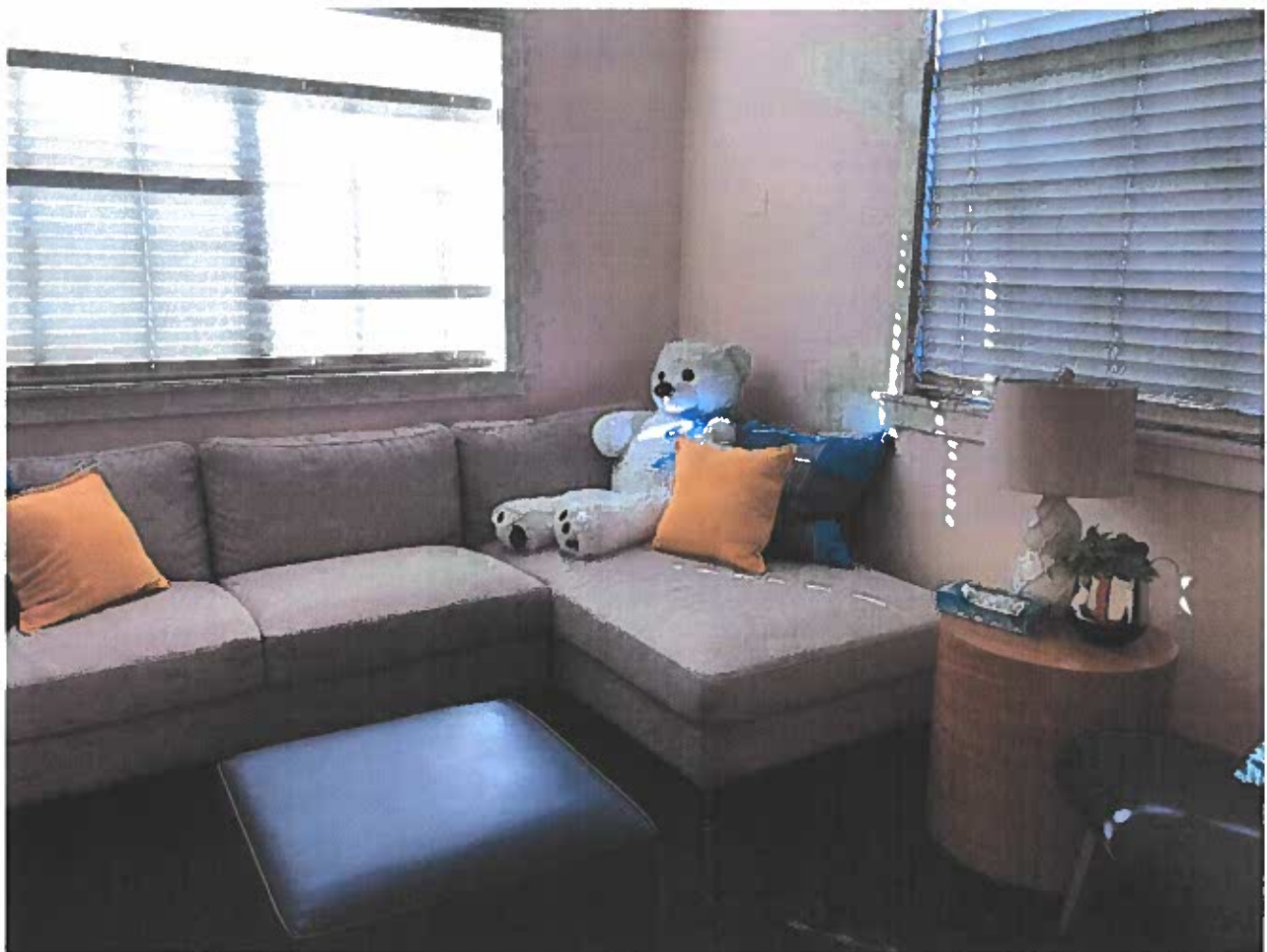
Goals	Strategy	Action	Status	Description	Completion Date
Ensure CAST meets highest Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) standards	Continue CAST Standards	Support quality assurance measures for case and peer reviews by reaching out to other CACs	Ongoing	Review of accreditation standards by all partners	Ongoing
				Virtual Peer Review	Quarterly
Increase utilization of CAST by law enforcement	Strengthen relationships	Support law enforcement meetings	Ongoing	Team attended a case review of Turpin family	March 2022
	Encourage law enforcement representation	Ensure law enforcement on Policy Board		Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)	Bi-monthly
		Case Reviews		In person case review by jurisdiction	monthly
		Law Enforcement meeting		Meeting for all jurisdictions with specialized speakers	Bi-monthly
Goals	Strategy	Action	Status	Description	Completion Date
Marketing	Increase community awareness	Support tours for all organizations	Ongoing	Tours as requested	Monthly
	Video collaboration with Chipotle	Complete Script/work with CGR	In progress	Produce video to show CAST center	April 2023
File Storage	Work with On Base team	Image and On Base	In progress	Digital storage of intake file	Ongoing

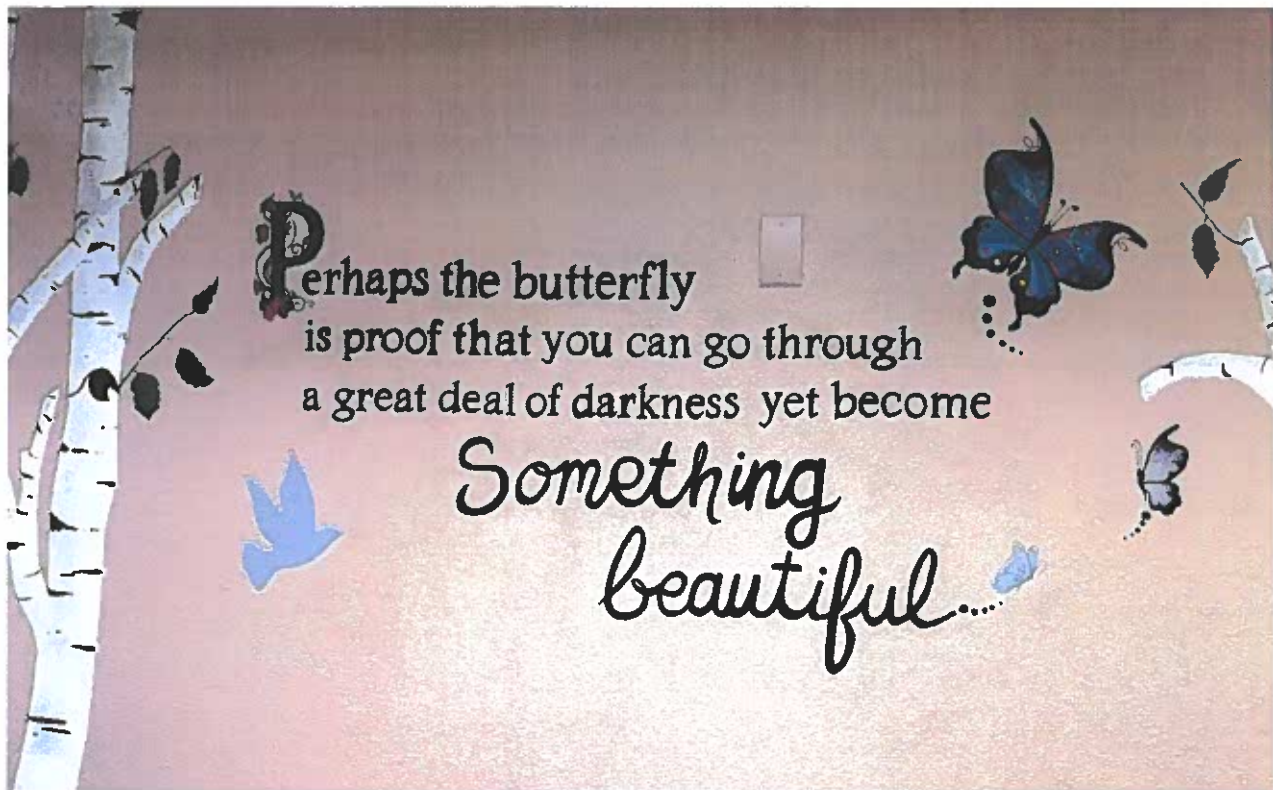
LOOKING FORWARD 2023

Re-Accreditation Optional Standards

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Standard

CAST will establish protocols that guide screening, investigations and service delivery to serve this population while continuing to outreach to Law Enforcement. We strive to reduce the trauma to these children by offering a safe and comfortable setting where they can receive medical and therapeutic services, as well as disclose the abuse happening to them in the world of sexual exploitation.





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