



# ARPA PRESENTATIONS

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Morning


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9:00-9:15	Call to Order / Pledges / Welcome
9:15-9:35	<b>Presentation #1 – Slide – Children’s Advocacy Center – Tammy King, Executive Director</b>
9:35-9:45	Q & A
9:45-10:05	<b>Presentation #2 – Slide – H.I.M. Center Food Bank – Lisa Richardson, President &amp; Chief Executive Officer</b>
10:05-10:15	Q & A
10:15-10:35	<b>Presentation #3 – Handout – S.H.I.N.E Together – Shana Peacock, Founder</b>
10:35-10:45	Q & A
10:45-11:05	<b>Presentation #4 – Cleburne Friends of the Cultural Arts (JN Long Cultural Arts Complex) – Barbara Lane, Board President</b>
11:05-11:15	Q & A
11:15-11:35	<b>Presentation #5 – Slide – A Change for Christ – Conrad Jackson, Finance Director</b>
11:35-11:45	Q & A
11:45-12:00	Wrap up for lunch / Recess till 1:30

Tuesday Afternoon

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12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-1:45	Welcome Back
1:45-2:05	<b>Presentation #6 – Slide/Handout – Open Door Ministries – Barry Gee, Chief Financial Officer</b>
2:05-2:15	Q & A
2:15-2:35	<b>Presentation #7 – Slide – Harvest House – Jennifer Woods, Executive Director</b>
2:35-2:45	Q & A
2:45-3:05	<b>Presentation #8 – Handout – Next Step Women’s Center – Jane Burton, Board Member Summer Garcia, Executive Director &amp; William Perryman, Board Member</b>
3:05-3:15	Q & A
3:15-3:35	<b>Presentation #9 – Slide – Answer International – Cindy Cooley, Director of Global Partners</b>
3:35-3:45	Q & A
3:45-4:05	<b>Presentation #10 – Handout – SPARK Worldwide – Lisa Oakes, CFO</b>
4:05-4:15	Q & A
4:15-4:20	Wrap up / Adjourn



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## American Rescue Plan Project Submission Form

**Project Name** - A short name for your project, such as "Sewer Line Expansion along Main St."

Children's Advocacy Center's Covid Relief Building Modifications Project

**Primary Point of Contact** - The name and contact information for the person in your organization that should be contacted first about this project for more details.

Tammy King, Executive Director  
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**Project Description** - A description of your project or item for purchase in 250 words or less, including why the project is needed and how that need will be met.

The Children's Advocacy Center was in the middle of their "Forever Home Capital Campaign" when Covid 19 hit. Our architect at the time was working on a building design that would allow staff to have their own offices. We had 3 in offices. When Covid hit we decided to add sliding glass walls in all Therapist's offices and Family Rooms. These doors would open into courtyards allowing for indoor/outdoor sessions + bringing in fresh air. We also implemented a nature trail, so it can be used for outdoor sessions as well.

**Project Location** - Where your project will be performed, such as "500 feet along Main Street". Include maps, if available.

1304 Country Club Road, Cleburne, TX 76033

10 1/2 acre location

**Project Budget** - A rough estimate of the budget required for your project.

Total Construction Cost is about 3.5 million. The cost to complete these modifications is over \$400,000. We are requesting \$250,000.

**Project Timeframe** - An estimate of how long it will take to start the project, how long the project will take to complete, and how long it will take to expend all funds related to the project.

The building is almost completed. We just got the sliding glass doors in place using a bridge loan. The courtyards are also complete. The nature trail is still under way.

## Rachel Sitler

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**From:** Tammy King <tammyking@cacjctx.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:09 AM  
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Good Morning Kevin and Judge Harmon,

Please find attached the submission form for the Children's Advocacy Center. We would welcome a visit to the Center, so you can see firsthand how we have worked to address Covid 19 issues in the design of our new building. There will also be Open House Invitations going out this afternoon. Open House for the community will be on February 8, 2022. We are still trying to complete the approach, nature trails, some of the flooring and of course the wonderful punch list, but we do have our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and have moved in to the new location.

We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great day!

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## American Rescue Plan Project Submission Form

**Project Name** - A short name for your project, such as "Sewer Line Expansion along Main St."

Covid Recovery Project

**Primary Point of Contact** - The name and contact information for the person in your organization that should be contacted first about this project for more details.

Tammy King, Executive Director for the Children's Advocacy Center

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**Project Description** - A description of your project or item for purchase in 250 words or less, including why the project is needed and how that need will be met.

Due to recent conversations with Grant Works, we were advised to re-submit our application for financial losses rather than capital since our building project is nearly done. During Covid our fundraising efforts have been severely impacted. The total loss based on three-year averages of events prior to covid equals \$234,225.34. In addition to these losses, we also faced the challenge of decreased donations. From 2019 to 2020, individual and private foundation gifts dropped 37% (\$97,394.25). Losses from fundraising events and drops in individual/foundation gifts, totaled a loss of \$331,619.59. Replacing funds that were lost would help us to ensure that we can continue to deliver services during a time when we are facing an extreme increase in demand for mental health services. During Covid our suicidality rates jumped from 33% to 47.88%. We have been working to secure grant funding for additional Therapists to address these need as well as drastically increasing our clinical intern program.

**Project Location** - Where your project will be performed, such as "500 feet along Main Street". Include maps, if available.

The Children's Advocacy Center is located at 1304 Country Club Road in Cleburne. All of our trauma informed services take place at this location.

**Project Budget** - A rough estimate of the budget required for your project.

In our original application, we were asking for \$250,000 to go toward the Covid 19 adaptations made to our building. With that in mind, we will only be asking for \$250,000 of the lost funds.

**Project Timeframe** - An estimate of how long it will take to start the project, how long the project will take to complete, and how long it will take to expend all funds related to the project.

We have continued to provide all services for child victims, but we were having to place some on a therapy wait list due to the incredible demand we were facing. We recently secured one grant to hire a group facilitator and we are actively growing our intern program. We are still down two full time staff positions that we lost during Covid. Being able to replenish some of our operating funds will help us to supply such things as therapy supplies and food for kids and families attending evening group therapy sessions. It would also help us purchase sensory play therapy equipment and supplies for our kids with special needs. We are constantly seeking out grants to assist us with operational funding to provide special activities for the children, so we will continue to actively seek out funding for such things as prevention and outreach and a summer safety camp that we host for our kids.

As far as a timeline, we are working hard to have no interruption of services and to improve on what we can offer through our new location. We depleted a reserve account the Board of Directors worked so hard to put into place in case a crisis situation occurred, so we could continue to operate. We are so grateful that they worked so hard over the years to ensure there was a safety net for such a time as this.

## Paula G. Reid

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**From:** Tammy King <tammyking@cacjctx.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 7, 2022 4:56 PM  
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Hi Kevin and Judge Harmon,

After discussion with Grant Works and our new building, it was decided that we should submit based on lost funds during Covid rather than the building, since the building is essentially completed. It turns out the figure for loss funds was actually higher, but we are submitting for the same amount. Thank you both for what you do! I have attached the new application.

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## Children's Advocacy Center's Response to Mental Health Increased Need

The Children's Advocacy Center has worked tirelessly to address the dramatic increase in the severity of mental health problems being exhibited in the children served by our agency. We serve child victims of sexual abuse, child sex trafficking, severe physical abuse and children who have witnessed homicides or other violent crimes using a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach. Due to the severity of these cases, the children we serve are often suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other major depressive symptoms. Children that have suffered sexual abuse are also showing Problematic Sexualized Behavior (PSB).

When Covid 19 was added to the burden these children carry, our suicidality rates went from about 33% to 47.88%. If we put that in perspective, that would mean in a month of 82 new cases, 39 of the children would be suffering from some type of suicidality. This presents a huge concern for us and a need to constantly assess how we are handling these life and death situations. Our practice today is as follows:

- Every child receives a trauma assessment on their first visit to the Children's Advocacy Center. Children under seven will have their parents fill out the Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children. Children seven and older will fill out their own checklist called the Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children.
- Children whose trauma assessment shows that they have any type of suicidality or homicidality, will immediately have a mental health clinician meet with them to administer a Columbia Suicidality Scale.
- If a child has a plan to harm themselves or someone else, they are immediately referred for a full psychiatric assessment in a hospital setting.
- Upon release from psychiatric treatment, the child can enter into counseling services at the Children's Advocacy Center.
- The Children's Advocacy Center uses evidenced based mental health practices for clients in our care. The modalities used at the Center are: Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT), TFCBT for Young Children with Play Therapy Techniques, Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI), Problematic Sexualized Behavior Therapy (PSBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Solution Focused Therapy (SFT).
- Approximately the third therapy session into treatment, the Therapist for the child will administer the Trauma Symptom Check List for Children Long Form to children seven and older. Parents will fill out a Trauma Symptom Check List for Young Children Long Form, for children under 7 years of age. A Child and Adolescent Trauma Screen (CATS)-Youth Report may be completed as well by youth 7 and older or by a parent of a child six and younger. All of these forms help to assess if the child is still experiencing trauma.

The Children's Advocacy Center currently has six clinical staff members and five interns. We work hard with partnering universities to plug in counseling interns every semester. Our Program Director is also a Licensed Clinical Social Work Supervisor, which allows us to provide a

huge service for clinical interns. Over one-third of our staff are mental health clinicians. They will all have a minimum of a Master's Degree and will carry mental health professional licensure in The State of Texas. In addition to our mental health clinicians, we have two Family Advocates trained in administering the Trauma Assessments (TSYC and TSCC). TSYC is the Trauma Symptom Check List for Young Children (6 and under) and the TSCC is the Trauma Assessment Checklist for Children (7 and up).

Our 910 Granbury Street location severely hindered our ability to expand mental health services and caused us to temporarily suspend our Clinical Intern Program. We could only have a maximum of two interns and they could not be in the building at the same time, and we were constantly juggling office space. A large cost to our new building was the creation of a mental health wing that has allowed us to begin expanding services, while also increasing the impactfulness of the therapeutic design of the building. Every Therapist and every intern now have their own offices in which they can provide individual counseling. There are now three play therapy rooms instead of one. There are two small group therapy rooms and one large group therapy rooms. Every single Therapist's office and therapy room opens into a therapeutic courtyard. One wall of each office is glass and the wall literally slides open. There is beautiful green space outside that is still being developed. It will include a peaceful nature trail and a backyard space with a covered pavilion.

We are working hard to get our intern program at a point where we can continue to expand services. We are also working very hard to get multiple groups up and going, so we don't have to place anyone on a waiting list that may need services. We have found that when we refer families out to services, they typically don't complete them. They either don't want to make the drive or they don't feel engaged with the provider. Keeping families off waiting lists is very important to us. Numbers reflect that a child victim that does not receive counseling services is 70% more likely to come back through our doors from an additional victimization.

We also continue to invest in our Therapy Dog/K-9 Advocate Program for the children and families we serve. The dogs are an incredible asset in the work we do. They reduce stress, lower blood pressure and create an unexpected element of joy for the families, staff and team members that work these cases.

### **Communities Foundation of Texas Statement**

While the prevalence of mental health disorders in children and adolescents has been increasing in recent years, the disruption of daily life caused by COVID-19 further added to the psychological distress of adolescents. In 2021, the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Children's Hospital Association jointly declared the state of mental health among youth as a national emergency, due to increases in anxiety, depression, and rising suicide rates for youth between the ages of 10 and 24.

# Output Outcomes

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 (Jan-March)

Mental Health	Child Sessions	Adult Sessions	Group Count	Intake	Family					Total
Jan	178	152		27	14					371
Feb	239	198		25	10					472
March	268	263	58	70	20					679

Total First Quarter Mental Health Services: 1,522

Family Advocacy	Trauma Assessments	Family Education	Family Intervention (crisis)	Crime Victim's Comp.	Texas VINE (Victim Notification)	Resource Referrals	Dog	Total
Jan	53	36	8	36	36	36	36	241
Feb	82	53	17	53	53	53	53	364
March	60	39	20	39	39	39	39	275

Total Family Advocacy Core Services: 880

Intake Reports/Forensic Interviews	Intakes	Forensic Interviews
Jan	236	53
Feb	259	82
March	270	60

Total Intakes Processed: 765

Total Forensic Interviews: 195

**Annual Projections:** If each quarter tracks the way our first quarter has tracked, we will potentially provide 780 forensic interviews, 3,520 Family Advocacy Core Services and well over 6,000 mental services since we just got our groups up and going in March and will be adding more.

This puts us on track to serve over 2,300 primary and secondary victims this calendar year.

Child abuse costs our country and own county millions of dollars every year. The largest cost comes from victims that never receive help that end up with a mental health diagnosis by age 21, greatly increased risk of entering the criminal justice system and a 70% risk of being revictimized. Many of these individuals end of with major substance abuse issues, teen pregnancy, and other health issues.



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↳ These collectively costs us staggering amounts of money. If you invest in services up front for these young victims, most will go on to live very healthy, happy and productive lives.

## Financial Loss to the Children's Advocacy Center During Covid

Fundraising Loss:		\$234,225.34
Donation Loss of 37%	\$	97,394.25
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$331,619.59</b>

**Additional Losses:** (Not Requesting any funding toward this loss)

Closed Reserve Account to use for Operations \$ 123,000.00

Lost two staff positions due to grant funding cuts: Development and Office Manager

**Request from the CAC:** **\$250,000.00**