



Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware, Inc.

Joint Finance Committee State Funding Request

FY 2015

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State Budget Request
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990,800.00	FY 2014 State Funding Allocation
<u>+ 15,000.00</u>	Requested Increase*
\$ 1,005,800.00	Total FY 2015 Request

* The requested increase in funding is to provide for a salary increase for CAC employees should State employees receive a general pay increase in FY 2015.



February 20, 2014

Joint Finance Committee
Legislative Hall
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Honorable Committee Members:

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors for the Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware, Inc. ("CAC"), I wish to thank you for your continued support of the CAC in serving the critical needs of the children of Delaware and their families.

I wish to share with you some of my personal observations of the CAC having served on the Board since 1996. I have witnessed first-hand the impact that has resulted from your unwavering commitment to our organization. We started as a fledging non-profit organization in 1996 wondering how we are going to fund our next payroll, to our state-wide expansion completed in 2003 with the opening of our third center in Georgetown so that we could provide coverage in all three counties that was so desperately needed. In my role as Chair, I attended the National Children's Alliance leadership conference on child abuse in Washington DC over the past few years and observed how our program in Delaware was touted as a model of success.

Delaware was one of seven state chapters selected to participate in a pilot program designed by the National Children's Alliance in January 2012 to measure outcomes. I am delighted to announce that from the data collected during the initial reporting period *92% of the caregivers felt that the CACs facilitated the healing for the child and themselves.*

We should be very proud of our combined efforts – but there is a long way to go if we wish to rid ourselves of the devastating effects of child abuse. With your continued financial assistance; we at the CAC are committed to the challenge.

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Within our model, the child victim is interviewed **one time**; in a neutral, safe, child friendly setting by a specially trained and experienced interviewer. All cases are tracked from inception through final disposition in order to ensure that no child victim falls through the cracks. All three of our centers employ nationally recognized best practices and are fully accredited by the National Children's Alliance.

With your continued funding and support, Delaware's response to the allegations of physical and/or sexual abuse of a child is timely, collaborative, coordinated and highly effective so that the child is not further traumatized by the intervention system designed to protect them.

Thank you for allowing us the ability to provide *a safe place where healing begins* for the children of Delaware and their families.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ David J. Ford

David J. Ford
Chair
Board of Directors



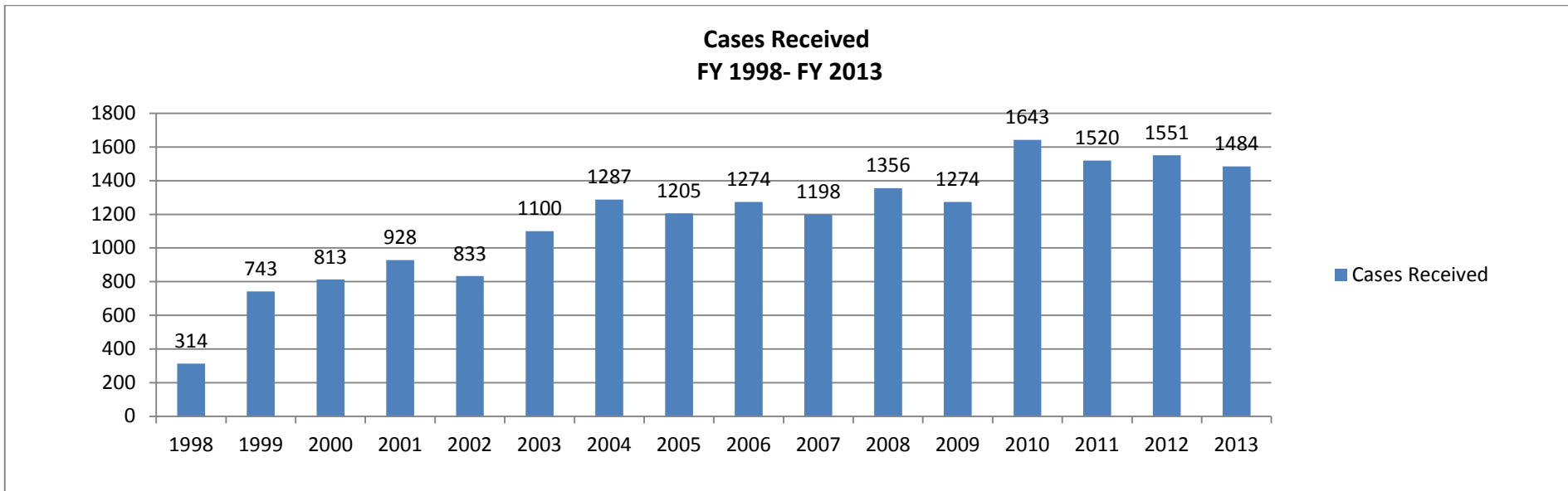
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Caseload Summary

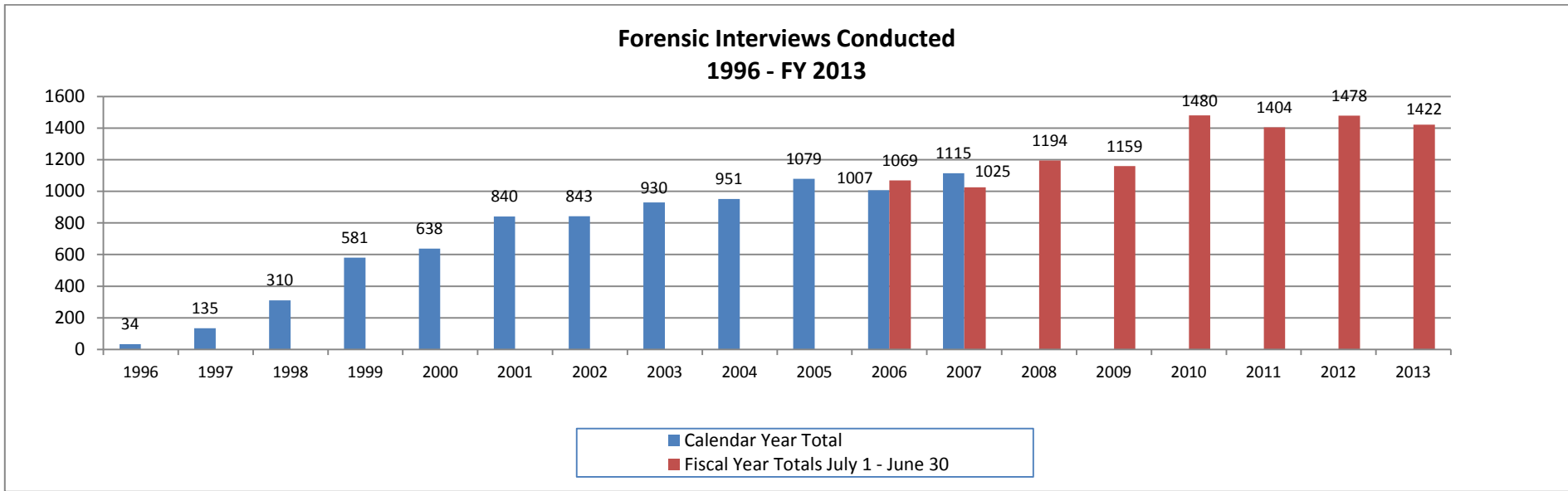
FY 2013

(7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013)

Cases Received (FY 2013): 1,484

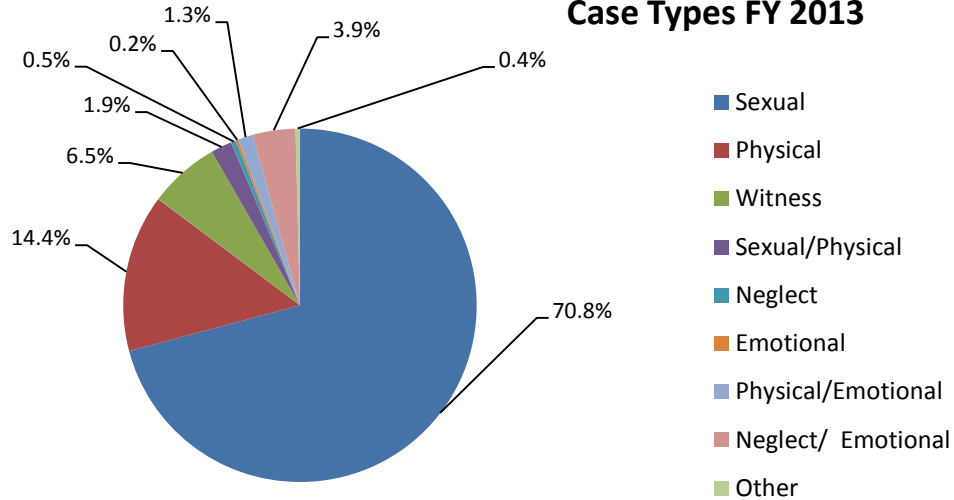


Forensic Interviews Conducted (FY 2013): 1,422



Case Types

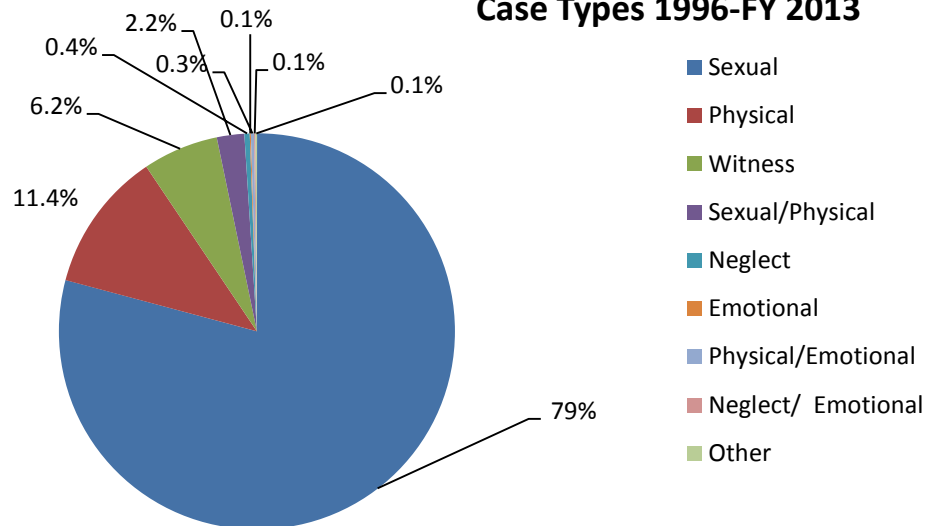
Case Types FY 2013



Case Types FY 2013

Sexual Abuse	1,214
Physical Abuse	247
Witness	111
Sexual/Physical	33
Neglect	8
Emotional	4
Physical/Emotional	23
Neglect/Emotional	67
Other	7

Case Types 1996-FY 2013

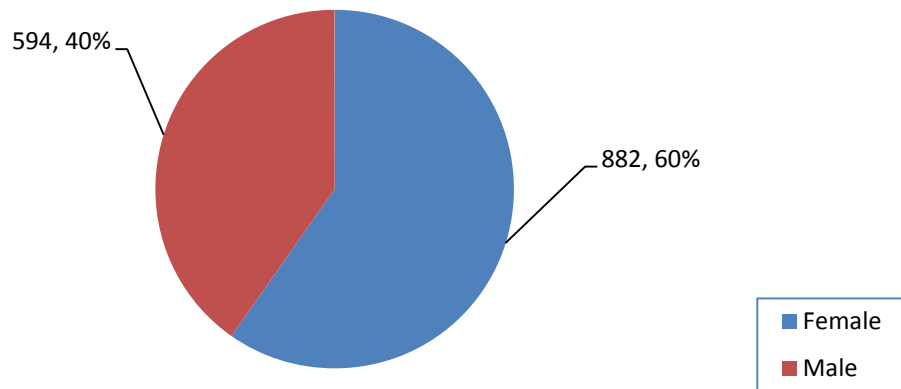


Case Types 1996 - FY 2013

Sexual Abuse	12,963
Physical Abuse	1,869
Witness	1,012
Sexual/Physical	366
Neglect	71
Emotional	15
Physical/Emotional	42
Neglect/Emotional	18
Other	20

Gender of Child Interviewed

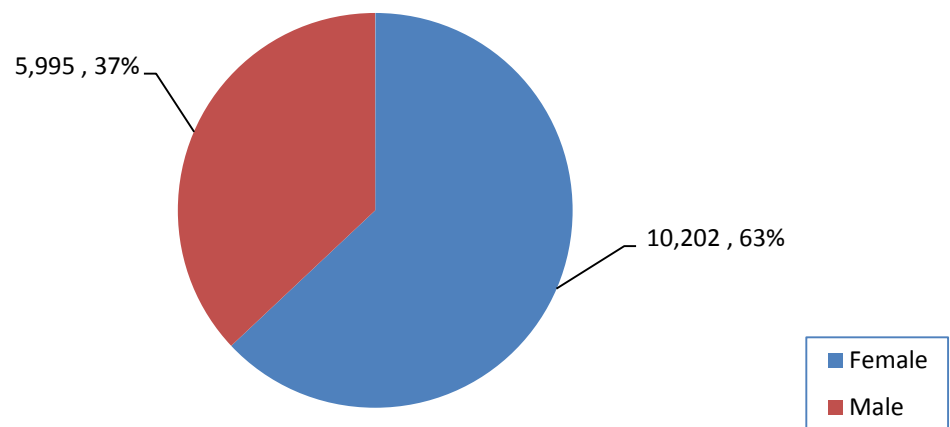
Gender of Child Interviewed FY 2013



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Female	882
Male	594

Gender of Child Interviewed 1996 - FY 2013

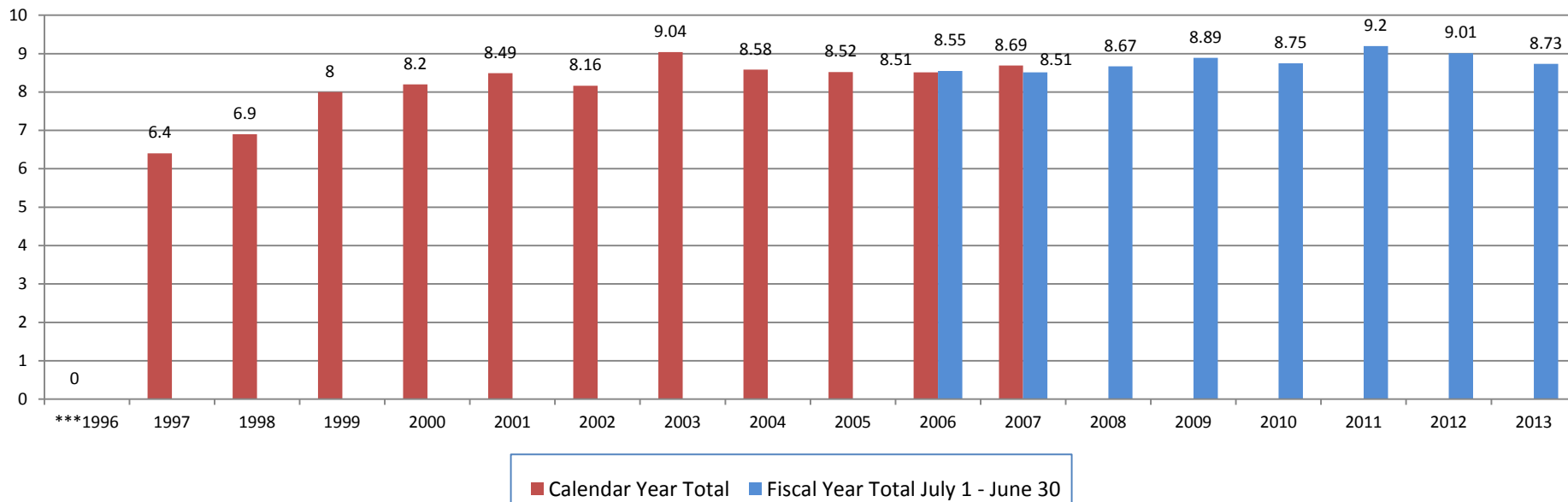


Gender of Child Interviewed 1996 - FY 2013

Female	10,202
Male	5,995

Average Age of Child Interviewed

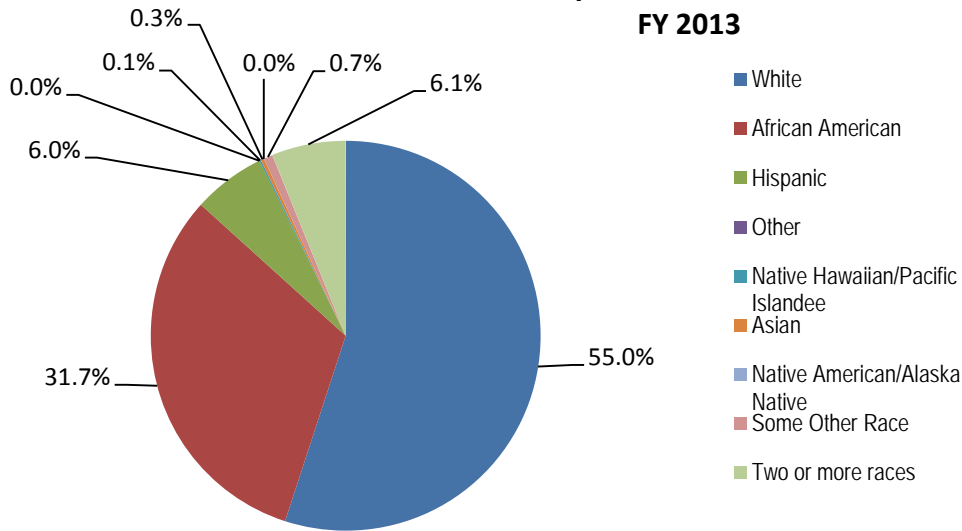
Average Age of Children Interviewed 1996 - FY 2013



***Statistical data is not available for 1996

Ethnicity

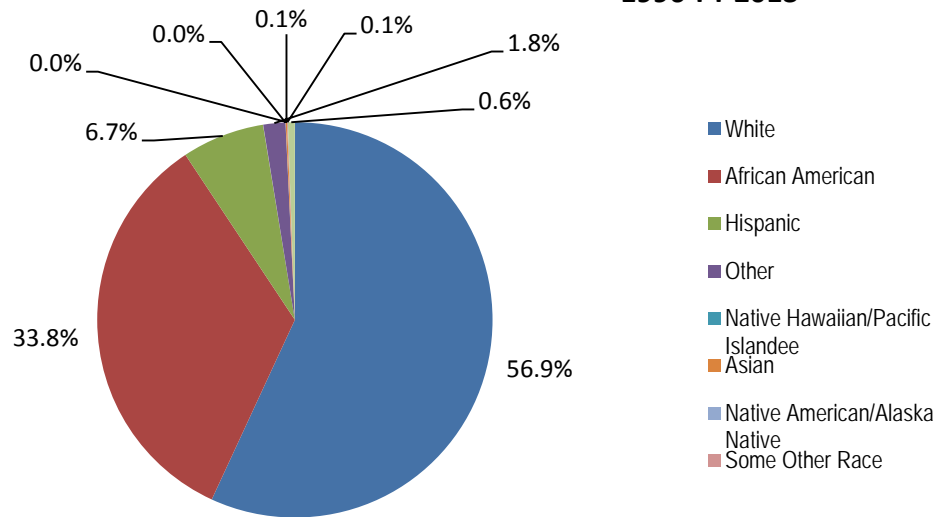
**Ethnicity of Children Interviewed
FY 2013**



Ethnicity of Child Interviewed FY2013

White	815
African American	469
Hispanic	89
Other	0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islandee	2
Asian	4
Native American/Alaska Native	0
Some Other Race	11
Two or More Races	91

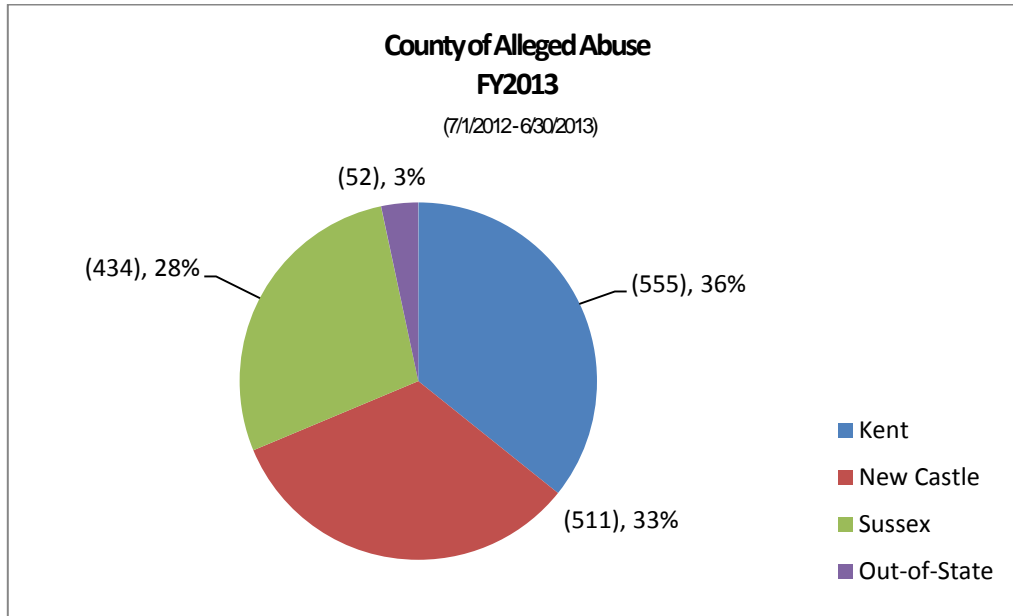
**Ethnicity of Children Interviewed
1996-FY 2013**



Ethnicity of Child Interviewed 1996-FY2013

White	9,184
African American	5,452
Hispanic	1,089
Other	295
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islandee	1
Asian	18
Native American/Alaska Native	0
Some other race	11
Two or more races	91

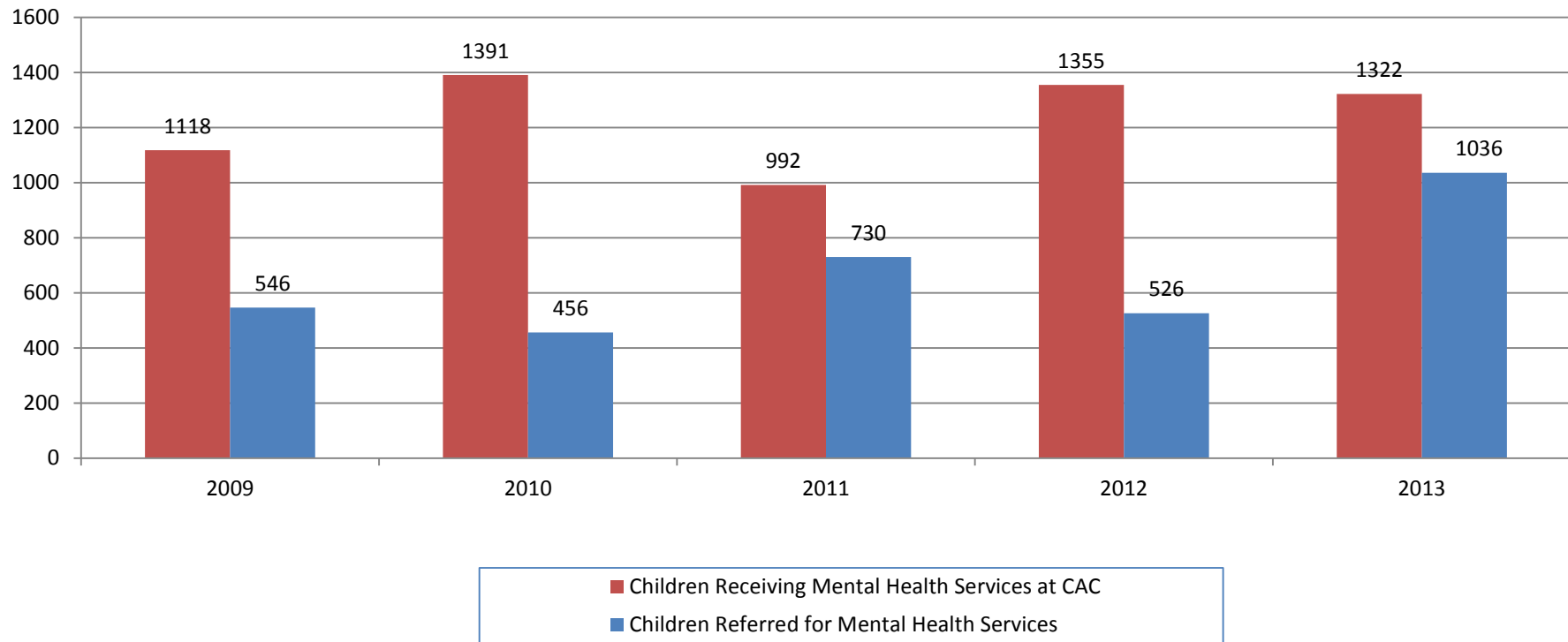
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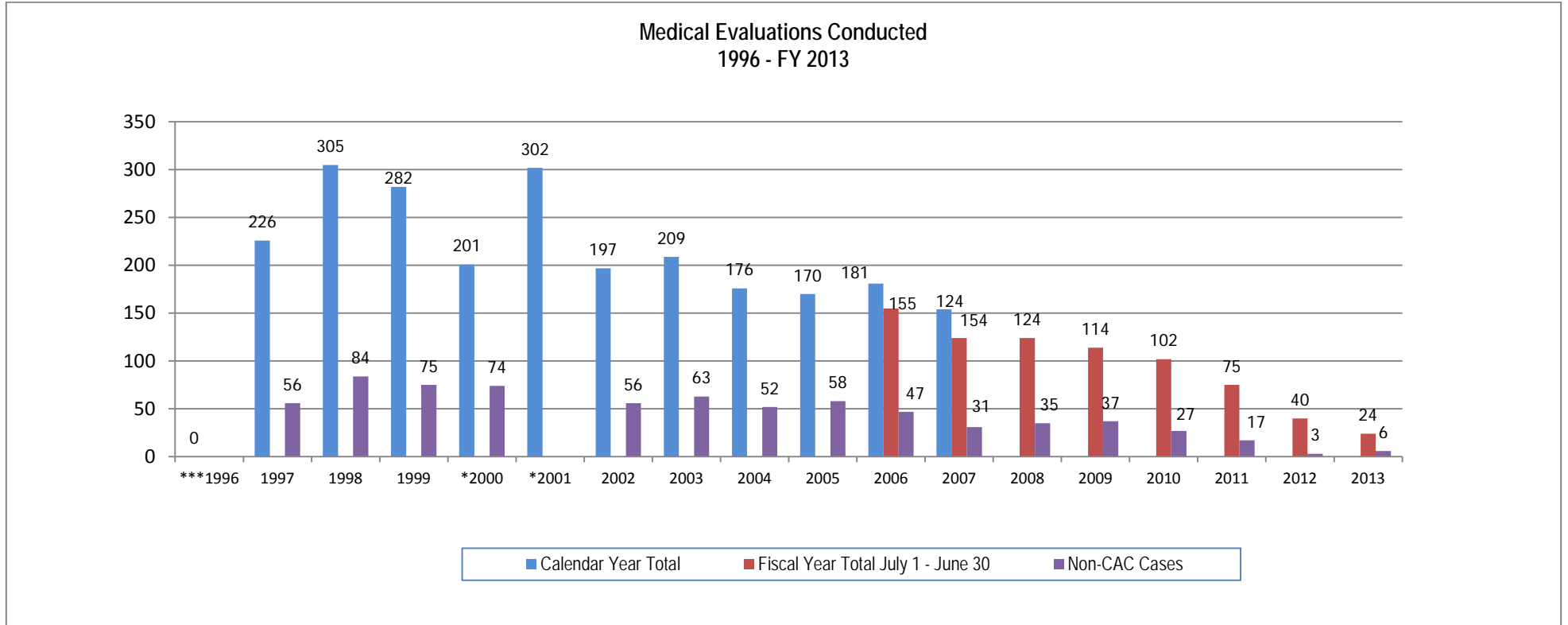
County of Alleged Abuse	
Kent	555
New Castle	511
Sussex	434
Out-of-State	52

Mental Health Services Provided

Mental Health Services Jul. 2009 - FY 2013



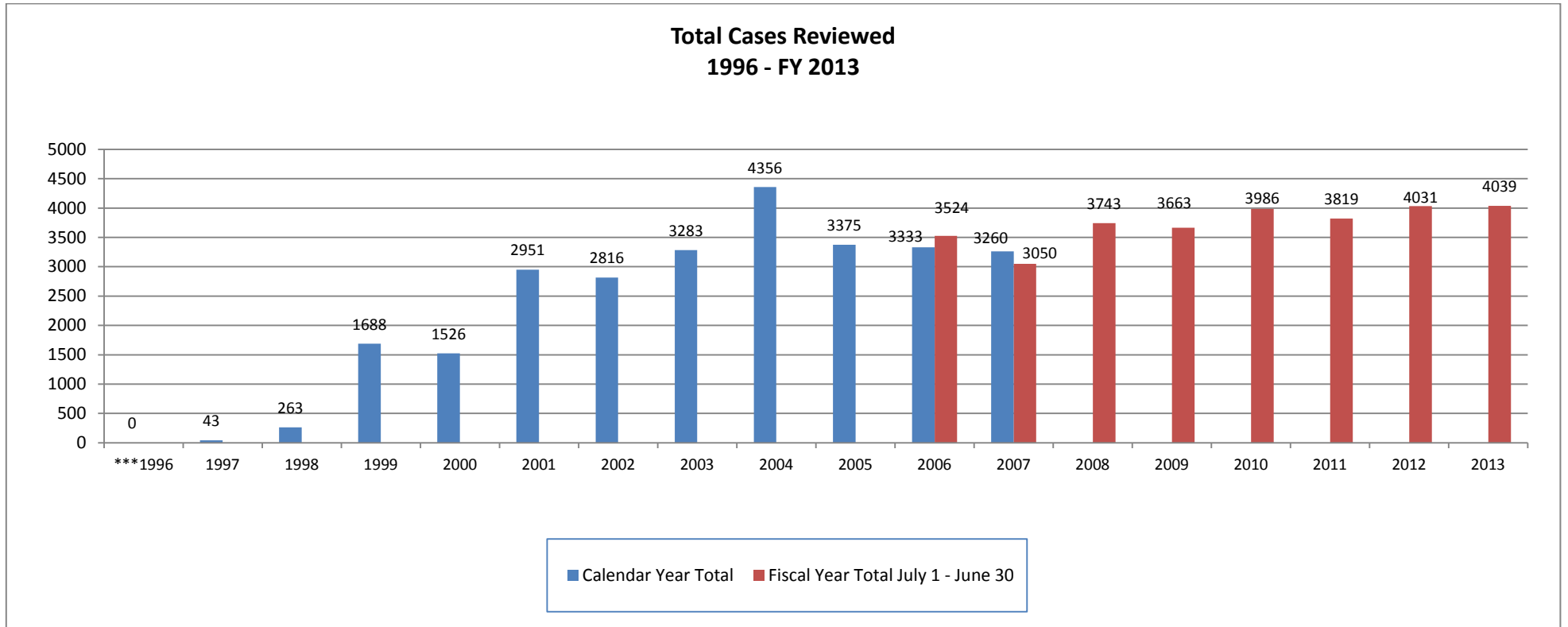
Medical Evaluations Conducted



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*2001 Statistical data is not available for Non-CAC Cases

Cases Reviews Conducted



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