



February 12, 2019

Chief Greg Minton  
Leander Police Department  
705 Leander Drive  
Leander, TX 78641

RE: FY 2020 Budget Submission

Dear Chief Minton,

In preparation for your FY 2020 budget submission, WCCAC is pleased to offer you some highlights and information from the past year relating to the City of Leander. Our focus has been to provide the fullest array of professional CAC services to all Leander children within the case acceptance criteria of Texas Children's Advocacy Centers.

As part of our continuing services to you, we are constantly analyzing and refining programs to better meet your needs. We continue to provide bilingual services for Forensic Interviews, Mental Health Counseling, and Family Advocacy for our mutual clients. In addition, our Outreach Coordinator goes into the community to provide training to equip school officials and first responders to better recognize the warning signs of child abuse and to be pro-active in reporting suspected abuse to authorities. And our medical program continues to grow. We saw an increase of 345% in the number of overall medical exams given from FY2017 to FY2018. With nurses available every day, offering five levels of exams, MDT members are utilizing this vital service to assist the families and strengthen their case.

**Statistics:** The following statistics reflect countywide Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center services provided to child abuse victims, as well as Leander-specific services, based upon the residence of the victim.

**Forensic Interviews:**

Of the total 812 Forensic Interviews provided in FY 2018 countywide, 67 were for children from Leander.

**Family Advocacy**

Our Family Advocate meets with families in crisis to offer support and education. Additionally, an advocate can provide resources for assistance with housing and employment. While in crisis, the center can help with immediate needs such as food, clothing, and hygiene items. Countywide, we provided Victim Advocacy and Crisis Intervention for 454 families in FY 2018. Our advocate served 46 Leander families during their visit here on the day their child(ren) was interviewed; as well as, follow up in the ensuing days and months.

**Medical Exams**

Of the 67 children interviewed from Leander, 25 of them received additional onsite medical services by a specially trained SANE nurse for a sexual assault, a physical assault or a Safe Child Examination.

**Counseling Services**

In FY 2018, the WCCAC provided the counseling services for 221 clients countywide with 4,810 sessions. Of those, 21 Leander children and their family members received 615 therapy sessions.

**Community Outreach**

Our child abuse specialist educates those who have primary access to children in how to recognize the signs and symptoms of child abuse and how to respond. In FY 2018, she held 135 trainings with 3,867 participants. Our Outreach Coordinator conducted 15 trainings in Leander with 290 individuals.

**Request:** With the addition of specialty staff and expanded wraparound services, especially medical, being provided to Leander PD and its citizens, our funding request for FY 2020 is \$32,000. We trust you will consider this a healthy and sound investment in the protection of your youth and families in Leander, Texas.

We greatly enjoy our partnership with your department; we especially appreciate the participation of Sgt. Jones, Detective Johnson, Detective Amidon and Victim Services Advocate, Mirna Johnson in our daily work and in our monthly Child Protection Team meetings. Again, thank you for your support, and that of your officers. Together, we are providing essential services to these brave children and their families.

Sincerely,



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