

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Subaward #: KC17 01 0120 *W*

2. PROJECT TITLE

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
Santa Barbara County SART Program

3. PERFORMANCE PERIOD

04/01/18 to 03/31/19

4. SUBRECIPIENT

Name: Santa Barbara County Phone: (805) 598-1568
Address: 1112 Santa Barbara Street Fax #: (805) 568-2398
City: Santa Barbara Zip: 93101

5. GRANT AMOUNT

(this is the same amount as 12G of the Grant Subaward Face Sheet)

~~\$ 200,000.00~~

\$ 250,000 *W*

6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Name: Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Phone: (805) 598-1568 Fax #: (805) 568-2398
Address: 1112 Santa Barbara Street City: Santa Barbara Zip: 93101

7. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The SART Program coordinates and provides expert child forensic interviewers at the request of Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Services when there has been an allegation of abuse reported of a minor or an adult with a developmental disability. Suspected abuse includes physical child abuse, sexual abuse, and severe neglect. Expert forensic interviewers are generally called upon to interview children (age 12 years and under), or persons with developmental disabilities. At the time of a child forensic interview, additional services and referrals are provided to family members and child guardians through the District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program, CALM and the local Rape Crisis Center, depending on the age of the individual child. These associated services and referrals can help stabilize families and address the trauma and negative effects of child abuse.

8. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Annually, Santa Barbara County has approximately 180 cases of suspected child sexual abuse referred to law enforcement. For each of these cases, law enforcement, often with the cooperation of Child Welfare Services, requests the services of a specially trained child forensic interviewer to conduct the interviews of affected children. Without the services of a trained child forensic interviewer, untrained law enforcement officials can unwittingly re-traumatize or compound the trauma experienced by these children. These services are currently being provided by CALM on contract to Santa Barbara County under the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Program. Once children have completed a child forensic interview, additional follow-up therapeutic services are warranted to help the child cope with the potential effects of their experience.

9. OBJECTIVES

The goal of the SART Program is to provide uninterrupted service and be available to conduct child forensic interviews by trained professionals on an as needed basis by securing sustainable funding which would enable guaranteed service. The objective is to provide funding reimbursements for our current trained Forensic Interviewers to conduct interviews of children referred to the SART program by Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Services, as well as provide some new funding to assist with provision of child therapeutic services after the interviews. The strategy for implementation is to reimburse CALM for forensic interviews of children who are suspected victims of child abuse and for supplemental therapeutic counseling as services are requested. The funds will also allow for an increase in staff time for the SART Coordinator position, taking it from 0.7 FTE to 1.0 FTE.

10. ACTIVITIES

The funds will be used to reimburse the services of expert Child Forensic Interviewers, and for supplemental post-interview therapeutic services. Although five expert Forensic Interviewers are readily available during normal business hours, the SART Program's ability to keep up with the demand and also provide interviews after-hours and on weekends is impeded by lack of funding relative to the demand. Funds will be used to close the funding gap for the cost of child forensic interviewers and meet the increasing demand from Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Services for child forensic interviews (CFIs) associated with suspected cases of child abuse. The requested funds will also facilitate provision of supplemental services by a professional trained in therapeutic counseling for children which is needed to address the after-effects and trauma experienced by children who are suspected victims of child abuse. The funds will also allow for an increase in staff time for the SART Coordinator position, taking it from 0.7 FTE to 1.0 FTE. Funding would also support acquisition of upgraded equipment for the SART program.

11. EVALUATION (if applicable)

For each child forensic interview conducted, a detailed intake form is received from law enforcement. The SART Coordinator carefully tracks data pertaining to all of the child forensic interviews and compiles a detailed annual report of findings pertaining to the program.

12. NUMBER OF CLIENTS

(if applicable)
Approximately 180

13. PROJECT BUDGET

(these are the same amounts as on Budget Pages)

	Personal Services	Operating Expenses	Equipment	TOTAL
16 VOCA	\$76,559	\$122,297 138,192	\$56,090 34,644	\$254,946 209,000
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Totals:	\$76,559	\$122,297 138,792	\$56,090 34,644	\$254,946 250,000