

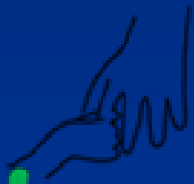


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San Luis, Arizona



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Background

Amberly's Place houses professionals who are specially trained in dealing with victims of child abuse (both physical and sexual), domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder abuse. This special training helps to reduce the trauma to the victim. We accomplish this by promoting an inclusive culturally sensitive trauma informed atmosphere of mutual respect and open communication between each victim and professionals providing the services.

Referrals to Amberly's Place come from community service providers, Department of Child Safety, law enforcement and individuals who wish to self report.

Amberly's Place and the City of San Luis have a long and successful partnership that ensures these trauma informed victim services are available to the citizens of San Luis 24/7 365!

The History



- The Yuma Family Advocacy Coalition established Amberly's Place in 1999 to provide an innovative, multi-disciplinary approach to the intervention, investigation, prosecution and of cases of child sexual and/or physical abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking. Since that time, Amberly's Place has provided victim services to well over 50 thousand victims.
- Amberly's Place opened an office in the City of San Luis in 2008.

Grand Opening Amberly's Place Office at San Luis PD June, 2008



Child/Family Advocacy Model Cost Savings



- Coordinated MDT response to child abuse and sexual violence investigations saves the community money.
- According to a report from the National Children's Alliance, on a per-case basis, traditional investigations were 36% more expensive than coordinated team investigations done at a CAC/FAC.
- The average per-case cost of a FAC investigation was \$2,902 compared to \$3,949 for a non-FAC investigation, generating a savings of more than \$1,000-per case, according to Cost-Benefit Analysis of Community Responses to Child Maltreatment: A Comparison of Communities with and without Child/Family Advocacy Centers.

Multi-Disciplinary (MDT) Team Approach- Why does this matter?

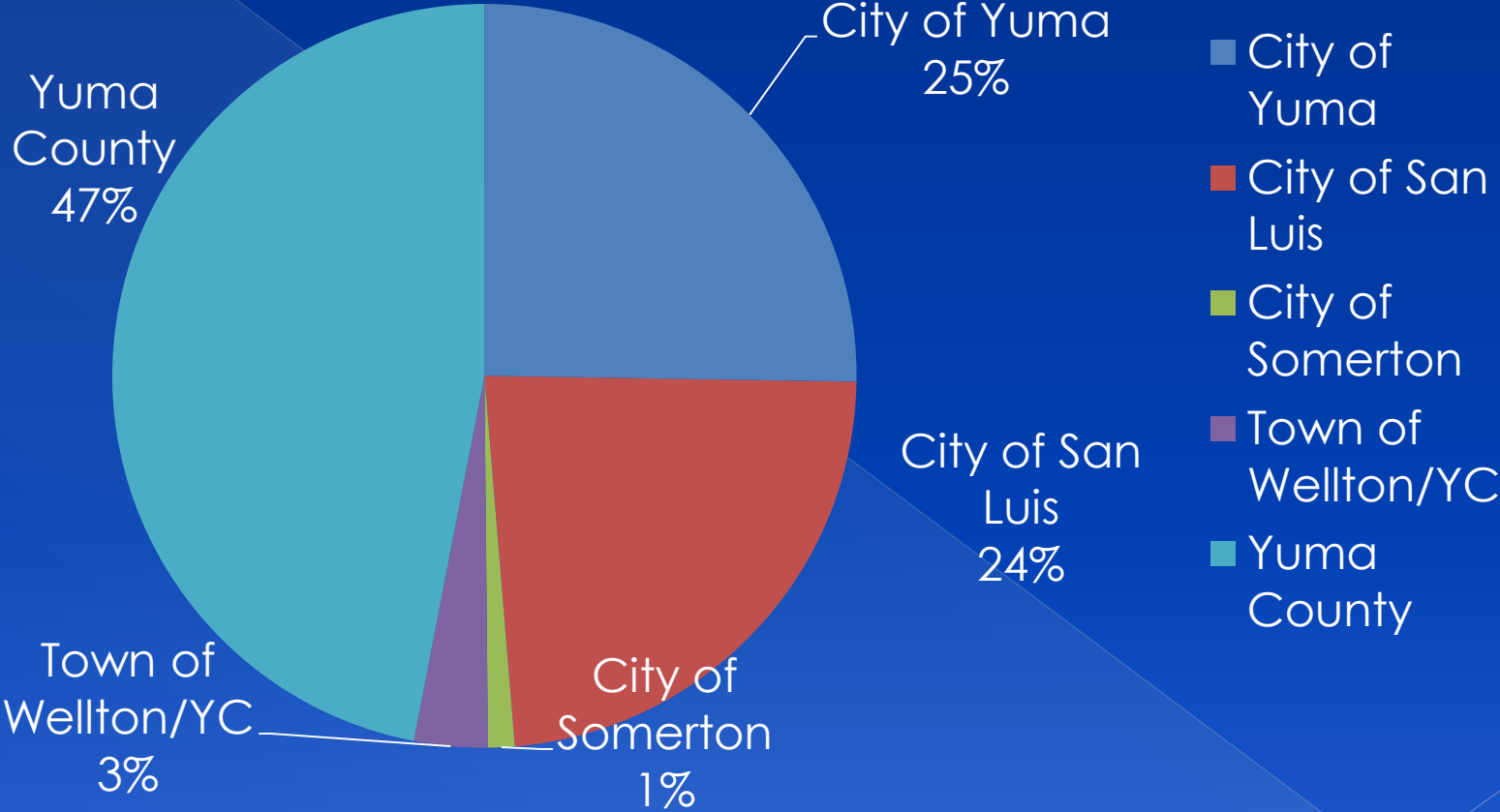


Process without a Family
Advocacy Center



Process with a Family
Advocacy Center MDT

Annual Local Government Funding



Statistics for San Luis, Arizona

Residents of San Luis, AZ that received services from Amberly's Place during the following time frame:

Calendar year 2022

Agency	Primary*	Secondary**	Total
San Luis Police Department	146	160	306
Phone/Walk-in, Other	174		174
Total victims served	320	160	480

Victimization Types

Victimization	Primary	Secondary	Total
Adult Sexual Assault	1	1	2
Child Abuse (Neglect)	2	4	6
Child Abuse (Physical)	6	14	20
Child Sexual Abuse	52	95	147
Domestic Violence	137	136	273
Elder Abuse	0	0	0
Stalking/Harassment	2	3	5
Teen Violence/Bullying	1		2
MDT Assist	17	8	25
Total	217	259	480

Information & Referral

- Information about:
 - > Criminal Justice Process
 - > Victim's Rights
- Referrals to:
 - > Other Victim Services
 - > Other Services & Resources

Transport vehicle utilized to provide services to victims of abuse from San Luis is provided via a 2018 Dodge Journey. This vehicle was acquired through grant funds specifically to be utilized for victims.



Personal Advocacy

- Advocacy/Accompaniment to:
 - > Emergency Department
 - > Medical Exam
 - > Forensic Interview
- Immigration assistance
- Transportation
- Bilingual Advocates with Master's of Social Work degrees

Emotional Support & Safety

- Crisis Intervention (includes safety planning & lethality assessment)
- Hotline/crisis line counseling
- On-scene crisis response
- Emergency financial assistance
- Counseling
 - > Community referrals
 - > MOU with RCBH and Yuma Counseling

Criminal/Civil Justice System

- Inform victims of court dates and criminal justice system information
- Provide
 - > victim impact statement assistance
 - > civil legal assistance for Orders of Protection
 - > victim compensation assistance
 - > prosecution interview advocacy
 - > criminal advocacy/court escort

COUNSELING/THERAPY

Referrals for counseling for San Luis cases =
30 @ 80.00 per session x 3 sessions.

Amberly's Place pays for the first three sessions to ensure that victims have access to therapeutic services without worrying about costs. Services are provided by Regional Center for Border Health and Yuma Counseling.

Subject Matter Expertise

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Independent Forensic Interviewer



Amberly's Place provides an independent forensic interview who provides technical assistance, AZ Post Certified training to law enforcement. Services include conducting forensic interviews, hosting case reviews, providing investigative direction, subject matter expertise and one on one peer reviews to help new detectives to develop and hone their interview skills.

The Forensic Interviewer has 30 years of experience and is a retired child crimes detective.

2022- The Forensic Interviewer provided assistance on 14 cases and conducted 6 forensic interviews with San Luis Police Department.

Many Advocacy Centers charge a fee per interview. Amberly's Place does not charge any law enforcement agency for this service.

Agency Sponsored Expenses

Dodge Journey / Car Seats

Therapy Services to Victims

Financial Assistance to Victims

Forensic Interview/Case
Assistance

AZ Post Certified Trainings (free)

Advocate Salary and ERE's

Value of Agency Services

Return on your Investment

Amberly's Services Provided (Values):

- Independent Forensic Interviews $6 \times 525.00 = 3150.00$
- Car value (equivalent to rental) $\$400/\text{week} \times 52 = \$20,800$
- Salary/ERE for 1 FT advocate/EREs = $\$63,500$ **OR** $365 \text{ days} \times 24 \text{ hours} = 8760 \times \$30.52 = \$267,355.2$
- Therapy 30 victims $\times 3 \text{ sessions} @ \$80 \text{ each} = \$7,200$
- AZ Post Certified Trainings for Law Enforcement (Free)
 - > Topics include:
 - Advanced Sex Crimes
 - Basic Forensic Interviewing Techniques
 - Other

All for \$42,000 per year

Value of Agency Services

Amberly's Services -	\$298,505.00
Contract Amount -	<u>\$ 42,000.00</u>
	\$256,505.00

Return on Investment = 610%

To the world you may be just
one person, but to one person
you may be the world




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