

# Children's Justice Center



## Mission Statement

To provide a safe, comfortable, neutral and child-friendly atmosphere for children to receive coordinated services during the child abuse investigation process

### Prior Year Inputs/Outputs

#### FTE (2024):

- 3 full time staff, 3 part time employees: (3 @ 24 hours per week)
- In 2024 the CJC served 610 child victims and 1,250 parent/guardians. Onsite medical services were provided to 71 child victims. 497 forensic interviews were conducted at the center.
- VOCA funding was used to pay for the registration, hotel, and travel for our Victim Coordinator to attend the Crime Victims Conference and the CJC Symposium. The Friends' fundraising covered the registration and costs for 34 Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) members, as well as hotel costs for 25 MDT members, at the annual CJC Symposium. State funding allowed our Director to attend the National Children's Alliance's Leadership Conference as well as the International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.

### Core Functions & Services

- **Function 1:** The Children's Justice Center (CJC) provides a comfortable, neutral, child friendly place for children to be interviewed regarding child abuse allegations. The CJC also provides a sensitive setting where children can receive medical services by a Primary Children's specialized pediatric nurse practitioner. CJC staff provide crisis intervention, information and referral, assistance with crime victim reparations and other resources to caregivers of the children who visit the Center. A part time forensic interviewer (Carrie Hickenlooper) was hired in mid July 2023. Jill and Carrie conduct approximately 90-95% of all CJC forensic interviews.
- **Function 2:** The Davis County CJC provides comprehensive case coordination/case tracking, and facilitates a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach for professionals that are involved in the investigation, and prosecution of child abuse cases.
- **Function 3:** CJC staff ensure that training opportunities are made available to all Davis County professionals on the MDT at no cost or low cost. CJC staff also attend a variety of trainings to stay current with the latest research and trends, in order to best serve children and families in Davis County who are experiencing abuse. CJC staff also make public awareness presentations to community partners, as well as University students, and civic and church groups

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## Current Year Projected Outcomes

We received an allocation from the State for FY 2024/2025 for \$344,010, with an additional \$65,000 allocated for the replacement of exterior doors and enhanced security measures for the building. The exterior door replacement project was completed in May of this year. We received an allocation from the State for FY 2025/2026 for \$353,845, which is a \$9,835 increase. The CJC was approved and awarded a VOCA grant for \$32,131.49 for FY 25/26. The breakdown for the VOCA funds is as follows: \$16,216 is allocated for a portion of the Victim's Services Coordinator's salary, and \$10,087 covers a portion of the fringe benefits. \$2,000 covers the cost of parent resource packet supplies, and \$928 is allocated for attending conferences and training expenses. The Friends of the Davis County CJC fundraising board covered over \$27,000 in costs in 2024. This included counseling/medical costs for child victims who could not pay. It covered the cost of a new copier/printer for our center. This was important to be able to print the parent resource packet information and also the printing for the center. This also covered food and paper supplies for Advisory Board meetings, Supervisor meetings, MDT breakfasts, snacks and drinks for families that visit the center, and monthly aquarium maintenance costs. The Friends Board members continue to raise funds and are committed to assisting the CJC in 2026.

## Next Year Budget Initiatives

The Children's Justice Center does not charge the public for any services rendered at the Center. Families are eligible for crime victim reparations to assist with some counseling costs. In 2024, a linkage agreement was renewed between the CJC and Grandview Family Counseling to provide off-site low-cost treatment to eligible families, and this funding will continue in 2025 as well. In 2025, a linkage agreement was initiated with two additional counseling centers in Davis County to provide off-site, low-cost treatment to eligible families, and this initiative will continue for the next five years. The CJC Friends' fundraising board has also approved funds to assist families with mental health treatment costs when other options are not available to them. They are committed to continuing this funding in 2026. DBH is the mental health provider for CJC clients on Medicaid, and a linkage agreement was renewed with them in 2024 and will continue for the next five years. In our 2025/2027 VOCA grant, we were awarded \$2,900 in contracted therapy funds. These funds will be used exclusively for this purpose. Our VOCA and State funding provides for our Director and Victim Coordinator to attend in-state and out-of-state trainings. The CJC Director and Victim Coordinator are required, as per these funding sources and the National Children's Alliance accreditation standards, to complete ongoing training annually.

Intermountain Health Care and the AG's office have a linkage agreement in place so that the CJC/county does not have to pay the salaries and benefits for the three members of the Primary Children's Medical staff who provide medical services to Davis County children onsite at the CJC. This will continue to be the case in 2026 and beyond.

## Additional Requests

Rank in priority order, with highest priority first.

Rank	Org	Object	Short Description	Explanation/Justification	Estimated Cost, including one-time and ongoing expenses				
					2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1	1710169	548230	Travel/Educ & TRNG	Inflation/Hotel group rate increase/ The state budget and voca grant fund these conferences. The CJC Director and Victim Coordinator are required, per our State and Federal Grant, as well as for our National Children's Alliance accreditation, to complete ongoing training annually. It is stated in both the State and Federal contracts that the county has signed.	\$671				
			CJC Symposium	2025 budget \$1,048 / <b>2026 budget \$1,110</b>					
			Leadership Conference	2025 budget \$2,500/ <b>2026 budget \$2,919</b>					
			Crimes Against Children Conference	2025 Budget \$5,010/ <b>2026 budget \$5,200</b>					
1	1710169	550620	Contracted Therapy	In our 2025/2027 VOCA grant, we were awarded contracted therapy funds. These funds must be used exclusively for this purpose. We received these funds for the first time in our 2023/2024 VOCA grant. At that time, working with the Davis County Controller's office, it was determined that the allotted VOCA therapy funds be added to our 550620 expense account. This request is to keep consistent in our county budget. <b>2025 VOCA contracted Therapy budget \$4,060 2026 budget \$2900</b>	\$2,900				
Total					\$3,571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0