Family Safety Center Facility Project

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Request: \$4,000,000.00 for Capital (Other)



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COVID Related issues and Domestic Violence

- Oklahoma traditionally ranked top 10 in domestic violence (Violency Policy Center Report 2020)
- ❖Increase in Domestic Violence with highest reports in 20 years (OSBI 2020 Crime Report)
- Affects every zip code, demographic, race, economic level, gender, religion, etc.

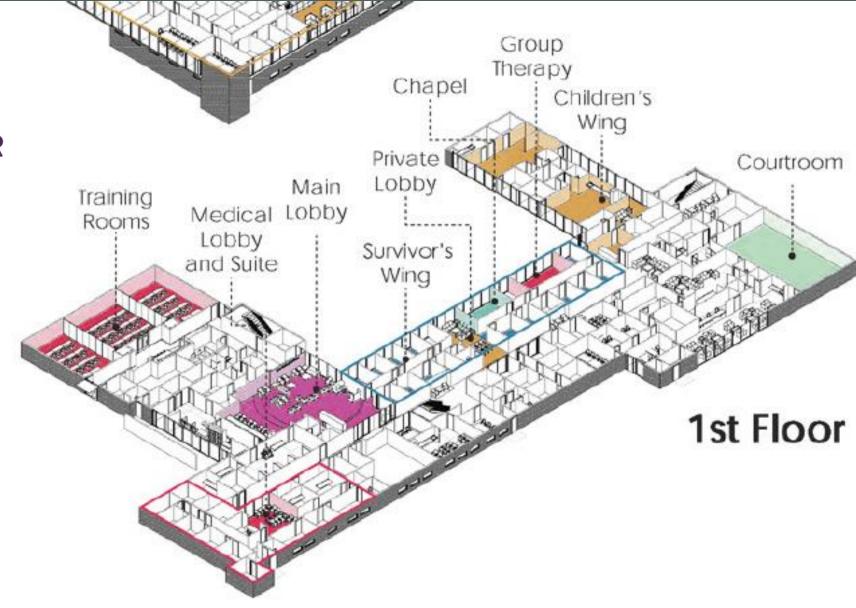
- COVID-related trauma of job loss, closed schools, working from home, food and housing insecurity all increased levels of violence exponentially through COVID and still rising today
- ❖FSC averaging 55-60 individuals daily seeking services and resources with 50 professional multidisciplinary collaborative staff

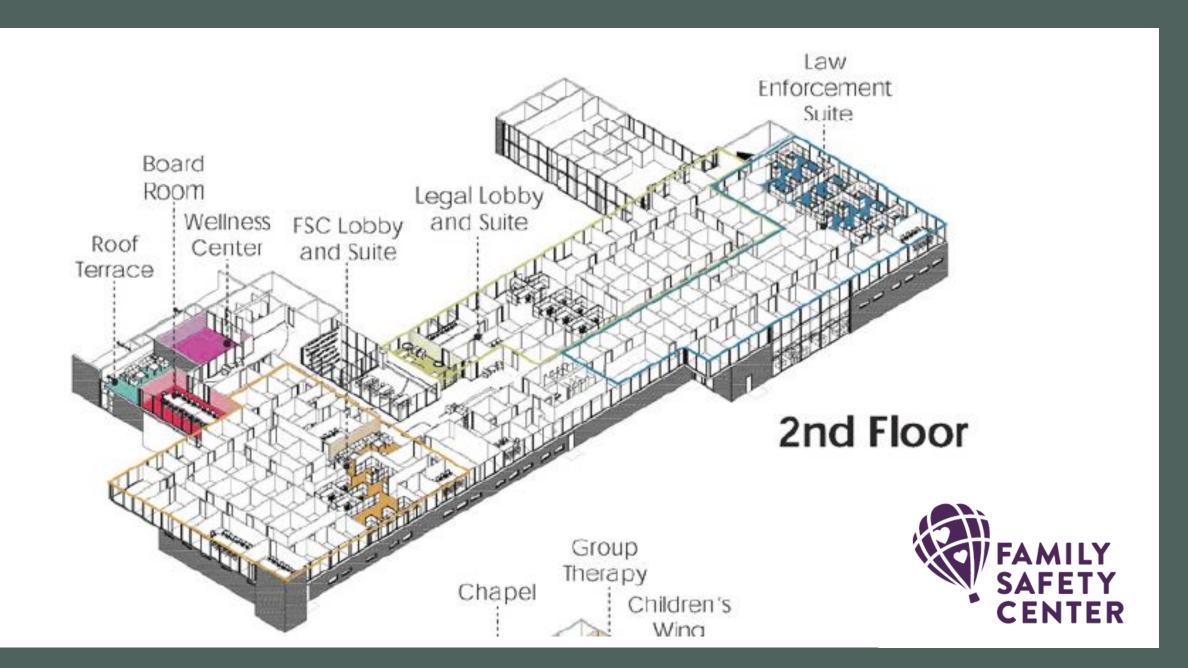
- ❖ Family Safety Center Created in 2006 to provide one stop shop of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking. 3 more in Oklahoma since 2017.
- State of Oklahoma regularly passes legislation that is considered best practice, and among most robust DV and intimate partner violence-related legislation in country.













- Next door to the Child Abuse Network (CAC)
- ❖ 30,000 client capacity annually serving MSA and eastern Oklahoma
- Designed to prevent and mitigate spread of COVID and address related trauma including increased violence, housing and food stability, and return to health.
- Expanded hours of operation to include nights and weekends, opportunities for supervised visitation
- Trauma informed, high tech and pandemic considered design including new Protective Order Court Room with separate secure entry
- Expanded service delivery from new onsite partners including tribal victim services, mental health specialists, counseling services, DHS family counseling and resources, additional civil legal services and area law enforcement for investigation
- Hope Rising Children's Center for littles and olders while parent is in-house
- Expanded medical and forensic documentation wing to include general health, strangulation and traumatic brain injury assessment, and physician training opportunities along with COVID-related education.
- Health and wellness center and conference facilities for training and evening classes
- NEW PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES FOR DIRECTLY LINKING BOTH ADULT AND CHILD AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES AT ONE LOCATION...



OUTCOMES

- ❖ Mitigate effects of COVID and co-occurring trauma
- **❖** Reduce homicides
- **❖** Lower crime rates
- Ensure Healthier families
- ❖ Children living in violence-free homes breaking the cycle of violence
- ❖ Access to justice
- Offender accountability
- Protection, hope and healing

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