

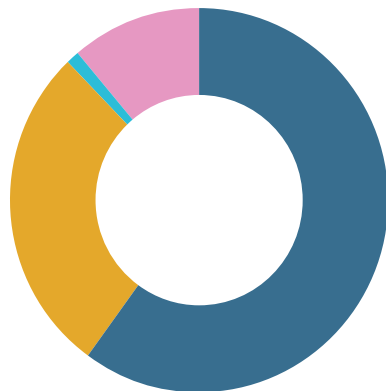


Types of **abuse experienced**

Sexual abuse	60%
Physical abuse	28%
Witness to a crime	1%
Other	11%

All numbers rounded to the closest whole percentage.

**These do not occur in isolation. Children who come to the Zebra Centre often experience more than one type of abuse.*



“Zebra Centre, you have made me STRONG”

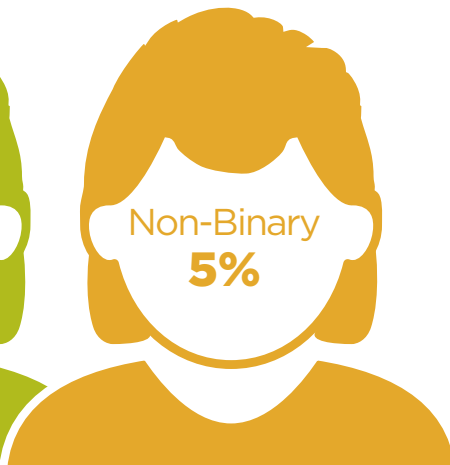
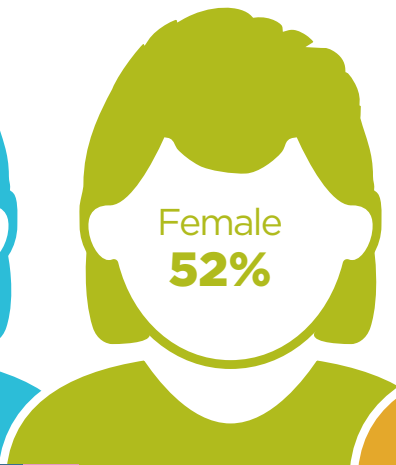
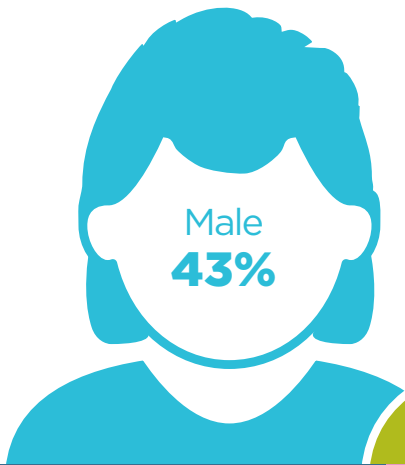
- Zebra Child

Who we are **supporting**

Male
43%

Female
52%

Non-Binary
5%

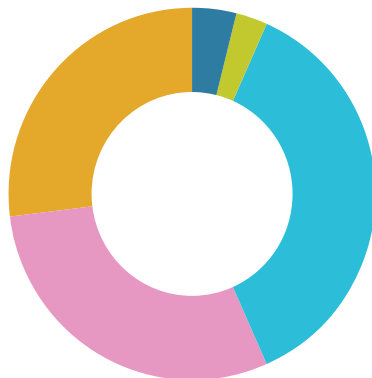


We supported **3,844** children and youth in 2021.



Ages while being **supported**

0-5 years	4%
6-11 years	3%
12-17 years	37%
18+	30%
Unknown	27%



All numbers rounded to the closest whole percentage.

The Zebra Child & Youth Advocacy Centre supports children and youth through their entire healing journey, which could take many years. We also support older youth who may have served as a witness to a file and adults with delayed cognitive functioning.

A place where kids can tell

Every child has a story, and it's our job at the Zebra Child & Youth Advocacy Centre to listen. The Zebra Centre was established in 2002 out of a need to create one safe place where kids could tell. As the first Child Advocacy Centre of its kind in Canada, the Zebra Centre's model was revolutionary - bringing together a community of professionals under one roof to support the child throughout the entire disclosure, investigative, judicial and healing process.

Today, the Zebra Centre's multidisciplinary team work towards the common goal of supporting children who have suffered abuse and creating a future where every child is heard.


Did you know?

There are now more than 30 Child and Youth Advocacy Centres across Canada.



We serve children and youth who have been impacted by abuse, supporting them through the investigative, justice and healing process with a continuum of multi-disciplinary resources.

Mission



Before the Zebra Centre, children who had experienced abuse had to access services through police stations or hospitals – places that may be perceived by children as institutional or intimidating. The Zebra Centre is a place created specifically for children and youth that eliminates the need for children to repeat their stories multiple times, to various people, in uncomfortable settings.

From the moment a child arrives at the Zebra Centre, through the forensic interview, court preparation, judicial process and healing journey, the child's best interests will always be our number one priority. That's why everything from our décor to toy-filled playrooms and kid-sized furniture was thoughtfully chosen to give children a sense of ownership over their surroundings.

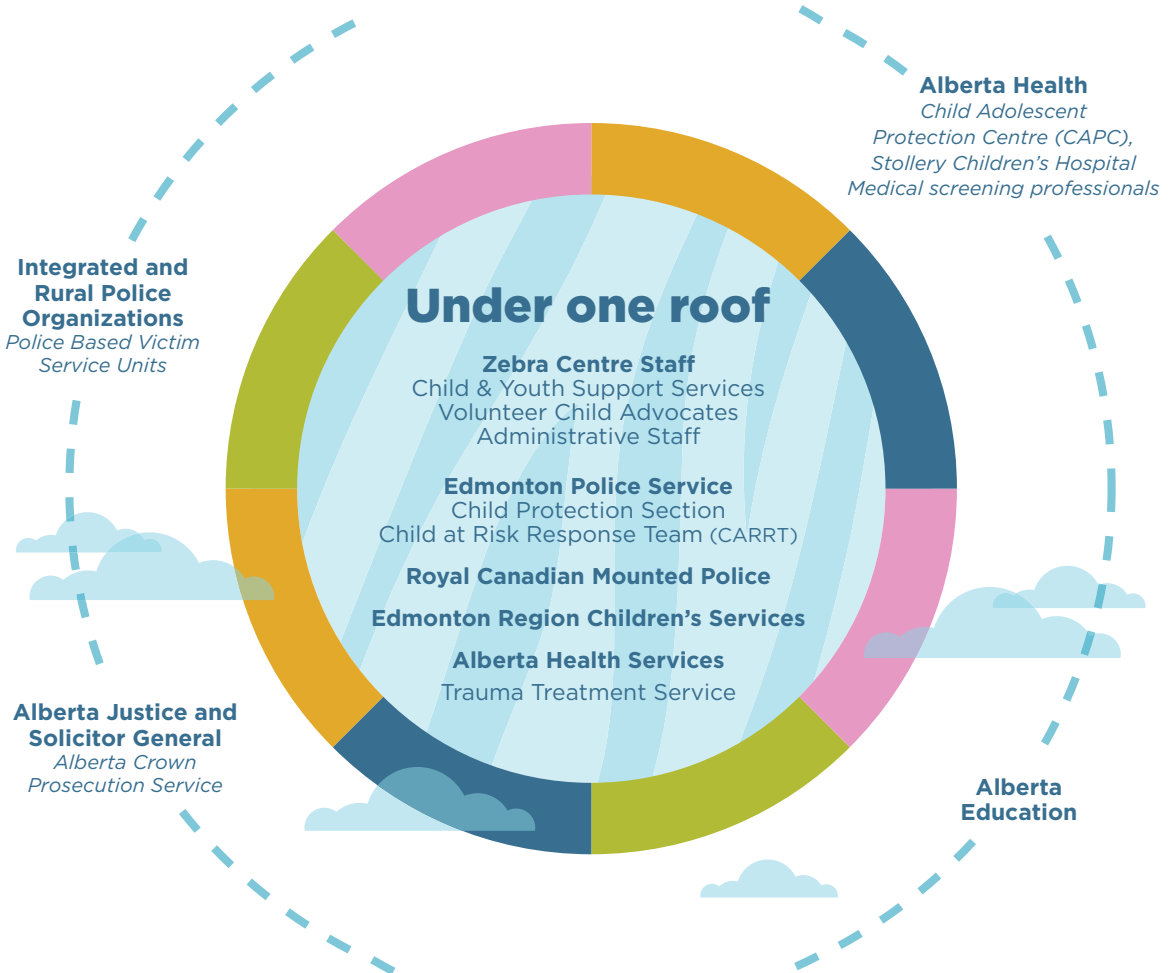
This model works. Feeling relaxed, safe, and valued allows children to feel comfortable enough to disclose their experiences of abuse. Giving voice to the truth is the start of a long journey towards recovering hope and security.

Vision

We will be innovative leaders in fostering an inclusive community where every child and youth is heard, respected, and safe from abuse.

We're all here **to help**

When danger appears, zebras form a protective circle around their young. The Zebra Centre's multidisciplinary team of professionals works much the same way. Our collaborative team includes professionals from:



How are children referred to **the Zebra Centre**?

Source of **referral**

Edmonton Police **825**

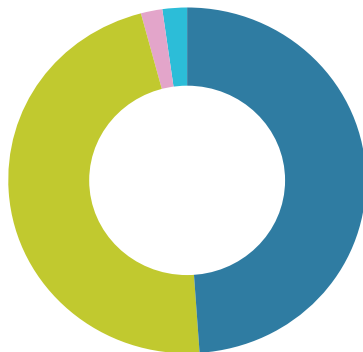
RCMP **768**

Children's Services **2%**

Other **2%**

**Includes other policing agencies, such as Internet Child Exploitation Unit.*

**Percentages rounded to the closest whole percentage.*



Location of **cases**

Edmonton **53%**

Outside Edmonton **47%**



“The Zebra Centre has been a great support system. Just when you think things won’t work out, they always do in the end. Without the Zebra Centre I wouldn’t have had the great support that my child needed.”

- Zebra Parent



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Are you interested in making a difference?

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities or to donate to the Zebra Centre, please contact us.

The Zebra Centre is not a reporting agency. Reports must first be made through one of our partner agencies. To report allegations of child abuse please contact:

Edmonton Police Service Complaint Line: 780-423-4567

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-387-5437 (KIDS)

Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477

Online Exploitation: cybertip.ca

Or your local police/RCMP detachment

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If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 911.

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