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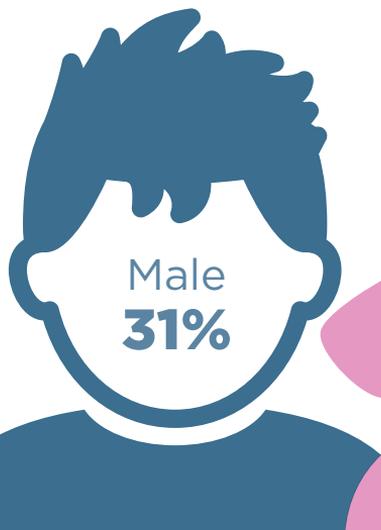
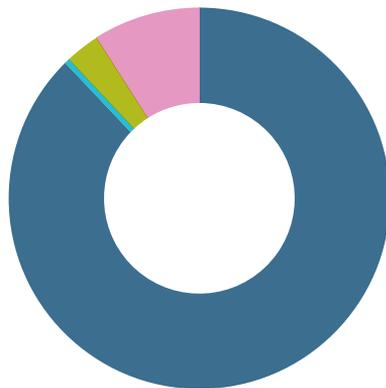
Child Protection Centre

Types of **abuse experienced**

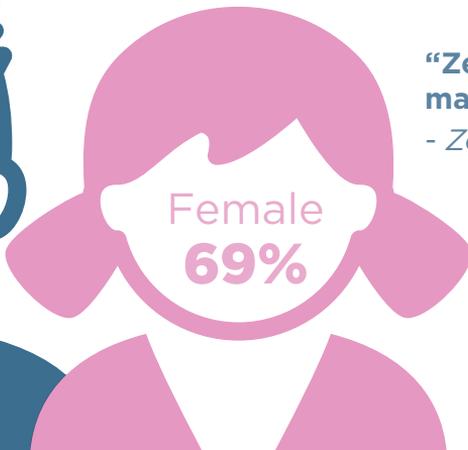
Sexual abuse	83%
Extreme physical abuse	10%
Child witness to criminal act	5%
Other*	2%

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

**Other includes serious neglect, parental abduction and causing a child to be in need of intervention.*



Male
31%



Female
69%

“Zebra Centre, you have made me STRONG”

- Zebra Child

Who we are **supporting**



Ages at the time of **reporting**

Less than one year **>1%**

1-3 years **5%**

4-7 years **26%**

8-11 years **22%**

12-15 years **33%**

16-17 **9%**

17 and older **4%***

**The Zebra Child Protection Centre supports older youth who may have served as a witness to a file and youth and adults with delayed cognitive functioning.*



A place where kids can tell

Every child has a unique story, and it's our job at the Zebra Child Protection Centre to listen. In 2002, the Zebra Centre was founded 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 - bring 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 works towards the common goals of supporting children who have suffered abuse and creating a future where every child is heard.



To provide a collaborative response to child abuse through intervention, advocacy and a continuum of support in a child friendly environment.

Mission



Before the Zebra Centre opened in 2002, 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 share their stories multiple times in adult settings.

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

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

Did you know?

90% of children and youth supported by the Zebra Centre know their offender?

Vision

A community where every child is heard and respected and child abuse is not tolerated. The Zebra Centre is recognized as the leader in child advocacy.

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:

Throughout Alberta

Integrated and rural police organizations



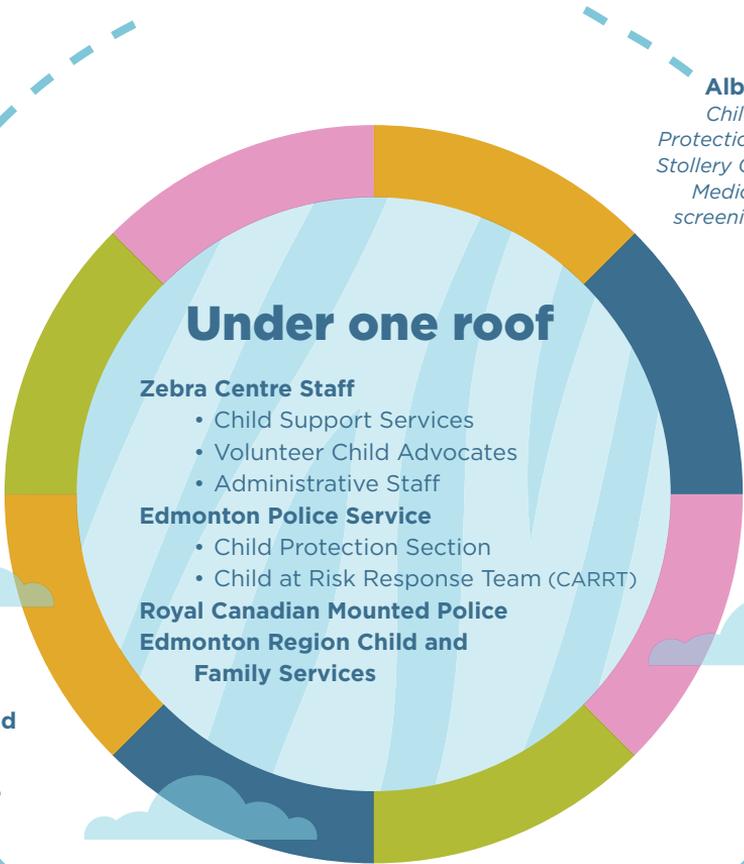
Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
Alberta Crown Prosecution Service

Alberta Health
Child Adolescent Protection Centre (CAPC), Stollery Children's Hospital Medical and trauma screening professionals

Alberta Human Services



Alberta Education



Under one roof

Zebra Centre Staff

- Child Support Services
- Volunteer Child Advocates
- Administrative Staff

Edmonton Police Service

- Child Protection Section
- Child at Risk Response Team (CARRT)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Edmonton Region Child and Family Services

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

Source of **referral**

EPS (Patrol) **65%**

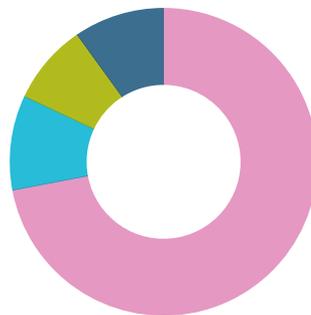
RCMP **13%**

Edmonton Region

Child & Family Services **13%**

Other **19%***

**Includes other policing agencies (i.e. Calgary Police Service, Internet Child Exploitation).*

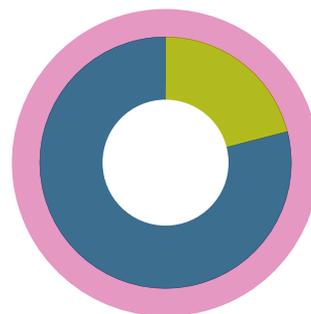


Location of **cases**

Cases from outside Edmonton **21%**

Cases from Edmonton **79%**

Cases supported collaboratively by two or more partners **100%**



“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

Are you interested in making a difference?

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



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