Exploration of a child and family focused approach to responding to Child Sexual Abuse

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• Co-located, integrated service model developed by:
  ▫ Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc.
  ▫ Western Australian Police
  ▫ Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS)
  ▫ Department of Health
  ▫ Department of the Attorney General

• 12 month pilot project commenced 6 July 2015
  ▫ Extended to December 2016

• CAS charter within the South East Metro area
  ▫ Victim residence
  ▫ Offence Location
George Jones Child Advocacy Centre
Advocacy Domains

Key Domains:

- Accessible Known
- Client Led
- Informed Decisions
- Empower
- Practical Emotional Support
- Independent
- Justice Support
- Interagency
- Feedback Complaints

Advocacy
Post disclosure stressors

- Is the child’s story believed
- Emotional availability of the carer/parent
- Verbal responses of the carer/parent
- Behaviour of the carer/parent
- Emotional and social support to the child
- Response toward the alleged perpetrator
- Forensic interview process
- Medical examination process
- Child protection involvement
- Practical issues
We provide

- Safe space and relationship
- Understanding of abuse
- Normalising thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- Support to grieve lost relationships
- Communication
- Emotional regulation
- Management of difficult behvls/ emotions
- Targeted treatment for more severe mental health symptoms and diagnosis
Sullivan Family

Joe
Pete
Sue & Nigel
Jess & Craig
Rick & Mary
Household 1
Household 2
Mediating Factors

CELEBRATING 113 YEARS OF CARING
Household one - Primary home

Primary client - Penny

Mum - Joan

Sibling - Bill

Dad - Bruce
Household Two
Maternal Family of Origin

- Dad - Bruce
- MGF - Bob
- POI - Ray
- MGM - Doreen
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Although we cannot take away the abuse experience we can make sure that the child and family are supported through the post disclosure experience. We can help the parent respond in the best possible way they can to help their child.