April 14, 2025

Mr. Scott Dixon, City Administrator City of Castroville 1209 Fiorella Street Castroville, Texas 78009



Dear Scott,

Bluebonnet Children's Center is grateful to have a strong partnership with the City of Castroville and Medina County!

Since 2001, BCC has conducted forensic interviews for children experiencing abuse and neglect in Medina County and provides free therapy (no waiting list) for Castroville and Medina County clients. BCC services include victim advocacy, crime victims' compensation assistance, community education classes, awareness programs, and basic needs to victims through our multiple resource connections. We offered access to an emergency resource room - The Rainbow Room - stocked with clothing, infant/toddler food and diapers, hygiene items, and school supplies to help the victims and their families. These services were available to Medina County clients at no charge.

I also wanted to share with you some of the **BCC's outcomes in 2024** for Medina County. Below are the following services we provided to the children and their nonoffending parents or caregivers:

- 157 First Time/Repeat Children received BCC Services
- 67 Children received a Forensic Interview
- 82 Children received Trauma Focused Mental Health/Therapy services for a total of 948 Sessions.
- 18 Adults received Trauma Focused Mental Health/Therapy services for a total of 115 Sessions.

BCC's average cost per child is \$1,784 for our core service delivery, which equals \$280,088 that BCC spent helping the 157 children in crisis from Medina County in 2024. The Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewers appreciate the opportunity to work with law enforcement, attorneys, and judges from Castroville and Medina County and have built a strong professional relationship over the years. We would like to see that continue! In addition, we realize the importance of our working together to promote healing and recovery for victimized children and believe that by partnering together, we can protect these same children and the community through limiting access by alleged perpetrators.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Castroville and Medina County community. Please let us know if you need additional information of our services to your community or would like a tour of our Hondo office and meet our team of dedicated therapists.

We are on the same team to help children in crisis receive justice, recover, and heal in Castroville and Medina County.

Sincerely,

Ed Gentry, Executive Director

Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center (BCAC) is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for children experiencing abuse and neglect in Medina, Uvalde, and Real counties.