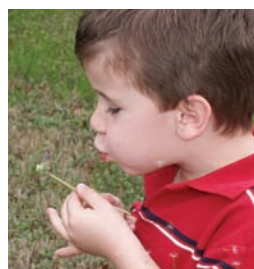
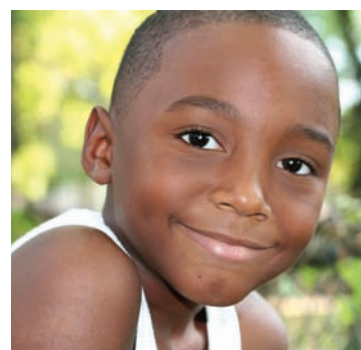


**ANNUAL
REPORT
2015-2016**

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10 Years of Hope and Healing



**Adams County Children's
Advocacy Center**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The past year has been a remarkable one for the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC). June 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Center. With more than 1,060 children and families served since its opening, this past year the Center provided services to more children than in any previous year. Our theme of 10 Years of Hope and Healing represents the opportunities the ACCAC has provided to child abuse victims to tell their stories and rebuild their lives.

During the past year the Center has extended mental health service hours so that more children have the opportunity to participate in trauma-informed therapy interventions. We have collaborated with other professionals and organizations to support the Trauma-Informed Adams County initiative, which provides training to improve the community response to traumatized individuals. In April, we partnered with Over the Rainbow/Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center for our annual child abuse prevention conference. April also included our successful reaccreditation through the National Children's Alliance (NCA), which certifies that our Center continues to meet high professional standards for each of its programs.

This annual report presents a timeline of events since the opening of the ACCAC, which reflects many changes and enhancements to our facility and our programs and services. It reflects the tireless work of those involved who fight to assure children and their families have a safe and responsive place to share their stories and move beyond their trauma.

It is because of the tireless collaboration of our Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), our committed board, staff, and volunteers, and the continued support of our community that we are able to help child victims and their families in Adams County. We thank everyone who is dedicated to our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sherry Wisor".

Sherry Wisor

THE HISTORY OF THE CAC

The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC), located in Huntsville, Alabama, revolutionized the United States' response to child sexual abuse. Created in 1985, the NCAC has served as a model for the 900+ Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) now operating in the United States and in more than 25 countries throughout the world. The CAC model, which includes a Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) approach was developed by former Congressman Robert E. "Bud" Cramer and a group of key individuals, including law



A MESSAGE FROM **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



The year 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center. This year's annual report provides a glimpse of all that has transpired over the past 10 years. It includes milestones of the Center, including the June 2006 ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house, hiring of an executive director and a forensic interviewer, establishing medical, mental health, and victim advocacy services, and accreditation by the National Children's Alliance (NCS) in 2011, followed by successful reaccreditation in 2016. And in between, so many changes and accomplishments have occurred it is impossible to name them all within this report.

Our community partnerships, education, and outreach continue to be strong. Our partners—Children and Youth Services, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and mental health professionals—who assess, investigate, and treat child abuse victims work tirelessly and often go unnoticed. They are the operations of the CAC model. We will continue to serve child abuse victims and their families while stressing the importance of child abuse prevention.

For all of us to continue to do our work, we need the community to maintain its strong commitment to supporting the work that must be done. As you review the annual report and see all that has been done in our community for child abuse victims and in prevention and outreach, I hope you too will continue your commitment to the sustainability of the center and to the children in our community.

Tammy Barbour

Tammy Barbour, MSW, LSW



enforcement, criminal justice, child protective services, and medical and mental health workers into one coordinated team. The NCAC earned national recognition and began to train others in addressing this critical issue. Other communities began to model this approach and response to child abuse. (<http://www.nationalcac.org/history>).

Prior to the development of the Children's Advocacy Center model, social service and criminal justice systems were not working together in an effective manner but were adding to the emotional trauma of child abuse victims through the repetitive process being used.

HISTORY OF THE ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The history of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC) began in 2005 when local responders came together as a task force to form a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Through a grassroots community movement, the Center was established within a year, and was an operational CAC by September 2006. Through the ACCAC, Adams County has a structure for countywide collaboration, providing best practices protocol for the investigation and treatment of child abuse.

2005 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MEMBERS

Becki (Scott) Lentz—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Chris Goodacre—Adams County Victim Witness Services Office
Crystal Tussing—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Cynthia Reimel—YWCA, Gettysburg and Adams County
Don Marritz—Mid-Penn Legal Services
Ed Kenney—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Ivan Taylor—Pennsylvania State Police
Jim Holler—Liberty Township Police Department
Kathy McConaghay—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Kathy Nelson—United Way
Kathy Gaskin—Survivors, Inc.
Kim (Walker) Duffy—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Kim Kuntz—Community Member
Linda Moulder—PEACE
Marla Langley—Family Services
Mary Victoria Charisse—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Peter Vriens—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Phillip Duffy—Pennsylvania State Police
Rebecca (Hoch) Voss—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Sarah Caldwell—Adams County District Attorney's Office
Shawn Wagner—Adams County District Attorney
Sara (Meisenhelter) Strayer—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Teresa Polvinale—Adams County Children and Youth Services
Chester G. Schultz—Solicitor
Chris Kimple—Representative Maitland's Office
Christine Simpson—Survivors, Inc.
Deb Pheil—Franklin County Children and Youth Services
Frank Donnelly—Adams County District Attorney's Office
Louise Mains—Gettysburg Hospital
Patricia Swartz—Community Member
Scott McNair—Gettysburg Hospital
John Eline—Community Member
Sharron Michels—Collaborating for Youth



2006

- o Established a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- o Secured a facility
- o Hired Executive Director
- o Formed Advisory Committee to create protocols
- o Hired Forensic Interviewer
- o Center opened its doors to child abuse victims and their families
- o First Snowflake Gala was held in November

2007

- o Medical services provided on site
- o Victim Advocate hired
- o Facilitation of Darkness to Light adult education and prevention program

2008

- o Mental Health Clinician on site at the Center
- o Began providing services for Franklin County



2009

- o Focused on National Children's Alliance Cultural Competency Standard
- o Secured a Spanish speaking Forensic Interviewer
- o Secured a Spanish-speaking Family Advocate

2010

- o Focused on National Children's Alliance Case Tracking Standard
- o Implemented NCAtrak for tracking client and alleged perpetrator demographics, Center services, and referrals
- o Support services provided to non-offending caregivers
- o Partnered with WellSpan/Gettysburg Hospital to provide on-site medical services
- o Secured Medical Director and medical peer review process

2011

- o Acquired National Children's Alliance Accreditation
- o Secured grant for a second on site therapist
- o Debriefings provided to MDIT members

2012

- o Increased prevention and outreach programs: school based, mandated reporting, and Tech Smart

2013

- o Adams County Victim Witness Program began providing victim support and advocacy services at the CAC
- o New CAC Executive Director hired

2014

- o CAC staff trained on revised Darkness to Light program
- o WellSpan/York began providing medical support with services remaining on site at the CAC Hospital with services remaining on site at the CAC
- o New donor database implemented
- o Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe educational child abuse prevention program delivered to 1,696 elementary school students

2015

- o Victim Advocate/Prevention Specialist position brought on site at the CAC; funded through Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD)
- o Outcome Measurement System (OMS) implemented
- o School-based child abuse prevention program expanded
- o On-site Art Therapist contracted through TrueNorth Wellness Services
- o Application submitted to NCA for reaccreditation of the CAC
- o Application filed with Canine Partners for Life for a Center facility dog
- o Supported training under the Trauma-Informed Adams County Community Project
- o Part-time Development and Communication Specialist hired
- o Updated the Forensic Interview and Viewing Rooms

2016

- o National Children's Alliance (NCA) reaccreditation awarded
- o Joint Child Abuse Prevention Conference held with Over The Rainbow/Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center
- o Expanded art therapy hours
- o Expanded Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe educational child abuse prevention presentations
- o Collaborative grant awarded for a bilingual child/adult trauma-informed therapist
- o Subcontractor award received from Respective Solutions Group to provide trauma-informed trainings in Adams County
- o Upgraded the Forensic Interview room and Art Therapy room with local foundation funding

CENTER STATISTICS:

JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A FORENSIC INTERVIEW DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

50

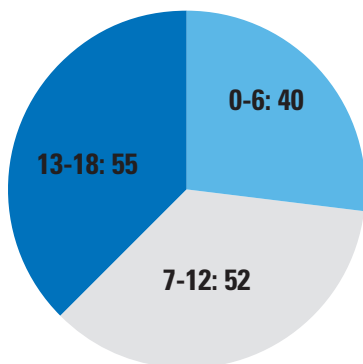
MALE

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FEMALE

AGE OF CHILDREN

AT FIRST CONTACT WITH THE CENTER:



RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED OFFENDER TO CHILD

Parent	24
Step Parent	7
Other Relative	30
Parent's Boyfriend/ Girlfriend	20
Other Known Person	28
Unknown	1

100%

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL EXAMS

47

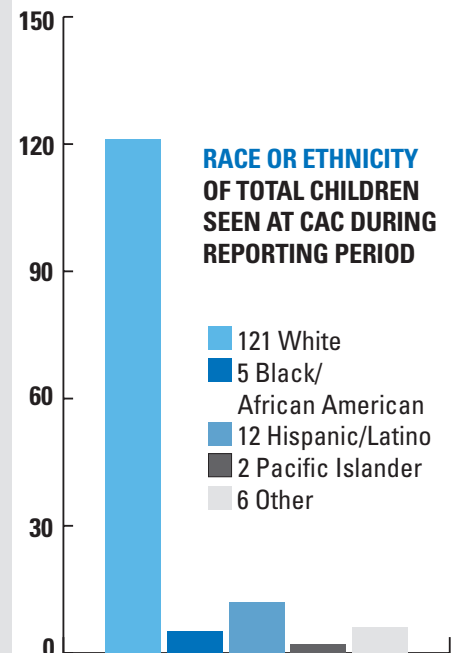
NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING MEDICAL EXAMS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

TYPES OF ABUSE REPORTED:

Sexual Abuse	123
Physical Abuse	18
Witness to Violence	5
Neglect	2

AGE OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS

Under 13	9
Age 13 to 17	16
Age 18+	59
Unknown	31



40%

Percentage of children who came to the center and received referrals for mental health therapy (does not include children who were participating in services prior to their initial CAC visit):

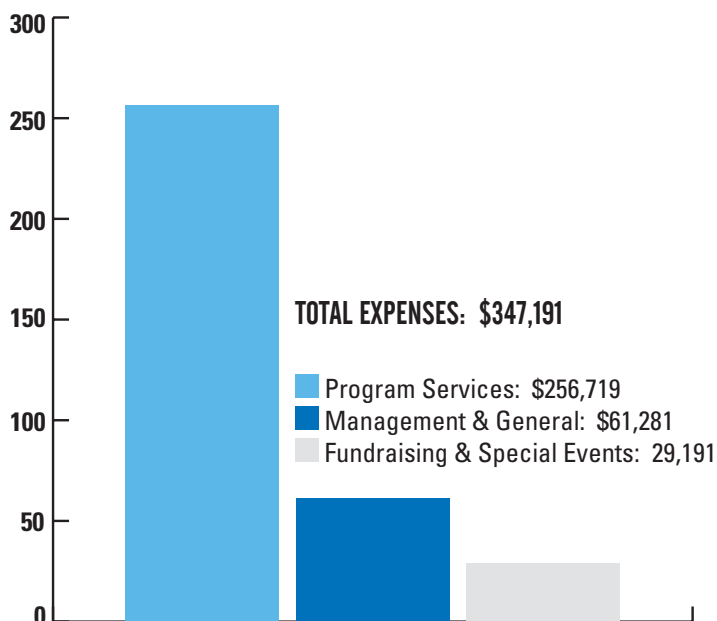
147 CHILDREN WERE SEEN AT THE CENTER AND 59 WERE REFERRED TO COUNSELING SERVICES.

ABOUT ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION, JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016

REVENUES	
State Funding	\$250,000
Grants	\$66,876
Contributions	\$31,148
Special Events	\$29,500
Prevention Events	\$9,456
Interest/Service Fee Income	\$1,906
TOTAL	\$391,545

EXPENSES

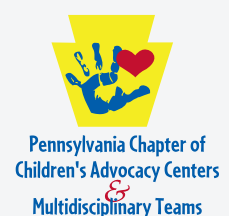


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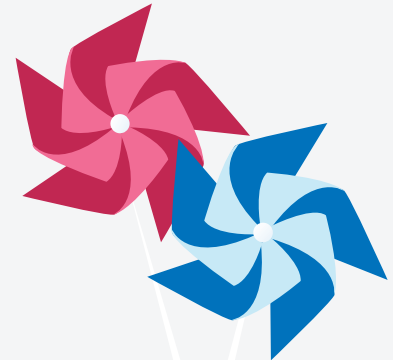


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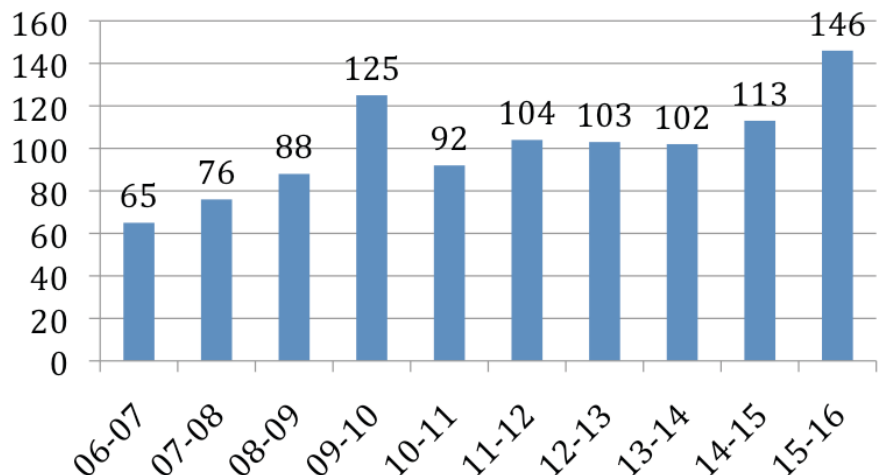


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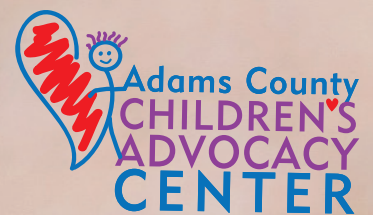
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