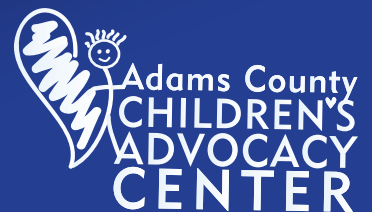


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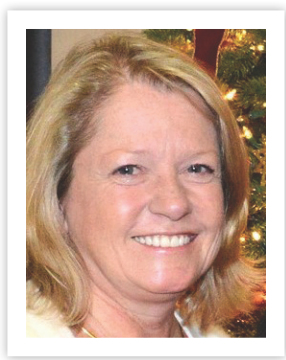
**ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**



**ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



What a remarkable year for the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC). The center is now in its 11th year, and has provided 170 children with forensic interviews during the past fiscal year alone. We continue to expand trauma-focused mental health services to ensure these children receive the services they need to heal. One hundred sixty-seven people attended Trauma-Informed Adams County (TIAC) trainings hosted by the ACCAC. In April, the ACCAC again co-hosted an annual child abuse prevention conference with Over the Rainbow/Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center. Erin Merryn, survivor and founder of Erin's Law, conducted a presentation on May 11 at the Gettysburg Area Middle School where she shared her story of childhood abuse and her positive experience at a Children's Advocacy Center. During her presentation Erin promoted Erin's Law, which requires public schools to implement prevention-oriented child sexual abuse programs, and encouraged community members to continue to support their local CAC.

This annual report shares information about the ACCAC and demonstrates the efforts of the those involved in assuring child abuse victims and their families continue to be offered a safe and responsive place for services and healing.

The tireless work of the county's Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), our committed board, staff, and volunteers and the continued support of our community have ensured the sustainability of the ACCAC and its mission to serve children. We thank all who support the work that we do. It has been a pleasure to serve on the ACCAC board. It is my hope the CAC will continue to provide services, hope and healing to those in need for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Wisor".

**Sherry Wisor**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC) is entering its 12th year in serving our community. More than 1,100 children have participated in forensic interviews since the opening of the center. Child abuse victims have participated in trauma-informed mental health services while parents and caregivers have participated in psychoeducational services offered at the center. More child abuse offenders are being held accountable for their harm against children while schools are supporting child abuse prevention curriculums and prevention presentations to help children develop the ability to recognize unsafe situations or abusive behaviors and build a responsive safety network.

The ACCAC continues to support child abuse prevention activities for children and adults, although the increase in the number of children being served at the center creates time and capacity constraints. Therefore, we continue to seek the support of the community in understanding the reality and prevalence of child abuse in our community and how important it is for all adults to be able to recognize signs of abuse and how to report it.

The progress and sustainability of the center is directly related to the generosity of our funders, including government, community organizations, and individuals. The work at the center could not be done without the dedication of the professionals who provide services to the child abuse victims and their families. These individuals, who are part of the Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), include representatives from Children and Youth Services, the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, victim advocacy, mental health, and medical services. These men and women work tirelessly to investigate and prosecute cases of child abuse, and promote healing of those who come to the center for services. This year, the addition of Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services (KPETS) therapy dogs and handlers to our services has provided additional support to children, families, and professionals coming to the center.

Please take a look at this annual report and see what has been accomplished this past year. And thank you to all who continue their commitment to the sustainability of the center and to protecting children in our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tammy Barbour".

**Tammy Barbour, MSW, LSW**





# HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Community Outreach
- Fundraising
- Donate Supplies
- When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates to the ACCAC
- Request a child abuse presentation for your organization

**DONATE TODAY  
TO HELP STOP THE  
CYCLE OF ABUSE**

## PROGRESS OF THE ACCAC

The year 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC). The ACCAC officially opened its doors in June 2006 and began offering services to child abuse victims and their families in September of that year. Without the forethought and diligence of the 30-plus founding members, the ACCAC would not be part of our community today. These professionals and community members recognized the need to address child abuse in a manner that did not further traumatize a child abuse victim, but rather offered a coordinated response to the investigation, prosecution, and healing efforts involved in this process. Since the opening of the ACCAC, more than 1,100 children and families have participated in services at the center. All services, including forensic interviews, medical examinations, victim advocacy, and mental health treatment, are offered at the center. A child is introduced to the center at the time of their forensic interview and can continue with all other services at the same child-focused facility in a secure, calming environment.

Within the walls of the center members of the Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), including the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, Children and Youth Services, victim advocates, medical, and mental health professionals, focus on their roles in the investigation, prosecution, support, and treatment

involving child abuse allegations. Outside of the walls of the center, ACCAC staff are involved in community education and outreach events. Staff participate in community events to provide information and resources to those in attendance and deliver child abuse prevention curriculum in local elementary schools and adult prevention curriculum in churches and for other community organizations. As an accredited center under the National Children's Alliance (NCA), the ACCAC is also required to ensure education and self-care programs and presentations for MDIT members.

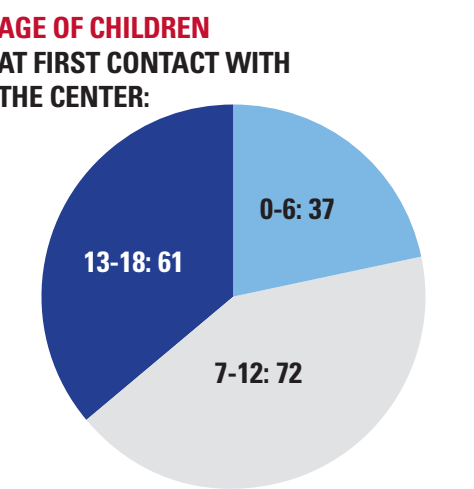
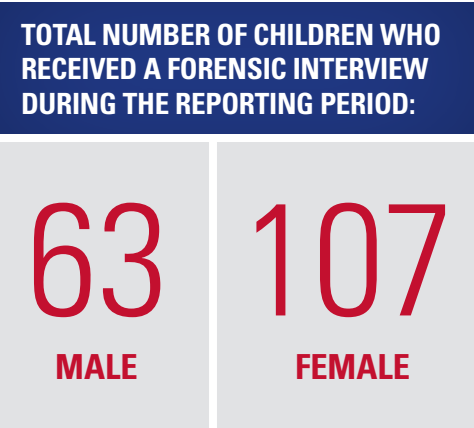
Adams County has promoted a collaborative effort among Children and Youth Services and law enforcement for many years. Adding a Children's Advocacy Center further expanded the collaboration while adding advocacy, medical and mental health services. The Adams County MDIT now operates under a Memorandum of Understanding and a county investigative protocol to ensure consistency and avoid duplication of services.

The ACCAC complies with NCA standards, which serve as guidelines in sustaining the professional credibility of the center and ensuring those served receive consistent, evidence-based interventions. We will continue to adhere to these standards and the mission of the ACCAC.



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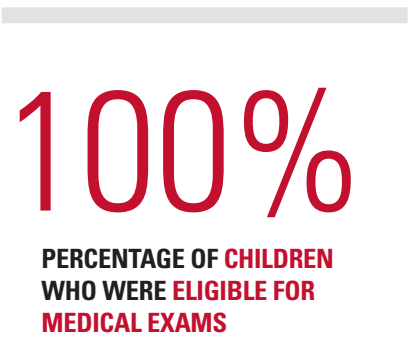
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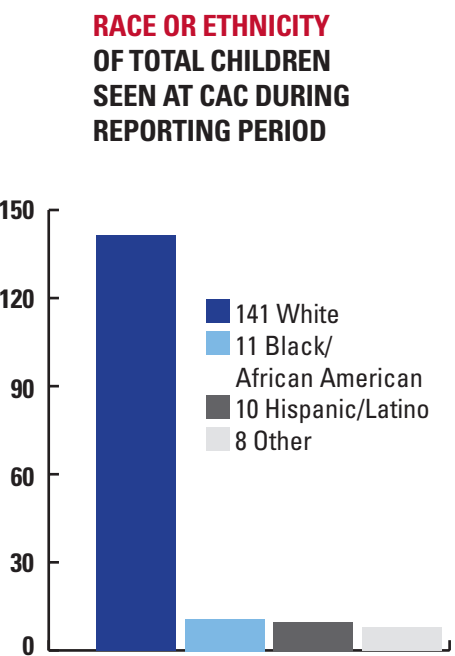
RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED OFFENDER TO CHILD	
Parent	42
Step Parent	8
Other Relative	31
Parent's Boyfriend/ Girlfriend	16
Other Known Person	39
Unknown	2



TYPES OF ABUSE REPORTED:	
Sexual Abuse	109
Physical Abuse	41
Witness to Violence	20
Neglect	0

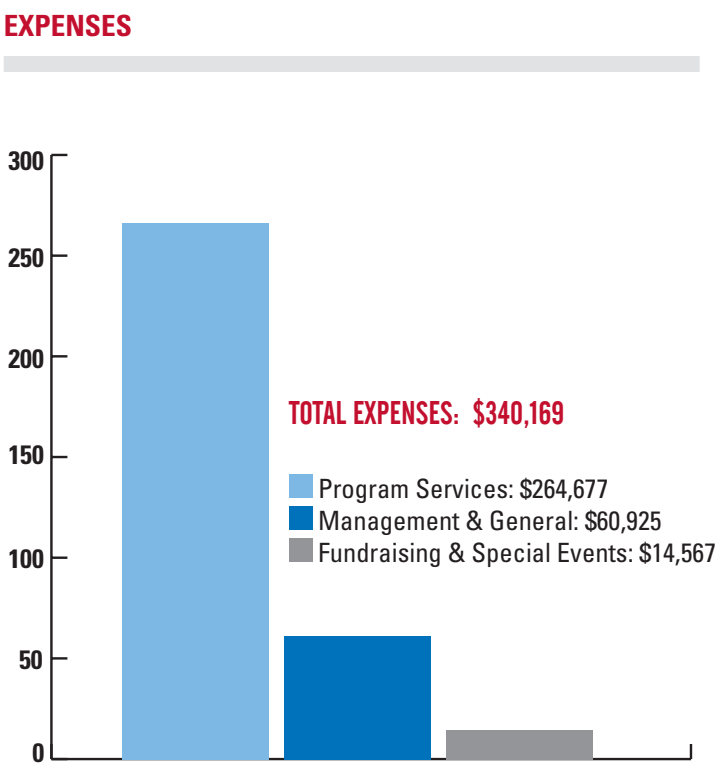


AGE OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS	
Under 13	5
Age 13 to 17	14
Age 18+	91
Unknown	25



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

REVENUES	
State Funding	\$250,000
Grants	\$71,374
Contributions	\$29,494
Special Events	\$31,339
Prevention Events	\$5,810
Investment Income/Exchange Transactions	\$27,180
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$415,197</b>



## ABOUT ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

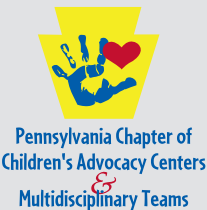


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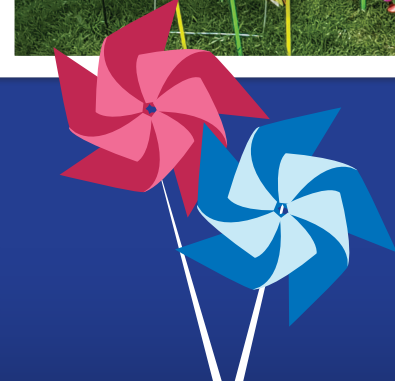
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- Tammy Barbour, MSW, LSW**, Executive Director
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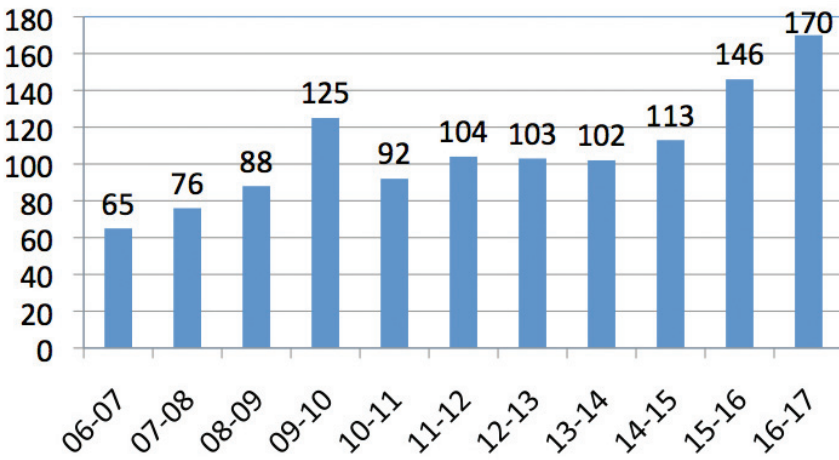
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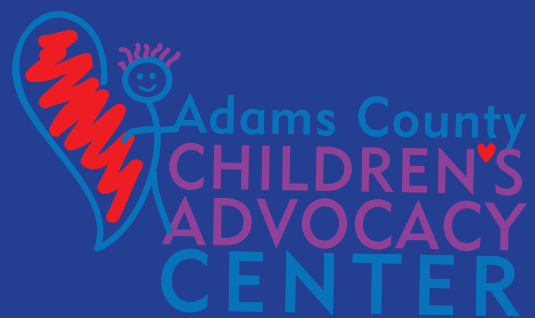
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