



Press Release

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Adams County Children's Advocacy Center Announces New Community Outreach & Education Programming

GETTYSBURG, PA (4.29.2022) – In its ongoing efforts to reduce, and ultimately, to end child abuse in Adams County, Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC) is pleased to announce new community outreach and education programming.

“With grant funding support from The Adams County Community Foundation, ACCAC will significantly increase its child abuse prevention education efforts and has hired Andrew Adcock as the agency's Community Outreach and Education Coordinator. “Andrew will play a pivotal role in our agency's ongoing work to protect vulnerable children,” says ACCAC Executive Director Elida Murray. She continued, “Our agency is very appreciative of the Community Foundation's support of child abuse prevention education. “

Andrew brings to his role with ACCAC a background in children's services and community outreach. He states, “I am very excited to have joined a great team at an even greater agency and am very excited to see my community come together to raise awareness about a topic that is close to my heart. The mission of the CAC is so important to me. I consider myself very lucky that I get to play a role in making my community safer for children.”

Andrew jumped right into outreach and education activities on his first day. In recognition of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, ACCAC encouraged individuals to wear blue ribbons or child abuse prevention stickers. Meanwhile, more than 50 stores, restaurant and business owners displayed blue lights in windows, posted child abuse prevention flyers and shared educational brochures with visitors. Residents lit their front porches in blue or displayed blue candles in windows to show their support.

ACCAC Executive Director Elida Murray says, “We can prevent child abuse. When 5% of a community's adults learn about child abuse prevention, that is the “tipping point” in reducing child abuse in the community. We encourage those in our community to be part of the 5% by committing to learn how to recognize, prevent and react responsibly in protecting children from sexual abuse. We invite everyone to commit to spreading the word and creating awareness that child abuse happens right here in our community.”

If you would like to learn about child abuse prevention or join ACCAC's efforts to support child victims of abuse from initial outcry to hope and healing, while also working to end child abuse in our community, please contact Andrew Adcock, ACCAC Community Outreach and Education Coordinator: aadcock@kidsagaincac.org, or (717) 337-9888.

The Adams County Community Foundation was created to promote and facilitate charitable giving and to build a permanent civic endowment for Adams County. While the Community Foundation's Adams County Grants are focused locally, the Community Foundation also provides a home for charitable funds created by donors which may make grants anywhere in Pennsylvania or across the country. The Adams County community foundation works to inspire people and communities to build and distribute charitable funds that will benefit Adams County for generations.

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