

CRUSADER'S CHRONICLE



Director's Message

The Adams County Children's Advocacy Center has been busy during the summer! While continuing our work supporting child victims of abuse, our staff has also been involved in many events throughout the community, giving us the opportunity to share child abuse prevention information & resources and talk with each one of you!

We recently added several videos to our YouTube channel with information about the CAC process and our center, specifically. There are also videos with helpful information for caregivers, such as Positive Discipline for Teens, Loving Discipline for Children, Internet Safety, Resolving Family Conflict, and more! We encourage you to take a look and share with friends, family members, and other caregivers in your life. You can easily find us by visiting www.Youtube.com and searching Adams County CAC

As we look back over the past few months and ahead to the last few months of 2022, thank you for your continued support! Without caring community members like you, recognizing, responding to, and reducing child abuse would not be possible! The ACCAC is looking forward to continuing to connect with each of you as we work to Build a Brighter Tomorrow for the children of Adams County!

—Elida Murray, Executive Director

Supporting Children & Families

Over the past quarter, our staff have continued to support child victims and their families through providing a wide array of services to the children & families in our center, as well as those in the community.

ACCAC staff have conducted over 50 Forensic Interviews for child victims, 6 of whom decided to have a Medical Exam or Consult.

Our Mental Health program added 7 new cases and conducted over 150 therapy sessions. 20 referrals were made to outside mental health providers.

Our Child & Family Advocates conducted 4 non-offending caregiver education sessions and provided an average of 30 hours of support each month to families.

Based on the hard work & collaboration of our MDIT, law enforcement & the DA's office were able to press charges on 8 of the cases served at the center.

The MDIT has also held 3 case review meetings, working together to share information, make decisions on cases, and most importantly, collaborating on how to continue supporting families through the investigation process.

Over 2,100 community members (adults and children) were provided child abuse prevention information and resources through our Prevention Education and Community Outreach efforts in schools & the local community.

1st Annual Golf Tournament

On September 29th, ACCAC held our 1st annual "Chip In For Kids" golf tournament. It was a beautiful fall day at the beautiful Links in Gettysburg golf course, where 28 teams participated. We want to thank all of our sponsors and golfers for "chipping" in for our kids & helping make the day successful!



We also want to send a big CONGRATULATIONS to the winning team!
We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Building a Brighter Tomorrow

ACCAC is Building a Brighter Tomorrow by expanding services and supports for child victims of abuse and their families, while also working to reduce child abuse in our community, by:

- Supporting both child and adult survivors of child abuse.
- Addressing the rising rates of physical abuse and generational cycles of abuse in our community.
- Helping children and families develop resilience so they may overcome trauma and lead healthy, productive lives.
- Educating community members to prevent child abuse and understand the impact that child abuse has on the health and well-being of children, and on the community at large.

ACCAC is participating in the 2022 Giving Spree, the day when Adams County community members support local non-profit agencies. Through Giving Spree donations, you can be a part of Building a Brighter Tomorrow!

Donations can be made online at

ACCFGivingSpree.org

November 3rd from 12:01am to 11:59pm

[ACCAC is non-profit #7!](#)

Community Connection

We have been busy over the past three months connecting with members of the community!

On August 2nd, staff attended the Hanover & Conewago Township National Night Out and were able to provide prizes, resources, and educational materials to 100 adults & 150 children.

In the months of August and September, staff attended 14 Back-to-School nights across Adams county to help welcome children and families to the new school year! We provided resources and educational materials to families, as well as offer raffles for a Family Activity Bag!

August 26th was Gettysburg College GIV Day. 8 students from the college helped our Community Outreach & Education Coordinator put together activity bags for children we serve.

ACCAC was selected as part of the United Way Day of Caring! On September 10th, local community members donated their time to help empty our attic of items no longer in use.

On September 18th, ACCAC staff attended the Gettysburg Heritage Festival. We connected with community members, providing resources, educational material, and more!

Connect with us online!



Be sure to check out our recently re-designed website!

We have updated the look and included many resources for teens, families, community members, and professionals.

www.kidsagaincac.org