

“The advocacy process is very emotional for families. It is rewarding when I see their relief and the stress leaves their face...”

-Karina Padilla,  
Child & Family Advocate

“The kids that come into our center are so much more than the reason they are coming to talk about & I like to ensure they know that... by finding out what makes them excited or hopeful.”

-Cora Beyer,  
Child & Family Advocate

“I am an active listener to children & adolescents... I strive to make therapy sessions a safe place for child victims, no matter what has happened to them in the past.”

-Amanda Evans-Freet, MA, ATR-BC, LPC  
Mental Health Therapist

In 2021, the Children’s Advocacy Center purchased 224 Baltimore Street in Gettysburg, to double the capacity to serve the community. The Brighter Tomorrows Center will also provide the opportunity to expand trauma therapy services for children and adult survivors, support services for children, their families, & community members, and provide space for education efforts surrounding how to prevent, recognize, & respond to child abuse.

The Center will house the ongoing efforts of supporting child & adult survivors of abuse, addressing rising rates of physical abuse & generational cycles of abuse, helping build families’ capacities for resilience, and enlisting adult community members to prevent child abuse in their homes & neighborhoods.



**Mental Health**  
594  
Individual Sessions Conducted

**Child Advocacy**  
217 Children & 311 Family Members Supported

**Brighter Tomorrows Center**

**Forensic Interviews**  
199 Interviews Conducted

**Prevention Education**  
4,542 Children Empowered

“I am deeply passionate about my role. What I do truly matters, knowing that I may be the only person who teaches kids that abuse happens and how to report it.”

-Crystal Long,  
Prevention Educator/Forensic Interviewer

“For child victims, holding in what happened is exhausting. The most valuable part of my role... is giving the children the opportunity to talk about their experience as much as they want to, with someone who listens without judgement.”

-Kim Summers, MSW  
Forensic Interviewer

**Community Outreach**  
997 Adults & 979 Children Reached

“The community outreach efforts... can be a lifeline for kids who have not yet come forward about abuse & for caregivers supporting traumatized kids at home.”  
-Jenifer Patterson,  
Outreach & Community Education Coordinator

