

Dedicated to a community where children are safe, families are strong and kids can become kids again.

2017-2018 Annual Report

In July, 2017 Adams County Children's Advocacy Center entered its 12th year of service to the victims of child abuse and their families in Adams County. Since 2006, the Center has provided services to more than 1,400 children in support of the agency's vision of a community where children are safe, families are strong and child victims can become children again.

In the words of the children and families Adams County Children's Advocacy Services supported:

"They helped me out with my problems and understood what I was going through. I really appreciate their help a whole lot."

"Everyone was kind. My daughter felt safe"

"I could talk to the lady and not be judged for anything I said while I was there. I felt safe to talk about what went on that made me feel like I wasn't safe."

"Everyone was friendly and understanding. The atmosphere was opening and welcoming. I felt comfortable and safe."

During FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018):

- 241 children and their family members received advocacy & case management services—helping them to obtain supports and services to meet their immediate needs and begin to heal from the trauma of abuse.
- 226 children told of their experience via Forensic Interviews— providing children with a safe environment in which to talk is the first step in healing.
- 64 children were referred for trauma focused mental health services, either at our Center or with other community providers. Trauma therapy is critical to eliminating the damaging emotional, educational and physical consequences of child abuse.
- 71 children received medical exams/consults— ensuring their physical health while providing health education and consultation to their caregivers.
- 88 children received comfort, encouragement and support at the Center via Keystone Pet-Enhanced Therapy Services (K-Pets).
- 454 children and adults participated in community-based child abuse prevention education— giving them the tools to recognize, respond appropriately and report incidences of alleged child abuse.
- 8 families participated in the Non-Offending Caregiver training series—providing caregivers with the knowledge and skills to emotionally support their children and other family members.
- 24 alleged perpetrators were arrested/charged in Adams County as a result of Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) efforts.

ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

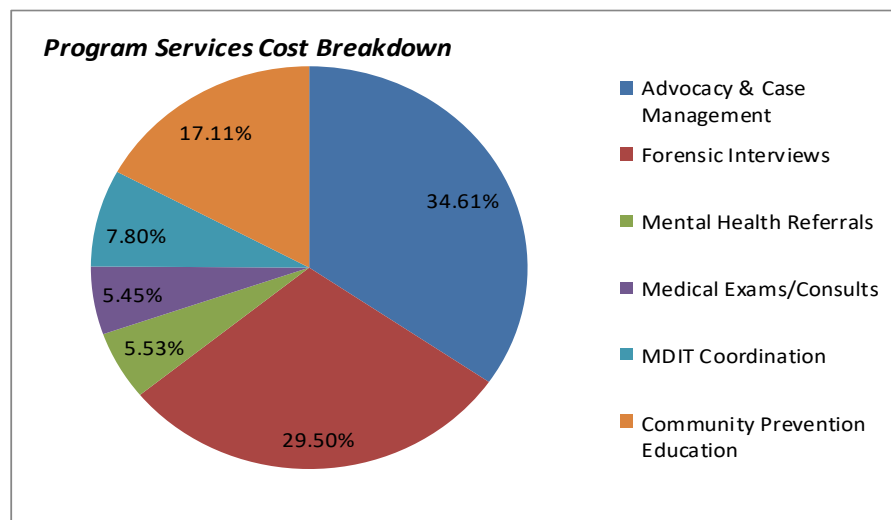
FY 2018 Revenue

Grants	\$298,571
Contributions	\$35,004
Special Events	\$13,822
Prevention Education	\$7,130
Investment Income	\$18,177
Total	\$372,704

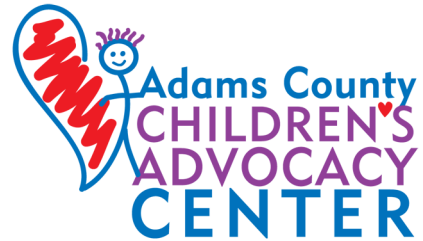
FY 2018 Expenses

Program Services	\$254,390
Management & General	\$63,424
Fundraising/Special Events	\$11,914
Total	\$329,728

In FY 2018, Adams County Children's Advocacy Center dedicated nearly 80% of its funding to program services, positively impacting the lives of children and families in our community.



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A Message from the Executive Director...

In July 2018 I was given the honor of joining Adams County Children's Advocacy Center as Executive Director. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the agency's talented staff, Board of Directors and community partners in serving children and families impacted by child abuse in Adams County.

Through the hard work and dedication of everyone associated with the Center since its inception in June 2006, Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (ACCAC) has matured into a well managed, fiscally stable organization dedicated to evidence-based and best practice service provision.

During FY 2017-2018, the Center experienced a 33% increase in forensic interviews/victim advocacy services over the prior year. I anticipate similar numbers of child victims will be served at the Center during FY 2018-2019. While continuing to provide core services to these child victims and their families, plans are also underway to increase outreach and prevention education initiatives throughout the entire Adams County community.

Working with ACCAC's staff and Board of Directors, I have identified the following initiatives for 2019:

- Launch the "What If I Told You?" prevention education project. *Experts believe that when 5% of a community's adults learn about child sexual abuse prevention; that is the tipping point in reducing child abuse in their community.*
- Expand advocacy outreach activities throughout Adams County. *Children are very resilient- when given supportive services they are able to overcome the adverse childhood experiences of abuse and go on to lead positive, productive lives.*
- Upgrade the agency's website and social media platforms. *When we know better, we do better; by providing increased access to education and resources to the general public and human service professionals, ACCAC will advance child abuse prevention awareness efforts and better support child victims.*
- Establish the ACCAC Survivor's Council. *By lending their voice to the Center's staff and leadership, child abuse survivors provide valuable guidance in the development of agency practices and programs.*

I invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with me as the Center moves forward. I can be reached via email: emurray@kidsagaincac.org, or by phone: (717) 337-9888 (office) or (717) 414-2340 (cell). I look forward to speaking with you and learning from you.

On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you for your continued interest in and support of Adams County Children's Advocacy Center.

Elida Murray, M.A.

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