Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center

10 Years of Hope and Healing

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016
The past year has been a remarkable one for the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center (ACCAC). June 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Center. With more than 1,060 children and families served since its opening, this past year the Center provided services to more children than in any previous year. Our theme of 10 Years of Hope and Healing represents the opportunities the ACCAC has provided to child abuse victims to tell their stories and rebuild their lives.

During the past year the Center has extended mental health service hours so that more children have the opportunity to participate in trauma-informed therapy interventions. We have collaborated with other professionals and organizations to support the Trauma-Informed Adams County initiative, which provides training to improve the community response to traumatized individuals. In April, we partnered with Over the Rainbow/Franklin County Children’s Advocacy Center for our annual child abuse prevention conference. April also included our successful reaccreditation through the National Children’s Alliance (NCA), which certifies that our Center continues to meet high professional standards for each of its programs.

This annual report presents a timeline of events since the opening of the ACCAC, which reflects many changes and enhancements to our facility and our programs and services. It reflects the tireless work of those involved who fight to assure children and their families have a safe and responsive place to share their stories and move beyond their trauma.

It is because of the tireless collaboration of our Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), our committed board, staff, and volunteers, and the continued support of our community that we are able to help child victims and their families in Adams County. We thank everyone who is dedicated to our mission.

Sincerely,

Sherry Wisor

The National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC), located in Huntsville, Alabama, revolutionized the United States’ response to child sexual abuse. Created in 1985, the NCAC has served as a model for the 900+ Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) now operating in the United States and in more than 25 countries throughout the world. The CAC model, which includes a Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) approach was developed by former Congressman Robert E. “Bud” Cramer and a group of key individuals, including law
The year 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center. This year’s annual report provides a glimpse of all that has transpired over the past 10 years. It includes milestones of the Center, including the June 2006 ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house, hiring of an executive director and a forensic interviewer, establishing medical, mental health, and victim advocacy services, and accreditation by the National Children’s Alliance (NCS) in 2011, followed by successful reaccreditation in 2016. And in between, so many changes and accomplishments have occurred it is impossible to name them all within this report.

Our community partnerships, education, and outreach continue to be strong. Our partners—Children and Youth Services, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and mental health professionals—who assess, investigate, and treat child abuse victims work tirelessly and often go unnoticed. They are the operations of the CAC model. We will continue to serve child abuse victims and their families while stressing the importance of child abuse prevention.

For all of us to continue to do our work, we need the community to maintain its strong commitment to supporting the work that must be done. As you review the annual report and see all that has been done in our community for child abuse victims and in prevention and outreach, I hope you too will continue your commitment to the sustainability of the center and to the children in our community.

Tammy Barbour, MSW, LSW
HISTORY OF THE ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

The history of the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center (ACCAC) began in 2005 when local responders came together as a task force to form a Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Through a grassroots community movement, the Center was established within a year, and was an operational CAC by September 2006. Through the ACCAC, Adams County has a structure for countywide collaboration, providing best practices protocol for the investigation and treatment of child abuse.

2005 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MEMBERS

Becki (Scott) Lentz–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Chris Goodacre–Adams County Victim Witness Services Office
Crystal Tuscing–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Cynthia Reimel–YWCA, Gettysburg and Adams County
Don Marritz–Mid-Penn Legal Services
Ed Kenney–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Ivan Taylor–Pennsylvania State Police
Jim Holler–Liberty Township Police Department
Kathy McConaghay–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Kathy Nelson–United Way
Kathy Gaskin–Survivors, Inc.
Kim (Walker) Duffy–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Kim Kuntz–Community Member
Linda Moulder–PEACE
Marla Langley–Family Services
Mary Victoria Charisse–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Peter Vriens–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Phillip Duffy–Pennsylvania State Police
Rebecca (Hoch) Voss–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Sarah Caldwell–Adams County District Attorney’s Office
Shawn Wagner–Adams County District Attorney
Sara (Meisenhelter) Strayer–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Teresa Polvinale–Adams County Children and Youth Services
Chester G. Schultz–Solicitor
Chris Kimple–Representative Maitland’s Office
Christine Simpson–Survivors, Inc.
Deb Pheil–Franklin County Children and Youth Services
Frank Donnelly–Adams County District Attorney’s Office
Louise Mains–Gettysburg Hospital
Patricia Swartz–Community Member
Scott McNair–Gettysburg Hospital
John Eline–Community Member
Sharron Michels–Collaborating for Youth

2006

- Established a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Secured a facility
- Hired Executive Director
- Formed Advisory Committee to create protocols
- Hired Forensic Interviewer
- Center opened its doors to child abuse victims and their families
- First Snowflake Gala was held in November

2007

- Medical services provided on site
- Victim Advocate hired
- Facilitation of Darkness to Light adult education and prevention program

2008

- Mental Health Clinician on site at the Center
- Began providing services for Franklin County
2009
- Focused on National Children’s Alliance Cultural Competency Standard
- Secured a Spanish speaking Forensic Interviewer
- Secured a Spanish-speaking Family Advocate

2010
- Focused on National Children’s Alliance Case Tracking Standard
- Implemented NCAtrak for tracking client and alleged perpetrator demographics, Center services, and referrals
- Support services provided to non-offending caregivers
- Partnered with WellSpan/Gettysburg Hospital to provide on-site medical services
- Secured Medical Director and medical peer review process

2011
- Acquired National Children’s Alliance Accreditation
- Secured grant for a second on site therapist
- Debriefings provided to MDIT members

2012
- Increased prevention and outreach programs: school based, mandated reporting, and Tech Smart

2013
- Adams County Victim Witness Program began providing victim support and advocacy services at the CAC
- New CAC Executive Director hired

2014
- CAC staff trained on revised Darkness to Light program
- WellSpan/York began providing medical support with services remaining on site at the CAC
- New Medical Director and medical peer review process
- Support services provided to non-offending caregivers
- Partnered with WellSpan/Gettysburg Hospital to provide on-site medical services
- Secured Medical Director and medical peer review process

2015
- Victim Advocate/Prevention Specialist position brought on site at the CAC; funded through Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD)
- Outcome Measurement System (OMS) implemented
- School-based child abuse prevention program expanded
- On-site Art Therapist contracted through TrueNorth Wellness Services
- Application submitted to NCA for reaccreditation of the CAC
- Application filed with Canine Partners for Life for a Center facility dog
- Supported training under the Trauma-Informed Adams County Community Project
- Part-time Development and Communication Specialist hired
- Updated the Forensic Interview and Viewing Rooms

2016
- National Children’s Alliance (NCA) reaccreditation awarded
- Joint Child Abuse Prevention Conference held with Over The Rainbow/Franklin County Children’s Advocacy Center
- Expanded art therapy hours
- Expanded Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe educational child abuse prevention presentations
- Collaborative grant awarded for a bilingual child/adult trauma-informed therapist
- Subcontractor award received from Respective Solutions Group to provide trauma-informed trainings in Adams County
- Upgraded the Forensic Interview room and Art Therapy room with local foundation funding
CENTER STATISTICS:
JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A FORENSIC INTERVIEW DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Male</th>
<th>Female</th>
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<td>50</td>
<td>97</td>
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PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL EXAMS:

100%

AGE OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS:

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<th>Age of Alleged Offender</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>Under 13</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Age 13 to 17</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Age 18+</td>
<td>59</td>
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AGE OF CHILDREN AT FIRST CONTACT WITH THE CENTER:

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<th>Age Range</th>
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<td>0-6</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>7-12</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td>13-18</td>
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NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING MEDICAL EXAMS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

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<tr>
<td>5 Black/ African</td>
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<td>12 Hispanic/Latino</td>
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<td>2 Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>6 Other</td>
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TYPES OF ABUSE REPORTED:

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<th>Type of Abuse</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>Sexual Abuse</td>
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<td>Physical Abuse</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Witness to Violence</td>
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<td>Neglect</td>
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RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED OFFENDER TO CHILD:

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<td>Other Relative</td>
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<td>Parent’s Boyfriend/</td>
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<td>Girlfriend</td>
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<td>Other Known Person</td>
<td>28</td>
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40% Percentage of children who came to the center and received referrals for mental health therapy (does not include children who were participating in services prior to their initial CAC visit):

147 CHILDREN WERE SEEN AT THE CENTER AND 59 WERE REFERRED TO COUNSELING SERVICES.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION, JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016

**REVENUES**

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<td>Special Events</td>
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<td>Prevention Events</td>
<td>$9,456</td>
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<td>Interest/Service Fee Income</td>
<td>$1,906</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$391,545</strong></td>
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**EXPENSES**

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<td>Program Services</td>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
<td>$61,281</td>
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<td>Fundraising &amp; Special Events</td>
<td>$29,191</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td><strong>$347,191</strong></td>
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **President** - Sherry Wisor, Marketing, Kennies Markets
- **Vice President** - Cindy Keeney, Director Adams County Victim Witness Assistance Program
- **Secretary** - Ashley Andyshak Hayes, Communications Coordinator, Holy Spirit Hospital
- **Treasurer** - Beth Cissel, Adams County Deputy Controller
- **Stephen Higgs**, Cumberland Township Police Department
- **Tracy Selby**, MSW, TrueNorth Wellness Services
- **David Turkewitz**, MD, WellSpan York Hospital
- **Ryan Raffensperger**, CPA, Raffensperger, Martin, & Finkenbiner LLC
- **Carolyn Wagaman**, PNC Bank
- **Brian Sinnett**, Adams County District Attorney
- **Esther Waybright**, Community Educator, Survivors, Inc.
- **Denyel Effinger**, School Counselor, Franklin Township Elementary
- **Tammy Barbour**, MSW, LSW, Executive Director

**STAFF**

- **Tammy Barbour**, MSW, LSW Executive Director
- **David Turkewitz**, MD, Medical Director
- **Amanda Evans**, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, Child and Adolescent Counselor/ Art Therapist
- **Jessica Crouse**, BSW, Forensic Interviewer Specialist
- **Jennifer Shearer**, Victim Advocate/Prevention Specialist
- **Jackie Hendricks**, Office Manager

*ABOUT ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER*
PINWHEEL GARDEN SUPPORTERS

Adams County National Bank
YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County
Arendtsville Elementary School
Battlefield Harley Davidson
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Classic Cuts
Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital
Dana Rippman
Explore and More Inc.
Fairfield Mennonite Church
Farnsworth House Inc.
Franklin Township Elementary School
Gettysburg Community Theatre
Gettysburg Day Spa, LLC
Hilton Garden Inn of Gettysburg
Jeanette & Donald Slimmer
Jeffrey & Pamela Shaffer
Loyal Order of Moose 720
Mark and Laura Sandoe
Merle & Jackie Rudisill
Orttanna UMC
United Way of Adams County
Weikerts Livestock, Inc.
WellSpan Health
Wesley Chapel UMC

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AT THE ACCAC: 2006-2016

[Bar chart showing the number of forensic interviews conducted each year from 2006 to 2016, with years on the x-axis and the number of interviews on the y-axis, ranging from 0 to 160.]
CHAMPIONS ($5,000 AND UP)
A.B.A.T.E. - Mason Dixon Chapter
Ken Adams Mechanical, Inc.

ANGELS ($2,000 TO $4,999)
Fraternal Order of Eagles F.O.E. #1562
Deb Gemmell
David Levan
Exchange Club of Gettysburg
Kennie’s Market (c)

GUARDIANS ($500 TO $1999)
VFW Home Association Post 15
Holly Marshall
Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital
Ralph Flores
Jane Hutton
Adams Electric Cooperative
Jeff & Mari Stein
Fairfield Amvets Post 172
Andrea Singley
Granite Hill Campground
Lucy Witt
Avalon Foster Group, LLC
Jenifer & Shawn Wagner

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Steve Hisley
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HACC
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Esther Waybright
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Sites Realty, Inc.

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Robert Legor

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Dr. David Turkewitz
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Wisor HR Consulting
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Larry and Judy Hull
Regina Campbell
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Gettysburg United Methodist Church
Alfredo Kaguyutan
Alice & Ron Bower
Arsenio Alpapara
Bettina Ellsworth
Carli Lehr
Christine Smith
Cynthia Hockenberry
Frank Herman
Megan Zei
Rachel and Patrick Sease
Ritas Italian Ice
Sharron Michels

**FRIENDS ($1 TO $149)**
Nathan Horton
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Cindy Keeney
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Tiffanie Horton
Deborah Steckler
Andrew Wampler
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Donna Asper
Gettysburg Moose
Daniel Confer
Anne Marie Logue
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Daniel Seibert
Ethel Boon
Fidel Ramirez
Graphcom Inc.
Jack & Dorothy Nicholas
Knoebel, Picarelli, Inc.
Merle & Jackie Rudisill
Robert & Ester Langley
Robert Dreyer
Ron Harris
Sally Myers
Stan Clark
Tara Trovitch
Webb Insurance
Clyde Funt
Nicole Assi
Michael and Nicolette Moore
Job’s Daughters International
Gettysburg Animal Hospital
Jason Kutulakis
Kim Duffy

Mark Houser
Patrick and Susan Naugle
Rebecca Lynn Voss
Abe Bucher
Cheryl Sornson
Farnsworth House Inc.
Arthur & Diana Henne
Barclay Brooks
Jean LeGros
Kay Glass
Kay Guise
Mike Moore
Ryan Raffensperger
Scott & Co. Fine Jewelers
Upper Adams Jaycees
Amanda Lyons
Brenda Diehl
Dave Kuhns
Fred & Betty Snyder
Lynn Stambaugh
Blane Gladfelter
JustGive
Lori Kane
Kenneth Oelkers
Janet Latcher
Sally Thomas
Bridgid Willis
Denise Matlack
Sharon Geleta
Theresa Lilley
Women of the Moose Chapter 182

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