



ABOUT US

The mission of Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County is to provide safety, healing and justice to children victimized by abuse or neglect.

We envision a community free from child abuse.

We accomplish our mission in the following ways:

SAFETY

- Coordinated intervention among child abuse professionals to ensure protection of victims of abuse or neglect
- Secure facility where families feel safe
- Forensic interview services
- Community Education programs

HEALING

- A child- and teen-friendly environment where children can disclose and heal from abuse
- Services such as assistance with rent, food or other basic needs for families facing crisis due to victimization by abuse or neglect
- Comprehensive therapeutic services for victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members
- Medical evaluations and intervention for victims of abuse or neglect provided through Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and medical providers at Children's Health System – Children's Medical Center Plano and other local hospitals

JUSTICE

- Expert court testimony to educate juries on the prevalence and dynamics of abuse and the services provided by Children's Advocacy Centers
- Court preparation for children through the Kids In Court program

Our Core Values:

INTEGRITY

- Clients, donors, partners and staff are treated with dignity and respect.
- We operate in a fiscally responsible manner and exhibit the highest level of stewardship.
- We adhere to excellence in professional practices and ethical standards.

EXCELLENCE

- Every child receives exceptional intervention from each member of the team.
- The children and their families are at the center of all we do.
- We are innovative in developing solutions, knowledge partners and resources.

COLLABORATION

- We rely on the strength of the multidisciplinary approach.
- We work with others committed to improving the welfare of children.
- We embrace teamwork and respect each team member's contribution to the mission.

EMPOWERMENT

- Our staff is inspired to achieve excellence.
- We provide an environment that supports multidisciplinary team success.
- We promote hope, self-reliance and strength for our clients.
- We seek to serve as a catalyst and coordinator to engage the community in the fight against child abuse.



FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER?

- Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC) bring all services to abused children under one roof to minimize additional trauma to vulnerable child victims of abuse or neglect in our community.
- Our mission is to provide safety, healing and justice to children victimized by abuse or neglect.
- We coordinate intervention among child welfare professionals to ensure protection of victims and their non-offending family members.

BEFORE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS

- Prior to the inception of the Children's Advocacy Center model, efforts to investigate and prosecute child abuse were often duplicated and inefficient.
- In a criminal justice system designed around adults, child victims were revictimized by the system, having to retell their abuse stories to multiple investigators.
- Criminal cases were often weakened by the lack of coordination between agencies.

OUR CORE SERVICES

- Forensic Interview – a legally justifiable fact-finding interview with a child by a specially trained professional conducted at the request of law enforcement or Child Protective Services designed to allow a child to disclose abuse.
- Community Resources – assistance program designed to meet the basic needs of families impacted by abuse.
- Therapy – utilizes evidenced-based, trauma-informed interventions to allow child victims and their non-offending family members the chance to heal from abuse.
- Client Care – a social work based advocacy program designed to provide a continuum of care for children and families throughout the criminal justice process.

THE NEED IN COLLIN COUNTY

- By the age of 18, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused. One in three boys and one in four girls will be physically abused. Only one in 10 will tell.*
- More than 4,800 Collin County children were reported to Child Protective Services as abused or neglected in 2014.
- More than 3,300 clients – including children and their non-offending family members – received a core service at CACCC in FY 2013-2014.

THE POWER OF THE TEAM APPROACH

- CACCC utilizes a coordinated response to the investigation, treatment and prosecution of child abuse.
- Working collaboratively with law enforcement and Child Protective Services, services and resources are efficiently leveraged to provide healing to abused children.
- Communication across agencies strengthens criminal cases so that perpetrators can be held accountable, keeping our community safe.

KEY FACTS

- The District Attorney's Crimes Against Children division maintains a 98 percent conviction rate thanks to collaboration across agencies.
- Rated Four Stars by Charity Navigator for four consecutive years, a distinction achieved by just 7 percent of charities across the nation.
- All services are offered to clients at no cost for as long as they need help.
- CACCC relies on funding and support from the community to carry out its mission.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (2005).

PRESS

BROADCAST

November 2014 — Dan Powers, Senior Vice-President of Administration and Clinical Director at CACCC, was featured guest on KERA's "THINK" with Krys Boyd in November 2014. <http://www.kera.org/2014/11/17/stopping-child-abuse-before-its-too-late/>

April 2014 — CBS 11's Robbie Owens visits our display of pinwheels raising awareness of child abuse in Collin County during Child Abuse Prevention Month. <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2014/04/18/pinwheels-for-prevention-a-playful-reminder-of-sinister-reality/>

March 2014 — CEO Lynne McLean, Board Member Jane Donovan and members of our volunteer puppeteers, the Kids Count Players, appeared on WFAA's "Good Morning Texas" to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month. <http://www.wfaa.com/good-morning-texas/Collin-County-Advocacy-Center-Use-Puppets-to-Help-Protect-Children-252276271.html>

PRINT

December 2014 — Star Local News reporter Chris Beatty reports on the importance of year-end giving and volunteerism to Collin County nonprofit agencies.

November 2014 — Report finds Collin County children are at risk of abuse victimization, poverty in this story featuring CEO Lynne McLean. <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/2014/11/10-soaring-suburban-poverty-in-dallas-area-puts-childrens-health-at-risk-study-finds.ece>

June 2014 — Dallas Morning News Neighbors Go columnist Sandra Fay highlights our Rainbow Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored and hosted by Woodbridge Golf Club. <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/plano/sandra-fay/20140607-sandra-fay-rainbow-classic-golf-tournament-benefits-collin-county-childrens-advocacy-center.ece>

April 2014 — Dallas philanthropy blogger Jeanne Prejean highlighted Rent-A-Center's sponsorship of Gala 2014 on her My Sweet Charity blog. <http://mysweetcharity.com/2014/04/rent-a-center-will-be-presenting-sponsor-of-childrens-advocacy-center-of-collin-county-2014-gala-with-huey-lewis-the-news/>

March 2014 — Dallas Morning News business columnist Robert Miller featured Gala 2014, headlined by Huey Lewis and the News and presented by Rent-A-Center. <http://www.dallasnews.com/business/columnists/robert-miller/20140311-huey-lewis-and-the-news-to-play-at-gala.ece>

February 2014 — Plano Profile featured our "Join the Fight" Luncheon, featuring keynote speaker Darrell Hammond of Saturday Night Live. <http://www.virtualonlineeditions.com/publication/?i=193707&p=14>



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