

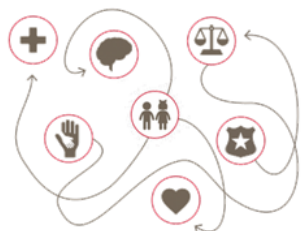
WHAT IS A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER?

A Child Advocacy Center is a neutral, family-friendly space for alleged child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse or witness to a crime to tell their story.

Without a CAC, the child may end up having to tell the worst story of his or her life over and over again, to doctors, law enforcement, lawyers, therapists, investigators, judges, and others.

With a CAC the child tells their story **once** to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not retraumatize the child.

Without CACs



With CACs



Child Abuse Facts

- Nearly 700,000 children are abused in the U.S each year.
- In 2018, an estimated 1,770 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States.
- Child-on-child abuse is common. At CACs in 2019, 22% of people alleged to have abused a child were themselves children.

National Statistics On Child Abuse - National Children's Alliance. (2021, April 7). National Children's Alliance. [nationalchildrensalliance.org/media-room/national-statistics-on-child-abuse/](https://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/media-room/national-statistics-on-child-abuse/)

TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE
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1-800-922-5330

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ABOUT US

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Leavenworth and Atchison Counties is a non-profit organization umbrellaed under the First Judicial District CASA Association. The Child Advocacy Center coordinates the investigation of child abuse in Leavenworth & Atchison counties working with children ages 3-17 who have disclosed sexual and/or physical abuse, or who have witnessed violence. The CAC responds to the needs of children by providing safe, child friendly, and culturally sensitive services.

2020 CAC Statistics

153

forensic
interviews
completed

136

caregivers
received
advocacy

15

physical abuse
cases

125

sexual abuse
cases

109

female
victims

42

male
victims



CHILD ADVOCACY SERVICES



Forensic Interview

A forensic interview is a non-leading, non-suggestive, child friendly conversation that is recorded and used during an investigation when a child has disclosed abuse, neglect, or witnessed a violent crime. The interviewer is trained to remain neutral & supportive during the interview. Interviews are observed by representatives of agencies involved such as law enforcement and child protective services.



Child & Family Advocacy

Advocacy services are designed to help reduce trauma for the child and involved caregiver, and to be an ongoing support for the child and family. Children and families participate in follow-up services which may include referrals for community support and assistance with navigating the criminal justice system.

The Child Advocacy Center's Wishlist

- New stuffed animals
- Gift Cards - Walmart, Dillon's, Home Depot, Gas Cards
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Individual Drinks
- Hygiene Items

COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND EDUCATION



PREVENT 360°

The Child Advocacy Center of Atchison and Leavenworth Counties is a partner of the Prevent 360° program; a comprehensive approach to child abuse prevention from Darkness to Light and Monique Burr Foundation for Children. This partner program gives both adults and children the education and skills they need to prevent abuse, backed by evidence and research. Please contact to schedule one or both of the trainings below.



MONIQUE BURR
FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

MBF Child Safety Matters® and MBF Teen Safety Matters® are comprehensive, evidence-based curriculums; one for elementary students (K-5th grade) and the other for middle school students (6th - 8th grade). These programs educate and empower children, teens and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, and digital abuse dangers.



DARKNESS TO LIGHT®
END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Darkness to Light abuse prevention training is the only evidence-informed, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention training proven to increase knowledge and change behavior. Darkness to Light empowers adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse through awareness, education, and stigma reduction. We offer trainings to schools, churches and any community organizations that are involved with children.