

# "THE VOICE"



The Official Newsletter of the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We are so excited to bring you our first newsletter from the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County (CACWC)- The Voice!



Over the last couple of years, we have added three powerful words to our materials: **Help. Hope. Heal.** We provide **help** by giving a child their voice to share their experience of abuse, neglect, or witnessing violence. **Hope** that a better future exists for kids who have experienced trauma. The ability to **heal** from their trauma through specialized services and support.

I am reminded almost daily why the services we provide are so important-- hearing a child say "I feel so much better" after sharing their story in the forensic interview, seeing a child come out of their shell because they truly feel safe and have completed counseling, or hearing about a child's bravery as they go through a trial that results in an offender being convicted.

As I have reflected over 2020, one thing stands out. I live in a community that cares about its children and has provided continual support to the CACWC. As you read this newsletter, you will find ways to help support our efforts like becoming a pinwheel partner in April for child abuse awareness month, educating yourself about the impact of child abuse, or finding various ways to donate goods, finances, or time.

Thank you for all you do to help support our mission!  
With Warmest Wishes for 2021!

*Amy Fornshell, Manager*

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### OUR MISSION

TO SERVE ABUSED AND  
NEGLECTED CHILDREN  
THROUGH A MULTI-AGENCY  
TEAM RESPONSE OF  
INTERVENTION AND  
EDUCATION.



# WHAT IS THE CAC?

## WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a child-focused, community based facility in which representatives from many disciplines (law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy) work together to reduce the trauma victims experience with a confusing system.

### *The benefits to a child and their non-offending caregiver include:*

- A welcoming, child-friendly facility where kids feel safe.
- A reduction in the number of interviews a child must undergo
- Specialized medical and mental health services to more effectively help the child
- Consistent and timely follow-up to child abuse reports
- Compassionate support and trauma informed care for the child and their family



## WAYS TO HELP THE CAC...

**WE RELY SOLELY ON FUNDS RAISED THROUGH GRANTS, FUNDRAISING, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND IN-KIND DONATIONS. YOUR GIFTS, YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THE CACWC WILL FULFILL ITS MISSION AND PREVENT CHILDREN FROM EXPERIENCING FURTHER TRAUMA.**

- Become a pinwheel partner in April 2021, by displaying Pinwheels or plant a Pinwheel Garden in honor of children. Contact us for more info.
- Seek our multiple ways to donate needed goods and finances to the CACWC at <https://www.cacwc.org/donate.html>
- Sponsor a Stewards of Children Training to educate staff, friends, family or faith community about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it.
- Host a 3rd party Fundraising event
- Like us on Facebook and share our posts.
- Become a CAC volunteer ( We have several levels of volunteerism. Please go to <http://www.cacwc.org> for details.)

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## 2021 RACHEL HUTZEL CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD RECIPIENT



**Scott Male**

The Rachel Hutzel Child Advocate Award was established in 2012 to recognize the contribution of professionals who demonstrate excellence in the collaborative approach to protecting children from the devastating impact of child abuse. This year's deserving winner is **Scott Male** who recently retired as Chief Investigator from the Warren County Prosecutor's office.

Scott has been instrumental in supporting the mission of the CACWC since the beginning as part of the initial task force to create a CAC for Warren County. His award reads, "To recognize your lifetime contributions in protecting and supporting the needs of our community's children through your investigations and unrelenting support of the CAC of Warren County."

*Thank You!*

**"BLANKETS, SNACKS & STUFFED ANIMALS, OH MY!"**

We want to thank the Warren County community and organizations for your outpouring of donations for the youth and families we serve. Your generosity and support is immeasurable.

## PREVENTION AND OUTREACH

We provide a comprehensive 360 approach to prevention giving adults and children a common language to talk about sexual abuse and other types of victimization.



CHILD SAFETY MATTERS MBF Child Safety Matters® is a comprehensive evidence-based curriculum for elementary school students in grades K-5.

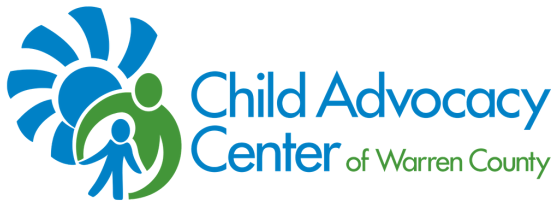


The CAC of Warren County in conjunction with CARE House of Montgomery County and Michael's House of Greene County were the recipients of a grant through the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. We were tasked with developing a Human Trafficking Professional Development Training. Since our November 2020 rollout, we've trained close to **150 professionals** within the 3 counties.

If you are interested in this free training, or other programming please contact the CACWC's Outreach Awareness Specialist @ 513.695.3100.



# ADVOCACY AVENUE



**Those who sexually abuse children look and act just like everyone else. Here are a few facts to keep kids safe!**

- Use correct anatomical names for body parts.
- Have "Consent Conversations"- kids should know they are in control of who touches them and how.
- Know the facts. You can educate yourself about the true nature of sexual abuse.
- Educate yourself about your kids' technology. Perpetrators are connecting with youth while online.

**Guess What!**  
**WE'VE TRAINED OVER 1000 youth serving adults THUS FAR!**



## Become a trained Steward of Children!

We offer Stewards of Children® The only nationally available program scientifically proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes and change child-protective behaviors. This training will teach adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

*Working to raise awareness, bring hope, promote healing and prevent child abuse in our community.*

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