

THE VOICE



Manager's Message

As this year ends, we reflect on 2023 here at the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County (CACWC) and the nearly 400 children served.

This year marked 15 years of service to the community and critical services provided to nearly 4,000 children! 2023 brought changes for the CACWC. After dutifully serving the center for 8 years, Amy Fornshell has found an opportunity to continue to positively impact the community. Amy will be missed, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

After serving as a mental health therapist at the center for the past 5 years, I have accepted the Manager position and am working hard at meeting the needs of our county's children.

We have also welcomed Merideth Burton as our Awareness and Outreach Specialist. She has been hard at work since the passing of Erin's Law, partnering with 4 of the 8 school districts in Warren County to provide child sexual abuse prevention education in the schools.

As we welcome 2024, we look to April as we raise awareness and support for the CACWC with the Pinwheel Partner Campaign and culminate the month with our largest fundraiser of the year on April 27th, 2024. The theme of this year's Blue-Ribbon Benefit is "Stronger with Blue." We hope to spend the evening with you at the Benefit as the CACWC is so much Stronger with YOU!

I want to thank all of the CACWC's wonderful supporters and community partners. With all your combined support and dedication, we can strive to give the children of this community a voice.

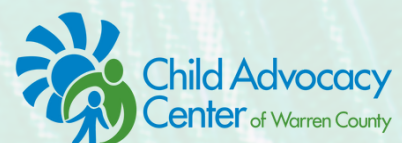
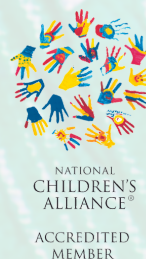
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Our Mission

To serve abused and neglected children through a multi-agency team response of intervention and education.

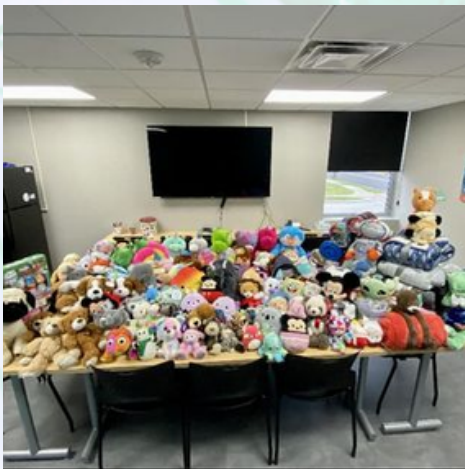


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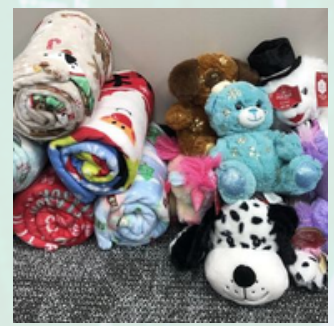
WAYS TO HELP CACWC



- **Sponsor a Stewards of Children Training** to educate staff, friends, family or faith community about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. **Contact our Awareness and Outreach Specialist Merideth Burton at burtonm2@childrensdays.org.**
- **Seek out multiple ways to donate** needed goods and finances [here](#).
- **Host a 3rd party Fundraising event - [click here for more details](#).**
- **Like us** on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts.
- **Become a pinwheel partner in April 2024**, by displaying Pinwheels or plant a Pinwheel Garden in honor of children. [Click here](#) for more info.
- [Click here](#) for more information about becoming a CAC volunteer or a member of our Blue Ribbon Benefit Committee.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT IN
2023



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TRAININGS AVAILABLE

DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S STEWARDS OF CHILDREN®

Stewards of Children® is 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.



Child/Teen Safety Matters®, created by the Monique Burr Foundation, is a comprehensive evidence-based child abuse prevention curriculum. Child Safety Matters is for students in grades K-5, and Teen Safety Matters is for students in grades 6-12.

If you have questions or are interested in our training opportunities, please contact Merideth Burton @ 513-695-3100 or burtonm2@childrensdayton.org



April **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**
Pinwheel Partners

Stand with the CAC of Warren County by displaying pinwheels or plant a pinwheel garden for Child Abuse Prevention. Tell us how many pinwheels you would like and we'll do the rest!

For more information: 513-695-3100 Donations are not required, but greatly appreciated.



BE A PINWHEEL PARTNER

CACWC News You Can Use

In April 2023, Ohio became the 38th state to enact Erin's Law.

This law, named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker and activist Erin Merryn, requires that all schools in the state provide annual developmentally appropriate instruction on child sexual abuse prevention education for children in grades K-6, and sexual violence prevention education for children in grades 7-12.

During the fall of 2023, the CACWC was proud to begin partnering with school districts in Warren County to help bring this education to local classrooms. Using the Child / Teen Safety Matters curriculum, the CACWC presented child abuse prevention education to over 3,000 K-12 students in Warren County during the fall of 2023, and that number is expected to double by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

As a direct result of these presentations, multiple children have come forward to disclose their own experiences, some for the first time. The CACWC has been honored to help empower the children of Warren County to bring their darkness to light.



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Stronger with Blue

A BLUE RIBBON BENEFIT

APRIL 27 5PM 2024

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AT CACWC.ORG

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