

Community Education

The CACHC offers the following programs for children and adults with flexible scheduling to meet the needs of each organization. Community education programs were provided to 3,158 adults and children in the last year, including 1,027 adults being trained in Stewards of Children.

Stewards of Children – An evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program proven effective in educating adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. *Available free of charge to a limited number of participants.*

Body Safety – Designed for children Pre-K through 5th grade, teaching them how to recognize, resist, and report abusive situations. *Available at no cost.*

Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse – A professional in-service program designed for teachers, counselors, youth leaders, principals, and childcare professionals. *Available at no cost.*

Positive Discipline – Designed for new parents and professional childcare staff, this program describes the normal behaviors of children and how to address them in a positive way. *Available at no cost.*

Prevent Now! – A community awareness meeting that discusses the prevalence of child sexual abuse and the social and economical impact it has in Hamilton County. *Available at no cost.*

Call today to schedule a presentation!
423.266.6918

What to do if your child reports abuse...

- Believe your child.
- Remain calm.
- Talk to the child in a private place.
- Give positive messages.
- Explain to the child they are not to blame for what happened.
- Report the abuse immediately to **1-877-54-ABUSE.**

How to REPORT...

- Call 1-877-54-ABUSE in TN.
- If you suspect abuse - CALL!
- You do not have to know all the facts or be 100% sure the abuse is occurring.
- It's the law to report abuse.
- Failure to protect is punishable by up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and a \$2,500 fine.



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Children's
ADVOCACY
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*Serving children who
are alleged victims of
abuse since 1991.*

To Report Child Abuse
In Tennessee Call
1.877.542.2873

Our Mission

The Children's Advocacy Center of Hamilton County is dedicated to serving those affected by alleged child abuse or neglect by offering help, hope, and healing.

Forensic Interviews

A forensic interview is a fact-finding, non-leading, and neutral interview of a child who is an alleged victim of abuse. The forensic interviewers at the CACHC are extensively trained in interviewing and child development, and may be designated as "expert witnesses" in child abuse court proceedings. Forensic interviews conducted at the CACHC are recorded and observed by a member of law enforcement and/or a TN Department of Children's Services Investigator. 597 children received forensic interviews at the CACHC during 2014-2015.



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Family Advocacy & Victim Assistance

The Center's family advocate informs victims about the Tennessee Criminal Injury Compensation Program and provides assistance to all eligible victims in applying for compensation. The family advocate provides support services to victims and their non-offending family members throughout the investigative and legal process. During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 368 non-offending parents/guardians received family advocate services.



Medical Examinations

Evidence of abuse must be obtained quickly. Delays in examining the child may result in lost evidence. Through collaboration with Children's Hospital at Erlanger, the CACHC provides a quality medical facility used strictly for child abuse examinations. 308 medical examinations were performed at the CACHC in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Therapy Services

The Center's therapists provide evidence-based counseling such as Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to child victims and their non-offending family members. The therapists are licensed by the state of Tennessee and have extensive training in the treatment of children who have been abused and are struggling with the traumatic effects of abuse. 67 children received 630 individual therapy sessions and their parents/guardians received an additional 503 sessions during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.



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656 children were served at the Children's Advocacy Center of Hamilton County in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

We are accredited by the National Children's Alliance and serve the following counties in Tennessee: Hamilton, Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea, and Sequatchie.

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