



Child Advocacy Program (CAP)

Working to
end child abuse
in Chautauqua
County.

2013 Annual Report

June 1, 2013 –
May 31, 2014

Why is the Child Advocacy Program (CAP) so important?

At its core CAP is about teamwork. CAP puts the needs of the child victim first and brings agency professionals involved in child abuse cases together on the front end. Rather than taking a child from agency to agency through the law enforcement and child protection systems and enduring multiple interviews, CAP brings the system to the child and brings agency professionals together in a collaboration that results in effective, efficient and child-centered efforts.

CAP coordinates investigative and intervention services including forensic interviews, trauma-focused counseling, medical evaluations and advocacy in a child-friendly setting.

CAP provides education and awareness to county residents in order to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, through the nationally renowned Stewards of Children campaign. Operating since 2008, CAP is located in Jamestown, NY, with a satellite office in Dunkirk, NY.





Dear Friends,

At the Child Advocacy Program, we believe in the power of individuals and communities to transform themselves. Our organization is guided by the Mission of the Multidisciplinary Team, CAP's strategic plan and a strong Board of Directors. This past year CAP has contributed to the transformation of people's lives by providing more services to more children than ever before in Chautauqua County. Here is one child's testimony that reflects the feelings of many of the children who enter our doors.

I felt scared to come to the Child Advocacy Program to talk about what my dad did to me. When we got there, I got to play and visit with a friendly lady while other people talked to my mom. I started feeling better because she was so nice, and it wasn't a scary place. When it was time for my interview, I felt ready. It was a relief to tell my story, and everyone said I did the right thing.

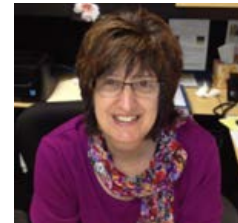
- anonymous girl, age 11

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors and friends who support CAP's mission. Together we will continue to educate the minds, move the hearts and change our culture to eliminate the suffering of abused children in Chautauqua County.



Marcia Bliss

President CAP
Board of Directors



Jana McDermott

Executive Director
of CAP

We are honored to have the support of individuals and community organizations that host events throughout the year to generously benefit the children who receive our services. Our community has found creative and entertaining ways to help, including a piano recital, a spaghetti dinner, and a motorcycle road rally. Your unique interests combined with a desire to give back are a powerful combination. Each event reinforces our belief that we cannot do it without you.

Do you have a fund raising idea for us?

Contact CAP at 716-338-9844.

Stewards of Children



“Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences.

In fact, 1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.”

- Darkness 2 Light.org

This fact clearly states why preventing child abuse is so important, and why CAP is committed to **training 5000 adults in Stewards of Children**, helping them learn how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to abuse.

We made great strides toward that goal in the last year:

- ◆ **38 Stewards of Children training sessions** were held.
- ◆ **565 adults** were trained to better protect children.
- ◆ Trainings were given in schools, social service agencies, churches, businesses, medical facilities, social clubs, youth camps and other youth-serving agencies.
- ◆ Our total as of this writing now stands at **1244 adults trained!**

You can help us reach the goal. Take the training yourself; talk it up to friends, family, co-workers; and refer us to organizations that may want to offer the training.

Contact CAP’s Karen Yeversky at 338-9844 to attend or host a training.

2014 Champion of Children

Each year our Champion of Children Award honors individuals or groups who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect children and serve as an inspiration to others. Our 2014 honoree is Mr. Arrick Davis of Jamestown, NY. Arrick is employed with Chautauqua Striders. In addition he has volunteered countless hours to youth sports development programs. District Attorney David W. Foley presents Mr. Davis with the Champion of Children Award.



Past Recipients Include:

- 2013 Mrs. Barbara Binkiwitz
Mr. Patrick Cunningham
- 2012 Ms. Linda Costanzo
The Chautauqua Region
Community Foundation
Christ First United Methodist Church
The Cummins Foundation &
Jamestown Engine Plant
The Sheldon Foundation
- 2011 Mr. David W. Foley

Meet Our MDT Partners

Brooks Memorial Hospital
Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Chautauqua County Department
of Health and Human Services
Chautauqua County District Attorney’s
Office
Chautauqua County Mental Hygiene
Chautauqua County Office of
Probation

Chautauqua County
Sheriff’s Office
Chautauqua Tapestry
Dunkirk Pediatrics
Dunkirk Police Department
Family Service of the
Chautauqua Region
Fredonia Police Department
Jamestown Pediatric Associates

Jamestown Police Department
Lakewood/Busti Police Department
Lane Women’s Health Group
New York State Police
Seneca Nation
Southern Tier Pediatrics
SUNY Fredonia Police Department
The Resource Center



Diamond Dinner 2014

CAP hosted its fourth annual Diamond Dinner Auction on April 26, 2014, at the Chautauqua Golf Club. The event is CAP’s signature fund raising endeavor. Chuck and Kathy Ludwig of

Ludwig Auction & Realty Co., Inc., energized the crowd, culminating in auction proceeds of \$10,000. CAP again auctioned counseling sessions so that children in need receive treatment at no cost to families. “Auctioning counseling sessions prompts a flurry of bidding activity.

Our guests love helping children and used their hands, hearts and voices to help children heal from abuse” notes Jana McDermott, CAP’s Executive Director.

Cindy DiNapoli



Cindy was CAP’s first Board President and Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the last four years. Cindy has brought a spirit of cooperation, strong work ethic and cheerful sense of humor to CAP. All who know Cindy know of her of her heart for children and

dedication to CAP’s mission. CAP values Cindy’s ongoing support and friendship and extends grateful appreciation to Cindy for her leadership and generous giving of her time and talents.

CAP Creates Endowment Fund to Support Mission

Thanks to the generosity of a single donor CAP was able to partner with the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to establish a trust fund to benefit the charitable purposes



and operations of the Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County. Faced with growing numbers of children under the age of 18 subject to sexual, emotional and physical abuse, CAP provides a safe place for children and their families to connect with professionals through investigative and intervention services.



Goodell Backs Child Advocacy Centers

State Assemblyman Andy Goodell and his colleagues were instrumental in promoting a legislative add-on of \$2.57 million for child advocacy centers, approved as part of the 2014 New York State budget. Chautauqua County’s child advocacy center, known as CAP, is one of 40 centers state-wide. “It is a great program that really helps children in a most difficult time in life, in a most effective way. I am pleased that the state legislature recognizes the importance of child advocacy centers and increased the funding this year.” notes Goodell.

CAP Board of Directors

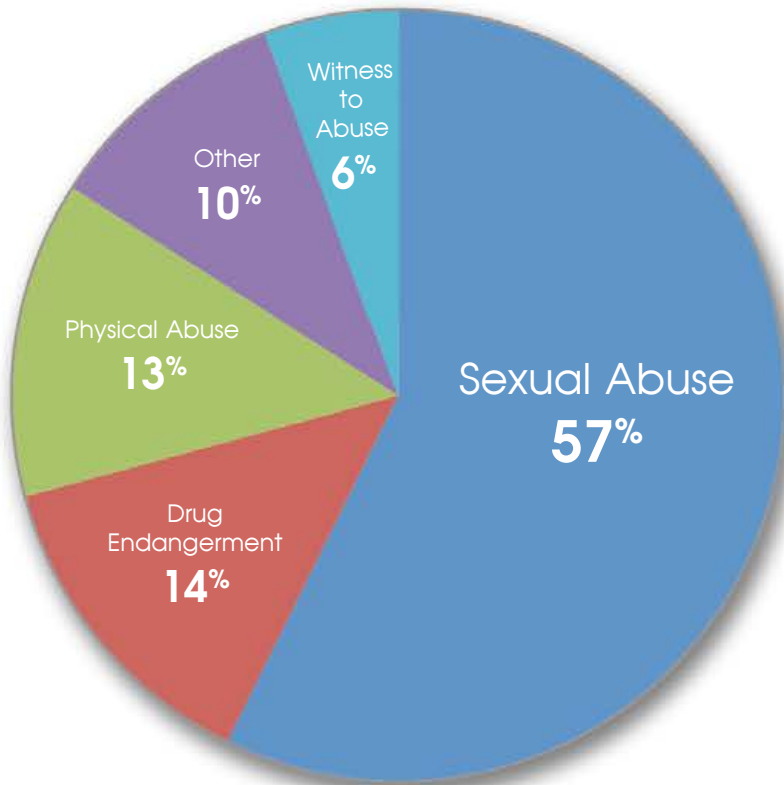
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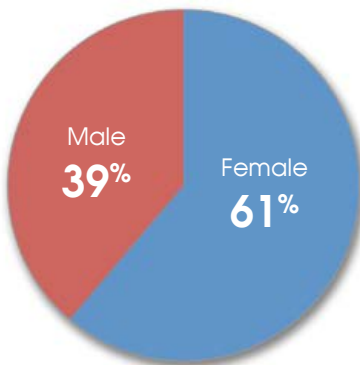
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By the Numbers

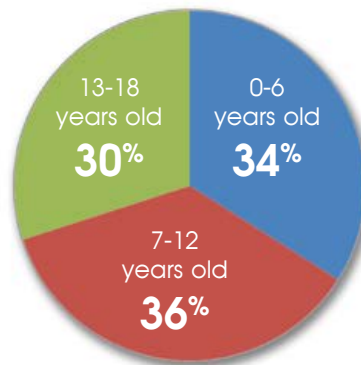
Types of alleged maltreatments



Alleged victims by gender



Alleged victims by age



By coordinating our partners' response and offering support services, we provided child centered, cost effective and timely investigations that reduce trauma and help children and families begin to heal.



The MDT and CAP staff provided:

- ◆ 161 forensic interviews
- ◆ 181 families with Advocacy
- ◆ 124 children with Trauma Focused Counseling
- ◆ 39 medical evaluations

CAP Staff

Jana McDermott, LMSW
Executive Director

Carey Lee,
Advocacy Coordinator

Sheryl Waterman,
Program Manager

Tammy Simmons, LMSW
Mental Health Clinician

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*denotes chairperson

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Rob Kocur
Sylvia Swan

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2013 Financials:

National studies indicate that a community with a child advocacy center spends about one-third less for the evaluation, investigation and treatment of abused children than a community without a child advocacy center – **a savings of about \$1,000 per child.**

Statement of Financial Position, December 31, 2013

Assets	\$165,067
Liabilities & Refundable Advances.....	<u>\$ 26,802</u>
Net Assets.....	<u><u>\$138,265</u></u>

Statement of Change in Net Assets; 2013

Revenue.....	\$347,143
Expenses.....	<u>\$317,242</u>
Change in net assets.....	\$ 29,901
Net Assets as of 12/31/12.....	<u>\$108,364</u>
Net Assets as of 12/31/13.....	<u><u>\$138,265</u></u>

The above 2013 financial information was derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013. A complete copy of the audit and exempt organization information returns are available upon request at CAP's business office.

Thank you

to our financial donors, our
dedicated Board Members
and volunteers.

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| 1st Niagara Bank | Lane Women's Health Group |
| Afloral | Levant Wesleyan Church |
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| BECC Electric | Marcia Bliss |
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| Chautauqua Region Community Foundation | Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation |
| Chautauqua Suites | Paul Robbins |
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| Jamestown Teachers Association | Wegmans |
| Jo Anne Wiles | Women of the ELCA Upstate NY SYNOD |
| Lake Shore Paving | Zonta |



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Laurie Beckerink
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Patricia Brinkman, Director
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Greg Holt, Senior Investigator

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Dr. Kelly Burkhouse, Clinical Supervisor

Jamestown Police Department:

Chief Harry Snellings
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The Salvation Army ANEW Center:

Stacey Tanner

Our Vision

Looking toward the future, there is much to be done. As a vital community resource, CAP seeks to continually grow and evolve. In the coming months CAP will:

- ◆ Provide strategic leadership in the movement to end child sexual abuse
- ◆ Offer Stewards of Children training workshops with considerable scheduling flexibility
- ◆ Solidify the delivery of services to children and families using metrics to evaluate our effectiveness
- ◆ Strengthen relationships with community donors, volunteers, private industries and partner agencies
- ◆ Develop a strengths-based and engagement focused initiative to enhance team performance utilizing the Gallup, Inc. strengths coaching tools.

A transformation is underway to create safe and healthy communities for our children. Join us!

Our sincerest thanks go out to all who have supported us and contributed to our successes. Thank you.



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