



# Child Advocacy Program (CAP)

Working to  
end child abuse  
in Chautauqua  
County

2014-2015  
Annual Report





# Why is the Child Advocacy Program so important?

When children experience abuse their needs are multi-faceted; child advocacy centers such as CAP are uniquely positioned to address such needs. CAP brings together a team of community partners known as the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). CAP provides a safe, child-friendly environment where law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, victim advocacy, medical and mental health professionals share information and develop effective, coordinated strategies that are sensitive to the needs of each case and each child. Together, we help families work out their problems and find new hope.

CAP offers prevention workshops to strengthen an adult's capacity to protect and provide for children through Stewards of Children and Less Is More curriculums. Contact CAP for the dates and times of upcoming workshops.

Providing services since 2008, CAP has locations in Jamestown and Fredonia NY.





## Dear Friends,

We have changed the name of our Annual Report to our "Gratitude Report" to reflect the gratefulness we have for everyone who helps protect children and especially those who stand by CAP as we work to build a better community.

By reading through our Annual Report you are taking a major step toward creating a community free of child abuse. While the issue of child abuse is often swept under the proverbial rug, here at CAP we don't hide or bury the issue of child sexual abuse. We give children a place to feel safe, tell what has happened to them, find their voice and rebuild.

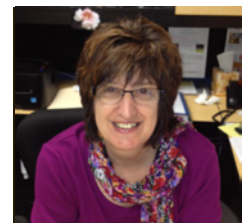
Throughout the past year CAP has been the grateful beneficiary of support from this generous County. We are pleased to expand our services with offices now in Jamestown and Fredonia. With your help, these young victims continue to receive only the best from CAP and our MDT partner agencies, in responding to allegations of child abuse.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, donors and friends who support CAP's Mission. Community support of CAP and its programs is essential to ending child sexual abuse in Chautauqua County and beyond. Your involvement, your investment and your courage make a difference in the lives of the children we serve. Together we will continue to create communities that are safe for children.



**Betsy Goldman**

President CAP  
Board of Directors



**Jana McDermott**

Executive Director  
of CAP



# Highlights



## Fredonia Grand Opening

CAP celebrated the opening of our Northern Chautauqua County location at 40 East Main Street, Fredonia, on June 12, 2015. Local, state and national dignitaries were on hand to celebrate with us. Funding for the new site was made possible through a grant from the New York State Office of Child and Family Services and the proceeds from the Step Up for Kids 5K Run/Walk. CAP also received funding from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation to update video-recording equipment used in the forensic interview process.

## 2015 Champion of Children

Each year our Champion of Children Award honors those who have gone above and beyond to protect children and serve as an inspiration to others. Our 2015 honoree is the Lutheran Foster Grandparent Program. Together these "grandmas and grandpas" contribute 62,000 hours of volunteer service working with over 200 children annually.



## Step Up for Kids Run/Walk

The Red House in Cassadaga was the perfect setting for CAP's "Step Up for Kids 5k run/walk and Kid's Hero Run" held annually in September. \$4,000 was raised at the 2015 event for CAP services in Northern Chautauqua County.



## Diamond Dinner 2015

CAP hosted a sold-out crowd with over 290 in attendance at the 5th Annual Diamond Dinner Auction. We thank you for joining with CAP to raise funds so that children receive services at no cost.

## Meet Our MDT Partners

Brooks Memorial Hospital  
Catholic Charities  
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  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
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  
The Resource Center  
The Salvation Army ANEW Center

# Stewards of Children



CAP's Jana McDermott commends Dorothy Gruber of NY Assemblyman Andy Goodell's office, US Congressman Tom Reed and County Executive Vince Horgan, upon completing Stewards of Children training offered at CAP, April 27, 2015.

## Prevention Initiatives

CAP is committed to creating safe communities for children. CAP's prevention initiatives include "Stewards of Children (SOC)" and "Less Is More" trainings. In 2014, over 500 adults attended one of these trainings...join us!

SOC is a prevention training program created by Darkness to Light (d2l.org) that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The 2.5 hour training is an evidence based program recommended for all adults.

- **In April 2015 CAP celebrated the 100th Stewards of Children training in Chautauqua County.**
- **Nearly 1600 adults are trained as Stewards of Children!**

In 2014 CAP and the Chautauqua County Multidisciplinary Team began offering Less Is More trainings to administrators of schools and youth serving agencies. Less Is More provides mandated reporters with the skills, knowledge and tools to respond appropriately to disclosures or discoveries of child abuse. So far, nearly 80 administrators have completed Less Is More training.

A small investment of your time will forever change the way you care for children and help to make our community a safer place.

**To host or attend a training, contact Karen Yeversky at 716-338-9844 or [yeverskyk@capjustice.org](mailto:yeverskyk@capjustice.org)**



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CAP Welcomes 2015 New Board Members: Kristan Garvey, LeeAnn Lazarony, Mark Lindstrom, Lew Meckley

# Children Served at CAP

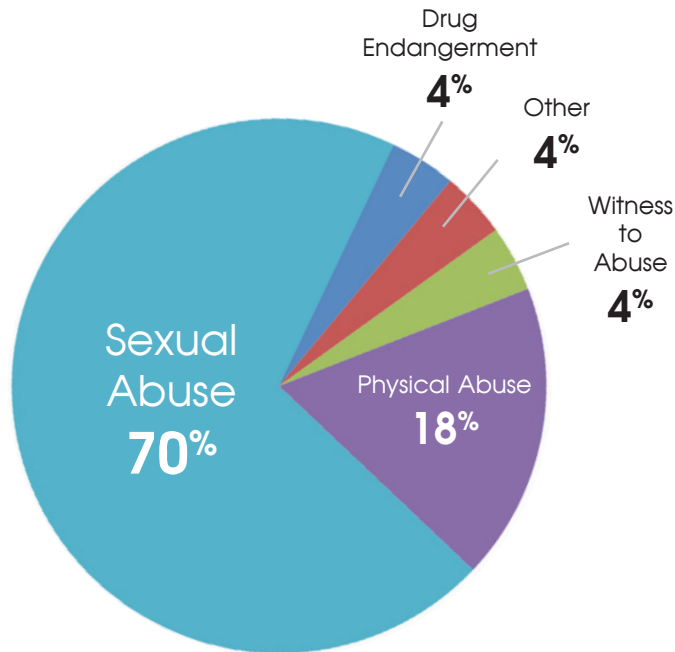
## In 2014

70% were sexual abuse victims

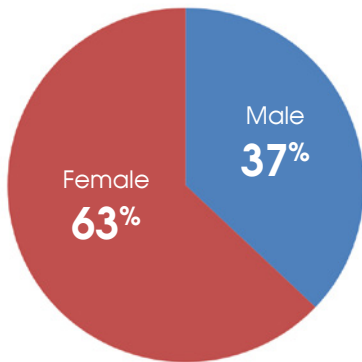
34% were not old enough to attend kindergarten

100% knew the perpetrator

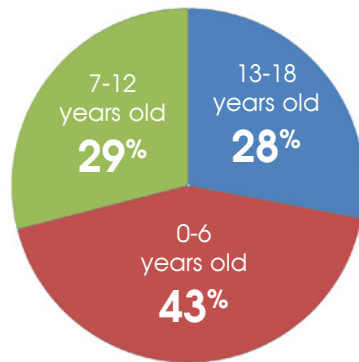
Types of alleged maltreatments



Alleged victims by gender



Alleged victims by age



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



## The MDT and CAP staff provided:

- 216 forensic interviews
- 198 families with Advocacy
- 89 children with Trauma Focused Counseling
- 55 medical evaluations

## CAP Staff

Jana McDermott, LMSW  
Executive Director

Carey Lee,  
Advocacy Coordinator

Sheryl Waterman,  
Program Manager

Tammy Simmons, LMSW  
Mental Health Clinician

Karen Yeversky,  
Training Coordinator / Advocate

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Forensic Interviewer

Jilliam Bloomquist,  
Administrative Assistant

Kelly Ziegler,  
Advocate

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Christina Marsh  
James Siriano

Brenda Tarana  
Jamie Thompson  
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### Volunteers

Kathy Ballard  
Maureen Beresford  
Carl Brand  
Laurel Brown  
Michael Danielson  
Kym Eimiller  
Lois Kibler  
Pam Sali



# 2014 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, 2014

Assets .....	\$171,028
Liabilities & Refundable Advances.....	\$ 14,915
Net Assets.....	<u>\$156,113</u>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets; 2014

Revenue.....	\$378,929
Expenses.....	<u>\$361,081</u>
Change in net assets.....	\$ 17,848
Net Assets as of 12/31/13.....	<u>\$138,265</u>
Net Assets as of 12/31/14.....	<u>\$156,113</u>

The above 2014 financial information was derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. 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.

Afloral.com	Lake Shore Paving, Inc.
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Gregory and Elizabeth Korcyl	Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union
Jamestown Pediatric Associates	Southern Tier Pediatrics
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Jody Peterson	United Way of Southern Chautauqua County
Kliningsmith Plumbing and Heating	Vic and Brenda Tarana
	Westfield Quilters Guild.
	Zonta Club of Jamestown

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Captain Robert Samuelson

### The Salvation Army ANEW Center:

Stacey Tanner

## How You Can Help

**We've come a long way and yet there's a long road ahead.**

**Any incident of child abuse is one incident too many.** Child abuse prevention is essential. CAP's hallmark prevention component, Stewards of Children, delivers results. Each SOC participant is better able to protect 10 children.

**We all know 10 children - they are our neighbors, our friend's grandchildren, our children. Child abuse prevention is available, affordable and an invaluable investment of resources.** CAP is looking to raise \$30,000 specifically earmarked for our prevention programs, which are currently unfunded. Please donate to fund CAP's prevention education initiative. We have reached 32% of our goal to train 5,000 Chautauqua County adults. We must keep going!

**Our sincere thanks go out to all who support us and contribute to our successes.**

**Thank you!**

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