

From The Director's Desk

To promote awareness of child abuse and neglect, to prevent its occurrence, and to provide a multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in cases of serious physical and/ or sexual abuse



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This year is flying by! We have been very busy at the CAC. We have had the busiest month as far as forensic interviews in our history. We will finish today with 51 interviews for the month of August. That puts us at 247 interviews for the year, with one month to go. This year will end up being the busiest year we have ever had in the 18 years we have provided services to Lee and Macon Counties. This would be great news to almost any other establishment. But for the CAC, it means more children are being reported that have been sexually or severely physically abused. I thought that last year we would have seen an increase of cases because of the economy. We did not. There were actually a few less than the year before. The increase showed up this year.

The hard part about this increase of cases is we are seeing funding cut by almost all of our funding sources. Recent national research has shown that for each case that a Child Advocacy Center is used, \$1,300.00 is saved by the community. If you do the math, that would be a savings of \$3,601,000.00 for Lee and Macon Counties! Our budget is on 1/12 of that amount!

I want to thank all of our friends and supporters who give so unselfishly so the children in our community can be helped, not just to survive child sexual abuse but to thrive after receiving CAC services.

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We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.
~Stacia Tauscher

WELCOME!!!



The Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama, Inc. proudly welcomes our new Family Advocate, Ashley Lee. Ashley is a graduate of Auburn University with a B.A. in Sociology. She is currently completing her last year as a graduate student at Troy University in Phenix City where she will earn her M.S. in Counseling Psychology and pursue licensure as a professional counselor. Ashley happily lives in Auburn with her husband, two dogs, two cats, and 2 horses. She is honored to begin a career with the Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama and is looking forward to getting to know the community members who support the center.

7 STEPS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN:

**Step 1. Learn the facts.
Understand the risks.**

**Step 2. Minimize
Opportunity.**

Step 3. Talk about it.

Step 4. Stay Alert.

Step 5. Make a plan.

Step 6. Act on suspicions.

Step 7. Get involved!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF EAST ALABAMA. YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS ALLOW US TO PROTECT AND HEAL THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY. REMEMBER, YOUR DONATION IS ALWAYS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Child Sexual Abuse

Child sexual abuse is a form of child abuse in which a child is abused for the sexual gratification of an adult or older adolescent. Child abuse occurs in many different forms: An adult indecently exposes themselves to a child, asks or pressures a child to engage in sexual activities, displays pornography to a child, or uses a child to produce child pornography.

Effects of child sexual abuse include guilt and self-blame, flashbacks, nightmares, insomnia, fear of things associated with the abuse (including objects, smells, places, doctor's visits, etc.), self-esteem issues, sexual dysfunction, chronic pain, addiction, self-injury, suicidal ideation, somatic complaints, depression, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and/or other mental illnesses.

What a happy childhood should look like.....



Protecting Your Children: Advice From Child Molesters

How Child Molesters Gain Access to Your Children

- It's easy. I pay attention to your children and make them feel special.
- I present the appearance of being someone you can trust and rely on.
- I get to know your child's likes and dislikes.
- I go out of my way to buy gifts or treats your child will like.
- I isolate your child by involving them in fun activities, so we can be together, alone.
- If you are a single parent, I pray on your fears about your child lacking a father figure.
- Sometimes I spend my free time "helping" children.
- I offer to "babysit" or take children on "special outings".
- I know more about what kids are into than you do.
- I take advantage of your child's natural curiosity about sex by telling "dirty jokes", showing them pornography and playing sexual "games".
- I make comments like "we should shoot all those sex offenders".
- That way, people won't believe I'm the kind of person who would "do such a thing".
- If I am a parent, it is even easier for me to isolate, and control my children.
- If my children have cousins or friends, I will abuse them too.
- My wife and family will never suspect a thing.
- I point it out when kids lie.
- I try hard to make it look like I'm the best parent, uncle, teacher or coach.
- I touch your child when you are in the room.
- If they say something, you will make excuses for me, and tell them they are wrong.
- You will help me offend, and you won't even know you are doing it.

This information was taken from a brochure that was developed by a group of child molesters who were in treatment at the Center for Behavioral Intervention. The brochure was prepared as part of a community service project.

Research indicates that 1 in 5 children will be sexually abused. The offenders will be someone close, a relative, family friend, or one of the many professional or volunteer staff who come in contact with our children every day, someone we won't suspect, and our children might even love.

COLLAGE is an Adult Survivor of Child Sexual Abuse support group that meets each Tuesday night from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Child Advocacy Center, located at 1810 Corporate Drive in Opelika. This group is for survivors of child sexual abuse.

BREAK THE CYCLE OF SILENCE. LET THE HEALING AND THE PREVENTION BEGIN TODAY.



CAC WISH LIST:

Snacks-Individually wrapped chips/crackers
Pretzels, Capri Sun
Drinks, Copy Paper,
Coloring Books, Beanie Babies

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