

Joining Hands

PROTECT CHILDREN STOP ABUSE
CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER





Based on national best practice and research, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) was founded in 1993 by a group of concerned local professionals seeking to coordinate services to child abuse victims and their families.



The primary goal of the CAC is to alleviate the trauma children experience once a disclosure of sexual abuse or serious physical abuse occurs.



The CAC provides a safe and child-friendly environment where children who have been sexually or severely physically abused can tell their story and begin the healing process. Professionals from 19 community agencies come together to interview, investigate and provide support for abused children and their families.



Many local artists and organizations have donated their time and talents to make the facility a pleasant place for children, one filled with comfort and hope.



The Junior League of Fayetteville painted murals of friendly jungle animals on the walls of the hallways that lead to interview and waiting rooms.







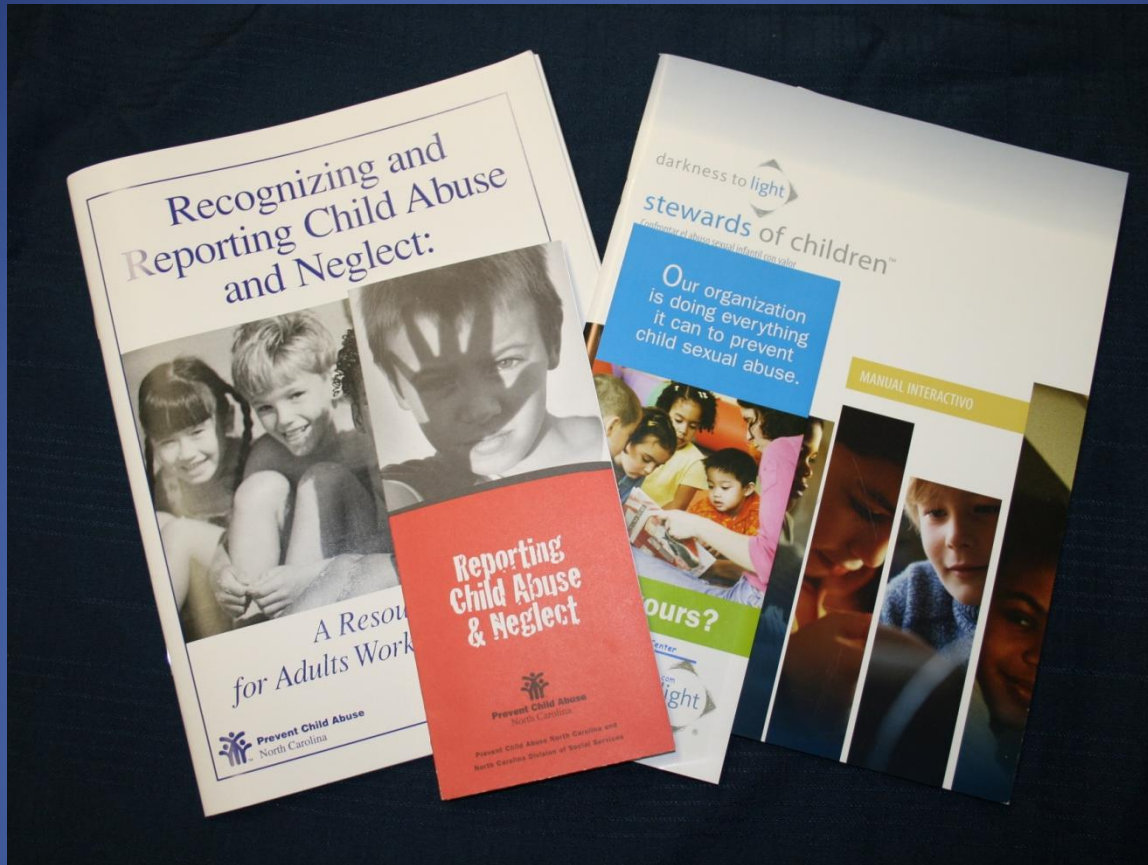
Therapy dogs serve as “Welcome Dogs” at the center, offering a loving greeting for the children.



Family-friendly waiting rooms provide a comforting place for children and families to relax prior to and after the interview.



The CAC reduces the number of interviews for child victims of abuse by providing specially trained professionals to conduct forensic interviews at our central location. In addition, the CAC coordinates a Multidisciplinary Team Case Review to plan the best course of legal and supportive action for each child abuse victim.



The Child Advocacy Center also provides education to the public and to professionals on child abuse prevention, recognition and reporting.



The Child Advocacy Center was instrumental in bringing, *Period of Purple Crying*, a parent program focused on preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome, to our community. Parents of new babies born at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Womack Army Medical Center receive this free training.



The Child Advocacy Center is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization and is funded through the generosity of corporate, state, organization and foundation grants; corporate and individual donations; in-kind contributions; and fundraising events. There is no charge for most of the services that the CAC provides. In our most recent audit, 85 cents out of every dollar was spent on direct services to children.

“Tommy” drew this picture at the Child Advocacy Center after describing the sexual abuse he had endured in his own home.

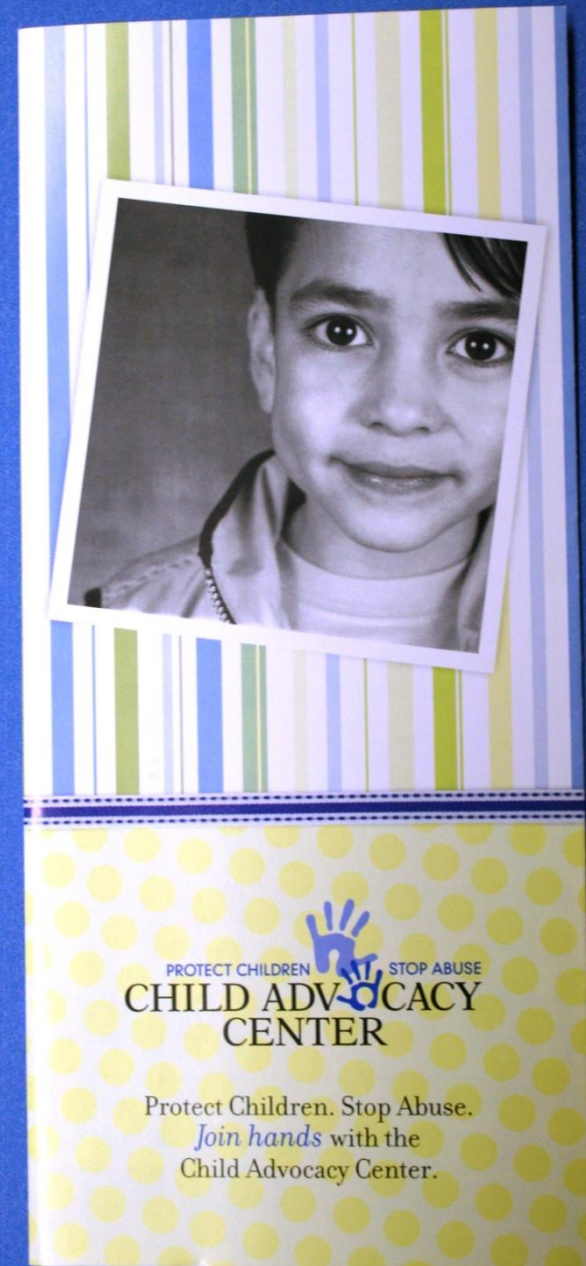
It is our hope that every child victim of abuse who comes to our facility will find comfort and hope here, just as “Tommy” did that day.



Each year, the Child Advocacy Center serves approximately 500 Cumberland County children who have been victims of abuse.

National research has determined that a coordinated approach, like the one offered at the CAC, can help alleviate trauma for children, increase the prosecution rate of abuse perpetrators and be fiscally beneficial for the community.

Won't you join hands with us to protect children and stop abuse in Cumberland County?



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