



Kentucky River CAC

Summer 2018



OPEN HOUSE

April is Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse Prevention month. April is also the month that the Care Cottage hosts its Annual Open House for the community, so that local businesses and citizens may know and understand the work that the Advocacy Center provides to our community. In April 2018, the Care Cottage hosted our 2nd Annual Open House where over 50 people attended to gain information and knowledge on the role of the Care Cottage and what services are provided to the community.

This year, the Care Cottage was honored to have two speakers join us at Open House.

- Caroline Ruschell, Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky spoke to the community on the importance of Child advocacy centers in our communities and how they came about in our legal system.
- Ashlea Christiansen, State Director of Marsy's Law for Kentucky spoke on what Marsy's law means and how it may affect our community. She also spoke, regarding the vote that will be included in this year's election, to pass Marsy's Law.

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Sharla Stacy
Trauma-Informed Therapy: Provided in partnership with MCCC



OUTREACH

Services offered

Our services for child victims of sexual abuse include:

- ◇ Forensic Interviews
- ◇ Medical Exams
- ◇ Advocacy
- ◇ Counseling
- ◇ Community Education

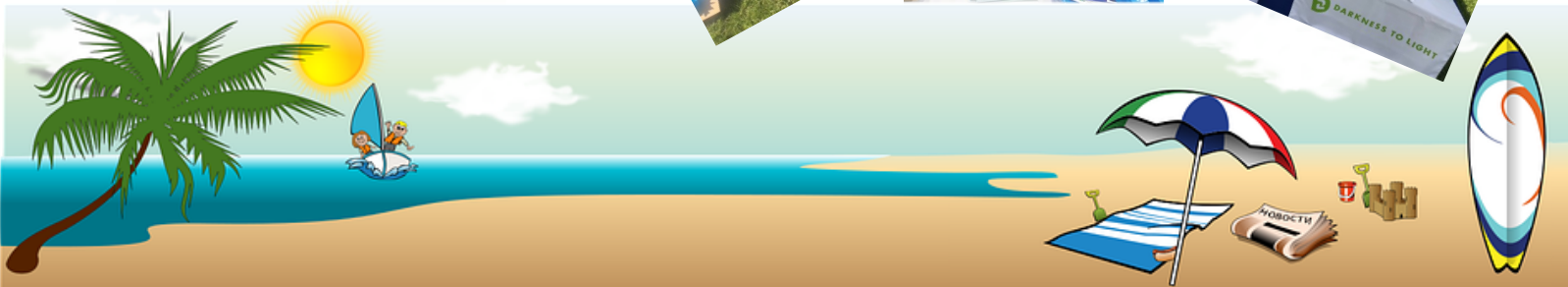
Our referrals come directly from Law Enforcement and Social Services.

Care Cottage Mission:

The mission of the Kentucky River Child Advocacy Center is to provide a comfortable, safe environment where children who have victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers may receive services from each agency involved in the investigation and prosecution of these cases. We strive to provide a location where investigations may be preformed in as timely manner as possible and to link children and families to services they may need both immediately and in the future.

The Care Cottage participated in many outreach programs this summer.

- ⇒ April 1st the Care Cottage joined forces with the Rising Center to color the triangle in downtown Hazard blue and teal for child abuse and sexual abuse awareness. The Mayor of Hazard also signed a proclamation at City Hall, proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention month in Perry County.
- ⇒ April 26th we were invited to Carr Creek Elementary where we handed out information at their Superhero Special Needs Celebration night.
- ⇒ May 11th provided opportunity to participate in the Lee County Casey's Law Training where staff not only handed out information on our center, but was able to bring back some informative literature regarding Casey's Law.
- ⇒ May 30-31 The Care Cottage was invited to the Berea College Appalachian Fund Affiliates Gathering in Berea KY to present information on who the Care Cottage is and what role we play in the community, as well as make many networking connection within the community.
- ⇒ June 7th The Care Cottage returned to Lee County at the Public Library for their Summer Celebration where kids learned how to stay safe, drug free, and healthy.
- ⇒ June 16th the Perry County Fair was a hit with the Care Cottage's "Face It" curriculum on making a "SPLASH" this summer. This curriculum teaches parents how to talk to their kids about body safety using everyday materials such as their swimsuits.



What We Do.....

At the Children's Advocacy Center, we strive to meet the unique needs of every child and provide support through compassionate, individualized care. The Center offers comprehensive services to the family as a whole to promote healing and prevent future harm. The path to hope and healing starts here.



1-877-597-2331

The Comfort of Blankets

A comfort blanket is a tangible way to show support and care to children experiencing trauma. When a child comes in for a forensic medical exam, the child is asked to pick a comfort blanket that they can use during the exam and take home with them afterwards. Donations of fleece blankets can be made directly to the Care Cottage.



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Kentucky River Child Advocacy Center

Transportation assistance available for Leslie County, Owsley County, & Perry County

400,000 children are sexually abused each year.



That means **1 in 10** children faces the horror of sexual abuse.



90% of victims are abused by someone they **know** and **trust**.

» **60%** are **acquaintances** like teachers, neighbors, or community leaders.

» **30%** are immediate or extended **family**.

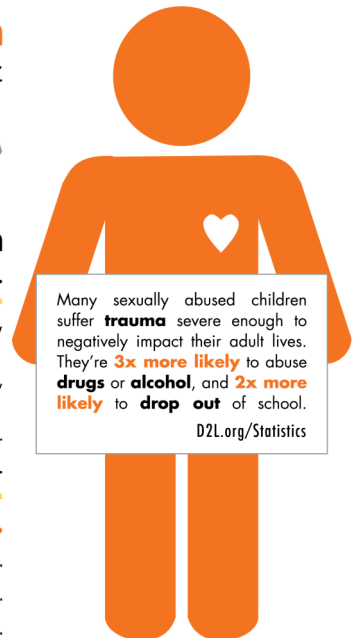
Only 10% are **strangers** to the child.

A reactive approach does not work.

Only 31% of children tell someone within the first year.

Only 55% of reported incidents are investigated by CPS.

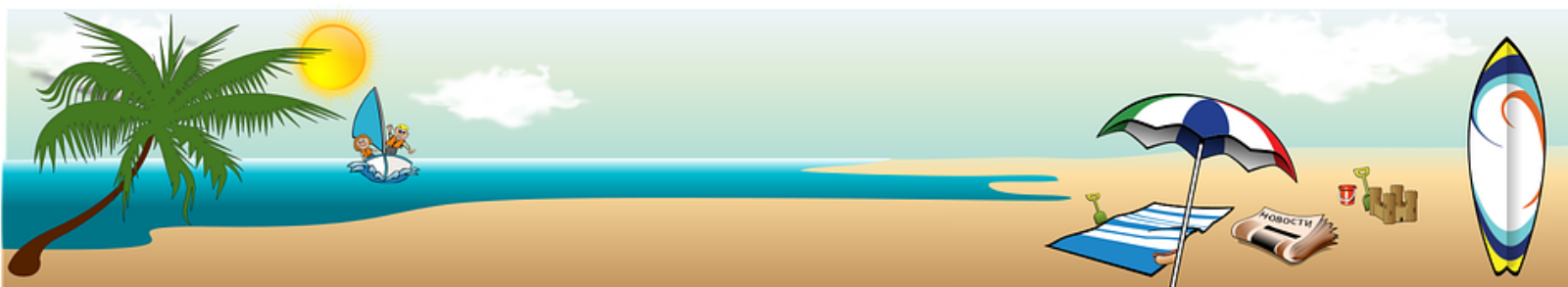
Only 29% of reported incidents lead to police arrests.



Many sexually abused children suffer **trauma** severe enough to negatively impact their adult lives. They're **3x more likely** to abuse **drugs** or **alcohol**, and **2x more likely** to **drop out** of school.

D2L.org/Statistics

SOME-THING MUST BE DONE



MEET THE TEAM



COMMONWEALTH AND
COUNTY ATTORNEYS

LAW
ENFORCEMENT

DCBS
WORKERS

CAC
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MENTAL HEALTH
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KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

What is Stewards of Children?

Stewards of Children® is a prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-informed program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.

Schedule an Event!

For more information, please contact Victoria Halcomb, Victim's Advocate at carecottage.victoria@windstream.net or (606) 487-9173.



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