



Kentucky River CAC

WINTER 2019

Check Presentation

On December 13, 2019 the Care Cottage was presented with a check from Enterprise Holdings Foundation. Thank you Enterprise Holdings Foundation for donating \$3000 to the Ky River Child Advocacy Center. Its support will help us help children who are victims of child sexual abuse. Kaveh Kashef from Enterprise Holdings Foundation and Trent Short from Tim Short Auto Group stopped by the Care Cottage to deliver the check. Thank you so much!!



Owsley Giving Tree

The Care Cottage traveled to the Owsley County Library in December to host an outreach/awareness event. This event was made possible thanks to the generous donations we received from the community and funding received from the Elgin Foundation. The Giving Tree event allowed the Care Cottage to provide Christmas presents and decorations to low income families referred by school social worker, Jessie Jewel, and other community partners. To find out ways that you can get involved, contact the Care Cottage.



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Jeffrey Combs, LPCC-S



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.

Dr. Jacqueline Sugarman

On October 1st, the Care Cottage was visited by the Medical Director of the CAC of the Bluegrass, Dr. Jacqueline Sugarman, M.D., F.A.A.P., to give a presentation to the Multidisciplinary Team members for the Kentucky River Region. Dr. Sugarman, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky, spoke about the practice of Forensic Medical Exams at Child Advocacy Centers, when to use them, what they can and cannot do, and why they are important. The Care Cottage is very honored that Dr. Sugarman took time out of her busy schedule to present this information to our community partners.



2019 Trauma Workshop

The Care Cottage hosted a Trauma Workshop in November 2019 at New Hope Church in Hazard. The Workshop was an extension of the Trauma Conference held in April 2019. Funds for these trainings were provided by Perry Unite and ASAP as part of the Trauma and Substance Abuse Program. Darkness to Light was presented by Victims Advocate, Victoria Halcomb, as well as special presentations by Terrah Combs of the Rising Center and Kevin Deaton of KRCC.



Education Beyond Our Walls

On October 22, 2019, Victim's Advocate, Victoria Halcomb, visited the Judicial Process class at Alice Lloyd College to discuss the role of the Child Advocacy Center in both the investigation and prosecution processes in the criminal justice system. Also discussed were job requirements and the duties of each position at the Care Cottage in Hazard, KY.



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**.

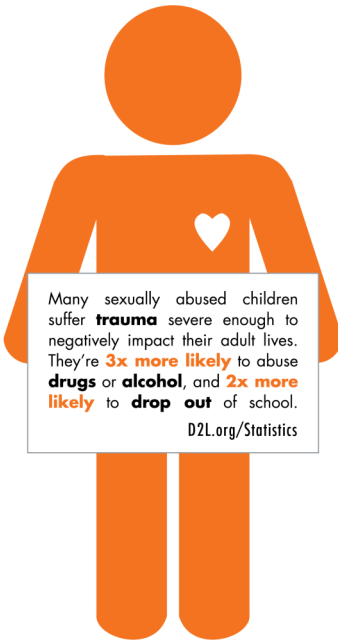
Only 10% are **strangers** to the child.

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

**Suspect
Child Abuse
or Neglect?
Report
Now**



1-877-597-2331

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You shop. Amazon gives.

**New Amazon
Program Enables
Shoppers to Easily
Donate to Their
Favorite Nonprofits**

Kentucky River Child Advocacy Center

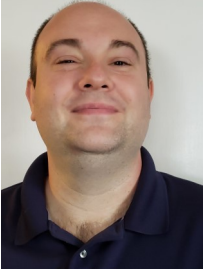
Transportation assistance available
for Leslie County, Owsley County, &
Perry County

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.



Forensic Interviewer



In October the Care Cottage welcomed its newest staff member, Jeffrey Combs, LPCC-S. Jeffrey comes from a background of trauma-informed therapy and working with children in the Foster Care system. Jeffrey obtained his degree from Lindsey Wilson College in 2010. He furthered his education in 2016 by completing the Encompass Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training and again in 2018 with the Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training. Along with interviewing children at the Care Cottage Jeffrey also teaches Intro to Human Services for his alma mater Lindsey Wilson and History 121 and 122 and Lincoln's Life 100 and 300 for Lincoln Memorial University. Jeffrey is an asset to our team.

DescenDANCE

The Care Cottage hosted a fundraiser for children to "dance the night away" dressed at their favorite character. Even though kids could dress as whatever they wanted, most kids decided to dress as a Descendants character to fit in with the theme of the dance. Alaina Baker took home Maleficent's staff and crown as winner of the Scavenger Hunt. Child sexual abuse materials were distributed at this event



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.

This training is listed on the
Kentucky Department of Education's Professional Learning Bulletin Board

Schedule an Event!

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



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