



2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From the Executive Director



During 2022, more children were referred to the Advocacy Network for Children than ever before.

Many times I am asked why the number of abused and neglected children continues to rise? This is a complex question with many answers. One thing is for sure: This fabric of "family" in our community is eroding quickly. It is eroding due to drug abuse, alcohol abuse, poverty and lack or gaps in supervision and care. This puts our most vulnerable segment of our society, our children, at great risk.

Last year we helped 1019 children through our two core programs – Court Appointed Special Advocates and Children's Advocacy Centers. Assistance was provided in nine counties in west central Illinois through advocacy, mental health care, medical services, court advocacy and coordinating the investigations among our team of law enforcement, states attorneys, child protection agents and other advocates. With our involvement, through our team of partners, the abuse ends, the child begins to heal, and we give the child the chance to have a full and happy life.

You can make a difference. Call us at 217-223-2272 to see how you can help.

Todd Shackelford

STANDING STRONG FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

YARD SIGN FUNDRAISER RAISES AWARENESS AND MONEY

The agency held its second yard sign fundraising and awareness event in March and April. In addition to bringing awareness on the issue of child abuse, a little over \$1,400.00 was raised. We would like to thank the following businesses for coming on board to sell our signs: Quincy: both Hy-Vee locations and both County Market locations; Camp Point: Hibbert Country Financial Insurance; Pittsfield: County Market, Save A Lot; Carthage: County Market; Macomb: Haymakers; Rushville: County Market; Jacksonville: County Market; Mt. Sterling: IGA; Hamilton: Hy-Vee; Beardstown: Save A Lot; and Farm & Home Supply in Quincy for allowing us to sell signs and collect donations on April 9th. We would also like to thank everyone, including our multi-disciplinary team members, who displayed a sign showing they were taking a stand against child abuse and those who shared their pictures on Facebook. Congratulations to Gabe McClean/The Abbey who won the gift basket drawing.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

In addition to the yard sign event, the agency held other events to honor child victims of abuse and neglect throughout the month of April. A flag raising was held in Quincy, pinwheel plantings and community events were held in Brown, Cass, Hancock, Morgan and Schuyler Counties and the Quincy Bayview Bridge was lit blue the week of April 1st. A huge thank you goes to Carter's Coffee Bar for donating \$5,000.00 from their proceeds on April 15th. It is so important that communities come together and play an active role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

FUNDRAISING DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

The annual fundraising dinner was held on October 21st at The Ambiance in Quincy. The "Tailgate to Celebrate" themed dinner raised over \$47,000.00. We would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work. Members included Brooke Hunsaker and Kylee Straube (co-chairs), Kori Griffin, Denise Tallcott, Jeri Conboy, Gina Wolf, Deanne Corzatt, Erica Parrish, Angie St. Clair, Sue Allen, Sally Westerhoff, and Lisa Theurer. Congratulations to Joy Jurens, this year's recipient of the "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award" and to Knapheide Manufacturing Co., recipient of the "Advocacy Network for Children Business Award".

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Adams County: Kim Pitcher, Patricia Reep, Sarah Lucey, Lisa Hoffman, Barbara Parkhill, Laken Schaefer, Kim Wright, Pat Bell, Maureen Kennedy, Melissa Hess, Les Sachs, Kearstin Sill, Theresa McGartland, Whitney Mintert, Carrie Steffensmeier, Caitlin Hickerson, Abby Lister, Blake Niemann.

Hancock County: Abbie Ray, Diane Ludington, Audrey Hall, Carrie Peterson, Nancy Pettit,

Morgan County: Erica Atterberry, Marilyn Kimmons, Dean Miles, Pat Pennell, Judy Dillard.

Pike County: Karen Fox, Kristi Sanderson.

Brown County: Jenna Harrelson.

Schuyler County: Ted Eifert, Megan Ramirez, Mandy Sutor.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB BERGMAN

Bob Bergman, a CASA volunteer for 16 years, was chosen as one of the recipients of The President's Volunteer Service Gold Awards. During March, Illinois CASA celebrated volunteer advocates across their network and thanked them for their service to children who have been abused and neglected.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Advocacy Network for Children could not continue its mission of advocating and protecting children without YOUR help. You can help with a monetary, Foundation or office supply donation. We also have a need for volunteers to help with Happy Bear presentations, fundraising and mailings.

For pictures from our various events, visit our Facebook page or website at www.advonet.org.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The agency was blessed to be the recipient of several private community grants this year. In addition, grant funds are received from Adams County United Way, McDonough County United Way, Prairieland United Way and Great River Region United Way.

Thank you to the various grantors for their support:

- The Stamerjohn Family Fund through the Community Foundation, \$1,000.00 for general support;
- Keokuk Area Community Foundation, \$3,000 for Hancock County CASA;
- Illini Community Health Care Foundation, \$7,500 for Pike County CASA;
- Marion Gardner Jackson Charitable Trust, \$7,500 for CAC forensic interview equipment/furniture;
- Adams County ARPA, \$20,000 CAC grant;
- Ralph Oakley Family Fund grant through the Community Foundation, \$7,500 for a human trafficking seminar;
- Jacksonville Children's Foundation, \$800 for Morgan County CASA training.

STAFF NEWS

Anniversaries: Jamie Peek, CAC Coordinator, 15 years on January 16th; Sue Tode, CAC Coordinator, 5 years on August 21st; Jamie Carroll, CAC Coordinator, 5 years on October 2nd.

Kari Frink started on January 3rd as an Adams County CAC Coordinator and Brittany Durst started on January 24th as an Adams County CASA Coordinator.

Karolina Anton, CASA Coordinator, and Ryan Mumma were married on August 20th.

Brittany Durst, CASA Coordinator, welcomed a baby boy on December 10th.

Staff attend trainings and conferences throughout the year to comply with continuing education requirements. State and National conferences for both the CASA and CAC programs are attended if funding is obtained or available.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Advocacy Network for Children works closely with other area organizations to bring awareness to abuse and neglect, including mandated reporter trainings. Staff participates and attends monthly United Way meetings and takes part in the Adams County AOK program. This past year the agency hosted two trainings on Human Trafficking.

GOAL OF THE AGENCY

The goal of Advocacy Network for Children is really quite simple – to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests, and to educate the public about the plight of abused children.

STATISTICS

FY 2022 FY 2021

-Children's Advocacy Center Activity

Cases Referred

All 9 counties	494	457
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-CASA Activity

All counties

Children Served	524	311
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# of Volunteers	133	106
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Adams County

Children Served	310	186
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# of Volunteers	63	55
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Hancock County

Children Served	56	43
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# of Volunteers	23	17
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Morgan County

Children Served	52	27
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# of Volunteers	21	18
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Pike County

Children Served	77	43
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# of Volunteers	16	9
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Brown County

Children Served	8	0
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# of Volunteers	3	1
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Cass County

Children Served	3	1
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# of Volunteers	2	2
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Schuyler County

Children Served	18	11
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# of Volunteers	5	4
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Prevention Program Activity

Presentations Made	91	47
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# of Children Reached	2191	1544
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*Programs of
Advocacy Network for Children:
Court Appointed Special Advocates*

Adams County
Brown County
Cass County
Hancock County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County

Children's Advocacy Centers

Adams County
Brown County
Cass County
Hancock County
McDonough County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County
Scott County

Advocacy Network for Children Staff

Karolina Anton-Mumma
Jessica Bolton
Jessica Bullard
Danielle Buss
Jamie Carroll
Brittany Durst
Kari Frink
Libby Gage
Lexi Goehl
Mandy Humphry
Jamie Peek
Diane Pieper
Susan Tode
Todd Shackelford



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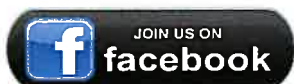
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Ron & Colae Vecchie	Kunes Country Hyundai	Trav Flowers at District Designs
Dawn Whitcomb	Fantasy Limousine Service	II
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