Who We Are
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and our partners are the front-line responders in Chicago to reports of child sexual abuse, as well as reports of physical abuse of children under 3 years old.

Our co-located partners include Chicago Police Department, Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Cook County Health and Hospitals System. We also work closely with child protection teams at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Comer Children's Hospital and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Our co-location, collaboration and support increase the effectiveness of investigations and help us protect victims.

Since opening our doors in 2001, we have served more than 27,000 children.

What We Do

We believe that freedom from abuse and exploitation is a basic human right. To that end, we have four main areas of work:

- **Response to child sexual abuse.** When a report of child sexual abuse is made in Chicago, we facilitate our partners' collaborative response, arrange families' visits to the center (including transportation and child life), conduct forensic interviews and provide family advocacy and mental health services aimed at reducing trauma so that children and families may begin the healing process.

- **Response to physical abuse.** ChicagoCAC convenes the Multi-disciplinary Pediatric Education and Evaluation Consortium (MPEEC), a partnership between child abuse pediatrics, child protection specialists and law enforcement officials. MPEEC provides timely, comprehensive investigation, diagnosis and treatment of suspected physical abuse of children under age 3, ensuring the best outcome for children and families.

- **Mental health services.** In our new Family Hope Center, we provide therapy to help children and families overcome the trauma of abuse and learn to support each other. We also convene the Providing Access Toward Hope and Healing (PATHH) Collaboration, an alliance of 19 non-profit agencies that provide evidence-based, trauma-informed therapy for children and families who are victims of sexual abuse.

- **Education, outreach and prevention.** As adults, we are responsible for protecting children, our education, outreach and prevention team teaches parents, professionals and community members how to prevent abuse, recognize the signs, respond with compassion and report suspected abuse.

At ChicagoCAC, each aspect of our work relies on public-private partnerships. Our collaborative response to reports of abuse relies on our non-profit team working alongside law enforcement, child protection services and medical providers. Our new addition was made possible through public TIF funding from the City of Chicago, as well as the outstanding private support of our Growing & Giving campaign. And most importantly, our work to protect children relies on community-wide support to ensure that each parent, teacher, daycare provider, coach and medical professional knows how to keep children safe — or get help when a child needs it.

Your support of ChicagoCAC has made each of these things possible. Thanks to generous individuals like you, we can continue improving our services and expanding our reach to someday achieve our vision: that every child should live free from abuse.

We’re proud to show off our new space and would be delighted to host you for a tour. Please don’t hesitate to reach out at any time — I’d love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Char Rivette, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director

Learn more and take a virtual tour of our services on our newly-redesigned website: ChicagoCAC.org
Forensic Interviews
This year, ChicagoCAC’s team provided 1,614 forensic interviews for victims of abuse, children with disabilities and witnesses to violence. Forensic interviews are the core of the child advocacy center model, and our interviewers provide children with a safe place to tell their stories to experts who will listen to them, protect them and help them heal.

We exist
In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, ChicagoCAC hosted our annual public awareness display, “We exist.” The one-day exhibit at Daley Plaza calls attention to the realities of child sexual and physical abuse and champions the impact of coordinated services to help children heal. Displays arranged across the plaza featured children’s, caregivers’ and professionals’ firsthand accounts of preventing, responding to and healing from abuse.

Family Hope Center
Thanks to a $250,000 grant from Chicago’s Department of Public Health, ChicagoCAC hired three new mental health therapists and a new supervisor this year. With an expanded mental health team, we can serve more families in our Family Hope Center.

Guys’ Night Out
In October, more than 600 men and women joined ChicagoCAC for our 7th annual Guys’ Night Out for the Kids. Guests enjoyed an open bar, BBQ, cigars, raffles, a silent auction and more. Chaired by Harry Harczak, Jr. and Bill Burgman, the event raised more than $190,000 for our core operations, plus more than $50,000 for our Growing & Giving campaign.

Luminary Award Dinner
In the spring, we presented Alderman Edward M. Burke and Justice Anne M. Burke with ChicagoCAC’s Luminary Award for lighting the path toward hope and healing for children. The inaugural Luminary Award Dinner, chaired by Sheila McGinn Dorman and Hollis Otten, raised more than $260,000 to support ChicagoCAC’s work to help children and families heal from abuse.

Kids’ Holiday Party
In December, more than 350 clients, siblings and caregivers enjoyed crafts, lunch, cake and gift “shopping” at our Kids’ Holiday Party. Thanks to the generous support of hundreds of donors, caregivers were able to pick out four gifts for each of their children, and our friends at HoMedics provided gifts for our caregivers. More than 100 pre-event and event-day volunteers make this a joyful experience for our families!

Partnership with Chicago Park District
Our outreach and education team is training the more than 3,000 Chicago Park District staff members on preventing abuse, and we’re providing ongoing consultation around policy, procedures and practices for the district. Through our efforts, Chicago Park District can provide a safer environment for the more than 200,000 children they serve each year.

Jan Waters, MS, LCPC, Doctoral Candidate
Senior Director of Clinical Services
Jan has worked at ChicagoCAC since 2012, and with her new promotion, she oversees the center’s mental health services and the PATH collaboration. She has more than 18 years of clinical and managerial experience working with children and adults who have experienced abuse and other types of trauma, with a subspecialty in working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has extensive training and experience providing clinical interventions to children and adults who have experienced child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

Shawnté Jenkins, Ed.D, LCPC
Senior Director of Advocacy and Investigative Services
Shawnté oversees the case coordination, forensic interview, family advocacy and MPEEC services at ChicagoCAC. She has more than 15 years of experience working with individuals, families and children struggling with trauma, stress, life transitions and other mental health disorders. She specializes in child sex abuse, anxiety disorders, criminal sexual behavior, post-traumatic stress disorder, chemical dependency and sex addiction.
Growing & Giving Campaign Supports Expanded Programs

At the end of its first full year, ChicagoCAC’s Growing & Giving campaign raised $942,000 towards its $2.5 million goal. The campaign seeks to raise private funds to complement the city’s investment in the center’s new building, filling it with staff and programs in order to realize our bold vision of ending the suffering of abused children in Chicago.

As the City of Chicago prepared to construct our new 18,000-square-foot expansion, ChicagoCAC’s board of directors initiated the Growing & Giving Campaign, a five-year, $2.5 million fundraising effort to provide equipment and furnishing for the new facilities and to build the programs and staff working within it.

In the campaign’s first seventeen months, ChicagoCAC’s friends contributed nearly $1 million towards the campaign’s four objectives:

- Improving the quality and number of child- and family-friendly spaces
- Shaping our physical environment to enhance collaboration among our teams
- Doubling our mental health program capacity by adding staff and dedicated therapy space
- Adding a community education center and tripling the number of professionals and community members we serve through our prevention and training programs

Your Gift to Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center is an investment in the work of our dedicated staff and, most importantly, in the lives of the children we serve. All of our services are provided free of charge, including family advocacy, forensic interviews, mental health therapy and child life. We rely on private donors for nearly half of the funds needed to provide these services, and the core of that support comes from the community of individuals who make annual unrestricted gifts. Learn more at ChicagoCAC.org/give

List of Foundation Donors:
Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, the following foundations provided support:

A.G. Cox Charitable Trust
Albert Pick, Jr. Fund
Anonymous Family Foundation
Blum-Kovler Foundation
Carl R. Hendrickson Foundation
Chicago Tribune Charities–Holiday Campaign, a McCormick Foundation Fund
Chicago White Sox Community Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund
CME Group Community Foundation
Crown Family Philanthropies
Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation
Dr. Scholl Foundation
Edelmann Foundation
Field Foundation of Illinois
First Midwest Charitable Foundation
GEM Realty Capital
George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities
Grant Healthcare Foundation
Help for Children
Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation
Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation
John and Kathleen Schreiber Foundation
Lloyd A. Fry Foundation
McGraw Foundation
Michael Reese Health Trust
Maternea Foundation
Northern Trust Charitable Trust
Paul M. Angell Family Foundation
Peoples Gas
Polk Bros. Foundation
Raincrossed Health Care Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
W.P. and H.B. White Foundation

Fiscal Allocation —July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015—

Just like our programmatic work, our funding sources represent a public-private partnership. Through public grants, private foundations and generous individuals, all of our services are free of charge to every client.

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* This includes the effect of revaluation of 10-year lease donated by City of Chicago.

Net Assets June 30, 2014: $5,267,252 • Change in Net Assets: $2,403,397 • Net assets July 1, 2015: $7,670,649

The above financials represent audited figures.

Gifts & Pledges: $877,710
In-Kind: $64,751
Total: $942,461
Still to Go: $1,557,539