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|  | About Us At the Children’s Advocacy Center we strive to create an environment that provides child-friendly, family centered, victim services to support children who have the courage to disclose abuse.  The Center opened their doors to the children of Guernsey County in 2006 so children would have a safe place to share their story and begin the healing process.   * 501c3 Non-Profit Agency * Grant Funded and Supported * Nationally Accredited by the National Children’s Alliance * Supported by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office * Supported by the Ohio Governor’s Office * Member of the Ohio Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers * Member of the National Children’s Alliance * Designated responder to child victims of Human Trafficking   Most would like to think it  does not happen  or exist in Guernsey County  **-*but it does*.** | The Children’s Advocacy Center *A Nationally Accredited*  *Children’s Advocacy Center*  Phone: 740-432-6581  268 Highland Ave  PO Box 1725  Cambridge, Ohio 43725  [anewbeginningcac@gmail.com](mailto:anewbeginningcac@gmail.com)  guernseycac.org  ***A 501c3 Organization***  ***All Contributions are***  ***Tax Deductible***  One child sexually abused in Guernsey County…  *…is one child too many*  *Printed with funds from the Ohio Attorney*  *General’s Office of Victims of Crime Act* |  |

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| 1 in 4 Females & 1 in 6 Males are sexually abused by the age of 18.  *According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2006) that is the alarming statistic surrounding child sexual abuse in the U.S.*  It is an uncomfortable subject to discuss for many people. It hurts to think about someone sexually assaulting a child.  Unreported child sexual abuse leaves the child scarred, destroys families and leave the perpetrator free to harm and cripple other children. |  | * A coordinated forensic interview conducted by a specially trained professional with the wellbeing of the child in mind. * Comprehensive services, provide in a child friendly setting; allowing family needs to be met with the assistance of local agencies and partners. * Law Enforcement * Children Services * Local Mental Health * Prosecutor’s Office * Victim Advocacy * Medical Services * Ongoing case management to help reduce duplication of services and trauma to the child. * Dual recording of interviews for law enforcement and prosecution, reducing the need of multiple interviews.   Every child deserves  a happy childhood. | What happens here…  When a child has an outcry of abuse our intervention efforts are delivered with professionalism and sensitivity   * A coordinated forensic interview conducted by a specially trained professional with the wellbeing of the child in mind. * Comprehensive services, provided in a child friendly setting; allowing family needs to be met with the assistance of local agencies and partners in one location. Local partners include; * Law Enforcement * Children Services * Local Mental Health * Prosecutor’s Office * Victim Advocacy * Medical Services * Ongoing case management to help reduce duplication of services and trauma to the child. * Dual recording of interviews for law enforcement and prosecution, reducing the need of multiple interviews and increasing accountability of offenders.   Every child deserves  a happy childhood. |  |  |  |  | * Our Hopes * Ensure all sexually abused children have access to medical exams * Increase prosecution rates by holding offenders accountable via coordinated recorded forensic interviews * Increase family and professionals knowledge & utilization of the CAC to reduce trauma for those children who have experienced abuse * Increase community knowledge of the prevalence of child sexual abuse and what can be done to prevent it |  |