



National Children's
Advocacy Center

A journey to hope, healing, and justice.

2022 Impact Report



A message from Executive Director Chris Newlin

The word **journey** is defined as “a passage or progress from one stage to another.” And, just like TJ who you will read more about in the coming pages, the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC) experienced a significant journey in 2022.

During this journey, we provided child abuse prevention trainings to more adults in Madison County than ever before. We worked with local emergency responders and school leaders to develop the state’s first *Handle With Care* program - something you will hear more about in the coming months. Each new opportunity on this journey provides even more protection for the children we serve.

Your support during this journey has been incredible.

Just a few of the many highlights this year:

- A 52% increase in therapy hours provided to abused children from Madison County
- An amazing turnout for the inaugural Spring Aim for Advocacy Clay Sporting Event
- Massive support for the first-ever Lawn Bowling Tournament at Campus 805, lead by our Young Professionals Advisory Council
- Child abuse prevention training reached 72% more adults in our community
- An Emmy-Nominated Documentary on the NCAC and Children’s Advocacy Center model produced by WAAY-TV
- A return to in-person trainings of child abuse response professionals

Thank you for your continued support. Not only did you play a critical role in achieving these accomplishments, you provided hope to children in our community. This hope is exactly what TJ and countless other children need along their journey to healing. **Hope starts here. Hope starts with you.**

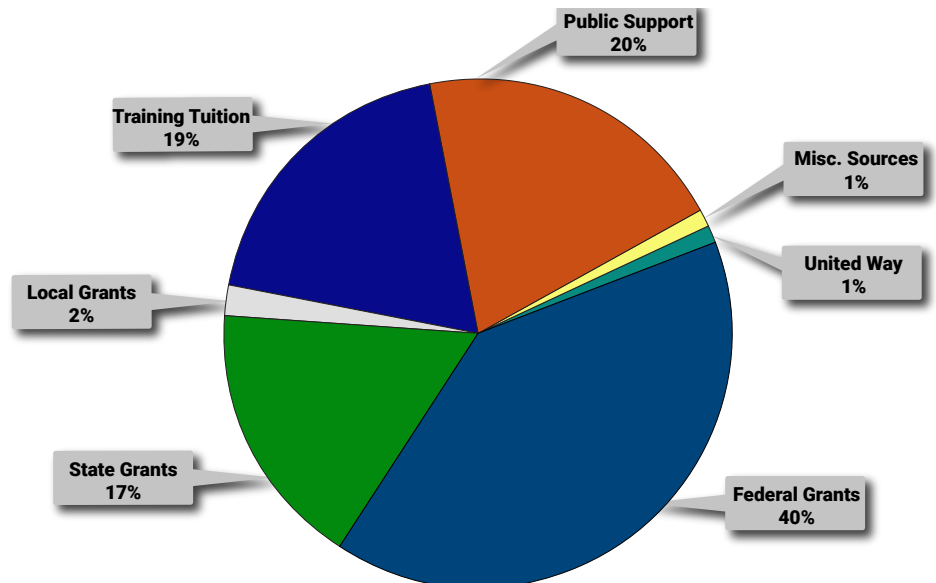


Chris Newlin, MS LPC
Executive Director



Federal Grants	\$2,425,496
State Grants.....	\$1,055,131
Other Local/Misc. Grants	\$115,076
Training Tuition.....	\$1,174,532
Public Support.....	\$1,231,315
United Way.....	\$50,979
Misc./Interest Income	\$61,889
Total Revenue	\$6,114,418

Personnel Expense	\$4,043,921
Travel Expense	\$105,315
Supplies Expense.....	\$110,806
Consultants and Contracts Expense	\$1,307,723
Facility Usage/Depreciation Expense	\$367,099
Other Expense	\$169,753
Total Expenses	\$6,104,617



TJ's Story

TJ's smile lights up the room. Unfortunately, that smile faded (temporarily) in early 2022 when his whole world changed.

An active 8-year-old, TJ loved sports. His favorite days involved tossing the football with his dad, Thomas. His dreams included becoming a star running back in the SEC or maybe an astronaut. Or maybe both. TJ has always dreamed big.

TJ's dreams changed one morning in January when he learned of his parent's impending divorce. His dad moved out and soon TJ and his mom, Natalie, were on their own.

TJ and his mom moved out of the family home and into a new apartment. TJ waited for his dad to come over and toss the football but after weeks of waiting, TJ realized his dad was not coming.

Sad, angry, and confused, TJ took his prized football outside to a grassy area near the parking lot. That's when he met his new adult neighbor. This neighbor was more than happy to fill the void TJ's dad left, and TJ's mom could use the help. TJ still missed his dad, but this new friend stepped in when TJ was at his loneliest.

This neighbor offered to watch TJ when his mother ran errands. He offered TJ snacks, let TJ play on his gaming system, and even taught TJ some conditioning moves to help him reach his running back dreams.

It was during the conditioning sessions the sexual abuse began. That's when TJ's smile faded.



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TJ's First Visit to the NCAC

One day, just before spring break, TJ and his third-grade class had a visitor from the National Children's Advocacy Center's Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Program. Some of his classmates giggled as their instructor taught them about appropriate and inappropriate touching. TJ felt a tightening in his stomach and sat quietly in the back of the room. His teacher sensed something was wrong and asked TJ if he would like to talk to the school counselor.

TJ didn't want to talk about what was bothering him, but he also wanted the touching to stop. In a small voice, he told the counselor his neighbor touched him in ways he didn't like.



The counselor notified the Department of Human Resources and law enforcement. The police investigator called TJ's parents, and they all met at the NCAC for TJ's forensic interview.

TJ was nervous, but the calm demeanor of the forensic interviewer made it easier for him to talk about what happened. Before he knew it, TJ shared everything that happened over the past few months.

TJ's parents, Thomas and Natalie, met with Jana, a family advocate, during the forensic interview - and immediately began blaming each other for what happened to their son. Natalie accused Thomas of abandoning his son, while Thomas told Natalie she should have kept him safe. Jana helped Thomas and Natalie understand the only person at fault was TJ's abuser. She also let them know they could both work on being better parents - and the NCAC was there to help.

Post-interview, snack in hand, TJ felt lighter as he walked down the hall. His mood improved even more when he saw his parents sitting together, talking calmly in the lobby.

2022 In Review

1,389 Cases
Reviewed by
the Madison
County
Multidisciplinary
Team

**448 Child
Forensic
Interviews**

**158 Medical
Exams**

**2,508 Family
Advocate
Sessions**

**284
Interactions
with Facility
Dog Wilson**

**2,113 Therapy
Hours For
Abused
Children**

**665 CARES
Case Reviews**

**383 New
CARES Clients**

TJ's Healing

TJ started therapy the following week.

Thomas and Natalie agreed to work together to keep TJ safe. They enrolled in the NCAC's Partnership in Parenting program to learn how to co-parent after the divorce effectively. They learned the importance of both parents having an active role in TJ's life.

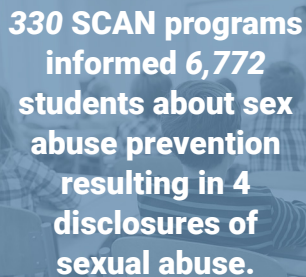


Thomas is now the assistant coach for TJ's football team. He set up a Stewards of Children® training for the rest of the coaches and parents in the league. As a result, they all know how to identify possible child abuse and how to respond appropriately.

The former neighbor who abused TJ pleaded guilty, so TJ did not have to testify in court. The man is now serving twenty years in prison.

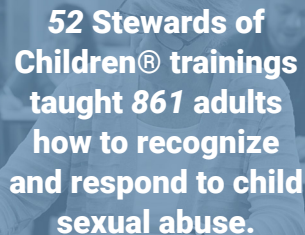
TJ graduated from therapy just after the new year. He is thriving, happy, and healed. And that radiant smile is back.

Thank you to for your support in helping TJ and so many other youth in our community!



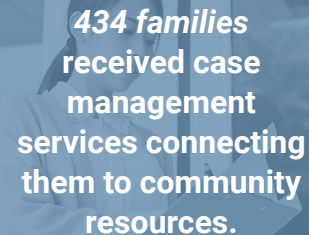
330 SCAN programs informed 6,772 students about sex abuse prevention resulting in 4 disclosures of sexual abuse.

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) is a school-based program available to Madison County and Madison City students in grades 3, 5, and 7.



52 Stewards of Children® trainings taught 861 adults how to recognize and respond to child sexual abuse.

Stewards of Children® can be attended in person or virtually. The NCAC can facilitate this training for your group.



434 families received case management services connecting them to community resources.

Families in need of assistance connecting with community resources can contact the NCAC for case management services.



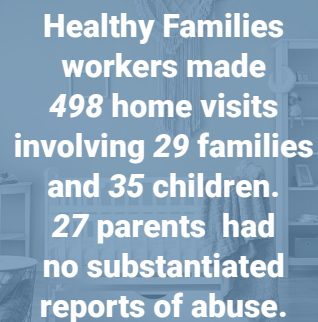
145 moms and dads participated in Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes are six weeks long and begin every two months throughout the year.



98 families participated in the Partnership in Parenting program, impacting 245 children.

Partnership in Parenting promotes co-parenting skills emphasizing the need for both parents involvement with their children.



Healthy Families workers made 498 home visits involving 29 families and 35 children. 27 parents had no substantiated reports of abuse.

Healthy Families is a voluntary parent support program for first-time parents in Madison County. Services continue until the child enters kindergarten.

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In 2022, the NCAC Professional Services Department trained more than 21,000 child abuse response professionals in all 50 states and around the world.

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