



# WAYNE COUNTY

## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER



### ABOUT US

Our mission is to reduce the trauma of all abused children who walk through our doors by providing a safe and supportive environment to facilitate healing and justice with the help of our community partners.

### FOCUS



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### GET INVOLVED

- Annual Restaurant Gift Card Raffle**  
In recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, each day of April we raffle off up to two gift cards a day. \$25 gift cards are collected throughout the year from local restaurants. Then, in February and March, we sell chances for people to win these gift cards.

Help is needed gathering gift card donations and selling tickets. If there is a local group of individuals willing to assist us with this, it would be a great help!
- Strike Out Abuse Bowling Fundraiser**  
Join us for our largest fundraiser this July, our annual bowling event at Wayne Lanes. We rely solely on donations, fundraisers, grants and United Way assistance to maintain the support and services we offer.

Help us with this event by gathering silent auction items to donate or registering a team.

### ADVOCATING FOR OUR CHILDREN

When there is an allegation of a child who has been sexually abused, they will be brought to our center for services. Once there, we perform a forensic interview with the child while our partners (law enforcement, children services, case worker, nurse, and mental health therapist) watch in another room so that the child only has to share their story once.

In an effort to save the child from having to testify, the interview is video recorded so it can be shared with prosecutors and judges/juries if the cases go to court. After the interview, the child is offered a wellness exam from our pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner. In acute cases, the nurse will collect evidence and DNA for a rape kit that is sent off for testing.

The caregiver and child receive full wrap around services from our agency and referrals to health/mental health services as needed. We are on target to serve over 300 children this year....mostly Wayne County children.

