

APRIL 2025



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: **AMY GRANT-QUONCE**

April is both Child Abuse Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness Month; both issues greatly impact members of our community.

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe environment, yet too many children face situations that put their well-being at risk. Research shows that 1 in 10 children will experience child abuse before their 18th birthday and over 90% of children are abused by someone they know; the abuser is often someone the child loves and trusts. Learn more about these staggering statistics by watching our [Awareness Video](#) on our Facebook page created in partnership with the children and grandchildren of our staff.

Prevent Child Abuse America's theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month is "Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention." We recognize that when families have the right support, they can provide their children with a brighter future. Protecting children is an adult's responsibility; through education and training, adults can be empowered to act. Our agency can bring free child abuse prevention training to your church, school, club, or organization, so you can learn the signs of abuse and how to appropriately intervene. To schedule a training and help make this world a safer place for our children please email victimsassistancecenter@vacjc.com.

The same as child abuse, sexual assault is also prevalent in our community. It is estimated that over 450,000 people are raped in the United States each year; with 70% of victims knowing their offender (rainn.org).

We are calling on our community to take a stand against sexual assault. Join us on Wednesday, April 30th for Denim Day. On Denim Day millions of people across the world will wear jeans with the purpose of supporting survivors, and educating themselves, about sexual violence. (www.denimday.org). Take a picture of yourself wearing denim and tag us on social media! Together, we can make our community safer for our children, our friends, our family, our neighbors, and ourselves.

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8am-4:30pm
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BEHIND THE MISSION

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

The Child Advocacy Center has been a program of VAC since 2006 and expanded into St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties as a regional program in 2017. The Child Advocacy Center model is a nationwide approach to investigating and addressing serious cases of child abuse and maltreatment. Our tri-county CAC provides FREE services, utilizing a Multidisciplinary Approach, to include: advocacy, case management, specialized medical exams and therapy as well as Forensic Interviews.

We have a facility dog for emotional support and two mobile units to assist with breaking down barriers such as transportation.

Our CAC also coordinates the Jefferson County Safe Harbour program which addresses commercial sexual exploitation of youth. Our Regional Child Fatality Review Team reviews child fatalities to determine if they death was preventable, and then puts education and free safety gear into the community to help prevent another future fatality. Additionally, our CAC provides prevention education, educational outreach and other community outreach throughout our tri-county area.

We are nationally accredited through the National Children's Alliance.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Kendra



As a Crisis Services Advocate Kendra provides services to clients in shelter, on the hotline and at the scene of domestic incidents. Kendra's compassionate interactions with victims help them know that she is in their corner to help them navigate what is ahead.

We are so grateful to have her on our team!



Family Safety Night

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

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WILSON ELEMENTARY
13180 US RTE. 11,
ADAMS CENTER NY 13606**

 **South Jefferson**

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