

# Natchez Children's Services

Bridging Justice, Hope & Healing



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

www.

[nationalchildrensalliance.org](http://nationalchildrensalliance.org)



[www.bridginghopecac.org](http://www.bridginghopecac.org)

**Some children spend a lifetime,**

trying to forget a few minutes of childhood

## The NCS: Children's Advocacy Center

Serving Adams, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson & Wilkinson Counties

A Children's Advocacy Center provides support to children who are the victims of crime and abuse, as well as to non-offending caregivers and the investigators of crimes against children. Our team of Advocates, Forensic Interviewers and Therapists serve over 125 children each year and support investigators in all our counties.

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### CHILD NEGLECT

This is the most common form of child abuse

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### PHYSICAL ABUSE

Children in all social classes and ethnic groups are harmed

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### SEXUAL ABUSE

Children often suffer silently out of fear or shame

## You can support Justice, Hope & Healing!

Bring a smile and comfort to a child with your contribution.

The Children's Advocacy is financed by private donations and by grants under the Victims of Crime Act. That Act, signed into law by President Reagan, allows fines and other funds collected from criminal offenders to be distributed to agencies serving crime victims, such as children subjected to abuse. Our program is not funded by tax dollars or Medicaid.

### “Children are worth the investment”

Without the healing made possible by trauma focused therapy, child victims are often unable to move forward in life. They frequently cannot move out of poverty, take advantage of educational opportunities, develop the habits that lead to financial independence, or even avoid risky and anti-social behaviors. And the costs to the child are often visited upon the next generation as well as upon society at large.



You can be a partner in the success of our children through your financial donations and by contributing items our staff can give to each child or adolescent who attends a Forensic Interview.

#### Items needed for the children ages 2-18:

- Brand new stuffed animals
- Craft projects or art supplies
- Games and items for outdoor play
- Activity books and paperback books.
- Small toys or items for indoor play.



#### **ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**

influence us for a lifetime. Think back to an accident, a time when you did not feel safe or an experience of humiliation. Remember how it affected your sleep, your sense of confidence or your ability to trust others. Did the experience get in the way of work, school or feeling happy?

Now imagine how the children we serve feel when they experience trauma repeatedly and sometimes daily.

More information at: [www.cestoohigh.com](http://www.cestoohigh.com)

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**Bringing JUSTICE, HOPE & HEALING to Children and Families in Adams, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson & Wilkinson Counties**

The dedicated law enforcement officers, investigators and child protection workers in each county we serve understand that young victims of crime are often reluctant or afraid to tell adults what happened to them. At the Children's Advocacy Center, we allow a child to tell his or her story in a child friendly, comfortable and supportive place.

[www.buildinghopecac.org](http://www.buildinghopecac.org)



**Police & Sheriff's Investigators**  
bring children who are victims of crime for a Forensic Interview



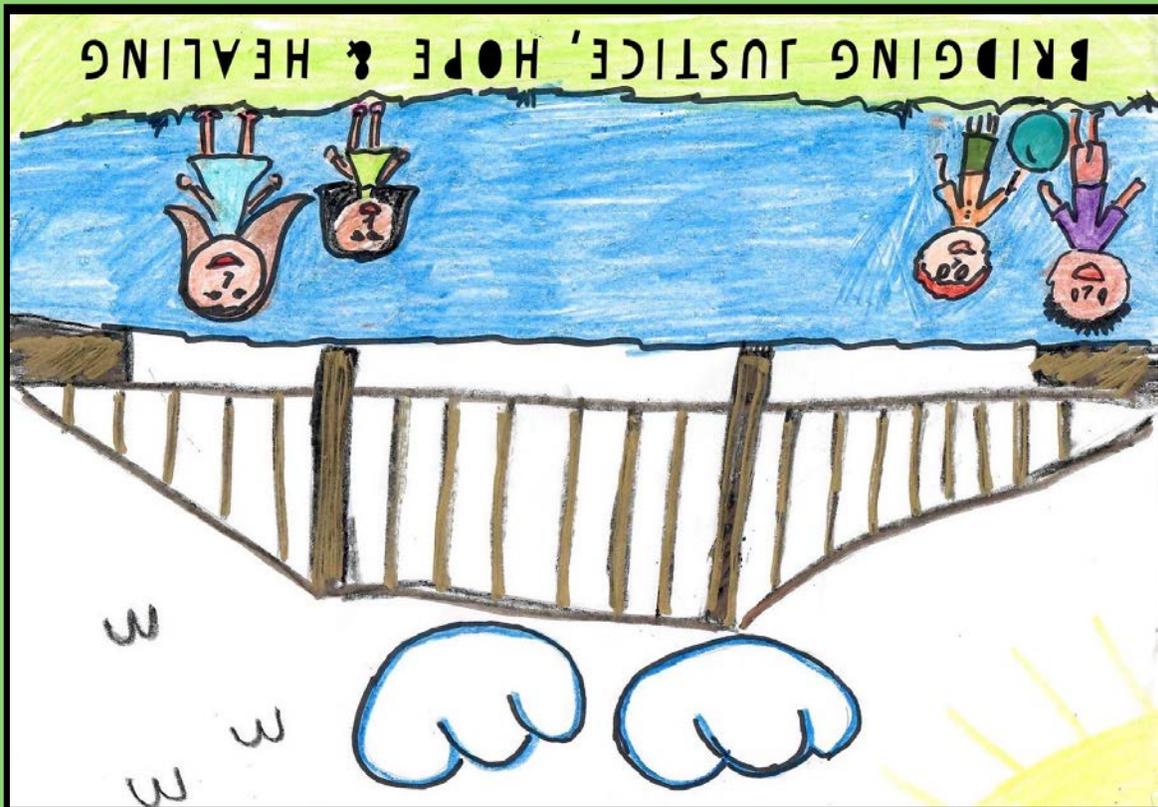
**Mississippi CPS**  
Social workers bring children who are suspected victims of abuse for Forensic Interviews

## OUR STAFF AT THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

When a child steps into our center, the team immediately begins supporting the child, the caregiver and the investigator. From Forensic Interview to successful conclusion of the case, we provide Advocacy, Therapy with trauma trained therapists and on going team meetings with the investigators and the providers serving that child and family.

At Left: Kristin Greer~ Advocate/Forensic Interviewer, Neifa Hardy,~ Therapist, Cherish McCallum~ Executive Director/Therapist/Forensic Interviewer.





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