



# Building a Better World One Child at a Time



GEORGIA CENTER  
FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

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2016 Annual Report





*Our mission* is to champion the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children through prevention, intervention, therapy and collaboration.

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year 2016 was for Georgia Center for Child Advocacy! When we think about the number of children you have helped start their journey to heal, we are overcome with gratitude. There were 629 children that received interviews allowing them to tell their story only one time so they could begin to move past the trauma. Our therapist also provided 1,482 therapy sessions.

This report highlights the impact you have helped to make in our first full year of operating the Fulton facility along with our second location at the DeKalb Family Protection Center.

In addition to providing direct services to victims of abuse, we trained more than 20,000 adults, including 7,323 school personnel, across the state to recognize the signs of abuse and react responsibly. Because of you, our communities are better able to protect our children.

Our impact goes far beyond the walls of our centers. We were able to train 183 Department of Family and Child Services case managers in critical skills for gathering information from children and assess for concerns of child maltreatment. Clinical staff provided Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training to 24 clinicians from 18 different organizations and provided training to 37 clinicians from 20 organizations in advanced Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

With your help, we are healing children from the effects of abuse one child and one family at a time. We are grateful for your trust and confidence in Georgia Center for Child Advocacy. We are humbled by your financial gifts, your partnership and your generous gifts of time and resources. We could not have had this impact on children, families and the community without you.

Warmly,

Sheila Ryan  
Chief Executive Officer





## Intervention

### Forensic Interviews

It is believed that less than 10 percent of children victimized by physical or sexual abuse will ever tell anyone about the abuse. Georgia Center for Child Advocacy believes that breaking the silence of abuse is the first step towards healing.

Georgia Center for Child Advocacy is a safe, friendly place where children can speak with trained therapists about these difficult issues. Child abuse can be devastating on a child, but it doesn't have to define a child's life. Children who feel believed and protected are better able to cope, heal and move forward in their lives with hope for a brighter future.

### Family Advocacy

How well a child may do following the disclosure of abuse has much to do with the support of the child's non-offending caregivers. When that support is compromised, children often suffer long-term emotional consequences.

Our family advocates work to ensure that a child's caregivers feel supported and informed throughout the investigation process, and that they are aware of the community resources available to help. The job of the family advocate is to listen and support the caregiver.

“Georgia Center for Child Advocacy supports the work of law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, and so many other agencies. These are the most challenging cases to work and prosecute because no one wants to think this happens to children, especially at the hands of those that are supposed to love and protect them. Georgia Center for Child Advocacy is a leader in the community as a service provider, and also as an advocate for abused children.”

Susan Paa  
Director of Forensic Services  
Fulton County District Attorney's Office



In 2016

629

children interviewed  
by our forensics team  
at our two centers

700

case managers, law  
enforcement officers,  
and prosecutors trained





In 2016

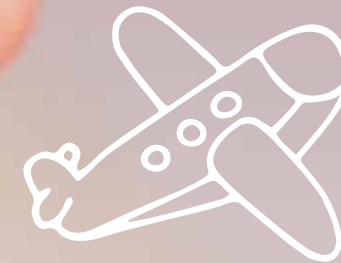
153

children & caregivers served

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1,482

child & caregiver sessions



## Therapy

Georgia Center for Child Advocacy also provides high-quality therapy free of charge to the children and families we serve. Therapy services at our centers are trauma-informed and evidence based, meaning our therapists understand the impact of trauma on children and families and utilize therapy approaches that are effective in helping children and families recover from their experiences. Our therapy services flexibly address a wide spectrum of concerns common in children who have experienced sexual abuse or other trauma.

“Georgia Center for Child Advocacy sees some of the most vulnerable children in our city; the ones who are often poor and neglected. By opening the Dekalb center last year, the number of children we serve has gone up nearly 50 percent this year in Dekalb County. Those families would still be in crisis without Georgia Center for Child Advocacy.”

Dana McKenzie  
Board Member



## Prevention

Child sexual abuse is a problem that an entire community must address together. Through a partnership with Darkness to Light, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy is leading a statewide initiative to educate adults across Georgia to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. We are working to bring Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children* training program to every county and city in Georgia. Working with communities, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy implements a regional network of coordinators who develop and oversee community prevention coalitions, support facilitators, and build activities toward a set of specific training goals in each county. We currently have six Regional Coordinators working hard to bring child sexual abuse prevention to their counties. Since 2006, over 100,000 Georgia adults, representing 133 of Georgia's 159 counties, have participated in the *Stewards of Children* training.

“Child sexual abuse is the root cause of many societal symptoms including addiction, mental illness, homelessness, teen pregnancies, and child trafficking. By preventing child sexual abuse from happening, and intervening early when it does, we can reduce the suffering for the survivors and their families, as well as reduce the pipeline to the expensive symptoms that accompany the suffering later in life.”

Lynn Pattillo  
President, Pittulloch Foundation



In 2016

20,629

adults participated in the  
*Stewards of Children* training

7,323

school personnel trained



# 2016 Supporters

Thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters, we are able to provide our specialized services at no cost to the children and families we serve. Because of you, hope and healing for these children and their families is possible.

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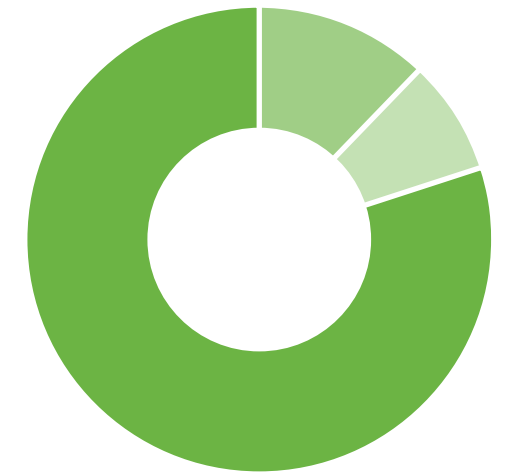
**Income**

Federal Grants.....	\$1,036,000	■ 43%
Release from Restricted.....	\$576,000	■ 24%
Special Events.....	\$249,000	■ 10%
Program Materials.....	\$164,000	■ 7%
Foundations.....	\$112,000	■ 5%
Program Income.....	\$100,000	■ 4%
Contributions.....	\$85,000	■ 3%
State Grants.....	\$50,000	■ 2%
Local Gov't Grants.....	\$27,000	■ 1%
Organizations /Corporations.....	\$22,000	■ 1%
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	Total	\$2,421,000



**Expenses**

Program Services.....	\$1,937,000	■ 80%
Fundraising.....	\$291,000	■ 12%
Management & General.....	\$193,000	■ 8%
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	Total\$	\$2,421,000



"Thank you for working with my child and making my family feel safe."

"Thank you for taking the time to listen and understand."

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*"Sensitive, caring and set us at ease, every person from the front through the entire process. Thank you for this important work you do!"*





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