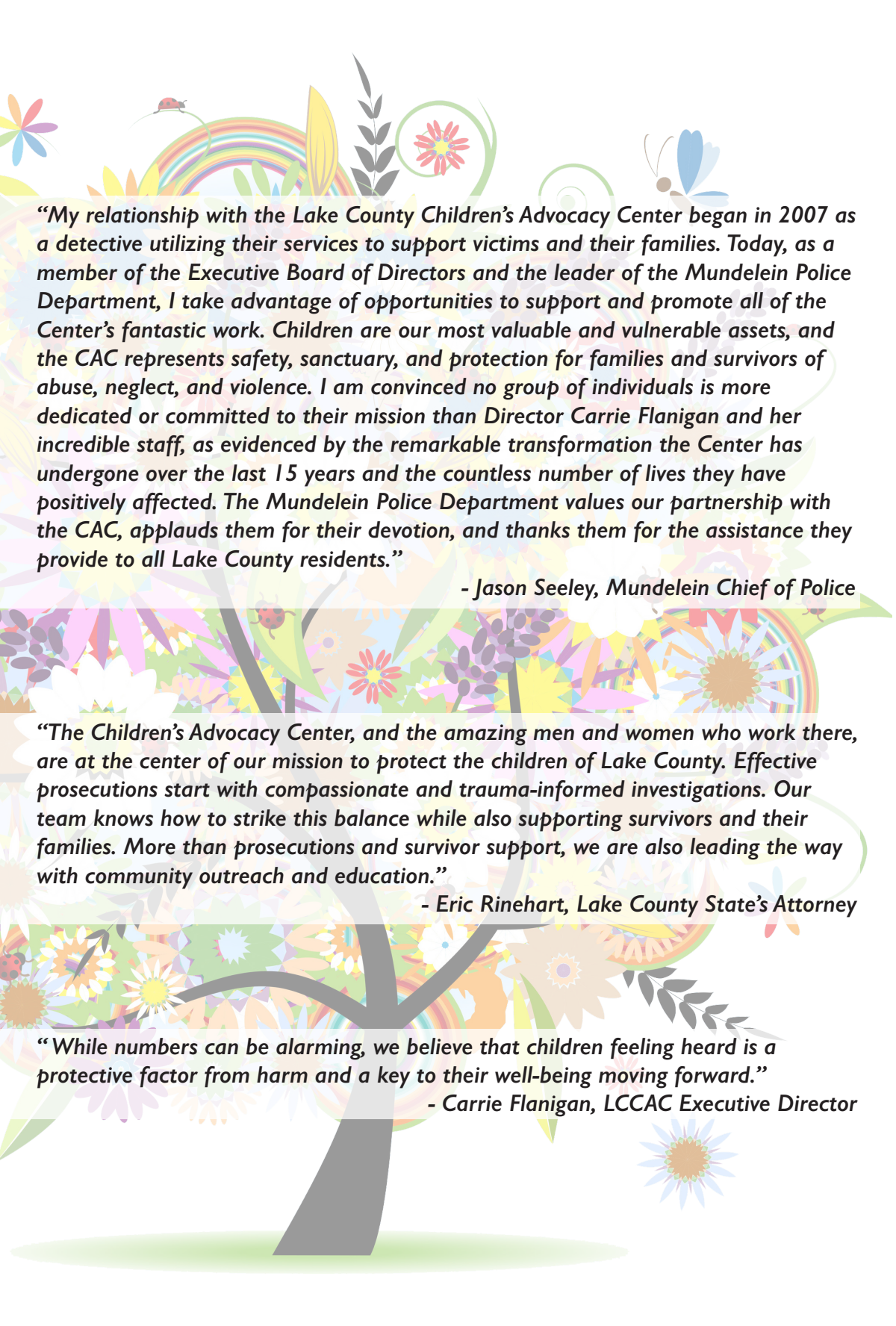




Lake County Children's Advocacy Center



Annual Report
2022/2023



“My relationship with the Lake County Children’s Advocacy Center began in 2007 as a detective utilizing their services to support victims and their families. Today, as a member of the Executive Board of Directors and the leader of the Mundelein Police Department, I take advantage of opportunities to support and promote all of the Center’s fantastic work. Children are our most valuable and vulnerable assets, and the CAC represents safety, sanctuary, and protection for families and survivors of abuse, neglect, and violence. I am convinced no group of individuals is more dedicated or committed to their mission than Director Carrie Flanigan and her incredible staff, as evidenced by the remarkable transformation the Center has undergone over the last 15 years and the countless number of lives they have positively affected. The Mundelein Police Department values our partnership with the CAC, applauds them for their devotion, and thanks them for the assistance they provide to all Lake County residents.”

- Jason Seeley, Mundelein Chief of Police

“The Children’s Advocacy Center, and the amazing men and women who work there, are at the center of our mission to protect the children of Lake County. Effective prosecutions start with compassionate and trauma-informed investigations. Our team knows how to strike this balance while also supporting survivors and their families. More than prosecutions and survivor support, we are also leading the way with community outreach and education.”

- Eric Rinehart, Lake County State’s Attorney

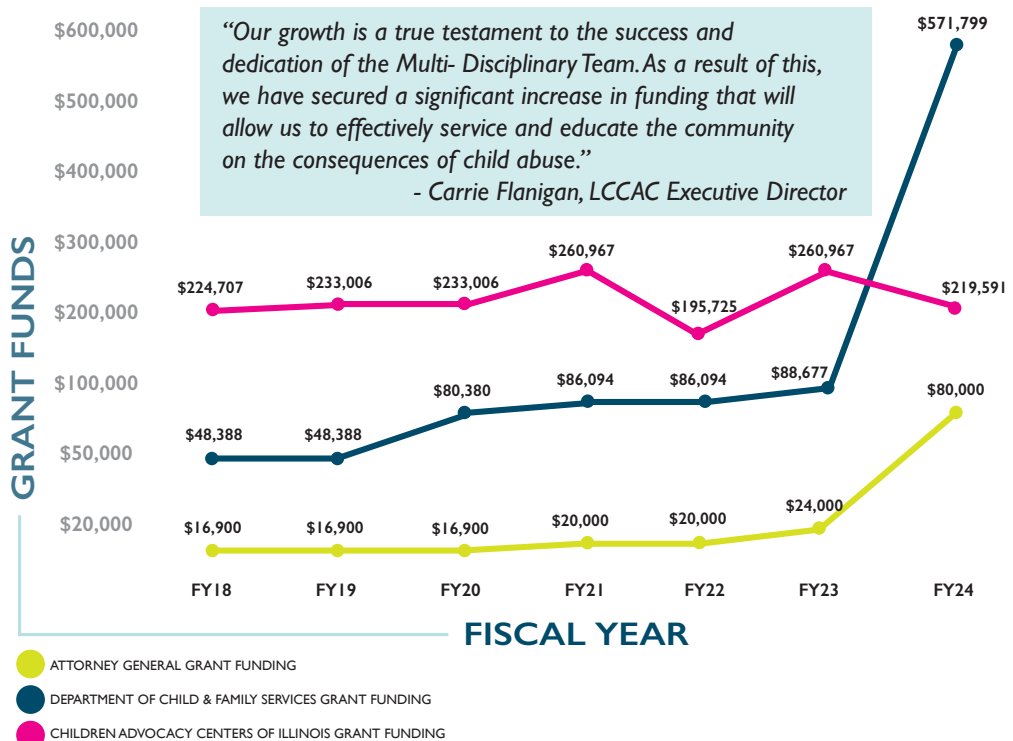
“While numbers can be alarming, we believe that children feeling heard is a protective factor from harm and a key to their well-being moving forward.”

- Carrie Flanigan, LCCAC Executive Director

Funding Trends

The Lake County Children's Advocacy Center relies heavily on grant funding. The following graphs show the grant funding trends from Fiscal Year 2018 through 2024.

OUR GRANT FUNDING TRENDS



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS INCREASES

- The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Funding increased by 3% from FY22 to FY23. In FY24, funding increased by 544.81%.
- The Attorney General (VCVA) Grant Funding increased by 20% from FY22 to FY23. In FY24, funding increased by 233.33%.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding was secured to maintain the mental health staff positions allowing for the LCCAC to meet the NCA mental health standard for compliance in accreditation.



Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- Audit for the year ended December 31, 2022 -

ASSETS

Current Assets

• Cash	\$308,704
• Dues from Lake County Circuit Court	1,654
• Capital Assets	
- Construction in progress	—
- Property and equipment, net of depreciation	<u>349,183</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$659,541

Other Assets

• Deposit	\$ 50
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$659,591

LIABILITIES

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$645,956
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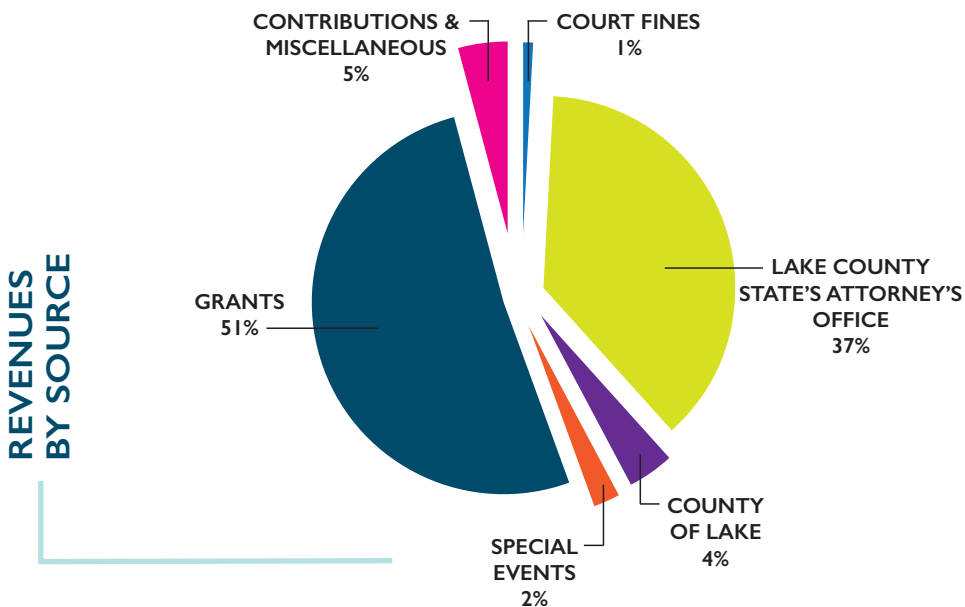
With Donor Restrictions	<u>13,635</u>
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TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$659,591

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

\$659,591



Mental Health

GROUPS

57 Sessions
47 Participants

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

418 Sessions

FORENSIC INTERVIEW SUPPORT

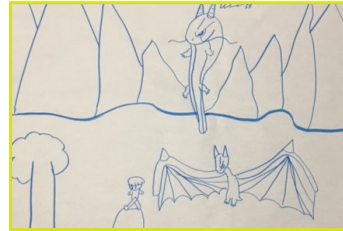
Mental Health therapists participated in
208 Forensic Interviews*

**Included: connecting with families and/or victims; hosting 2nd annual Family Night*

Data from 9-30-22 to 10-1-23



Artwork by LCCAC Clients



The LCCAC runs support groups, including Parent Support Group, Teen Art Group, and Coping Skills Group. Information on our groups can be found on our website at www.friendsoflccac.org.

"The scope and severity of their work can not be underestimated. Their loyalty to our mission is the key to our success"

- Carrie Flanigan, LCCAC Executive Director

WISH LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE LCCAC

SNACK ITEMS:

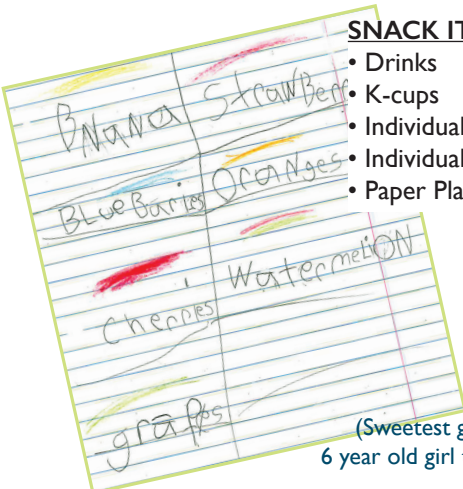
- Drinks
- K-cups
- Individual Creamers
- Individual Snacks
- Paper Plates & Cups

GIFT CARDS:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Uber
- Grocery Stores
- Gas Stations
- Local Restaurants
- Bus Pass Cards
- Book Stores

BASIC NEEDS:

- New Toys & Board Games
- Puzzles
- New Backpacks
- Art Supplies
- Stress Balls
- Journals
- Craft Supplies
- Coloring Books
- Disinfectant Wipes



(Sweetest grocery list made by a 6 year old girl that visited the LCCAC!)

Victim Demographics

12,513

Forensic
Interviews were
conducted by
a Children
Advocacy
Center
in 2023.

OUR CLIENTS

SEX ABUSE VICTIMS

68%

PHYSICAL ABUSE VICTIMS

19%

WITNESS TO A CRIME

13%

GENDER

MALE

30%

FEMALE

70%

STATE

Male 31%
Female 69%

Fiscal Year
2023

NUMBER OF SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS & CASES

**SCHEDULED
INTERVIEWS**

805

DCFS CASES

567



Our Impact

ALLEGED OFFENDERS

NON-RELATIVE	24%
PARENT/FOSTER PARENT	18%
OTHER RELATIVE	13%
STEPPARENT	4%
UNKNOWN RELATIONSHIP	5%
OTHER KNOWN PERSON	3%

33% of alleged offenders had more than one victim

STATE

Bio-parents (26%) and non-relative (known to child) (27%) account for the majority of perpetrators. Other relative account for 11%.

CHILD STATISTICS

STATE

0-6	23%
7-12	37%
13-17	38%
>18	1%

AGE

0-6	20%
7-12	39%
13-17	38%
>18	3%

RACE

WHITE	39%
HISPANIC	42%
BLACK	17%
ASIAN	2%

LCCAC Reporting Dates:
10-01-22 through 9-30-23

State of Illinois:
CACI Annual Report 2023

"This year I have been amazed at how well our MDT works together to create a safe, welcoming environment. With many staff changes and a new mental health professional taking over, there were no pauses in service to the community. Everyone has been very welcoming to our new staff member and it has reminded me how wonderful this team really is!"

- McKenzie Endsley, MA, LCPC
Therapist, LCHD

Events & Happenings

BLUE KIDS

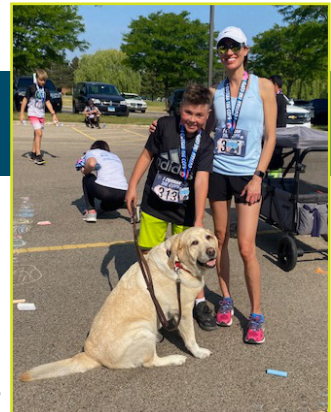
Throughout the month of April, over 75 agencies within Lake County decorate their own location with Blue Kids materials. All of our partners work in collaboration with the LCCAC to distribute resources to their communities and to create awareness around child abuse prevention.



Reach out to us to learn ways to get involved in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

OUTRUN THE COPS

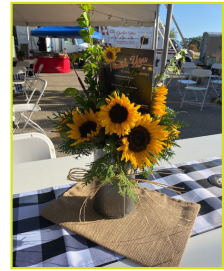
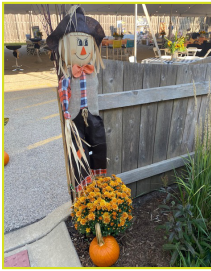
Outrun the Cops is a 5k/10k fundraising fun run sponsored by the Gurnee Fraternal Order of Police Social Lodge #266. Gurnee Police officers, as well as many police officers from other local agencies, participate in this event and proceeds from the run benefit the LCCAC. This year, the Gurnee Fraternal Order of Police awarded the LCCAC with a \$1,500 donation.



Events & Happenings



The 2nd Annual Friends Fest brought donors, community members, and local partners together to celebrate the successes of the LCCAC and raise money to support future programming. It was another successful year and guests enjoyed food, live entertainment, and participated in opportunities to give back throughout the evening.



LCCAC FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Maureen Slott, Treasurer
Carrie Wings, Secretary
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Elaine Flanigan

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Judi Schutter
Michele Spinell
Christine Stevenson



Contact Carrie Wings
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Being in the community and working with our collaborative partners is essential to our success. When youth and the community understand our work, they are inclined to speak up and share their knowledge with their peers. Education and networking with our community is important to our mission and for the youth of Lake County. Please reach out to our Education and Outreach Specialist, Carrie Wings, to learn more about how we can work together. **We are available for: In house trainings; community events; presentations; youth fairs.**

Staff Departures

GOODBYE MITCHELL!



Our beloved Mitchell officially retired! He went out with a bang as we hosted a party in his honor to give him the proper send-off complete with an ice cream truck and fun for the whole family. His last day was spent comforting a 10 year old child in her interview on July 19, 2023.



This year we said goodbye to some LCCAC staff members who have made their imprint.

James Adkins

State's Attorney's Office

John Brown

Promoted to Supervisor of Misdemeanor & Traffic Division

Christine Burnside-Newman

Retired

Stella Day

Private Practice

McKenzie Endsley

Promoted to Program Coordinator at the Lake County Health Department

Haley Rainwater

Private Practice

LaKesha Wilkerson

Retired

We thank them for their dedication during their time here and wish them luck in their new adventures.

STAFF UPDATES



"It is always amazing to watch a child come in and at first, you can see the hesitation and worry about talking about what happened. And then after a few minutes with the forensic interviewer, watching them open up and find the strength inside themselves to talk about the worst time of their life was rewarding."

- Stella Day, Assistant State's Attorney

Staff

OUR AMAZING STAFF

Carrie Flanigan
LCCAC Executive Director

Sara Hammock
Program Director

Julie Novelo
MDT Coordinator

Keely Mulcahy
Administrative Assistant

Rachel Valencia
Bilingual Victim Advocate/Forensic Interviewer

Jill Verbrick
Victim Advocate

Ediza Navarro
Juvenile Victim Advocate

Dawn Patch
Victim Advocate

Carrie Wings
Education and Outreach Specialist

Lynn Aladeen
Forensic Interviewer

Amy Hyndman
Forensic Interviewer

Ali Alstott
Contractual Forensic Interviewer

Ann Mock
LCSO Detective

Anayenci Harvey, LSW
LCCAC Therapist

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Kathy Laughlin
Assistant State's Attorney

Eduardo Zermeno
Assistant State's Attorney

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Lake County State's Attorney's Office*

Teri White
Treasurer

"Having a welcoming staff member at the front desk and an attractive waiting area stocked with snacks and activities goes a long way toward helping families feel safe and supported as they face a difficult situation."

- Lynn Aladeen, Forensic Interviewer





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