

# I want to make a difference!

- I am interested in scheduling a presentation.
- I would like to receive more information about becoming a Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse and Child Advocacy Center volunteer.
- I am making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help offset the costs of providing services to abused children in our community.
- I want to become a friend of the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse and Child Advocacy Center! I pledge to make a monthly donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Set An Example

Create Lasting Change

## No More Secrecy

No More Shame

Adult's fear of facing and talking about the issue of abuse places the burden of communication directly on the children. It is much too heavy of a burden for them to handle alone. They are counting on you!

## Stay Informed! We Provide Free Training On:

- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse
- Darkness to Light
- Bullying Awareness & Prevention
- Internet Safety
- Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness (PANDA)

## Take Action! Join as We:

- Speak out about the reality of what children in our community are facing
- Remember, children, only innocence and vulnerability. Ask public leaders what their policy positions are regarding children- educate them first, then hold them accountable.
- REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE- it's the law. Call Lincoln County DSS: 704-736-0738 or the Lincoln County Communications Center: 704-735-8202



## A Safe Place

For Children who have been abused

To begin their journey

## Towards Healing

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Child abuse is an epidemic that no one wants to think about. However, physical and sexual abuse happens to children every day. It affects children of all ages and backgrounds, and it does happen in our community.

***The Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center serves an average of 175 new child victims of abuse each year.***

You may not hear about these children; their faces don't appear on television or the internet, and they are unlikely to share their stories with you. Don't allow this to make you think they aren't there. They are your neighbors, your child's classmates; they are sitting next to you in church and cheering beside you at sporting events.

***What's happening is horrifying, but the Child Advocacy Center helps provide the Help, Healing, and Hope that these children need to carry them into a thriving future.***

By creating a safe, welcoming place for children, we avoid re-traumatizing children who are already suffering from pain, fear, and confusion. Our waiting room is full of toys and games. Our medical exam room is sized and decorated just for kids.



Our well-trained staff has experience in working with kids who have suffered from abuse. At the Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center, children can tell their story one time, to caring staff who will believe and support them and guide them towards what they need.

#### **Our Center Provides:**

- On-site medical evaluation and forensic interviews of child abuse and neglect in a child-friendly environment that is much less frightening to the victim than a police station or emergency room.
- Therapy for abused children to help them regain confidence and strength on the road to healing.
- Advocacy and support services to child victims and their families to help them navigate the system
- Community education to promote prevention strategies to end child abuse.

Only a small portion of our resources come from grant funding. As a private non-profit, the Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center would not be able to provide state of the art services without the support of our community.

***We run on the strength of volunteers and the generosity of our neighbors.***

Your kind heart, your extra energy, and your financial support will stay with our children forever. There are many ways to give- from volunteering your time, donating needed goods and services, attending a fundraising event, or sitting on a planning committee.

The Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse and Child Advocacy Center is a proud participating agency in United Way of Lincoln County and also participates in the Combined Federal Campaign. Please consider designating your United Way contribution to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Advocacy Center.