Learn About ACE’s and how Childhood experiences have a tremendous, lifelong impact on our health and the quality of our lives.

Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard

Community Report 2013-2014

United to Hear and Serve Abused Children.
Director’s Comments

Our hope and desire is that each child we encounter as a victim of abuse/neglect are provided the necessary services that will result in their becoming a healthy, well rounded, active, positive contributing member of society, i.e. a good parent and partner, a valuable employee, a “model citizen.”

Our hopes and desires will not eventuate on their own. Our knowledge and understanding are paramount to our achieving those hopes and desires.

It is not enough to continue in the manner we have in the past. While making strides, we generally continue to treat/address the current circumstance at hand and not the root problem. The result is our “band-aiding” the current injury, with no understanding or concern for how the scar or the internal damage affects the victim in the future – as we are not soothsayers we tend to do what we can do now and merely “hope” the future is brighter. We now have at our disposal knowledge that has come to light fairly recently, that has and will continue to “take the guess work” out of our efforts.

It is, The Adverse Childhood Experiences research study.

The Adverse Childhood Experiences study is a research study conducted by Kaiser Permanente health maintenance organization (Dr. Vincent J. Felitti) and the Center for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) (Dr. Robert F. Anda).

The more than 17,000 subjects of the study were recruited between 1995 and 1997 and have been in long-term follow up for health outcomes. The initial study has spawned more than 50 scientific articles and over 100 conference and workshop presentations. The study has rapidly become the benchmark for health and societal impact as result of child abuse and neglect.

Due to limited space, I will not endeavor to provide even a reasonable summary of the study, I am hopeful your interest will lead you to do a little research on your own to see the significance of the study. As the study continues our new found knowledge and understanding increases, so too will the possibility that we can realize our hopes and desires for the victims of child abuse and neglect and their families, and that they might reach their potential.

Throughout this report you will see but a few ACE study facts.

~Chuck Biehl, CACB/CPT Director ~
THE ACES STUDY

The ACE Study looked at three categories and ten types of adverse experience: Childhood Abuse, including emotional, physical and sexual abuse; Neglect, including physical and emotional and Family Dysfunction, including growing up in a household where there was substance abuse, mental illness, violent treatment of a mother or stepmother, parental separation / divorce or family member in prison and Examined the relationship between these experiences during childhood and reduced health and well being later in life...

ACE FACT

Adults who had experienced four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences, compared to those who had experienced none, had 4- to 12-fold increased health risk for alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and suicide attempts; health, ≥50 sexual intercourse partners, and sexually transmitted disease; and a 1.4- to 1.6-fold increase in physical inactivity and severe obesity.

The number of categories of adverse childhood exposures showed a relationship to the presence of adult disease including ischemic heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease, skeletal fractures, and liver disease. Seven types of adverse childhood experiences were strongly interrelated and persons with multiple categories of childhood exposure were likely to have multiple health risk factors later in life.

ACE study showed dramatic links between adverse childhood experiences and risky behavior, psychological impairment, serious illness and risk factors for several leading causes of death in adults.

What is ACES?

ACE is the term given to describe all types of abuse, neglect and other traumatic experiences that occur to individuals under the age of 18.
Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

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Joseph Miniclier, Attorney

ON SITE PARTNERS

★ Child Protection Team
★ CPT Medical Team
★ DCF Investigation Unit

Patricia Edmond, CPT Supervisor
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Anneli Hurley
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Shoshana Amores

Vi Ngo, M.D., Medical Director
Medical Team
Carol Becker, ARNP, CPNP
Teena Sanders, ARNP
Zanett Thomas, ARNP
Carolina Echeverri, M.D. (Not Pictured)

The CACB Child Protection Team and the DCF Protective Investigation unit on site handle the most egregious cases of child abuse and neglect in Brevard County.

Mary Setterbo, CPI Supervisor
Child Protection Investigators:
Janice Bispham
Debbie Christiansen
Brittany Gipson
Margarita Sagastizabal
Nina Twyman
Kathy Hall, Secretary (Not Pictured)
The Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Unit is a specialized felony prosecution division within the Office of the State Attorney. Unlike the general felony divisions, this unit focuses exclusively on the preparation and prosecution of felony crimes of child sexual abuse, physical child abuse, and sexual battery. Attorneys in this unit work closely with the CACB carefully reviewing Abuse and Neglect cases forwarded by Law Enforcement, DCF and CPT. The sexual Assault Victim Services Unit, which is staffed by specialized victim advocates, assists victims through the criminal justice process and provides other services and referrals.

Guardians Ad Litem’s are citizens who volunteer to become part of a court program to represent the best interests of children who have been victims of abuse and neglect. They act as the child’s advocate. They volunteer as a representative for the child before the court, social service agencies and the community. They do not replace legal counsel or the social worker, nor do they assume the role of surrogate parent.

Sheriff Wayne Ivey has been a dedicated supporter for the CACB. Currently serving as an Advisory Member of the Friends, Sheriff Ivey is always looking for ways to promote the Advocacy Center. Having the Brevard County Sheriff so committed to the Advocacy Center and its mission has been a tremendous asset in our collaboration and community relations efforts.

Brevard County Sheriff’s Office and Local Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Brevard are involved in the investigation of child abuse and neglect allegations throughout Brevard County. They assist the Department of Children and Families with investigations of familial abuse or neglect and conduct their own investigations when a child abuse case involves someone other than a child’s parent, guardian or caretaker. In any case they remain committed to the CAC model and use of the of the Child Protection Team for Forensic Interviews and Medical Assessments of children in the child friendly environment of the CACB.

Thank You

Florida Tech Family Learning Program
A sexual treatment program contracted under Children’s Medical Services, Department of Health.

Family Counseling Center of Brevard
A new partner of the CACB, the Family Counseling Center is contracted to provide psychological evaluations and assessments of child victims and non offending family members as needed for assessment and treatment purposes.

Brevard County Public Schools
A valued community partner with representation on the CACB Operations Advisory Board.

Mr. Archer addressed the Community April 17, 2014 in Orlando as Central Florida CAC’s United to raise awareness about Child Abuse for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. CACB Director Charles Biehl and State Attorney Phil Archer are seen below in first row on right along with Mayor Buddy Dyer and other county officials and CAC representatives.
Clinical Intervention Program

Beverly Lampley, LCSW CIP Supervisor
Clinical Intervention Coordinators:
Gina Jones, MA; Michelle Higgins, MSW
Joe Barry and Katelyn Allen, MA Student Interns
Jeanie Raciti, MSW; Victim Advocate;
Melissa Hughes, Administrative Assistant

The Clinical Intervention Program (CIP) is unique to the CACB. Therapeutic services such as mental health crisis intervention and short-term counseling are provided free to child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members.

CIP Services

- Free to child victims and non-offending family members.
- Serves primarily child victims of sexual abuse between the ages of three through 17 and their non-offending family members.
- Victims of physical abuse and neglect, and those affected by domestic violence or other traumatic experiences, are also welcomed.
- No waiting list for appointments.
- Referral by another social service agency, law enforcement, the courts, or through the self-referral of a child victim’s guardian.
- Designed as a short-term counseling program, the program’s flexibility allows for special circumstances where a case can be kept open longer to provide supportive services.

ACE FACT

The Development of Safe, Stable and Nurturing Relationships (SSNRS) are key to treatment strategies for child victims to overcoming Adverse Childhood Experiences

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Improved coping skills, increased resiliency, decreased effects of trauma
- Support for non-offending family members
- Safety assessment to ensure level of protection for child
- Strong Education/Prevention Component that focuses on the child learning that while the abuse happened, it does not define them or the direction for the rest of their life.
- Immediacy to stabilize crisis situations; counseling sessions typically scheduled within three days,

Case Tracking Program Monitors Safety of Child Victims.

A system for monitoring case progress and tracking case outcomes of cases that come to the CACB. That ensures that no child gets lost in the complex system of investigating allegations of child abuse. Through bi-weekly meetings at the CACB, representatives from the multidisciplinary team review all the cases referred to the CACB in the previous two weeks. The representatives report on the safety status of the victims, services put into place, or what services are still needed.
If child abuse or neglect is reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline and accepted for investigation, the case is automatically eligible for Child Protection Team (CPT) assessment. Reports to the Hotline that must be referred to CPT include:

- Injuries to the head, bruises to the neck or head, burns, or fractures in a child of any age.
- Bruises anywhere on a child five years of age or younger.
- Any report alleging sexual abuse of a child.
- Any sexually transmitted disease in a prepubescent child.
- Reported malnutrition or failure of a child to thrive.
- Reported medical neglect of a child.
- Symptoms of serious emotional problems in a child when emotional or other abuse, abandonment, or neglect is suspected.
- A sibling or other child remaining in a home where one or more children have been pronounced dead on arrival, or have been injured and later died as a result of suspected abuse, abandonment or neglect.

The Child Protection Team of the CACB ...

... is one of 25 statewide medically directed, multidisciplinary programs that supplement investigation activities of local law enforcement and the Department of Children and Families in cases of child abuse and neglect. CPT Brevard provides expertise in evaluating alleged child abuse and neglect, including assessing risk and protective factors, while providing recommendations for interventions to protect children.
April 2014

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Friends of the CACB purchased Pinwheels to display throughout Brevard County and their own individual business organizations to help raise awareness of need for prevention. CACB & CPT staff participated in the Planting of Pinwheels at the Brevard County Court House where Judge Mahl read county Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

ACE FACT

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates the lifetime costs associated w/ Child Maltreatment at $124 Billion
Almost two thirds of Adults Surveyed reported at least one Adverse Childhood Experience and a majority of respondents who reported a least one ACE, reported more than one.

ACE FACT

Thanks to the generosity of the Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation and the Friends Board, the CACB was able to update Audio/Video capabilities for child interviews and monitoring used by onsite partner, the Child Protection Team. The improved quality recording of specially trained CPT Coordinators’ Specialized and Forensic Interviews to memorialize a child’s account of alleged abuse will be helpful to the office of the State Attorney, DCF and Law Enforcement for use if the case goes to court. Special appreciation goes to Foundation Trustee Hugh Normile, and the Friends of the CAC for co-funding this project.

The Office of State Attorney, Mr. Phil Archer, (above left) hosted a Bake Sale to Benefit the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard. The Bake sale was coordinated by Tyler Sirois, Executive Director of the Office of the State Attorney and President of the Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard (above right) and his administrative assistant, Megan Warren. The Bake sale was held on March 11, 2014 at the SAO office and raised over $500.00.

The Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard was presented with a variety of stuffed animals that were collected by the Viera Hawks Service Learning Program students at Viera High School. The students partnered with the Cocoa Village Playhouse to collect 40 stuff animals for donation to the CACB. Pictured on the left; Bryce Clark, Kate Mills, Emily Wallace and Shannon Frane. Student Melanie Lenoir was unavailable for the photo.
Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center Of Brevard

The Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard is a volunteer group of individuals, comprised from the community, who are organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

FRIENDS OF THE CACB OFFICERS

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<td>Tyler Sirois Executive Director</td>
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<td>Don Hemmenway Engineering Manager, Intersil Corporation</td>
<td>Andrew Pickett Attorney Alpizar Law Office</td>
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Friends Mission

To increase awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect and to raise funding for the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard

Director Emeritus
Norman Wolfinger
Former State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit

Advisory
State Attorney Phil Archer, 18th Judicial Circuit
Brevard County Sheriff, Wayne Ivey
Helene Sanford, Director of Human Resources, Intersil Corp.

Vice Presidents of Fund Raising
Delores Spearman
Peta Adovasio
Community Volunteers
The Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard hosted their third annual Roast and Toast to benefit the CACB Programs in October 2013.

Brevard County Sheriff, Wayne Ivey, was the Master of Ceremonies and entertained close to 125 guests as he introduced the toasters and roasters for this year’s honoree, Mr. Jim Barfield—CEO of Luke & Associates.

All had great fun while raising funds and awareness about the CACB.

EVENT SPONSORS
Guy & Delores Spearman
Donald & Cathy Hemmenway
Randall T. Coleman
Ken Whittaker Cooper

Many Thanks to our Friends!

Director Emeritus
Norm Wolfinger

Former State Attorney Norm Wolfinger, worked diligently behind the scenes to help establish the CACB before becoming the Chairman of the Development Council, the volunteer group established after the Advocacy Center was formed in 1996 to assist with fundraising. Since those early days, Mr. Wolfinger has remained a staunch champion for the CACB and today serves as the first Director Emeritus of the Friends. We continue to honor and recognize him.
**Guardian Angel Society**

Guardians Circle
Guy and Delores Spearman
Kenneth and Carole Marshall
Don and Cathy Hemmenway

**Benefactors**
Charles L. Biehl
Timothy Dyson
Jamie F. Johnson
Major John Mellick
Helene Sanford

**Friends**
Troy L. Buis
David M. Finn
Redeemed Ladies Bible Class,
Eau Gallie First Baptist

**Cornerstone Partners**
Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers/
National Children’s Alliance
United Way of Brevard
Office of the Attorney General Florida/
Victims of Crime Act
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Space Coast Health Foundation
Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard
Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation

(Grant funding between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014)

Cornerstone Partners give to the CACB through grants and In-Kind donations of services. Along with fundraising and awareness efforts of the Friends of the Children’s Advocacy Center, our partners provide a diversified and vital base from which the CACB can maintain it programs and services.

**Individual Sponsors**

| Gerald Afflerback |
| Anita Bergeron |
| Constance Cook |
| Melanie Dietz |
| Patricia Edmond |
| Michael Ellis |
| Brenda Evans |
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**Corporate Event Sponsors**

Community Credit Union
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**ACE FACT**

Addiction highly correlates with characteristics intrinsic to that individual's childhood experiences.
Gifts of All Kinds: Time, Talent & Treasure

Roast & Toast 2013

Friends of the CACB; Sheriff Wayne Ivey & David Brock

ACE FACT

Adverse Childhood Experiences are strongly related to the development and prevalence of risk factors for disease and health and social well-being throughout the lifespan.

Bonner L. Johnson, Bonner Electric LLC
Hoover AV Video

CACB Operations Board
Members from left; Rob Vitaliano, Patricia Edmond, Julia Lynch, Dr. Beth Thedy, Cassandra Elkin, Dr. Vi Ngo, and Katie Guemple. Not Pictured; Kim DelGaudio and Catherine Barmore, Ph.D.

Space Coast Health Foundation
Donna Larson, Director of Operations
Johnette Gindling, Executive Director
Dawn Hannon, Chief Financial Officer
Diane Niehaus, Executive Assistant

InKind Donations & Volunteers

Jim Barfield

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CACB Achieves Reaccreditation

Accredited membership in the National Children’s Alliance requires that programs meet specific standards. The CACB has been fully accredited since 1996, the year the NCA standards were established, and has undergone the very rigorous reaccreditation process regularly in accordance with NCA requirements now every five years. In June 2013 we once again began the reaccreditation process inclusive of submission of the application and supporting documents, onsite visit, and interviews of staff, Board Members and Community Partners by the NCA Review Team. CACB achieved reaccreditation status notification in June 2014.

While the accreditation process is voluntary, adherence to these standards helps to ensure effective, efficient and consistent delivery of services by children’s advocacy centers to child abuse victims throughout the country.

The 10 Standards

1. Multidisciplinary Team
2. Cultural Competency & Diversity
3. Forensic Interviews
4. Victim Support & Advocacy
5. Medical Evaluations
6. Mental Health
7. Case Review
8. Case Tracking
9. Child-Focused Setting
10. Organizational capacity
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The CACB financials include pro-rated expenses for salary and benefits for the CACB Director, Accountant and Receptionist. Does not depict collaborative partners’ in-kind contributions or partners’ organizational budgets.

ACE FACT: The estimated average lifetime cost per victim of nonfatal child maltreatment is $210,012
The Development of Nurturing Relationships with our Children Is Key to Preventing ACE’s.