



Valley Children's Advocacy Center is a place of comfort where healing can begin.

We provide **forensic interviews**, **victim advocacy**, **mental health counseling**, to victims of child abuse and their non-offending care givers. We provide **community education and outreach** to help end abuse in our community. All services are provided to victims and their families **FREE of CHARGE** in a warm, welcoming, child-friendly environment.

#### Forensic Interviews

A Forensic Interview is conducted by a trained forensic interviewer. It is non-leading, objective, legally sound, and coordinated to help the child avoid multiple interviews. Multidisciplinary team members that have jurisdiction on a case are present to observe the interview and collaborate afterward to determine the best course of action to take on behalf of each child. The interview is recorded and becomes the property of law enforcement.

#### Victim Advocacy

Advocacy and support are provided to the child and non-offending caregivers. Services include information and referral, crime victim compensation information, court support, and education. Our family advocacy is designed to assist the caregiver in this time of crisis, provide education about child abuse and help the family find any other resources they may need.

#### Mental Health Counseling

We offer therapy to any abused child and non-offending caregiver and/or family members. We have a licensed counselor on staff that is trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). This evidence-based therapy is used for children who may benefit from obtaining additional skills to manage their feelings, thought, and behaviors regarding abuse.

#### Community Education and Outreach

Over 600 cases of child abuse and neglect are reported in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County each year. To help reduce abuse and neglect, Valley Children's Advocacy Center is available to provide training and educational presentations to help our community understand and combat abuse.

## Did you know...

Approximately five children die every day because of child abuse.



3.3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes every year.

Experts estimate that one in ten children are sexually assaulted before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



***The problem of child abuse is real. It is happening in our community.***

Valley Children's Advocacy Center is a nationally accredited organization dedicated to reducing trauma and advancing the recovery of child abuse victims.

***Since opening our doors in 2006, Valley Children's Advocacy Center has served over 3000 children in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County.***



*If a child is brave enough to disclose abuse to you, you can be brave enough to do something about it.*



### Report Child Abuse

24-hour Child Abuse Hotline:  
800-552-7096

Staunton Police: 540-332-3842

Waynesboro Police: 540-942-6676

Augusta County Sheriff:  
540-245-5333

Shenandoah Valley Social Services:

Valley Children's Advocacy Center

1105 Greenville Avenue  
Staunton, VA 24401  
540-213-0592

[www.valleychildrenscenter.org](http://www.valleychildrenscenter.org)  
[www.facebook.com/ValleyCAC](https://www.facebook.com/ValleyCAC)



how you can help

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## VALLEY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that provides services free of charge to all clients. We depend on the public to help cover the gaps in our grant and foundation funding to provide services to our clients.

### You can help!

- Make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of providing services
- Donate office or janitorial supplies to help reduce our operating expenses
- Become a volunteer, board member, or committee member
- Host a fund raiser through your church, school, or organization
- Sponsor a child
- Attend a child-abuse-prevention course

### Stewards of Children Training

This two-hour training teaches adults practical actions to prevent child or intervene if abuse is suspected.

- Increase awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child abuse
- Learn new skills to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to abuse

Call 540-213-0592 to learn more!

Giving Child Abuse Victims

HELP  
CARE  
HOPE



VALLEY CHILDREN'S  
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TURNING HURT INTO HEALING