



Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Fiscal Year 2021

959 cases of reported child abuse were referred to the CAC, a **9.5%** increase from the past year.

59% of the children seen were females; **41%** were males. **35%** were less than **7** years old.

12% of victims identified as military dependents, 59% non-military and **29%** non-specified.

687 individual counseling appointments were provided to **131** child abuse victims at the CAC. **73** new referrals were made to counseling. Other children needing mental health services were referred to counselors within the community.

15 girls and **14** boys participated in year-long group empowerment classes for a total of **161** appointments.

The non-offending caregiver support group was revamped this year and is now offered twice per month.

9 Darkness 2 Light Stewards of Children workshops were held with **154** people attending.

54 team members received professional education trainings offered by the CAC.

5 virtual conferences were provided.

2,000 backpacks filled with body safety books and CAC information were distributed throughout Cumberland County and Fort Bragg during the **19** Days of Prevention in November.

Children participated in pre-recorded virtual story times at **24** centers during November

2020 and heard age-appropriate books that encourage body safety awareness and prevention. **1949** children were reached.

514 forensic interviews were conducted at the center, a **4%** increase from the past fiscal year.

568 families received Victim Family Advocate services, providing direct aid as well as assisting them in accessing needed resources.

21 case review conferences were held with **285** cases involving **393** children reviewed by the full multi-disciplinary team.

826 hours of service were contributed to the CAC by our dedicated volunteers.





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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

While 2021 has held some glimmers of optimism, we know there is a lot of uncertainty ahead as we adjust to these new times. During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the CAC has remained open and our workload has seen double digit increases compared to 2019. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the CAC served 876 children and for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the CAC served 959 children.

Despite the challenges these new times present, the CAC will remain steadfast in our pledge to continue our work to improve the lives of child abuse victims in our community - children who need us in these tough times even more than ever. Thank you for joining hands with us in that vital work. To learn more about how you can become involved or to help, please visit CACFayNC.org.

- **Roberta Humphries, CAC Executive Director**

What did you appreciate the most about your experience at the Center?



“Everything! Great people, resources, and kid-friendly center.”

“People were friendly and didn’t judge me or my child.”

“My son loves coming to the Center. He gets to ‘play’ during his therapy session and he thinks that wonderful. Miss O is amazing with the children. He also loves his special treats at the end of the session.”

“Very nice staff.”

“I really appreciated how the staff looked out for our feelings.”

“Everyone was concerned and made us feel comfortable. Process was less stressful than I expected.”

“Just talking with the advocate.”