Our goals for every child are:

- a safe and nurturing home
- a secure parent-child relationship
- an environment supporting successful growth and development

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2019 IMPACT REPORT

The Child Abuse Council leads community efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening children and families through treatment, education, and prevention.
The Child Abuse Council is the Quad Cities’ only child abuse prevention agency dedicated to keeping children safe and building strong families. We provide effective, comprehensive service by approaching prevention through three distinct models:

1. **Community Prevention**: Wide-spread education and support for building nurturing families.
2. **Focused Prevention**: Targeted engagement and specialized support for families to keep children safe.
3. **Treatment and Prevention**: Professional support and resources to heal from and prevent recurrent abuse and neglect.

**You help fight child abuse every day in the Quad Cities**

Yet we can’t do this without your support!

How to report child abuse:
- Iowa: 1.800.362.2178
- Illinois: 1.800.252.2873
100% of child abuse is PREVENTABLE

Average of 5 children per day die of abuse and/or neglect

Child Maltreatment Report (Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services)

According to the CDC, the most effective ways to prevent abuse and neglect are:

1. Changing social norms to support parents and positive parenting
2. Provide quality care and education early in life
3. Enhance parenting skills to promote healthy child development
4. Strengthen economic supports to families
5. Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risk

3,000 MORE THAN Reports of child abuse and neglect in the Quad Cities region last year

1 IN 10 CHILDREN will be sexually abused before age 18, according to Darkness to Light (2013)
5,500 children and families were kept safe through PREVENTION, EDUCATION & TREATMENT

- 97% of families served feel the Doula program increased their confidence as parents
- 18 AOK community events
- 54 clients provided advocacy through CASA
- 329 forensic interviews and exams
- 98% of children felt safe at the MVCPC
- 2 states served by the Doula program with our expansion into Iowa
- 94 new dads completed Basic Training for New Dads
- 97% of Healthy Families parents feel less isolated
- 100% of partnering agencies would recommend our Safe From the Start program to others
- 2,259 people have become Trauma Informed through classes, presentations and trainings
- 4,991 individuals present for classes, presentations or trainings through community ed
100% of your investment stays in our region helping children and families in your neighborhoods.

39% of our budget is from YOU, other caring individuals, and local grants.

$248,562 EVERY DAY
Cost of child abuse and neglect in the Quad Cities area when factoring in cost of investigations, medical and mental health treatment, foster care, special education, juvenile and adult crime and chronic health problems.
Your investment makes a difference

| $10  | Provides one pre-school student with a 15-week program that introduces the topic of child sexual abuse within a general personal safety curriculum. |
| $35  | Helps a soon-to-be-father learn how to navigate his new role through training and support. |
| $50  | Provides a military parent and their child with an organized playgroup, increasing social supports and providing better connections into our community. |
| $100 | Provides one teacher with training in child abuse prevention and equips them with the resources necessary to swiftly respond to suspected abuse and neglect. |
| $250 | Hosts a parent support group to increase social interaction, participate in a parent-child activity and link to community resources. |
| $500 | Ensures a safe and thorough medical exam for a child involved with abuse. |
| $750 | Delivers 6 months of weekly military support sessions for families, providing social connections and a safe place for support. |
| $1,000 | Provides one year of life changing therapy for an abused child. |

CONTRIBUTE TODAY [www.childabuseqc.org](http://www.childabuseqc.org)
The Child Abuse Council was organized in 1977 through the efforts of citizens and professionals concerned about child abuse and neglect in the Quad Cities. Our philosophy has always been one of community collaboration and responding to community need.

**Programs**

**24/7 Dad:** A 12-week parenting development and support program open to all fathers, taught by nationally certified Quad Cities dads.

**All Our Kids (AOK) Network:** The AOK Network provides structure and support to prioritize partnerships and address barriers to ensure healthy starts for children in our community. We work to ensure services for children ages 0 to 5 are collaborative, comprehensive and reflect our community need.

**Basic Training for New Dads:** For more than 15 years, this program has been taught by dads, for dads. It’s led by volunteers and is the only program of its kind specifically for fathers preparing for the birth of a child.

**Child Protection Center:** This welcoming home environment in Muscatine provides children a place to tell their story after abuse or neglect. Working with law enforcement, Department of Human Services, mental health providers and health care professionals, children receive forensic interviews, medical exams and coordinated team investigations and are treated with dignity and respect during the investigative process.

**Community Education and Training:** Delivering high-quality community education and training to professionals and parents, this program puts the adults in our community right where they should be: at the front of prevention and the responsibility of keeping kids safe.

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA):** A CASA is an everyday citizen, specially trained to advocate in juvenile court for the best interests and safety of children ages 17 and younger, involved in criminal proceedings as the victims of abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers gather information, identify resources and work in partnership with all parties in the case to ensure the child’s needs are met.

**Doula Program:** A Doula assists a mother before, during and after childbirth, and supports the family by providing assistance and education. This program ensures a baby has the best possible start in life!

**Families First:** We support our community’s military families by decreasing isolation and increasing socialization. From activities centered on the father/child relationship to weekly playgroups and regular parenting classes, we partner with the U.S. Army to support our service men and women and their families.

**Healthy Families Home Visitation:** Provides new parents with accredited home visitation services to build confidence, goal setting and attaining, and creating a safe and nurturing environment for young children.

**Safe From the Start:** This comprehensive program provides therapy and case management to help children heal from trauma exposure and prevent future trauma from occurring by using play therapy services specifically for children ages 0 to 5. By supporting a child and family early, we are able to prevent future potential obstacles such as truancy, juvenile delinquency, and physical and mental health challenges.

**Talking about Touching:** A program paired with local preschools to provide children, teachers and parents with information they need to stay safe and prevent child sex abuse.

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10 ways you can make a difference for kids

1. **Donate**
   - Mail a check to 524 15th St., Moline, IL 61265
   - Contribute online at www.childabuseqc.org/Donate

2. **Set up a recurring donation**
   Consistent gifts add up, and help to provide stability to the organization. Go to www.childabuseqc.org/donate to establish a monthly contribution.

3. **Have a Facebook fundraiser**
   Create a fundraiser on Facebook for your birthday, wedding or any occasion to support the goal of ending child abuse. This also lets your friends know about us. Learn more at www.facebook.com/fundraisers.

4. **Shop online with Amazon Smile**
   When you shop at smile.amazon.com and choose the Child Abuse Council as your charitable organization, we receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

5. **Leave a legacy with a charitable bequeathment**
   Exercise your ability to guide the final distribution of your estate and designate a portion of your assets be used for the benefit and support of child abuse prevention.

6. **Celebrate a holiday, anniversary or any special occasion**
   with a charitable contribution, or remember a loved one with a gift on their behalf.

7. **Sponsor events and initiatives at the Child Abuse Council**
   Business or community members can make an investment in the work we do to end child abuse. Recognition and/or marketing opportunities available for your partnership!

8. **Make a gift of stock or securities**
   You can donate appreciated stock and generally receive tax benefits for doing so.

9. **Donate supplies to our participants.**
   New or gently used clothing, baby items (including diapers, pull ups, and new car seats) and cleaning supplies can be incredibly helpful to those we serve.

10. **Make time to talk to your friends and family about us.**
    While seemingly simple, the value of what we do is best relayed by our friends.

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