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**ABOUT US**

The Child Abuse Council is a bi-state, regional, non-profit agency with over 38 years' experience providing child abuse prevention, education and treatment programs for children and families in the bi-state metropolitan area and surrounding communities.

Our goals for every child are:
- a safe and nurturing home
- a secure parent-child relationship
- an environment supporting successful growth and development

The Child Abuse Council is the Quad Cities' only child abuse prevention agency and we are dedicated to keeping children safe and building strong families. We provide effective, holistic services by approaching child abuse prevention utilizing a public health model through three distinct paradigms:

Universal Prevention, through which the entire community is provided with education and support necessary for building nurturing families;

Secondary Prevention, through which families are engaged with targeted, specialized support to keep children safe;

Tertiary Prevention, through which children and families are provided with resources essential to healing from trauma, while teaming with skilled professionals to prevent recurrent abuse and neglect.
PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

a public health problem

PREVALENCE

Every year in Scott and Rock Island counties, the number of founded abused and neglected kids could fill 20 school buses (IA DHS and IL DCFS)

50% of abuse and neglect happens before a child is 5 years old (CDC, 2014)

1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually abused before they are 18 (Finkelhor, 2009)

Every 10 seconds in the U.S., a child abuse report is made and more than 4 children die every day because of child abuse (USDHS, 2011 & Childhelp, 2013)

Research proves that abuse, neglect, and exposure to traumas during childhood often follow us for the rest of our lives. What we have learned is that children who face traumas are much more likely to develop social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. Adults who have experienced childhood trauma are more likely to develop difficulties with substance abuse, mental health, divorce, professional success, parenting, domestic violence, and incarceration. Childhood trauma survivors also develop serious health issues such as: heart disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, mental illness, and cancer. (Felitti, V. J., & Anda, R. F. 1997)

IMPACT

Early trauma changes the way a child’s brain develops and has been connected to health problems later in life. Childhood adversity determines the likelihood of the 10 leading causes of death in America (Felitti, V. 2013)

COST

The cost of child abuse and neglect is great. When factoring in the cost of investigations, foster care, medical and mental health treatment, special education, juvenile and adult crime, and chronic health problems, the cost to the Quad Cities is

$259,502 EVERY DAY

(Prevent Child Abuse America)

Your investment will change the life of a child

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**PREVENTION**

- 88 fathers in Boot Camp for New Dads
- 1,613 children and 176 adults received sex abuse prevention programming
- 36 healthy child births with 33 moms initiating breastfeeding
- 2,765 home visits with families
- 47 playgroups & 12 fatherhood nights for military families

**EDUCATION**

- 145% increase in personal safety knowledge of preschool children
- 88 sessions with 1,008 adults on keeping children safe
- 58 parent support classes
- 21 fathers graduate 24/7 Dad

**TREATMENT**

- 90 children from 65 families received therapy
- 62 medical exams
- 181 forensic interviews
- 823 hours of therapy
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**REVENUE**
Total revenue in FY15 was $1,282,612. The majority of our revenue was from state contracts at 33%. 17% of our funding came from individual donors, businesses and family foundations investing in our community.

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**FUNDRAISING**
The Child Abuse Council was honored to receive over $243,000 from local community members and foundations. It is these funds that allow us to ensure we are able to respond to community need with quality programs and services.

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**EXPENSES**
The majority of our costs are salaries and benefits as our people are what make our work possible! Our 19 staff members are some of the best in the industry and work tirelessly to prevent child abuse and neglect in our communities.