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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2017 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.
childhood trauma changes the way a child learns, grows and plays.

The Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) study by Dr. Rob Anda and Dr. Vincent Feliti shows the impact of early childhood violence and trauma. This early exposure negatively influences development, behavior, emotional status, and physical health which, in turn, can lead to increased risk for:

- Depression and Anxiety
- School Absence, Suspension, and Dropouts
- Domestic Violence
- Running Away
- Smoking
- Abusing Drugs and Alcohol
- Incarceration
- Cancer
- Liver Disease
- COPD
- Heart Disease
- Early Death

Over 90% of abuse happens at the hands of someone the child knows, loves and trusts

(Darkness to Light, 2017)

Preventing childhood trauma is the single biggest return on investment and the most effective way to improve life outcomes and strengthen communities.

When factoring in the cost of investigations, foster care, medical and mental health treatment, special education, juvenile and adult crime, and chronic health problems, child abuse and neglect costs the Quad Cities $259,502 EVERY DAY

1 IN 5 GIRLS AND 1 IN 10 BOYS will be the victim or attempted victim of sexual assault before they are 18 years old. (Finkelhor, 2009)
Our community will **THRIVE** when every child has a family that makes them feel secure and safe.

Every year in the Quad Cities the number of children found abused and neglected could fill 20 school buses

Every 6 hours a child in the US is a victim of Shaken Baby Syndrome (National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome, 2016)

50% of child abuse victims are aged 5 years or younger (CDC, 2014)

In the US a report of child abuse is made every ten seconds and five children die every day from abuse and neglect. (Childhelp, 2013)

You can help him grow to discover his full potential by creating a strong community with healthy relationships & supported families.
It takes a community to care for our children.

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1,733 home visits
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1,481 services for military families
100% of families assigned a medical home

5,500 children and families were kept safe through PREVENTION, EDUCATION & TREATMENT

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Mission • Board of Directors • Team • Collaborations
The Child Abuse Council is the Quad Cities’ only child abuse prevention agency dedicated to keeping children safe and building strong families.

We focus our efforts on effective, holistic services by approaching child abuse prevention utilizing a public health model through three distinct paradigms:

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**: Children and families receive therapy and support essential to heal after violence or trauma while teaming with skilled professionals to prevent recurrent abuse and neglect.

100% of your investment stays in our region helping children and families in your **neighborhoods**

44% of our budget is from **YOU**, other caring individuals, and local grants

Generous grant support provided by:
- CD Wiman Trust
- Cedar County Decategorization Board
- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine
- Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
- Community Foundation of the Great River Bend Teens for Tomorrow
- Doris & Victor Day Foundation
- Friendly Thrift Center
- Hubbell-Waterman Foundation
- Junior Board of Rock Island
- Muscatine Charities, Inc
- Rauch Family Foundation
- Regional Development Authority
- Rock Island Gaming Funds
- Scott County Decategorization Board
- Scott County Regional Authority
- St Vincent Home Corporation
- The Amy Helpenstell Foundation Fund
- The Bechtel Charitable Trusts
- Theisens-More For Your Community Grant Program
- Unity Point Trinity
**INVESTING IN THE****innocence of childhood**

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<td>Provides a pre-school student with a 12-week session on personal safety to prevent child sex abuse and other tragic events like accidental shootings.</td>
<td>Provides a community with a 2-hour training session about building healthy relationships for safe and prosperous neighborhoods.</td>
<td>Provides a military parent and their child with an organized playgroup, increasing social supports, and providing an opportunity for them to better acclimate into our community.</td>
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<td>Provides one teacher with training in child abuse prevention and equips them with the resources necessary to swiftly respond to suspected abuse and neglect.</td>
<td>Provides a parent one on one support after their child has experienced abuse to ensure they know how to support their child, take care of themselves, and navigate resources to get the services necessary.</td>
<td>Provides a 6 session parenting class to teach about child development and family resiliency ensuring children have the safe homes they deserve.</td>
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<td>Provides 70 military fathers and their children a special night out in the community to strengthen the child-father bond.</td>
<td>Provides a child with a safe environment and a forensic interview or medical exam from an expert trained in reducing the trauma experienced by victims.</td>
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<td>Provides one year of life changing therapy for an abused child.</td>
<td>Provides a family with one year of home visits teaching positive parenting techniques, goal-setting, and coordinated case management as well as support in achieving their educational, employment, and housing goals.</td>
<td>Provides an at-risk mother with prenatal and postnatal care, birth support, and vital resources to give their baby the best possible start in life.</td>
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**PROGRAMS**

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.

**Basic Training for New Dads:** A program taught by dads for dads. This program started over 15 years ago, is led by volunteer fathers and is the only one of its kind made specifically for fathers as they prepare for the birth of a child.

**Families First:** Designed to support military families in our community to decrease isolation and increase socialization. From activities centered on the father/child relationship to weekly playgroups and regular parenting classes, we partner with the US Army to support our service men and women and their families.

**Talking About Touching:** A program partnering with local preschool programs providing children, teachers, and parents with information they need to stay safe and prevent child sex abuse.

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

**Healthy Families Home Visitation:** Provides new parents with accredited home visitation services to build parents’ skills, reach their goals, and create a safe and nurturing environment for young children.

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

**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. Keeping children safe should never be the responsibility of a child; adults are responsible for keeping kids safe!

**Safe from the Start:** The program offers play therapy services specifically for children ages 0-5. This comprehensive therapeutic program provides therapy and case management to help children heal from trauma exposure and prevent future trauma from occurring. By supporting a child and their family early, we are able to prevent future problems with things like truancy, juvenile delinquency, physical and mental health challenges.

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

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

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A predator commits an average of **120 separate sexual acts** before being caught.  
(Jensen and Jensen, 2009)
WE ARE PROUD TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BEST MINDS IN HUMAN SERVICES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE