

Every Child Deserves Safety



It only takes one caring adult to change a child's life. Tragically, one in nine children will experience abuse before their 18th birthday. You can help children feel safe and brave by recognizing the signs - and by being their one person.

2025 Annual Report



EVERY CHILD'S JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT, BUT NO CHILD WALKS IT ALONE.

IN 2025, WE WITNESSED OUR IMPACT GROW.

- ◆ **1,165 Child victims & families of abuse** were given a chance at healing through direct services; 473 of these children were new to receiving support.
- ◆ **1,478 Children** learned how to protect themselves against abuse.
- ◆ Awareness is key to stopping child abuse, our child abuse awareness events engaged **3,354 individuals**.
- ◆ Over **3,500 community members** worked together to uplift children of abuse.
- ◆ Child re-traumatization was decreased through a development of a new program: ***Minimizing Trauma through Minimal Facts***.

CHILDREN FOUND HOPE & HEALING IN MANY WAYS

Trauma affects every part of a child's development - healing should too. We believe healing services after abuse should address the whole child.

422 Children bravely told their story in a Forensic Interview.

731 Sessions of hope for children on through Mental Health Services.

44 Children found healing through Forensic Medical Exams.

370 Non-offending caregivers received advocacy and support.

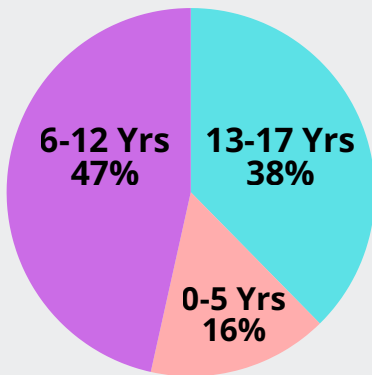


HIGHLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

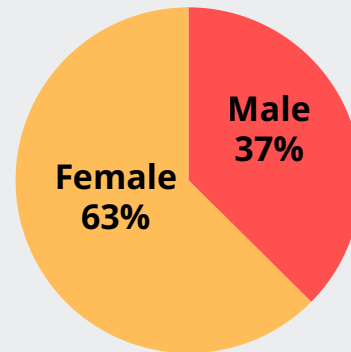
Many community systems are structured around the assumption that adults responsible for children are both willing and able to protect them. However, this assumption can inadvertently increase children's vulnerability, as research consistently shows that children are most often harmed by individuals within their circle of trust.

2025 BRACAC NEW CHILD VICTIMS

By Age



By Sex



91% of the new children served in 2025 represented a vulnerable population and needed specialized care.

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Homelessness
- Cognitive/Physical/Mental Disabilities
- Limited English Proficiency
- Persons in Rural Communities
- Victims of Child Trafficking
- Children in CHFS Custody



EDUCATING TO PREVENT ABUSE

According to Child Molestation Research and Prevention Institute, **95% of child abuse is PREVENTABLE through Education!**

Intentional prevention education is a priority for children; our **new Full-Time Education Coordinator** makes sure they get the tools they need to protect themselves.

ROAR! TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES

As the high-risk population for child abuse, the **ROAR** training equips children with skills to understand boundaries and speak up in unsafe situations. This program features Rex, a lion cub who lost his roar after something terrible happened to him. Through the program, children learn that their body belongs to them and how to use their voice to protect themselves.

15 schools taught protection.



1,474 CHILDREN LEARNED HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST ABUSE!

72 % Children gained knowledge regarding touches to private areas of the body.

63 % Children gained knowledge about consent.

69 % Children gained knowledge about keeping secrets.

77 % Children gained knowledge about identifying safe adults.

EMPOWERING ADULTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Minimizing Trauma through Minimal Facts training educates adults on the best way to react and report when a child discloses abuse. Over 94 Law Enforcement Officers took the steps to improve child safety by completing the training.

In the state of Kentucky, child abuse response transitions through a minimum of four people from disclosure to a report. For a child who demonstrates the courage to share their abuse with an adult, this repetition is retraumatizing.

166 adults learned what to do when a child discloses.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

When child abuse is disclosed, multiple agencies respond. An uncoordinated response increases the risk of PTSD and re-traumatization. Our partners work together through a child-centered approach to pursue justice and offer hope and healing at one central location - the Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center.



24+ Law Enforcement Agency Partners
213+ Multidisciplinary Team Partners

30+ Prevention Education Partners
50+ Awareness Event Partnerships

18 Board Members
15+ Funding Partners

ACTION THROUGH FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS

Child abuse is an issue that is often covered up or overlooked. Child abuse prevention & awareness is key to understanding the issue and inspiring action from the community.



Over the Edge

Individuals went Over the Edge, modeling the bravery every child displays when they disclose their abuse. With the \$159,349 raised and awareness created, hundreds of children found hope and healing.



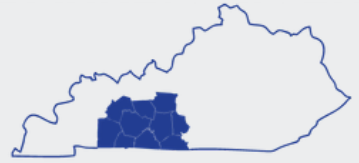
Great Teddy Bear Run

During April's Child Abuse Prevention Month, more than 572 motorcyclists came together for the 25th Annual Great Teddy Bear Run. Hundreds of teddy bears were collected and donated to children receiving services.

- \$69,618.36 raised for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
- 590 stuffed animals collected

ACROSS THE BARREN RIVER AREA

Too many children across the 10-county Barren River Area are victims of abuse, trafficking, or domestic violence, but they are not alone. All services we provide are available within an hour's drive of every child in the region, and our multidisciplinary teams (MDT) work hard to ensure they are served.



When we see a child walk through the doors of BRACAC, we are relieved that the child is beginning their journey towards healing and justice; we just wish they didn't need it. Nothing would make our staff and partners happier than to no longer be needed. The data in this report represents the children we see everyday, but it does not include children who never get the help they need. The Office of Justice Programs estimates that 42% of children who were sexually abused do not disclose during childhood.

ALLEN COUNTY

2 Prevention Education Trainings

68
Child Victims

26
Forensic
Interviews

3
Medical
Exams

400
MDT Cases
Reviewed

106
Therapy
Sessions

BARREN COUNTY

2 Prevention Education Trainings

135
Child Victims

76
Forensic
Interviews

9
Medical
Exams

725
MDT Cases
Reviewed

80
Therapy
Sessions

BUTLER COUNTY

1 Prevention Education Training

32
Child Victims

18
Forensic
Interviews

4
Medical
Exams

238
MDT Cases
Reviewed

31
Therapy
Sessions

EDMONSON COUNTY

4 Prevention Education Trainings

23
Child Victims

12
Forensic
Interviews

2
Medical
Exams

142
MDT Cases
Reviewed

15
Therapy
Sessions



HART COUNTY

41
Child Victims

16
Forensic
Interviews

4
Medical
Exams

210
MDT Cases
Reviewed

13
Therapy
Sessions

1 Prevention Education Trainings

LOGAN COUNTY

50
Child Victims

28
Forensic
Interviews

2
Medical
Exams

358
MDT Cases
Reviewed

7
Therapy
Sessions

0 Prevention Education Trainings

METCALFE COUNTY

29
Child Victims

22
Forensic
Interviews

3
Medical
Exams

196
MDT Cases
Reviewed

0
Therapy
Sessions

0 Prevention Education Trainings

MONROE COUNTY

21
Child Victims

17
Forensic
Interviews

1
Medical
Exams

67
MDT Cases
Reviewed

2
Therapy
Sessions

0 Prevention Education Trainings

SIMPSON COUNTY

42
Child Victims

15
Forensic
Interviews

2
Medical
Exams

325
MDT Cases
Reviewed

37
Therapy
Sessions

4 Prevention Education Trainings

WARREN COUNTY

323
Child Victims

163
Forensic
Interviews

13
Medical
Exams

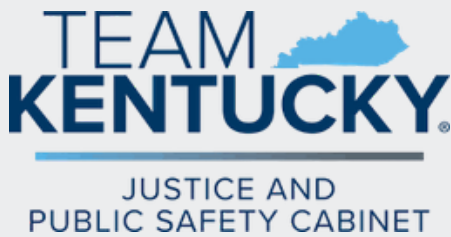
1648
MDT Cases
Reviewed

345
Therapy
Sessions

8 Prevention Education Trainings



GRANT FUNDERS WHO INVEST IN HOPE AND HEALING

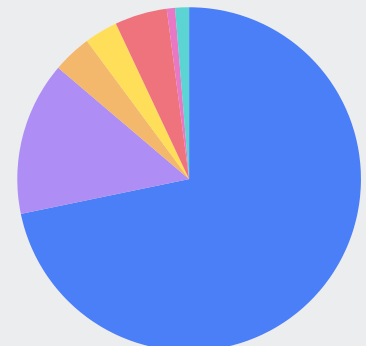


INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S SAFETY & HEALING

Our community partners allow each child to receive the support they need, both before and after abuse. Through our major grant funders, our special events, fiscal court partners, and all donations we provided support for hundreds of children in 2025. Thank you to all who gave monetary and non-monetary support in 2025!

FUNDING SOURCES

- GRANTS
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- MEDICAL SERVICES
- FISCAL COURTS
- INKIND DONATIONS
- DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT
- INTEREST INCOME



MAJOR GRANTORS

 <p>\$175,460.63 Granted</p>	 <p>\$741,180.53 Granted</p>
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READY TO EMPOWER A CHILD?

No matter where you are in life, you can help children in our community heal and pursue justice. Share your time, skills, or resources - every action counts!



Donate Online or In-Person

Direct support children's services and programs.



Organize a Donation Drive

Bring your workplace, school, or group together to help.



Volunteer Your Time and Talents

Make a hands-on impact in children's lives.



Host a Training & Spread Awareness

Learn the warning signs and help others recognize them.



Explore Other Ways to Help

Every action counts - share your ideas with us!

Your donation is more than a gift- it's ensures a safe community for our children. Thank you for helping us make a difference, one child at a time!

Thank You!

We would love to connect with old and new partners fighting against child abuse.
Connect with us!



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