

Ionia-Montcalm Secure and Friendly Child Advocacy Center

**2017
Annual
Report**



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Director's Note

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

2017 was a year full of exciting progress for the Ionia-Montcalm Secure and Friendly Environment Child Advocacy Center (IM SAFE CAC). In October of 2016, we became a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA). This was an instrumental step in our growth. Having operated on a volunteer basis with community partners for over two years, we needed to transition to having our own full-time staff in order to best serve the needs of the children in Ionia and Montcalm Counties. Being accredited through the NCA allowed for the IM SAFE CAC to obtain funding through the Office of Victims of Crime's VOCA Grant in October of last year, directly enabling us to hire staff. *See page 6*

Our site has also seen the benefit of the hard work and generosity of so many members of our communities. We began planning for the remodeling of our Interview Room as well as the addition of a Family Room to be completed in 2018. Children and families are now able to enjoy a wide variety of activities while in our waiting area, which will also see many changes in 2018 thanks to the VOCA grant funds.

We at the IM SAFE CAC are so grateful for our communities and all of the support received through events, fundraising, awareness, and volunteering. We certainly could not have gotten to where we are now, and be able to serve the number of children we do without your support. In 2017, nearly \$23,000 of contributions were received from our community members. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children of Ionia and Montcalm counties.



Sincerely,

Lori Kirkhoff,
Executive Director/Intake Coordinator

What is a CAC?



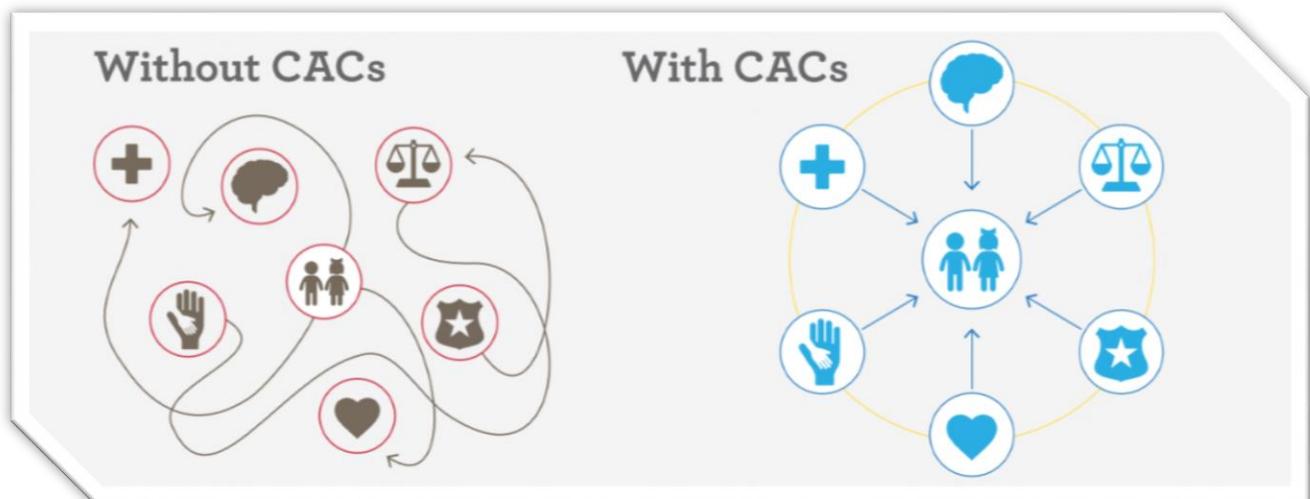
To understand what a Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) is, you must understand what children face without one. Without a CAC, the child may end up having to tell the worst story of his or her life over and over again, to doctors, cops, lawyers, therapists, investigators, judges, and others. They may not get the help they need to heal once the investigation is over, either.

When police or child protective services believe a child is being abused, the child is brought to the CAC—a safe, child-focused environment—by a caregiver or other “safe” adult. At the CAC, the child tells their story once to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask. Then, a team that includes medical professionals, law enforcement, mental health, prosecution, child protective services, victim advocacy, and other professionals make decisions together about how to help the child based on the interview. CACs offer therapy and medical exams, plus courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and other services.

The Difference We Make

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ionia Montcalm Secure and Friendly Environment Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is to protect children by providing multi-disciplinary investigation, assessment, and treatment of child abuse in an environment that is child-sensitive, supportive, and safe.



Strategic Goals to 2020

Our Strategic Goals

NOTE: Numbering is for convenience of discussion and does not indicate an order of priority.

1 Expanding Services

Hiring two mental health professionals certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for counseling and group sessions

2 Increasing Efficiency

Bringing all the multi-disciplinary team on-site to the CAC will greatly increase the efficiency of child abuse investigations.

3 Developing Programs

Collaborating with other local partners on the development of education programs pertaining to child abuse prevention recognition

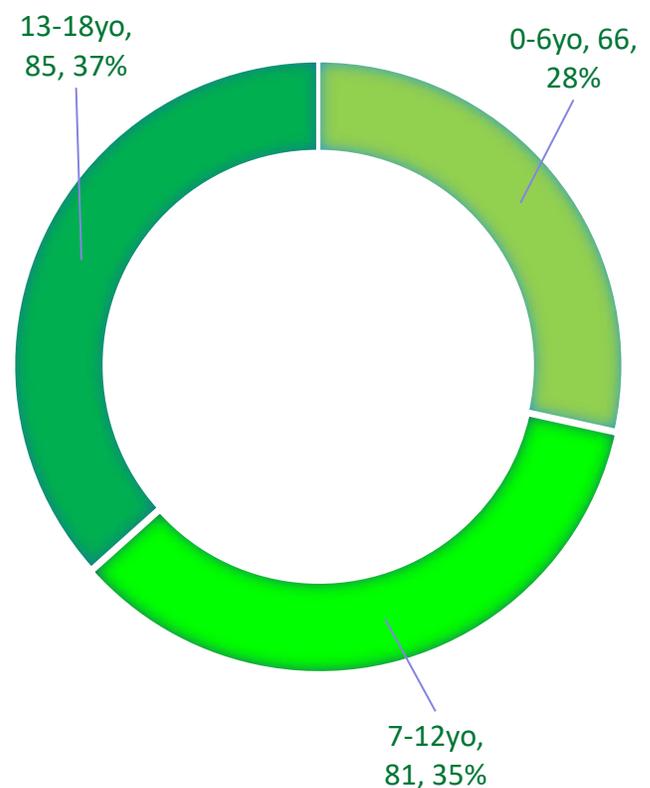
4 Sustainability

Continue to develop relationships and acquire funding to provide for the sustainability of the IM SAFE CAC.

Facts and Figures

We served...

- **233** children and their families
 - Type of Abuse
 - **229** with Sexual Abuse allegations
 - **4** with Physical Abuse allegations
 - Race
 - **98.4%** of children were White.
 - **1.2%** of children were Black.
 - **.4%** of children were Hispanic.



We Connected...

- **176** children and their families with Mental Health Services.
- **72** children with forensic medical exams.

Offender Statistics

- **24%** of cases involved a parent or step-parent as the suspect.
- **24%** of cases involved a relative other than a parent or step-parent as the suspect.
- **40%** of cases involved a parent's boyfriend or girlfriend.
- **9%** of cases involved another known person.

All figures rounded, remaining portion of offenders is unknown)

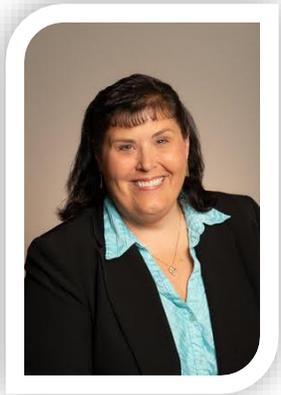
Financials

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

IONIA MONTCALM SECURE & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,967	\$ 28,461
Prepaid expenses	4,604	3,367
Office equipment	28,872	28,872
Accumulated depreciation	(11,653)	(5,759)
Total Assets	<u>\$ 38,790</u>	<u>\$ 54,941</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Payroll liabilities	\$ 3,643	\$ -
Unrestricted net assets	35,147	54,941
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 38,790</u>	<u>\$ 54,941</u>
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Public Support		
Contributions	\$ 11,516	\$ 14,637
Grant income	1,935	22,602
100 Women of Montcalm County Event	-	12,600
Candle project, net of \$9,000 of expenses in 2016	11,289	-
Golf events	650	925
Silent auction event	-	3,180
Total Public Support	25,390	53,944
Expenses		
Program services:		
Child advocacy center	29,969	3,410
Supporting services:		
Management and general	15,215	6,794
Fundraising	-	450
Total Expenses	45,184	10,654
Change in Net Assets	(19,794)	43,290
Net Assets - beginning of year	54,941	11,651
Net Assets - end of year	<u>\$ 35,147</u>	<u>\$ 54,941</u>

Staff



The founding director of the IM SAFE CAC, Lori Kirkhoff took the position of Director/Intake Coordinator in October of 2017 as a way to meet her passion to help improve the lives of children. She was previously the Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Ionia County for fourteen years. Lori holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University and Juris Doctor Degree from Michigan State University College of Law. She is the proud mother of three children.

Carrie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management and a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling, both from Siena Heights University. She is a Limited Licensed Professional Counselor who has received additional training in group therapy, CBT, and other holistic therapeutic treatments. Carrie loves working with people. Carrie enjoys traveling, creating art, and spending time with her husband, friends, and family. Carrie is the proud mother of three beautiful children.



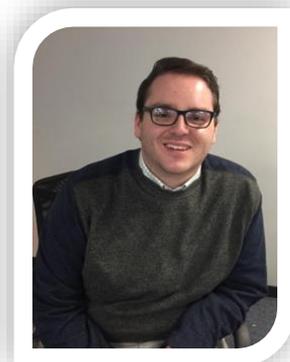
Victim Advocate



Intake Coordinator

Katie Krueger is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Family Studies. Katie developed a passion for working with children when she interned with Midland County's Safe and Sound Child Advocacy Center. She saw the important work that was done by Child Advocacy Centers and knew this is where she needed to be.

John Lambright holds a Bachelor's Degree from CMU in Community Development with an emphasis in Community Services. He comes to the IM SAFE CAC with a commitment and experience in advocating for children in court proceedings with child victims who have experienced abuse and neglect. John and his wife have four little ones, whom they enjoy doing just about anything together - whether it be cooking dinner, riding their horse, or traveling to a new adventure.



Forensic Interviewer

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Andrea Krause, President - Montcalm County Prosecutor

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Jim Loser, Secretary - Ionia County ISD Assistant Superintendent Special Education



IM SAFE CAC 2017 Board of Directors with the plaque commemorating our National Children's Alliance accreditation.

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The services we provide are made possible by the following grants:

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