

## THROUGH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS WE CAN REDUCE, PREVENT, AND STOP:

*Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Much More!*

With funds raised for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), hope and healing are provided for many children in Putnam County who have been traumatized by abuse, often at the hands of someone they know and trust.

The various programs offered by the CAC work to educate and support children and families of our community, thus working to eradicate child abuse and exploitation. The programs support children and families in situations where abuse has occurred, by providing medical exams, forensic interviews, therapy services, and family advocacy.

*Your support makes a world of difference in the life of a local child.*



## YOUR DONATION COULD:

- ✎ Provide a snack, stuffed animal or comfort item for the child victim and a hot cup of coffee to their non-offending caretaker.
- ✎ Provide transportation for getting families to medical appointments, court appearances, meetings and therapy.
- ✎ Support the cost of educational programs to train community professionals to recognize the signs and respond appropriately to a disclosure of abuse.
- ✎ Support the cost of a Victim Advocate spending hours, days, weeks and months supporting a child who is preparing to testify against his or her abuser in court.
- ✎ Support the cost for professional training to ensure that team members working with the child are experts in their fields.
- ✎ Support child abuse prevention programs for the community - the best hope for stopping child abuse before it occurs.
- ✎ Provide care packages (toiletries, clothing, books and comfort items) for children being placed in emergency foster care.

**All services are provided at no cost!**

## TO DONATE:

Visit: [www.friendsofputnamcac.org](http://www.friendsofputnamcac.org)

Or mail a check to:

**Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc.**

**PO Box 171, Patterson, NY 12563**

## FRIENDS OF PUTNAM



**AN INDEPENDENT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**RAISING AWARENESS & SUPPORT FOR  
THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF PUTNAM COUNTY**

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## ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF PUTNAM CAC, INC.

### *Mission*

The Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc. is an independent non-profit who's mission is to support and promote The Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County by providing support for their initiatives.

### *Vision*

Our Vision is to increase community awareness of the Putnam CAC and to provide additional resources needed to support services for victims, children, and their families.

### *Goals*

To aid The Putnam CAC in their community training, education, outreach efforts, and more by:

👉 **Providing Financial Support for Special Programs & Materials Through Fundraising Efforts**

👉 **Organizing & Supporting Community Events Such as:**

- ✳ **The Annual Champions for Children Breakfast**
- ✳ **The Children's Expo & Public Safety Day**
- ✳ **April Pinwheels for Prevention Gardens**

## WHAT IS THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

### *The Mission of the CAC Facility is:*

To provide a child friendly setting where a coordinated response to child abuse allegations may be pursued in ways that support and protect children and their families.

### *The Core Value is:*

To reduce the trauma for a victim by using a multidisciplinary approach, all in one location.



To understand what a Children's Advocacy Center is, you must understand what children face without one.

At the CAC, the child tells their story *once* to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask in a way that doesn't re-traumatize the child. The CAC offers therapy and medical exams, plus courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and other services.

## CAC PROGRAMS INCLUDE:



1. **A Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)**  
A team of professionals specializing in the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse.
2. **Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT)**  
Reviews child fatalities to better understand how and why children die with the goal of preventing future deaths.
3. **Safe Harbour**  
Identifies and meets the needs of youth who have been trafficked, sexually exploited, or are at risk of victimization.
4. **Prevention & Education**  
Coordinates a community wide effort to raise awareness of child abuse and to teach adults and children what they can do.
5. **Suicide Prevention**  
Partnering with the community to implement suicide prevention, intervention, education, and postvention.