

Child abuse—sexual and physical—happens every day

- Every 6 minutes a child is sexually abused in the United States. That's 240 children, every day.
- Nearly 5 children in this country die every day as a result of child abuse or neglect.
- 1 out of every 4 girls and 1 out of every 6 boys is sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
- Ninety percent of the time, children are sexually abused by someone they know, love, and trust.
- Only 1 out of every 10 child sexual abuse victims comes forward. We are doing something about that.
- The Granite State Children's Alliance helps more than 2,000 children every year, right here in our New Hampshire communities. There are many more who need our support.

What happens next?

Child abuse can lead to a lifetime of pain. Victims can suffer from depression and addiction, they can have trouble forming healthy relationships, and, worst of all, they can become abusers themselves.

Abuse can be stopped and the healing can begin in a way that's good for the child, the family, and the community. That's what The Granite State Children's Alliance is all about.



A new, sensible system

Under the old system, child victims described their abuse to many people, and at each step in that process were forced to relive their trauma. Now victims speak with one forensic interviewer at our Child Advocacy Centers, a person specifically trained to interview children.

Under the old system, victims and their families navigated the system on their own. Between medical professionals, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and counselors it was easy for them to fall through the cracks. At our Child Advocacy Centers, we help victims through the entire process, from investigation to trial and beyond.

A healing approach with many benefits

Child Advocacy Centers work, and not just for children and their families. National studies estimate communities without Child Advocacy Centers spend one third more in public money to perform the same essential services. Our approach also improves prosecution rates because children's testimonies are consistent and clear. Most important, our crisis intervention and counseling protects other children in the household, helps to stabilize the family and goes a long way to interrupt the cycle of abuse.

The strength of a team focused solely on kids

The professionals assigned to a Child Advocacy Center team—from government agencies to other non-profits—all specialize in child abuse. Many have made a life's work of helping children, and their commitment shows.

Our team keeps communication flowing, helps kids more quickly, and is always exploring new ideas and best practices. We don't care about turf. We care about kids.

Our partners include:

- New Hampshire Division of Children Youth and Families
- Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- New Hampshire State Police
- New Hampshire Attorney General's Office
- New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- County Attorney's Offices
- Mental Health Providers
- Medical Providers

When child abuse happens it doesn't have to define the child. With our team's help they can recover.

A safe welcoming place

Child Advocacy Centers are warm, child-friendly places. Our waiting rooms are filled with toys, and our interview rooms are quiet and comfortable. Children tell their stories to a single trusted interviewer while other professionals observe on a closed circuit television system.

By sharing their burden the child begins their healing. We've even had kids ask, "Can I come back?"

Where the healing begins

Heal. Survive. Thrive.

A child friendly way to help children

Child Advocacy Centers make “the system” work better for children. By bringing together all the professionals who specialize in child abuse cases, and by creating a safe, welcoming place for children, we avoid traumatizing children who are already suffering from pain, fear and confusion.

And it works

Our services are cost-effective, they improve the prosecution of cases, and they put children on the path to healing. Plus, we’re breaking the cycle of child abuse, one family at a time.

Something is wrong

Abuse is not the child’s fault, and what helps them recover is being believed and supported.

Your kind heart

Your extra energy and your financial support will stay with our children forever.

There are many ways to give – from volunteering your time, to enjoying one of our many fundraising events throughout the year. With your help, we help.

There are a lot of reasons for a child not to tell

A child who admits to abuse is performing an act of bravery. There’s help for this child, but only if you’re just as brave and report it too. Your report can be anonymous. Tell what you know, and request that the child be helped at a Child Advocacy Center. Then you can know that you made a difference.

Programs of the Granite State Children’s Alliance

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The Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center
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603-524-5494

960 Auburn Street
Manchester, NH 03103
603-623-2300

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