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Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center Earns National Re-Accreditation

FLORENCE, Ky. - The Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center (NKYCAC) has been awarded re-accreditation by National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process.

As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the country, National Children's Alliance awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective, efficient, and put the needs of the child first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision.

"As an organization, with the support of our community partners, we are dedicated to responding to child abuse," said Vickie Henderson, Executive Director of the NKYCAC.

"We recognize the importance of maintaining accredited status from National Children's Alliance. Re-accreditation not only validates our organization's dedication to proven effective approaches of child abuse intervention and prevention, but also contributes to consistency across the child advocacy center movement as a whole."

Accredited CACs must undergo a re-accreditation process every five years to ensure that best practices are continually being applied. With accreditation standards being updated in 2010, re-accreditation this year reflects NKYCAC's commitment to providing evidence-based methods.

NKYCAC provides services to children that have been sexually abused, physical abused, witnessed violent crimes and their non-offending caregivers, siblings and family members throughout the eight counties of Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton Counties.

The NKYCAC has served over 7500 children since 1988. In 2014, NKYCAC provided services to over 750 children and their non-offending caregivers.

Accreditation confirmed NKYCAC's ability to use the multi-disciplinary approach to benefit children, including effective forensic interviews, victim support and advocacy, medical evaluation, therapeutic intervention, cultural competency and diversity. All of these approaches are offered in a child-focused setting.

“The Northern Kentucky Children’s Advocacy Center is to be commended for its continued commitment to effectively serve victims of child abuse,” said Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of National Children’s Alliance.

“Our goal is to ensure that every victim of child abuse has access to high quality services that result from professional collaboration. By requiring Accredited Centers to undergo re-Accreditation every five years, we ensure that evidence-based practices are being implemented and the highest quality of service is being provided.”

About the Northern Kentucky Children’s Advocacy Center:

The Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center (NKYCAC) provides a coordinated response to concerns of child abuse in a child-focused environment, offering prevention, evaluation and treatment to children and families. The NKYCAC provides services to children who have been sexually abused, physically abused and children who have witnessed violent crimes. The Northern Kentucky Children’s Advocacy Center strives to ensure child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers have the opportunity to begin to heal. For more information about the Northern Kentucky Children’s Advocacy Center and how you can donate please visit our website, www.nkycac.org.

About the National Children’s Alliance:

National Children’s Alliance is the national association and accrediting body for the 777 Children’s Advocacy Centers and 49 State Chapters serving each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient, and put the needs of child victims of abuse first, National Children’s Alliance provides support and advocacy to its accredited membership, as well as numerous developing centers, multidisciplinary teams and child abuse professionals around the country, and the world. As the national authority on multidisciplinary approaches to supporting

child victims of abuse, the purpose of National Children's Alliance is to empower local communities to provide comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to victims of child abuse. Founded in 1990, National Children's Alliance provides accreditation opportunities, financial assistance, training, technical assistance, research and education to communities, child abuse professionals and children's advocacy centers throughout the United States in support of child abuse intervention, advocacy and prevention.



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