



# A safe-haven

for our little ones

## Child Advocacy Centers

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**A place where victims become kids again.** Child Advocacy Centers provide a warm and caring atmosphere for sexually and/or severely abused children and their families to receive coordinated, comprehensive services tailored to their specific needs. Services include forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapeutic intervention, victim support/advocacy, case review and case tracking. All services are free and confidential and are provided in a child friendly, home-like atmosphere.

In this child-focused environment, representatives from many disciplines make decisions about investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases. Having everyone under one roof helps facilitate the multi-disciplinary approach to intervention, investigation, prosecution and treatment of abuse. The Centers provide a professional environment and supportive resources to help the Team do its best work for the children. The YWCA is the lead agency for the Herkimer County Child Advocacy Center and provides advocates to the Oneida County Child Advocacy Center.

### 2007 achievements:

**Herkimer County Child Advocacy Center** served 242 children

Ages: oldest - 18 years of age youngest - 3 months old

- *An Evening of Dinner and Dance* to benefit the Herkimer County Child Advocacy Center at Glory Days brought out the true support of countless allies and raised \$5,800 for the CAC

**Oneida County Child Advocacy Center** served 271 children

Ages: oldest - 17 years of age youngest - 6 months old