



Kentucky River CAC

Summer 2021



The Care Cottage has been awarded reaccreditation 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 and efficient and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision. Accredited CACs must undergo a reaccreditation process every five years to ensure that best practices are continually being applied. With accreditation standards being updated in 2017, reaccreditation this year reflects the Care Cottage's commitment to providing evidence-based methods practice.

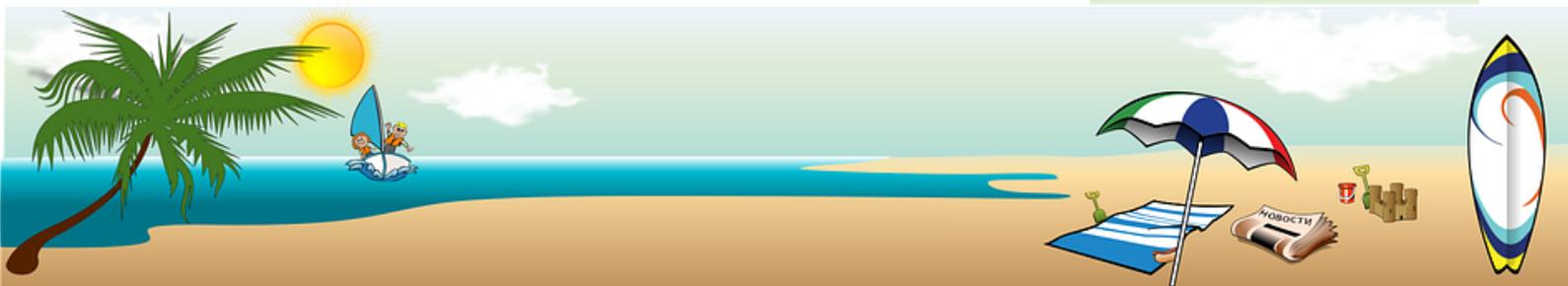


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Services offered

Our services for child victims of sexual abuse include:

- ◇ Forensic Interviews
- ◇ Medical Exams
- ◇ Advocacy
- ◇ Case Management
- ◇ Counseling
- ◇ Community Education

Our referrals come directly from Law Enforcement and Social Services.

Care Cottage Mission:

The mission of the Kentucky River Child Advocacy Center is to provide a comfortable, safe environment where children who have victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers may receive services from each agency involved in the investigation and prosecution of these cases. We strive to provide a location where investigations may be performed in as timely manner as possible and to link children and families to services they may need both immediately and in the future.

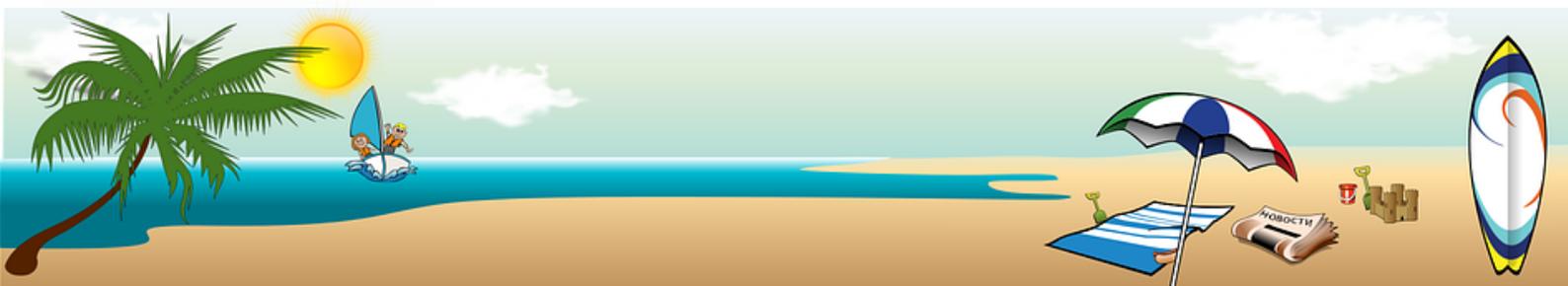
April brings about many awareness events for the Care Cottage. April is both child abuse awareness month and sexual abuse awareness month. This year the Care Cottage provided ways for community members to participate in these events virtually. Many people joined the Care Cottage virtually on April 1st for Wear Blue Day as a day people can show their support for child abuse awareness and prevention by wearing blue and posting their photos on social media.



The Care Cottage and the Rising Center joined together on April 5th with Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini who signed a Proclamation stating that the city of Hazard will stand in unity with our centers and claim April as both child abuse and sexual abuse awareness and prevention. In following with the unity theme, the Care Cottage also participated in the Rising Center's event of Take Back the Night, a night dedicated to the survivors of sexual assault.



The Care Cottage also hosted both a virtual scavenger hunt, and decorating competition throughout April with New Hope Church winning First Place. Local churches joined the movement and participated in Blue Sunday, a National recognition day of child abuse victims, survivors, and those working with the children daily. We would like to thank Frontline Ministries, New Hope Church, and Jackson Church of God for participating and praying for our children.





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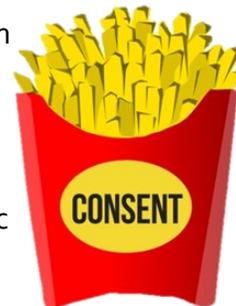
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During the 2020-2021 school year as the Care Cottage implemented the "Consent Tea" campaign which uses video and acronyms to explain the concept of consent to High School students. The Consent Tea video can be viewed by scanning the below QR Code with you mobile device.



- F- Freely Given
- R- Reversible
- I- Informed
- E- Enthusiastic
- S- Specific



Transportation assistance available for Leslie County, Owsley County, & Perry County

What information do I need to **MAKE A REPORT?**

NECESSARY INFORMATION

- Child's name, address, and age
- Parents' name and address
- Nature of the abuse

DID YOU KNOW?
You may add to your report or follow up on status with child protective services at any time.

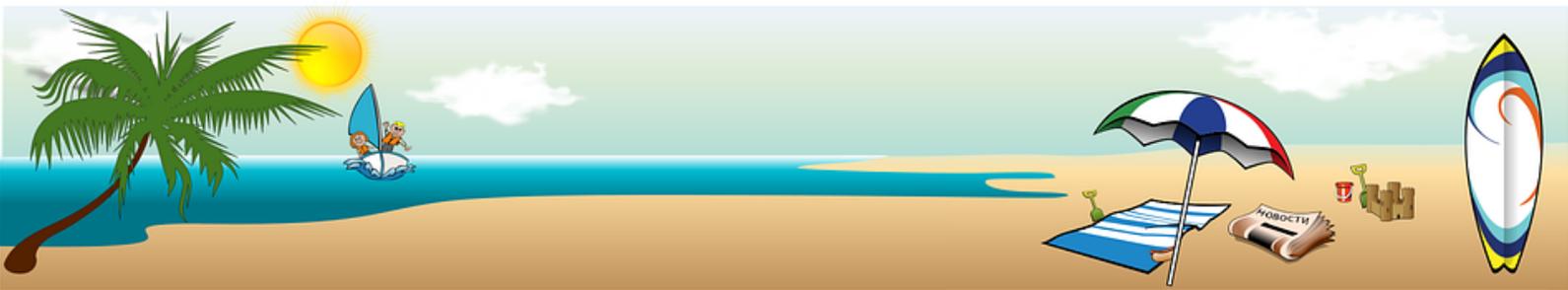
HELPFUL INFORMATION*

- Perpetrator's name
- Details of the abuse

*If the child does not readily supply this info, do not continue to question or investigate. It could retraumatize the child and contaminate the investigation.



IMMEDIATELY REPORT SUSPICION, DISCOVERY, OR CHILD DISCLOSURE OF SEXUAL ABUSE



1 in 10 Children  **WILL BE SEXUALLY ABUSED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18.**



of child sexual abuse victims know their abuser



of children tell someone within the first year

What We Do.....

At the Children’s Advocacy Center, we strive to meet the unique needs of every child and provide support through compassionate, individualized care. The Center offers comprehensive services to the family as a whole to promote healing and prevent future harm. The path to hope and healing starts here.

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KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

What is Stewards of Children?

Stewards of Children[®] is a prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-informed program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.

This training is listed on the Kentucky Department of Education’s Professional Learning Bulletin Board

Schedule an Event!

For more information, please contact Victoria Halcomb, Victim’s Advocate at Victoria@carecottage.org or (606) 487-9173.



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