



YORK COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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The CAC continues to provide essential services to children and their caregivers during COVID-19. Keep scrolling to see more about what we are up to.

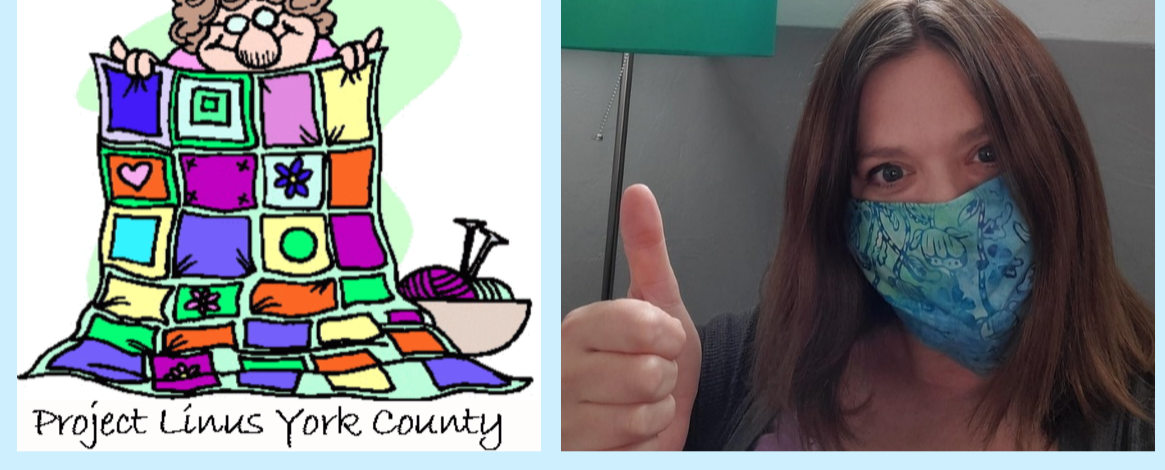
Tele-Forensic Interviews

At the CAC, we continue to provide forensic interviews to children and vulnerable adults in York County. Like all of you, we have been working to find the best way to continue to do our jobs while keeping our staff and our clients safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. After many days of locating needed equipment, technology set up, protocol development and staff training, the CAC is now able to conduct tele-forensic interviews.



With guidance from the National Children's Advocacy Center, the CAC has set up to conduct Tele-Forensic Interviews (TFI). During a TFI the child and the forensic interviewer are set up in different rooms and communicate via a video call platform. The Investigative team is present in another room and observes the video call. The use of TFIs allows us to continue meeting with children while doing our best to reduce possible exposures.

To read more about the research being conducted by Montclair State University on TFIs [click here](#).



Thank you Project Linus

The CAC would like to give a special thanks to Project Linus York County Chapter. Project Linus is a non-profit that donates blankets to children during difficult times. When they heard that the CAC was in need of face masks, they quickly switched gears from making blankets to making fabric masks for staff and for the families who come in for appointments at our center. Thank you for your kind donations Project Linus!

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need through the gift of handmade blankets, lovingly created by our volunteer "blanketeers." To learn more check out the Project Linus Facebook page by [clicking here](#).



Look Who's Been Working Their Tails Off!

This month's award goes to two very deserving staff members at the CAC. Deb Harrison, Executive Director, and Clara Roberti, Forensic Interview Program Supervisor, have been working tirelessly to keep the CAC doors open while also keeping staff and clients safe during this challenging time. Between filing for grants to help keep funding going and setting up tele-forensic interviewing, these two have continued to provide support to staff and children/families in York County. Thank you both!



More about Deb and Clara:

Where are you from?

D: I was born in Wellsboro, PA, but grew up on a farm in Western NY just over the PA/NY line.

C: I was born and raised in Cali, Colombia. I lived in Bergen County, NJ for several years, so I call that area home in the states. Now I live in Mechanicsburg.

What would someone be surprised to know about you?

D: I like to track the International Space Station and go out in my yard and watch it pass over when we're in its path.

C: In addition to an English as a Second Language class in 6th and 7th grade, I listened to 90s Rap and Hip HOP and watched Wishbone on PBS to help me learn English and practice pronunciation.

What is your favorite snack?

D: I really like sweet & salty snacks - caramel corn is my favorite.

C: It varies, but my current favorite is greek yogurt with fresh berries. I also LOVE potato chips and Goldfish. On second thought, all the starches!!

How long have you worked in childrens advocacy?

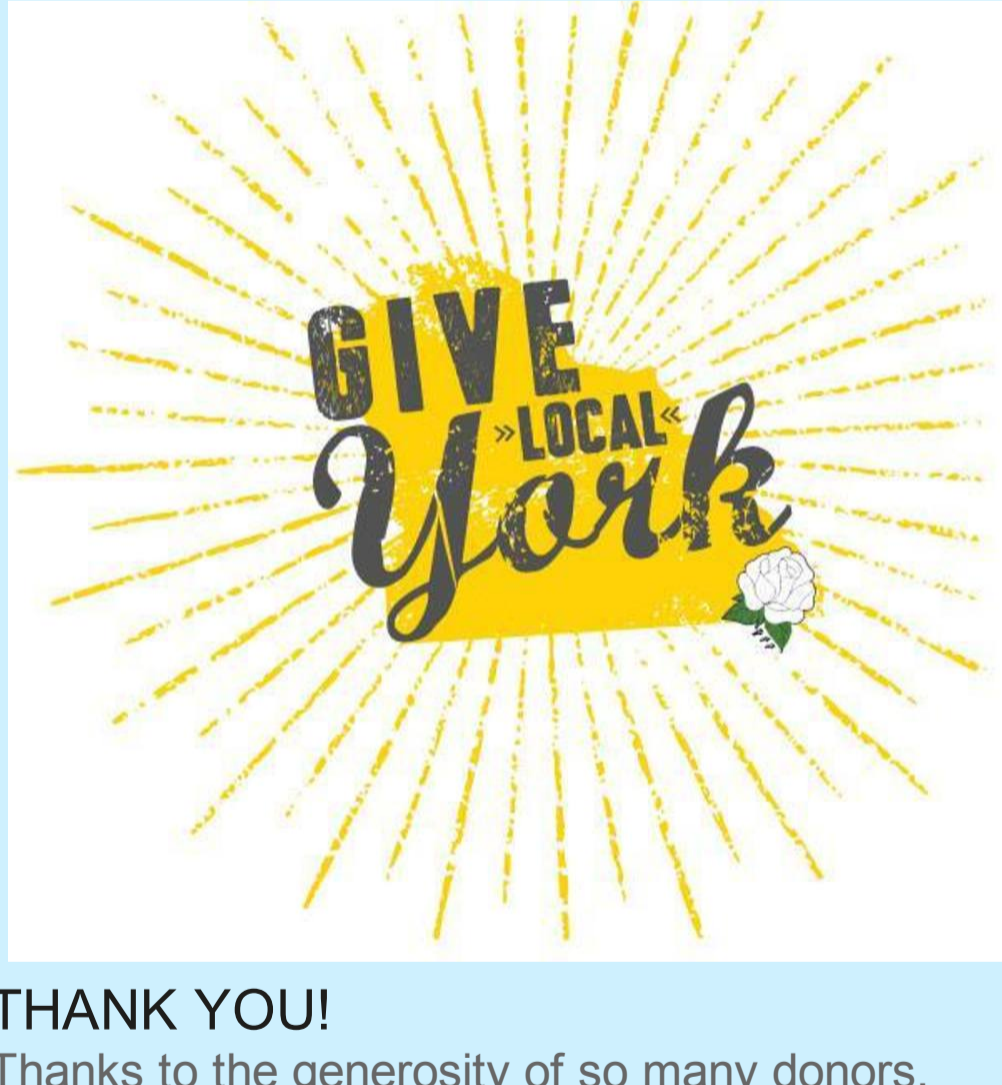
D: I've been at the CAC for 11 years. Before that I was the director of a Big Brother Big Sisters agency for 10 years.

C: Children have been at the heart of my professional career since 2006. I became a forensic interviewer in 2014 at the Bucks County CAC. I was a parent educator, mental health professional, and did some school social work prior to that.

What do you like most about working with the investigative team?

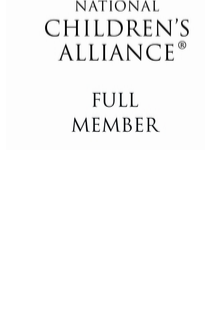
D: Even after 11 years I am continually amazed at how even though our individual team members come and go, collectively there is such dedication and commitment to doing the best thing for vulnerable children, even when it means some extra time or additional work for team members. It is a real privilege to work with our team in York County.

C: What I enjoy most about being part of the MDT is working with a group of passionate professionals who have extensive experience and knowledge in diverse fields and come together to respond to allegations of child abuse. It is comforting to know that there are professionals that will support child victims and their family through the whole process.

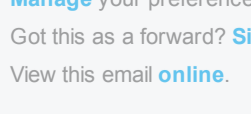


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