

Newsletter

WELCOME 2021



YORK COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

BE A SUPER HERO

1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. It can have devastating and long-term consequences for victims as well as communities.

York County was awarded a competitive grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to partner with Penn State University, and other local organizations for the Safe and Healthy Communities Initiative, designed to reduce the rates of child sexual abuse through evidence-based programs.

The goal: train 5% of adults in York County by 2022.

We're on our way - help us reach our goal by attending a workshop and encouraging your friends and family to join you in being a Steward of Children!

So far we have trained over 1600 adults in Stewards of Children. Help us continue to make our community safe for our children.

[Sign up to be a super hero here.](#)



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month



Red Sand Project

On January 29th, 2021, join YWCA York and the York County Human Trafficking Task Force by participating in the Red Sand Project by filling sidewalk cracks with red sand and documenting your sidewalk transformation on social media using the hashtags #RedSandProject and #YWCA YORK.

"No one should fall through the cracks"

Reports of human trafficking in the state of Pennsylvania increased by 139% in the last four years (National Human Trafficking Hotline)

*Red Sand Project is an initiative of Stardust Arts Foundation, a 5-1(c)(3) charitable organization

Look Who's Been Working Their Tail Off...

ADA Taylor Katherman

Assistant District Attorney Taylor Katherman was nominated for his dedication to obtaining justice for victims throughout the legal process. He is an attorney in the special cases unit that focuses on child abuse and adult sexual assault/domestic violence cases. During our most recent trial term, Taylor had a number of trials, back to back, which all resulted in guilty verdicts! Thank you Taylor for all that you do!

MORE ABOUT TAYLOR:

Where are you from: York

What would someone be surprised to know about you: I once rode horseback through the Brooks Range of Alaska spending 12 days in the Alaskan wilderness 135 miles north of the arctic circle.

Favorite snack: popcorn

How long have I worked in victim services: I joined the DAs office in the fall of 2016.

What do I like most about working with the team: I like knowing that our CAC interviewers are the best of the best. On several occasions I have had to rely, sometimes exclusively, on the CAC interview at trial. Knowing that our interviews will always be done to the highest standards really helps when charges are filed in a case.



Welcome Gabi!

Gabi joins the CAC staff as our newest Forensic Interviewer and we are so excited for her to be part of our team. Learn more about Gabi below:

I have always been passionate about social justice, child welfare and trauma informed care (TIC).

My background includes a BSW from Messiah College, MSW from the University of Pennsylvania, and I am a licensed social worker. I have

experience working in the non-profit sector related to anti-human trafficking, CSEC and research on vicarious trauma and TIC. I have also worked as a children's mental health case manager. I am very excited to be a part of the CAC and look forward to working with the York County team.

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