



YORK COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

July/August 2021 CAC Newsletter



WELCOME SUMMER!



National Night Out

August 3rd, 2021

National Night Out promotes police and community partnership. Police departments across the nation host community friendly events to help build relationships. Check with your local police department for more department specific plans.

Virtual Safe Touches Workshop

The CAC is thrilled to continue offering the Safe Touches workshop to children in York County in a new virtual format. Melissa Page, Safe and Healthy Community Initiative York County Program Coordinator, was selected to be part of the pilot program for a virtual workshop. This allows us to continue prevention initiatives even though many schools have gone to remote learning structures.

The Safe Touches virtual was presented as a pilot to 175 second graders in Wrightsville, Canadochly, and Kreutz Creek Elementary Schools. The Safe Touches workshop teaches children key safety skills about safe and not safe touches via an interactive puppet show.

Key concepts covered in the workshop include:

Everyone's body is their own special property.

Safe touches are touches that can make children feel happy, safe, and comfortable.

Not safe touches are touches that can make children feel sad, mad, scared, or confused, and are on the private parts of the body.

Not safe touches are NEVER the child's fault!

Someone you know and love may give a not safe touch.

Not safe touches can happen to any child regardless of gender.

Children can always tell a trusted adult about any touch that makes them feel not safe.

Children should never be asked to keep secrets, especially when they make them feel scared, confused or strange.

It is never too late to tell a trusted adult about a not safe touch.



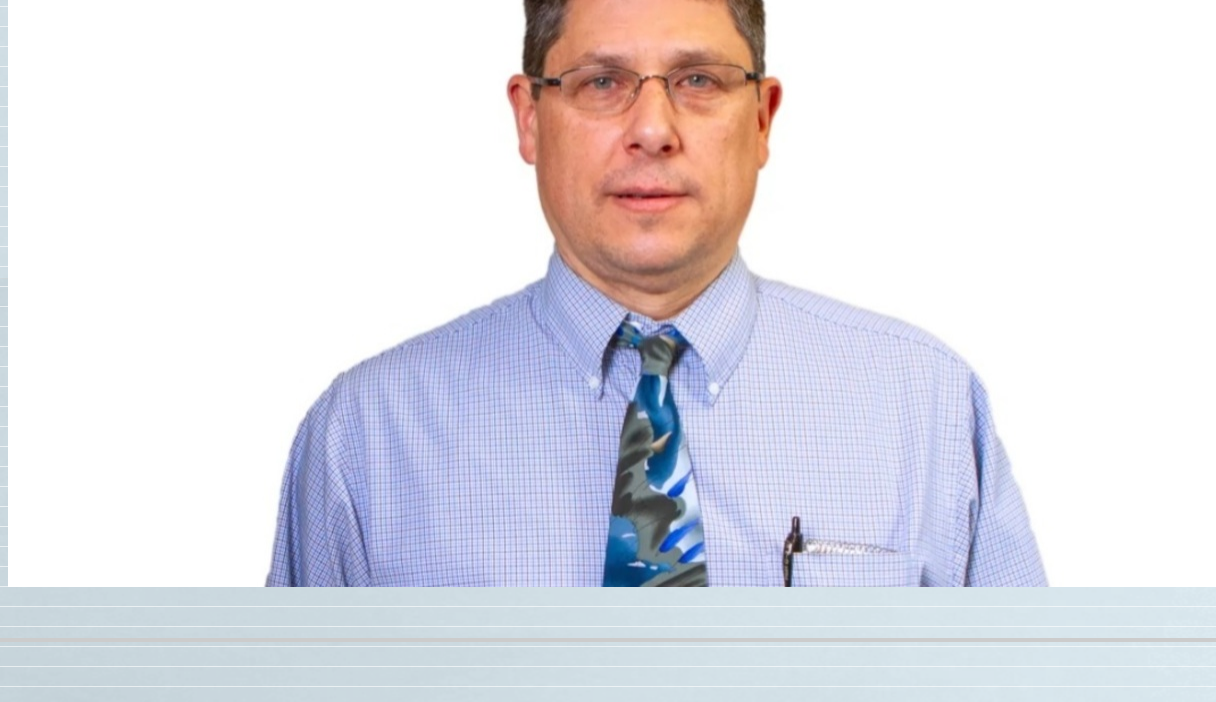
Look Who's Been Working their Tail Off

Lieutenant Scott James, York County District Attorney's Office, is the newest Working Your Tail Off Award recipient.

Lt. James covers the law enforcement role at the CAC when jurisdiction is not yet established in a case, when courtesy interviews are scheduled for investigations of crimes that occurred out of county but the child is now in York, or when the assigned law enforcement is not available. Lt. James is always gracious and flexible with his time when the CAC needs his assistance.

Recently, Lt. James attended an interview that involved a client with significant mental health needs. Lt. James was supportive and accommodating during an escalated situation that occurred. In addition to monitoring and ensuring the safety of all who were present, his calm demeanor helped deescalate the situation and was greatly appreciated by CAC staff. As the CAC continues to see clients with increased mental health needs, it is reassuring to have people like Lt. James on our team to assist.

Thank you Lieutenant James for all of your hard work!



T-shirt Fundraiser

The CAC would like to say a big THANK YOU to those that made our t-shirt fundraiser a success. You helped raise \$827 for the CAC, as well as spreading awareness every time you sport your t-shirt.



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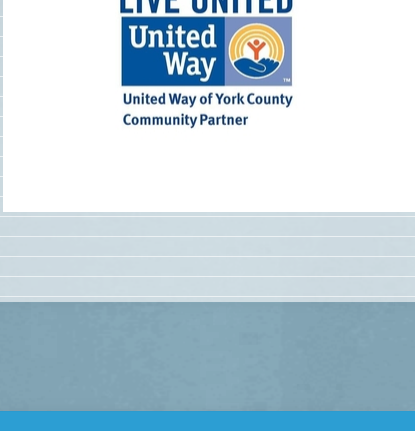
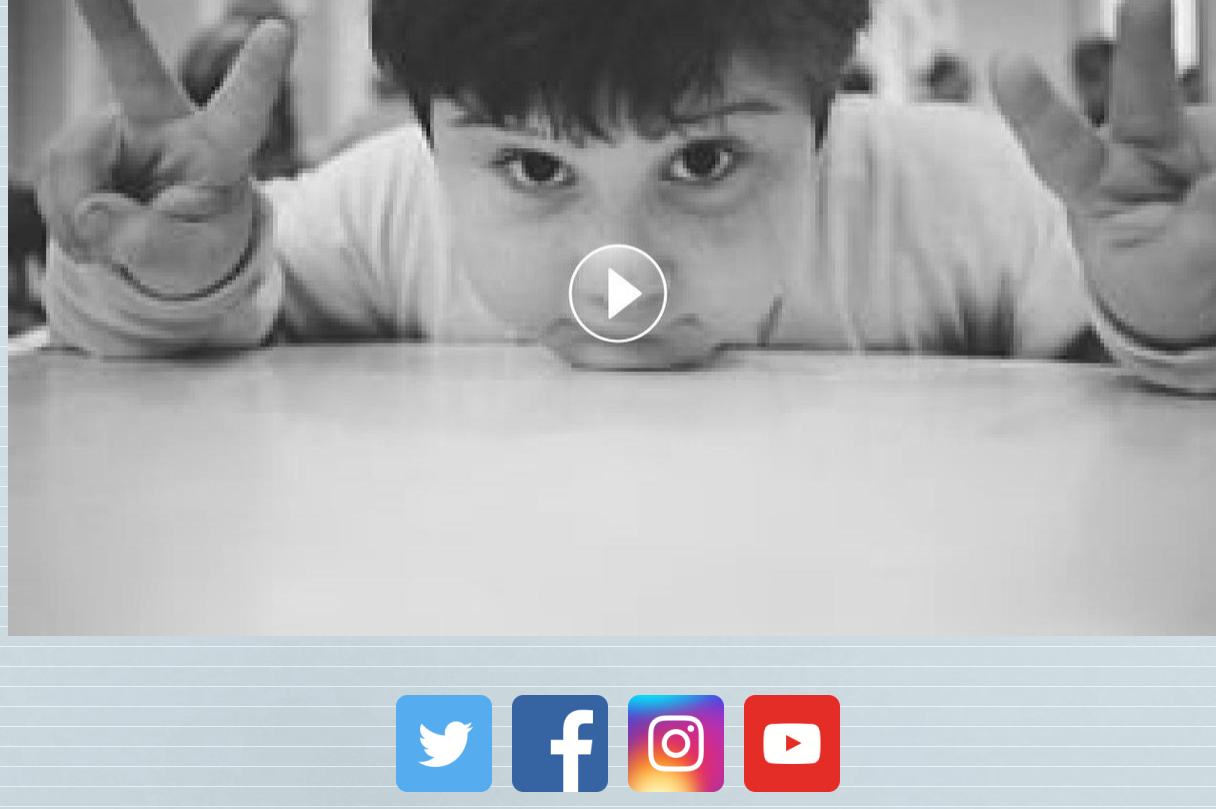
Sasha Joseph Neulinger is a hockey player, backcountry adventurer, husband, speaker, and filmmaker - he also happens to be a survivor of multi-generational child sexual abuse.

"I can't change the past and I can't control what happens around me. I can only choose how I show up in the present moment of my life."

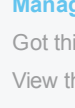
- SASHA JOSEPH NEULINGER

Sasha directed his debut film, Rewind, about his life and the cycle of abuse occurring within his own family. Sasha now speaks across the world at trainings and events for professionals working to end child abuse. You can watch the Rewind trailer below and go to the website for more information:

<https://www.rewinddocumentary.com/home>



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