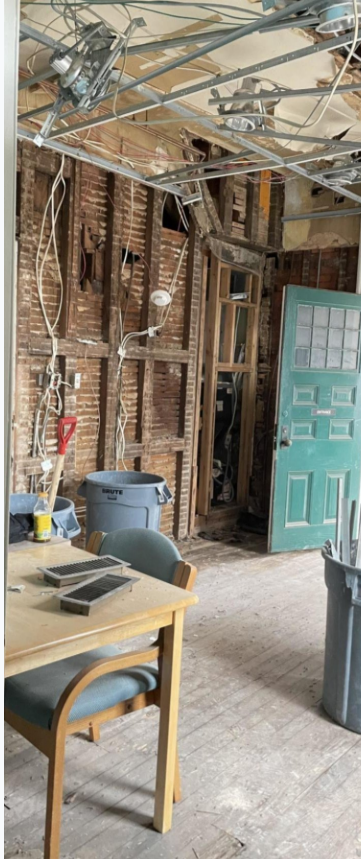




# YORK COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Welcome, 2023!



Happy new year to our partners, team members, volunteers and supporters! As many of you have heard, we closed out 2022 with quite a bang at the CAC, or more accurately quite a flood. Pipes froze and burst over the Christmas holiday and water ran in our building for an estimated 2 to 3 days. Damage to the walls, flooring and mechanicals in the building was quite extensive, and we will need to be out of the building for an estimated 3 to 4 months. The CAC staff worked quickly and diligently to set up program services offsite at the offices of Children, Youth and Families. We are deeply grateful to them, and to all of our partners for supporting us during an incredibly stressful time. We are committed to continuing to serve our families and our partners with forensic interviews, family advocacy, and forensic medical exams. We are exploring an additional option for offsite services with WellSpan, and hope to provide an update on that soon.

The CAC certainly has property and business insurance to assist in repairs, but there are many miscellaneous expenses as we work to ensure that all staff have what they need to provide mobile work. If you wish to support us during this time a donation can be made at our website, [yorkcac.org/how-to-help](http://yorkcac.org/how-to-help).

Thank you to all of our team members, staff and partners for your support and flexibility as we work to serve vulnerable children and their families.

Deb Harrison  
Executive Director

Welcome, Catie!

We are so excited to welcome Catie Ladas to our team. Catie joined our team as a Forensic Interviewer in November. After graduating from the University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Criminology/Criminal Justice, she began working in the child welfare field and has loved it ever since. Catie is passionate about providing children the space to feel heard and seen.

Look Who's Been Working Their Tail Off!



Our latest winner of the "Working Your Tail Off" Award is Kelly Grimes! Kelly is one of the nurses through Wellspan Health who helps provide medical exams to children who come through our center. We are so grateful for all of the hard work Kelly does to help families and children at our center. Learn more about Kelly below:

**Where are you from?**

I was born and raised in York County. I have been living in Dallastown for the past 12 years.

**What is your favorite snack?**

"Kitchen Sink" cookies from Panera. I like to treat myself when I'm writing a paper for school or finishing a test!

**What would someone be surprised to learn about you?**

My variety of interests. I like fishing, hunting, reading, gardening, lounging by the pool, and traveling. I played roller derby for 5 years and would really like to get back into it when my schedule allows.

**How long have you worked in the field of child abuse?**

My career has always involved working with children. I entered the field of nursing in 2002 as a pediatric nurse. In 2014 I made the transition to emergency medicine and became aware of forensic nursing, but I didn't

start forensic nursing until 2018. In 2019 I came to York Hospital and in 2021 I started training at the Children's Advocacy Centers.

**What is your favorite part about working with the MDIT?**

I absolutely love the passion that every member of the team has for the work that they do. The collaboration that takes place to make sure every child and family get the care and resources they need is nothing short of amazing and I am beyond proud to be a part of that.

## Save the Date for Our Upcoming Event!

Save the date for our upcoming MDT Annual Training! The training will be held on April 7th, 2023. Keep an eye out for more information!



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