

Ways You can Support Us

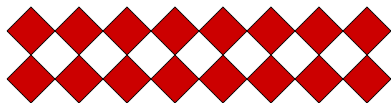
You can support us by becoming a Sponsor at our *Home For the Holidays* fundraiser and *Gala* being held at

Vesuvius Vineyards
6173 Vesuvius Furnace Road
Iron Station, NC 28080
November 19, 2011
5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Ticket Price : \$35

This year's event features live music and heavy hors d'oeuvres. There will be a silent auction featuring wonderful gift ideas as well as a live auction. Dress Code is semi-formal. Please join us for this memorable evening!

Your sponsorship allows us to continue to serve and support the children who are victims of child abuse throughout our Community.

Please call **704-736-1155** for ticket information. Visa; Mastercard; Discover and Diner's Club are gladly accepted.



Event Sponsor: \$5000 Donation includes a table for eight guests, your logo displayed prominently on a banner, your name on the invitation and tickets,.

Gold Sponsor: \$1000 Donation includes a table for four guests.

Silver Sponsor: \$500 Donation includes two tickets.

Bronze Sponsor: \$250 Donation includes tickets at the reduced cost of \$25.

Friends of the CAC: \$100 Donation

All sponsors will have their name printed on the event program.

A professionally decorated artificial Christmas tree will be auctioned off at the end of the evening.

Please pledge your tax free donation today so we can be "Home for the Holidays."

I pledge to donate to the following:

___ \$5000 ___ \$1000 ___ \$500 ___ \$250

___ \$100

___ I would like to donate an item for auction.

Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to :

Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse

PO Box 652

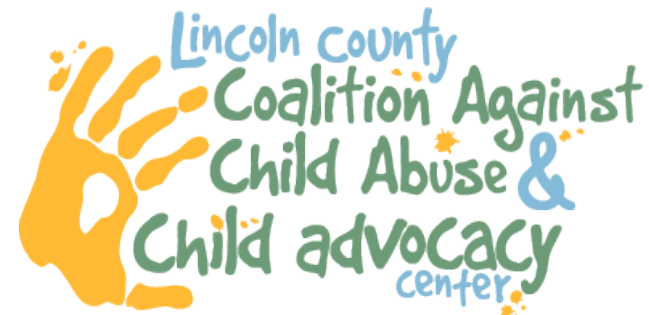
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The Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse Inc. is a non-profit (501c3) organization. We depend on the financial support of caring and concerned people like you to continue our many prevention programs.

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The Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse, Inc. Mission Statement: The LCCACA, Inc. is a non-profit citizen-based organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in all forms **and providing intervention and treatment when our children have become victims.**

What is Child Abuse?

The Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse recognizes child abuse to include the following different types of maltreatment.

Neglect

A parent or caretaker allows the child to experience avoidable harm or fails to provide basic essentials for physical, social, and emotional development.

Physical Abuse

Non-accidental injury that may include severe beatings, burns, fractures, bruises, welts, or other physical problems.

Emotional Abuse

Verbal abuse or other maltreatment resulting in impaired psychological growth and in extreme cases, impaired physical development.

Sexual Abuse

Exploitation of a child for the sexual gratification of an adult or older child. Sexual abuse includes fondling, sodomy, child prostitution, incest and encouraging or forcing a child to participate in pornographic activities.

Why Does Child Abuse Occur?

- Lack of parenting skills.
- Social isolation.
- Unmet emotional needs.
- Drug or alcohol problems.
- History of abuse in the family.



Child abuse crosses all boundaries—social, religious, ethnic and economic. Its consequences are wide-ranging. Studies show that child abuse leads to other problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, prostitution, insanity, violent crime, etc. Statistics show that over 80 percent of all prisoners in America's jails were abused as children.

Abused children often become abusive parents. Their children will most likely repeat that cycle of violence, humiliation, neglect and sexual maltreatment. Everyone suffers the effects of child abuse. It's a problem that won't disappear without your help.

What is a Child Advocacy Center?

The Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center is a program under the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse organization. It was created by professionals from the child protection division, law enforcement departments, prosecutor's office, school personnel, medical and mental health community, and by local individuals that recognized a need for a better way to serve young victims of child abuse. The CAC is a child friendly, child focused environment, providing consistent and rapid follow-up to abuse allegations, medical and mental health areas for immediate treatment, and non-threatening forensic interviewing rooms that enables neutral, fact-finding interviews legally defensible in court.

Children referred to the CAC are greeted by sensitively trained staff and child abuse professionals. The professionals work together within a coordinated multidisciplinary team to lead the investigation. Specially trained and certified staff works with the child and the non-offending parents or caretakers and other family members for successful prosecution of the offender.



How You Can Help Our Children

The Coalition Against Child Abuse uses the Awareness, Prevention, and Education (A.P.E.) philosophy and recognizes that as a community problem, child abuse requires a community response and solution.

Recognize the Warning Signs

- Nervousness around adults
- Aggression toward adults or other children
- Inability to stay awake or to concentrate for extended periods
- Sudden, dramatic changes in personality
- Unnatural interest in sex
- Low self esteem
- Poor hygiene

How to Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

If you suspect abuse or neglect may be occurring, report it by calling the Department of Social Services at 704-732-0738, or Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 704-732-9050, or Lincolnton Police Department 704-736-8900.