

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children is to provide neutral, child-friendly forensic interviews, interagency comprehensive assessments and case-management services for reported child sexual abuse victims and their families.

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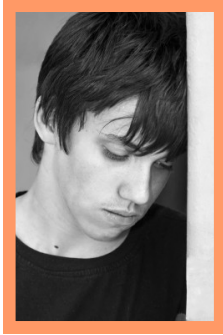
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Providing safe, forensic interviews for children

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

WHO WE ARE

The Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children is named after the late Dr. Bill Lewis, long-time Fort Wayne neonatologist, whose life was dedicated to the care of and advocacy for children. The Lewis Center serves as the voice of justice for children whose trauma has often engulfed them in silencing fear.



The Lewis Center provides children who are victims of alleged sexual abuse a safe, neutral place to talk. The Center employs specially-trained forensic interviewers who carefully question a child using techniques which are both age and developmentally appropriate.

As the victim's statement is critical evidence in child abuse cases, it is imperative that questions are asked in a non-threatening, non-leading manner to ensure accuracy. This is why members of the professional, multi-disciplinary team watch the interview via closed-circuit TV and are able to ask questions of the child through the interviewer who wears a wireless receiver. This team includes members of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, defense attorneys, Department of Child Services, Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center, law enforcement and victim advocates.

The child only talks to the interviewer, and the entire process is videotaped for use in any future legal action. The child also has access to a medical examination via the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center. The Dr. Bill Lewis Center's team approach sharply reduces the number of times a child must be interviewed. This results in a more reliable and legally defensible testimony and, most importantly, reduces risk of further harm to the child.

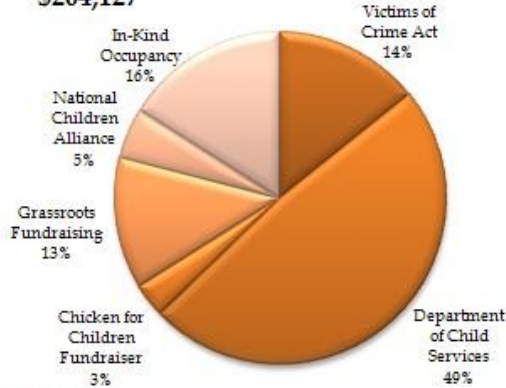


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The Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children services are available to all individuals regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, national origin, veteran status, age, and/or mental or physical disability. The Center is nonsectarian, equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and a 501(c)(3) organization.

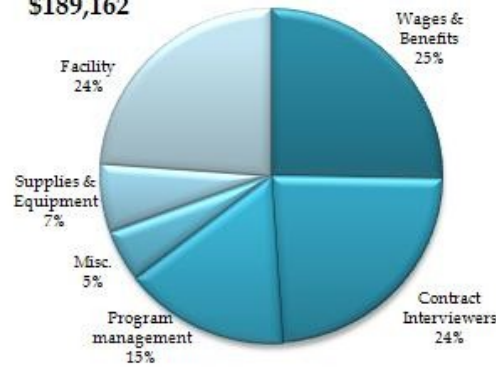
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2012 Expenses

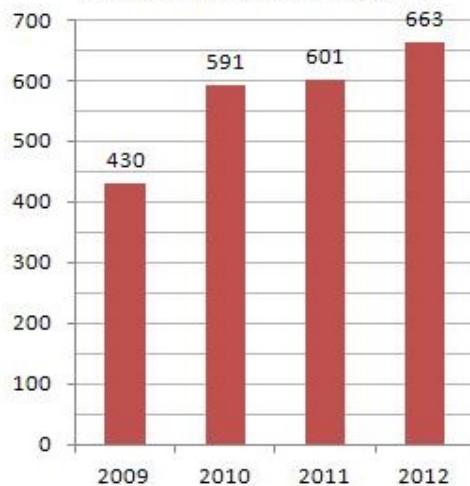
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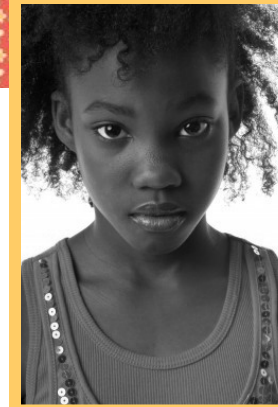
The Dr. Bill Lewis Center operates on a calendar year.

Forensic Interviews Conducted in 2012

The Dr. Bill Lewis Center provides forensic interviews in cases of alleged sexual abuse of a child.



THE CHILDREN WE SERVE



Victims of child sexual abuse are of all ages, gender, race and ethnicity. In 2012, the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children served 658 children from nine northeast Indiana counties, including: Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley County.

Demographic Information

Cumulative January 1- Dec. 31, 2012
(excludes demographics of re-interviewed children)

Gender	Age Group	Count	Percentage
Male	0-2 years	3	1%
	3-4 years	42	21%
	5-6 years	61	30%
	7-8 years	36	18%
	9-10 years	28	14%
	11-12 years	21	10%
	13-14 years	9	4%
	>= 15 years	3	1%
Female	0-2 years	9	2%
	3-4 years	82	18%
	5-6 years	86	19%
	7-8 years	60	13%
	9-10 years	67	15%
	11-12 years	76	17%
	13-14 years	62	14%
	>= 15 years	13	3%
Race	White	437	66%
	Black	102	16%
	Hispanic	27	4%
	Asian	3	0.00%
	Mixed	82	12%
	Other	7	1%