Dr. Bill Lewis CENTER for CHILDREN

The Advocate

Providing safe, forensic interviews for children.

A quarterly newsletter for our friends & child advocates

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Precaution is **better** than *cure*.

Take precautions when it comes to the safety of your children. Consider these helpful tips to get the conversation about sexual abuse prevention started...

- Educate your children on the difference between good secrets (such as birthday surprises) and bad secrets (those that make vour child feel unsafe or uncomfortable).
- If your child tells you they have been abused, stay calm, listen carefully, and never blame the child. Thank your children for telling you and report abuse right away.

Find more tips to prevent child sexual abuse in the 2014 Prevention Resource Guide: Making Meaningful Connections by the Department of Health & Human Services. Find it online at www.childwelfare.gov/preventing

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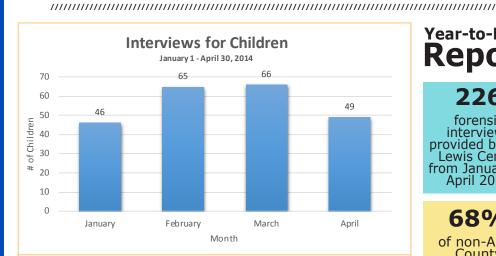
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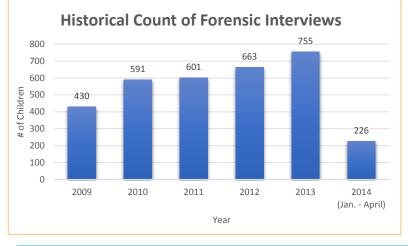
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Year-to-Date Report

226

forensic interviews provided by the Lewis Center from January to April 2014

68%

of non-Allen County interviews have been for DeKalb County children

81%

of forensic interviews provided thus far in 2014 have been for Allen County children

Speak Up

If you suspect sexual abuse please call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556 or 1-877-433-0138

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Correction to the recently mailed Lewis Center 2013 Annual Report: We sincerely apologize to Mr. John Garner, Lewis Center Board member and agency advocate, for the incorrect title on the 2013 Board of Directors list.

Donor Highlight

Early in 2014, the Lewis Center received a generous gift from R. Bruce Dye, CEO of

Brigadoon Financial. This gift will be used to support the growing community need for forensic interviews. Thank you, Bruce, and thank you to all our supporters who make the services provided by the Lewis Center possible.



The Lewis Center's mission is to provide neutral, child-friendly forensic interviews and interagency, comprehensive assessments of reported child sexual abuse victims.



Lewis Center's signature fundraiser, Chilcken for Children, will again be held on **October 31st**.

Children For Chicken

Help us reach our fundraising goal of \$13,000! The Dr. Bill

Contact Leslie Ludwiski at 260-421-5000 x2318 or lludwiski@cac-ac.org for sponsorship info.

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