



Children are

vulnerable

Help us be their voice.



children are
at risk



Picture a long, snaking line of forty school busses passing by your house. Forty yellow busses, with more than 2,000 kids. But these kids are not laughing and waving. These children have downcast heads, distant eyes and silent lips. They represent the number of confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Genesee County every year. Ninety percent of that abuse is perpetrated by parents. Much of it happens in secret and in silence.

These children need someone to plead for them; someone to take their side. They need the Weiss Advocacy Center.

children need
hope



Abused children are scared, hurt, and confused. Unfortunately, physical exams and many questions are needed in order for the justice system to prosecute offenders. The Weiss Advocacy Center facilitates a single interview and exam in a child-friendly and safe environment. We coordinate the efforts of a multidisciplinary team to examine the case and document the findings. We work for and with the child to make a recommendation to the judge about where that child should live. Perhaps most importantly, we are a constant presence for the child, reminding them that someone is watching out for them.

"Our job is to replace a life of hurt with a life of hope." (Volunteer)

children deserve to be

protected



Part of our work is to protect the children who are victims today. But the other part centers on preventing child abuse and neglect in the first place. The Weiss Advocacy Center provides a vast array of prevention services and training. We help children learn about appropriate touch. We teach parents non-abusive ways to cope with their frustration. We train people such as teachers, child care providers and physicians to report suspected child abuse. Prevention wears many faces and must occur in many places to be effective.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

children need a

voice



If decent, caring, concerned people do not defend innocent children... who will? We may not be able to eradicate child abuse any time soon, but with your help we *can* break the cycle. Together, we *can* and do stabilize children and help them start to heal. Working with local law enforcement and the Department of Human Services, we *can* punish the people who abuse children. The Weiss Advocacy Center speaks for the voiceless; defends the defenseless; and saves those whose lives would otherwise be finished before they began.

The Weiss Advocacy Center is a powerful voice for children, *who need—and deserve—to be heard*. Please help us speak for them.

Children need

you

Please get involved.



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