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Dear Friends and supporters,

2020 was a year to be remembered. It was a time unlike any other with so many challenges as we collectively learned to navigate a “new normal” due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our community was significantly impacted, and one of those impacts was a 17% increase in child abuse. Advocates' services pivoted and adapted as we worked to meet these increased demands, innovating to make sure that we were able to meet these needs of the most vulnerable—our children. We worked to make sure their stories were heard, reducing trauma, and intervening to prevent child abuse before it could begin. We could not have done this without the support of our volunteers, donors, supporters, and partners. I am so thankful for each one of you.

Sincerely,
Rachel Castillo
President/CEO

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By working together as one, we all can play a part in building communities and growing hope in children and families. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month and throughout the year, Advocates for Children and Harbin Clinic are dedicated to supporting families to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. Find out more about how you can play a part and help create positive change in your community by visiting advochild.org/capm/. Help us prevent child abuse in April and all year.

Thank you to our Child Abuse Prevention Month Partners!



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Prevention Starts at Home

Hope in Your Home Achievement Story

Courtney is a single mom to twenty-one-month-old, Nathaniel. Advocates for Children's Hope in Your Home program has been working with Courtney since May of 2020, when they first received a referral for services from the Department of Family and Children Services. There had been a report of physical abuse and neglect made while Courtney was sharing custody with Nathaniel's father.

As a first-time mother with a history of substance abuse, Courtney was very eager to learn about Hope in Your Home and to build her support network. With the support of her parent educator, she has since increased her knowledge of parenting and gained a better understanding of Nathaniel's behavior and development. She has learned the importance of routines and stability for her son. Hope in Your Home empowered Courtney to build on her many strengths and focus on positive, day-to-day interactions with her son that support his development and shape his behavior.

Courtney now describes Nathaniel as being much calmer and happier. She attributes this change to an increase in planned parent-child interaction and positive strategies for behavior modification. Courtney now has full custody of her son and is committed to protecting him from further abuse and neglect. She is still enrolled in the program and has recently enrolled in college!



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Learn more about more success stories like Courtney's at <https://advochild.org/blog/>

Advocates for Children's home visitation program is designed to support families and children. This program is free and open to any parents or caretakers in the community. The program gives caregivers simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behavior, prevent problems from developing and build strong, healthy relationships.





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advochild.org/advocates360/

Upcoming Events

Spring Outdoor Market ~ Hosted by Urban Market Warehouse



Raffle proceeds to benefit Advocates for Children

Saturday, April 24th
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Learn more on Facebook: [@urbanmarketwarehouse](https://www.facebook.com/urbanmarketwarehouse)



Annual Duck Derby presented by Greater Community Bank

Virtual event on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at 7:30 pm
Visit advochild.org/duck-derby/ to adopt a duck and be
entered for a chance to win \$10,000!!

Annual Duck Dash 5K & Fun Run presented by Glenda Mitchell Law Firm



Date: Saturday, May 15th, 2021

Registration: 5:00 pm

Race Start: 6:30 pm

Location: Downtown Cartersville

Register at
advochild.org/duck-dash/

For details about all our events and more visit <https://www.advochild.org>