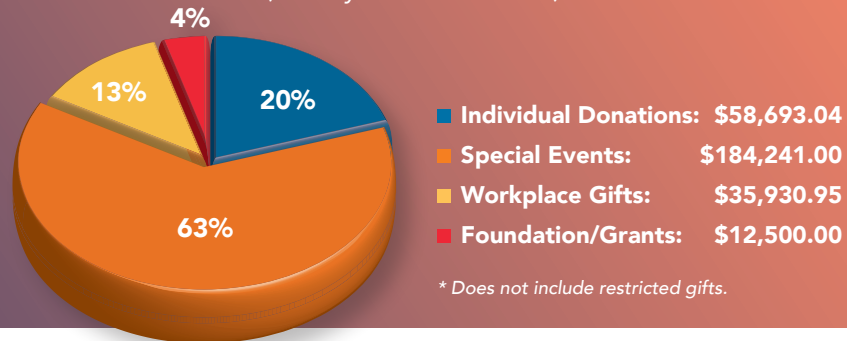


# YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Because of you, between January 2014 and June 2014, BCAC was able to provide:

- Help for 409 children
- 342 forensic interviews
- 173 medical examinations

Charitable Contributions Total\* \$291,364.99  
(January 2014 – June 2014)



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any questions about child sexual abuse or related issues, need to know where to go for services, or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact us.

**Baltimore Child Abuse Center**  
2300 North Charles Street, 4th Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21218

- [www.bcaci.org](http://www.bcaci.org) | 443-984-3013
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## YES! Children in Baltimore Can Count on Me!

Baltimore Child Abuse Center

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# the PROTECTING

### Baltimore Child Abuse Center Statistics

January 2014 – June 2014

**63%**  
of children who visited BCAC were female

**74%**  
of children who visited BCAC were under 13 years of age

**87%**  
of children knew the alleged perpetrator

**86%**  
of cases brought to BCAC were reports of sexual abuse



Baltimore Child Abuse Center

## CHILD WITNESSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

With the passage of Maryland House Bill 306 (HB306), enhanced penalties when a child has witnessed violence in the household, which becomes enacted October 1st, BCAC will see more children than ever before.

If a child at home sees or hears domestic violence, a prosecutor will be able to file for enhanced penalties to add another five (5) years to a perpetrator's jail term. This is incredibly important for protecting children and recognizing the trauma they experience.

Currently, BCAC helps children who have been witnesses to domestic violence and homicide on an at-request only basis. With the passage of HB306, child witnesses to domestic violence will no longer be responded to on a request-only basis - **these children will become part of our mission**, adding perhaps 400 more children to our annual caseload. Prosecutors and police will need to hear what happened from these children quickly, and BCAC is equipped to do so, either at our facility or at a local hospital. The expediency of service and quality we provide will help hundreds of children find justice and healing.

**Our number one priority is always to keep kids safe.** Even though child witnesses are not victims of physical or sexual abuse, they still suffer in many ways.

Children who witness violent crimes are more likely to experience depression, anxiety, dating violence, and other side effects. At BCAC, we know that by intervening, we can prevent these negative outcomes by giving children and families the resources they need to overcome trauma.

We will update you as these changes take effect. If you know children who have been witnesses to violent crime, please contact your local Child Protective Services Office (Baltimore City – (410) 361-2235) or call 911.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NAPA VS. SONOMA WINE SUPPER – SEPTEMBER 18

Join us **Thursday, September 18th** at the Gramercy Mansion (1400 Greenspring Valley Rd., Stevenson, MD 21153) for Chef's Expressions' Napa vs. Sonoma Wine Supper. Supper starts at 6 PM, and a portion of the event's proceeds will benefit BCAC. Enjoy a night out and a delicious multi-course dinner. Each course is served with two wines - one from Napa and one from Sonoma.

This will sell out. Reserve your seat today at: [www.chefsexpressions.com/napa-vs-sonoma-wine-supper](http://www.chefsexpressions.com/napa-vs-sonoma-wine-supper)

### CITY VS. CITY RUN – OCTOBER 4

**City vs. City Run** is a first of its kind event giving you the chance to prove our city is the best! Join BCAC on **Saturday, October 4th** at 8 AM at Druid Hill Park (2600 Madison Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217).

Runners will line up at the same time in Baltimore as they line up in D.C. to run 3.1 miles, hoping to beat the average time of their rival city. Runners are encouraged to give back to the community by competing to raise the most money possible for a local Baltimore or D.C. charity. A portion of the proceeds will be divided amongst the participating charities across both cities. BCAC is proud to be one of those participating charities!

Registration is \$30.00 at [www.cityvscityrun.com](http://www.cityvscityrun.com). Join "Team BCAC" at registration and show your support.

**Each BCAC team member who raises at least \$50 for BCAC will receive a free "hero" running shirt!**

Contact Jenny at [jtrust@bcaci.org](mailto:jtrust@bcaci.org) or (443) 984-3013 with any questions.

### BCAC OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 8

BCAC is hosting an open house on **Wednesday, October 8th** from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Tour our facility at 2300 N. Charles St., 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21218 and learn more about the work that your time, energy, and donations make happen. Invite your friends to see and experience BCAC in action first-hand. The evening will include a tour, Q&A, and an opportunity to share your ideas with BCAC staff. Light refreshments will be provided.

Street parking is available on North Charles and 23rd Streets. **RSVP to Jenny at [jtrust@bcaci.org](mailto:jtrust@bcaci.org) or call (443) 984-3013.**



Over two weeks in June, BCAC Executive Director, Adam Rosenberg, and Forensic Interviewer, Drew Fidler, trained over 1,500 summer camp counselors at a dozen summer camps along the east coast.

Thanks in part to grants from The Zimmerman Fund, The Meyerhoff Family Fund, and The Associated, staff from BCAC were able to help summer camps protect themselves from the risks posed by incidents of child abuse. This initiative was not brought about because of a past problem, but rather to prevent one from happening. Just as staff runs drills for other emergencies, BCAC provides the same level of education for youth-serving professionals in our area of expertise - child protection.

Because of the generosity of friends like you, we protected over 10,000 children attending camps this summer. During the trainings, we discussed the need to recognize what child abuse is, how to respond to it, and ultimately, how to report it. Throughout each 90-minute session, we framed the discussion in terms that camp counselors (many of whom are just 18 years-old, themselves) can appreciate and understand.

Drew Fidler remarked that camp "encourages kids to be their most authentic selves, to take calculated risks, and to reach outside of their comfort zones being away from their families. Counselors have a huge responsibility in keeping kids safe while they're away from home, and I was thrilled to be a part of enabling them to make positive impacts on kids' lives."

Interested in having your youth-serving organization trained in how to keep kids safe? **Contact Ruby at [rnelson@bcaci.org](mailto:rnelson@bcaci.org) or (443) 923-7017.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Because of dedicated volunteers, BCAC is a place where kids feel safe. Volunteers not only make kids' visits to BCAC special, they help an entire community learn more about preventing child abuse.

Here are some volunteer opportunities you may be interested in:

#### Child Care Workers

- The volunteer child care worker provides nurturing support to children who visit us. The person in this position must be engaging, energetic,

patient, and have excellent listening skills. The volunteer must be able to handle multiple children at one time and be able to interact with children in a developmentally-appropriate way.

#### Mentor Program Volunteers -

Beside BCAC staff, mentor program volunteers help facilitate sessions with school mentor programs. Volunteers work closely with children and help teach children how to be safe.

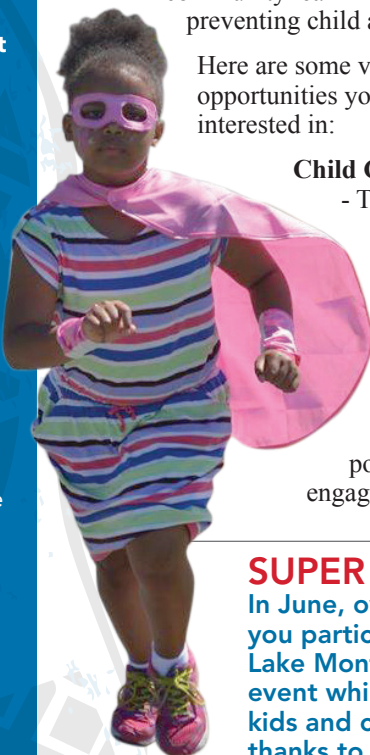
#### Administrative Volunteer Nights and Special Event Volunteers -

Volunteers are needed to assist BCAC staff with administrative tasks at Administrative Volunteer Nights held once every month and at special events throughout the year.

**To learn more about volunteering with BCAC, email Alyssa at [adeiter@bcaci.org](mailto:adeiter@bcaci.org) or call (443) 923-7028.**

### SUPER HERO WALK RE-CAP

In June, over 120 walkers, volunteers, and super heroes like you participated in our 2nd Annual Super Hero Walk around Lake Montebello. We were able to host another successful event while incorporating fitness, fun, and facts to educate kids and community members about child abuse prevention thanks to your support.



## TAKE ACTION, GET TRAINED

Thanks to your support and generosity, BCAC has the opportunity to train youth-serving professionals about intricate issues impacting child protection. These workshops are designed to help others understand how child advocacy centers (CACs) operate and the different populations and challenges they work with every day.

### Vicarious Trauma and Building Resiliency in Child Abuse Professionals

- Dealing with traumatic material on a daily basis can cause professionals to feel exhausted and hopeless. This training addresses the emotional, mental, and physical toll that is often imposed on those in helping professions. During this training, professionals will learn how to strengthen themselves and their organizations against compassion fatigue and burnout and will learn how to incorporate resiliency into their everyday work-life.

**Understanding Latino Culture** - This training provides insight on cultural influences that Latino populations face while living in the U.S. The presentation provides a perspective on how Latinos view family, friends, social interaction, religion, and their health. This information is presented to professionals who provide direct services to Latino communities in an effort to increase their cultural competency.

### Serving GLBTQ Youth: Understanding the GLBTQ Population: Challenges, Statistics, Risk Factors, and Prevalence of Sexual Abuse/Assault

- This is a training that will provide information on understanding the GLBTQ population with a focus on youth. General terminology and prevalence of sexual assault are discussed as well as how to work with caregivers. The audience for this workshop is social workers, counselors, psychologists, case managers, medical professionals, and law enforcement.

Visit [www.bcaci.org](http://www.bcaci.org) to see the schedule or contact Ruby at [rnelson@bcaci.org](mailto:rnelson@bcaci.org) or (443) 923-7017 to schedule a training.

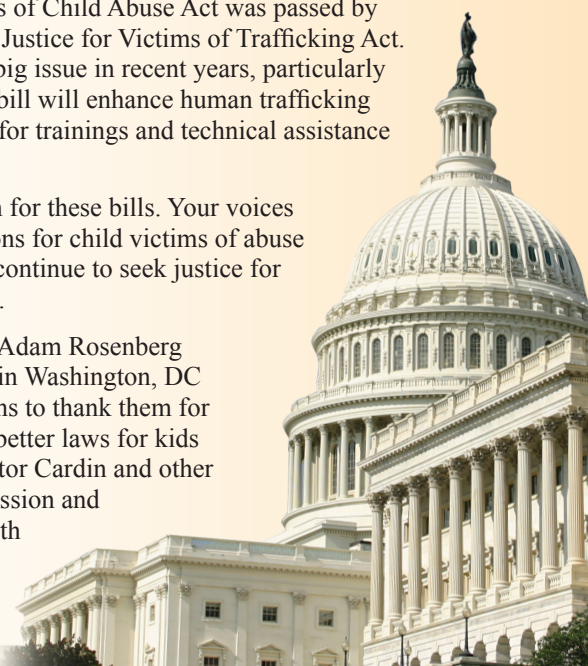
## ADVOCACY IN DC

Congress has reauthorized the Victims of Child Abuse Act. This important legislation provides funding to support regional and local child advocacy centers (CACs) like BCAC, which offer a multi-disciplinary response to child abuse.

The reauthorization of the Victims of Child Abuse Act was passed by Congress as part of HR 3530, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Human trafficking has become a big issue in recent years, particularly in Maryland. The passage of this bill will enhance human trafficking reporting and will provide grants for trainings and technical assistance to hundreds of CACs.

Thank you to all who helped push for these bills. Your voices were heard! You are true champions for child victims of abuse and for CACs. Together, we will continue to seek justice for children in Baltimore and beyond.

On June 3rd, Executive Director, Adam Rosenberg and BCAC staff were on the Hill in Washington, DC speaking with our Congresspersons to thank them for their support and to advocate for better laws for kids in Maryland. They met with Senator Cardin and other Maryland legislators about the mission and work of BCAC. They also met with Pennsylvania Senator Robert Casey's staff and discussed proposed federal mandated reporting legislation.



## BACK to SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As children are heading back to school, it is important to discuss safety with them.

Here are some tips\*:

### WALK THE ROUTE TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD BEFOREHAND

Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around. Make sure your child's walk to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection. Even if your child is not a walker, reviewing pick-up and drop-off arrangements will help protect your child.

### TEACH YOUR CHILD NEVER TO TALK TO STRANGERS...

...or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.

### BE SURE YOUR CHILD WALKS TO AND FROM SCHOOL WITH A SIBLING, FRIEND, OR NEIGHBOR

Use the buddy system.

### ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF THEY'VE BEEN BULLIED

Bullying is when one child picks on another child repeatedly. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. It can happen at school, on the playground, on the school bus, in the neighborhood, over the Internet, or through mobile devices.

### HAVE A PLAN

During early and middle childhood, **youngsters need supervision.** A responsible adult should be available to get them ready and off to school in the morning and watch over them after school. Children approaching adolescence should not come home to an empty house in the afternoon unless they demonstrate responsibility and maturity.

\*Source: American Academy of Pediatrics