OUR MISSION

Our mission at Sunflower House is to protect children in our community from physical and sexual abuse through education, advocacy, forensic, medical and therapeutic services.

OUR VISION

Our vision at Sunflower House is to see safe children thriving in nurturing families and communities.
Instead of driving a frightened child from agency to agency to retell his/her story multiple times, Sunflower House provides one place where all authorities who need to understand the child’s story will gather to witness an interview between the child and Sunflower House staff. Within our walls is a warm, welcoming, safe, place to tell.

Sunflower House is a nationally accredited Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), which brings together professionals from local law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health and medical agencies to provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary response to reduce the trauma of an abused child within Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

To tell about the dark secret of abuse is an act of pure heroism on the part of the brave children who are willing to break their silence. The Child Assessment staff at Sunflower House is waiting to hear each story of the courageous children who are ready to share their story.

### Forensic Interview Statistics

- **518** Forensic interviews were performed at Sunflower House
- **467** Brave children broke their silence in our forensic interview
- **74%** Interviews alleged for sexual abuse
- **17%** Interviews alleged physical abuse
- **8%** Of children were seen because they witnessed a crime
Family Advocacy
How does Sunflower House provide the right support?

Sunflower House’s family advocacy is provided to non-offending caregivers. This service promotes positive support systems for the children served. Because issues surrounding abuse are immediately addressed in a supportive environment, our service assists to enhance the overall physical and mental health of each child. Another goal of family advocacy is to mitigate a lifetime of health-related concerns for each child, which often result from child abuse, including depression, an assortment of other mental illnesses, and chronic health conditions.

Therapy
What assistance does Sunflower House provide?

With three therapists on staff, provided through a contract with the PACES Program of Wyandot Inc., Sunflower House is able to provide trauma-focused therapy for victims of abuse and their families. We believe that it is vitally important that each child begins their healing process by immediately accessing the mental health therapy necessary to mend from the effects of the trauma they have endured. Even more important, is that because of a grant through the Victims of Crime Act, Sunflower House is able to provide this healing therapy free of charge for families that come through Sunflower House for a forensic interview.
Prevention Education

What is Sunflower House’s education process?

If children are taught at an early age about the difference between welcome and unwelcome touches and who to notify when receiving unwelcome touches, they are more likely to report abuse earlier than children not receiving proper prevention education. Those receiving education are also less likely to believe the abuse is their fault, thus increasing the likelihood that they will experience superior physical and mental health outcomes.

The overall goal of a Prevention Education Program is to educate the community at-large, including children and the adults who care for them. By using current information and practical strategies to prevent child abuse, we can protect children from this devastating form of violence. We provide our Prevention Education Program for youth and adults at a variety of community events, places of worship, training facilities and professional meetings.

At the cornerstone of the Prevention Education Program is the Happy Bear play—a delightful, interactive play for children ages 4-7. This program is presented in both English and Spanish in a classroom setting. We have presented the Happy Bear play locally for over 30 years. Our program helps to present a sensitive subject to young children in a non-threatening and age appropriate manner. Over the years, Sunflower House has found that several of the schools' nurses or counseling staff received a disclosure of abuse following a Happy Bear presentation, which were immediately reported to authorities.

Sunflower House has developed an impressive reputation for our programs and the impact we make by creating a foundation of lasting personal safety for young children. This is vitally important so we can ensure that all children are healthy, happy and safe to learn.

### Prevention Education Statistics 2016-2017

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2016 - 2017 Revenues

- Government Grants: $726,245.00
- Foundations and Corporations: $260,226.00
- United Way: $81,073.00
- Special Events: $176,078.00
- Contributions: $266,961.00
- Fees and Other Income: $45,808.00
- Interest income: $23,139.00

Total Revenue: $1,579,530.00

2016 - 2017 Expenses

- Salaries & Benefits: $821,607.00
- Operations: $244,542.00
- Other Program Costs: $321,064.00
- Depreciation/Other: $94,085.00
- Bad Debt: $13,125.00

Total Expenses: $1,494,423.00
Thank you to our major donors!

Sunflower House is extremely grateful to all of the donors and volunteers committed to the protection of children from abuse in Wyandotte and Johnson counties. The following foundations, corporations and individuals made significant contributions to Sunflower House July 2016 through June 2017.

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