
AWAKE Capital Request

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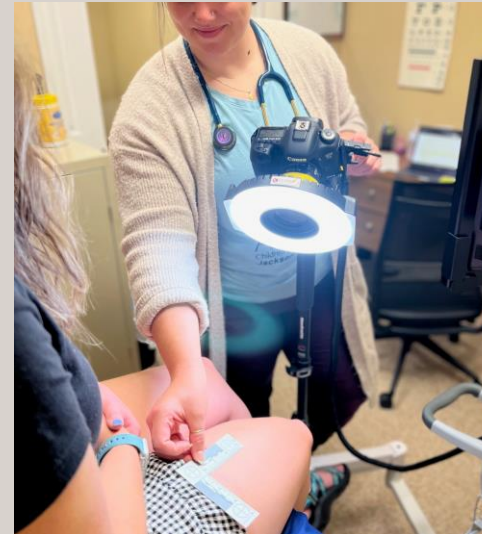
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01 Introduction

Who is AWAKE?

- Established 501c3 for nearly 30 years
- Partners with law enforcement, DSS, the district attorney's office, mental health agencies, and multiple others to bring services to abused children in Jackson County
- Only CAC in Jackson County
- Services offered are nonduplicative



What is a child advocacy center?



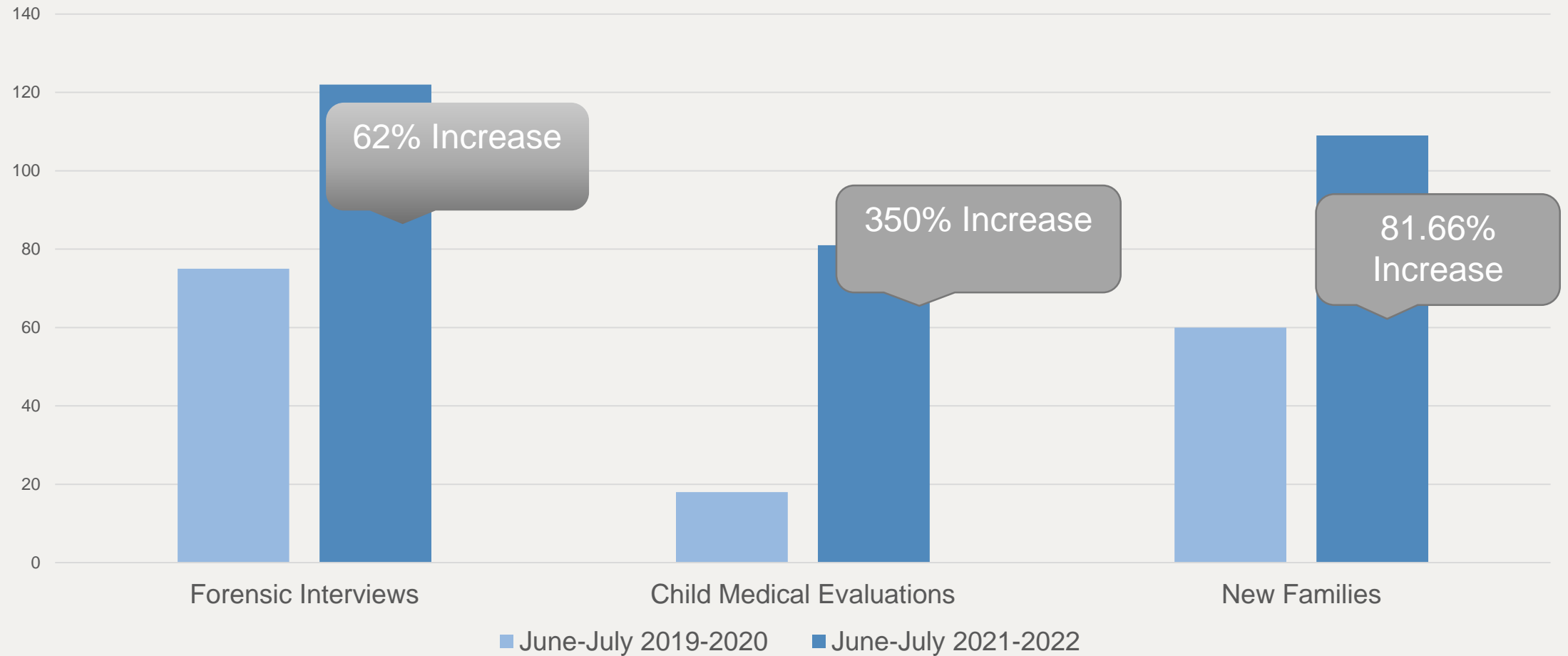
- Child advocacy centers were formed to bring the services to the child rather than the child to the services
- AWAKE was established in 1993 and ensures children have access to a local agency
- Our local LE, DSS, district attorneys, and mental health professionals do not need to travel to Asheville for services



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Need for Services Increasing

AWAKE CAC June-July Services Comparison



03 Capital Campaign

AWAKE staff began a Capital Campaign – Bring it Home!

We garnered support from numerous foundations such as:

1. Wade Hampton Golf Club
2. Colony Club
3. State Farm Insurance
4. Cedar Creek
5. Church of the Good Shepherd
6. WNC Bridge Foundation
7. Nantahala Health Foundation
8. Stanberry Insurance
9. Pepsi Cola
10. And numerous private donations from community members





VOCA Fix

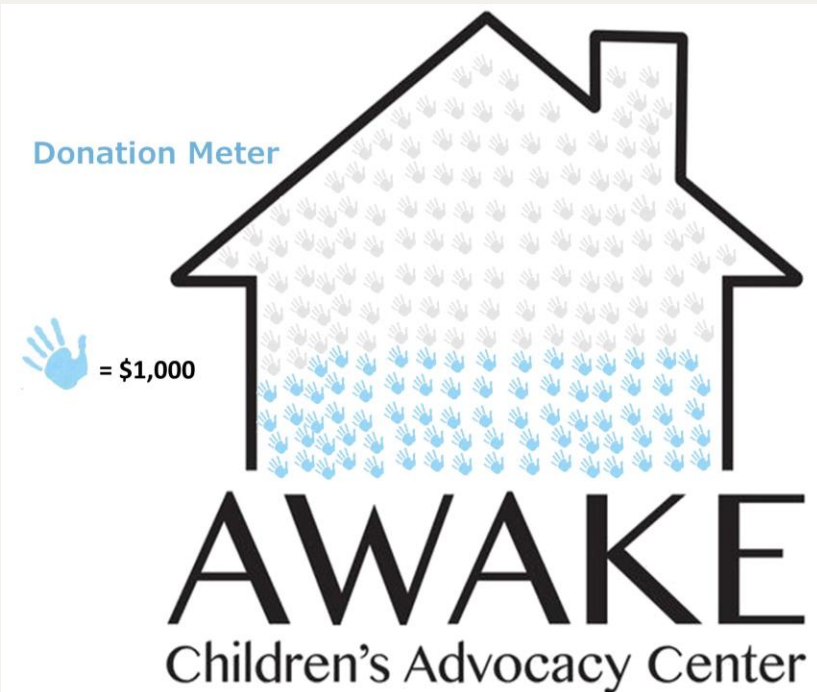
State Grants and the Pandemic

VOCA – 67% decrease in funding
- VOCA Fix Act signed but years away from correction

VOCA Well Child – This is a competitive grant and due to the Pandemic, AWAKE and many other CACs were not awarded this funding

DHHS – AWAKE and all other CACs in NC waited 10 months for reimbursements to be sent from the State - \$184,000+

How does VOCA and DHHS affect AWAKE



AWAKE was denied a crucial medical grant because of the Pandemic and the VOCA Fix Act

AWAKE lost over \$50,000 in VOCA grant monies despite increasing services for child abuse victims

The reimbursement timeframe forces AWAKE to focus on operational expenses rather than the Capital Campaign

A group of four people are gathered in front of a white building with a porch. On the left, a large blue ribbon is tied in a bow. A woman in a denim jacket and patterned skirt is handing a small red object to an elderly man with white hair who is using a silver walker. A woman with grey hair stands behind him, smiling. To the right, another woman with short white hair and glasses is smiling. The scene is outdoors, and the building has white siding and a white door.

Phil Haire's Generosity

Repairs

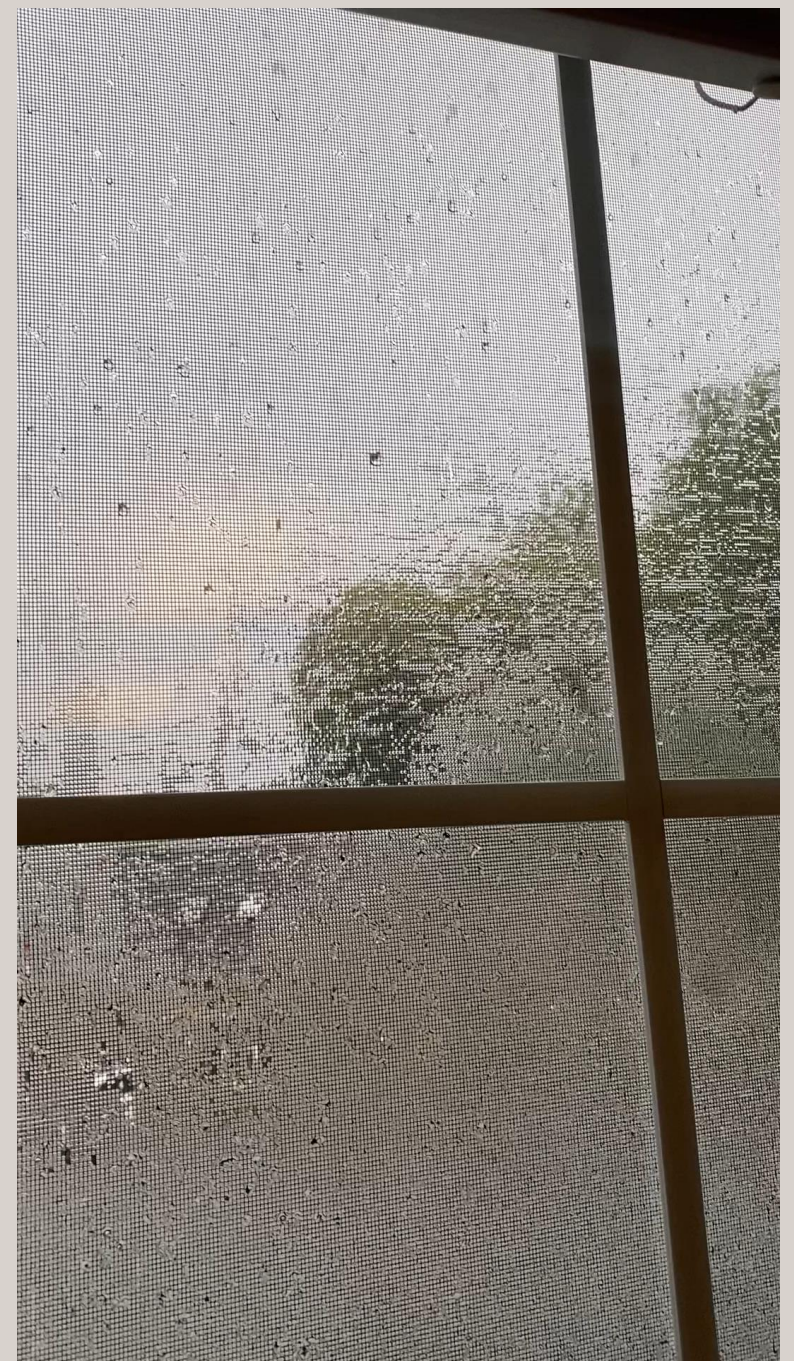


Necessary Repairs Contracted with Western Builders Inc.

- New Roof – still has original roof
- New siding – parts are chipping off due to water damage and age
- New Doors to replace damaged and rusted doors
- New insulation for upstairs
- Covered walkway to screen clients/guests out of the weather and additional waiting areas
- New windows (some had been replaced already with AWAKE's savings prior to the Capital Campaign)
- Handicap parking space out front for clients/guests
- Outdoor lighting and security system installation
- Repair drywall and move attic access
- Gutters



Rain rain, and more rain



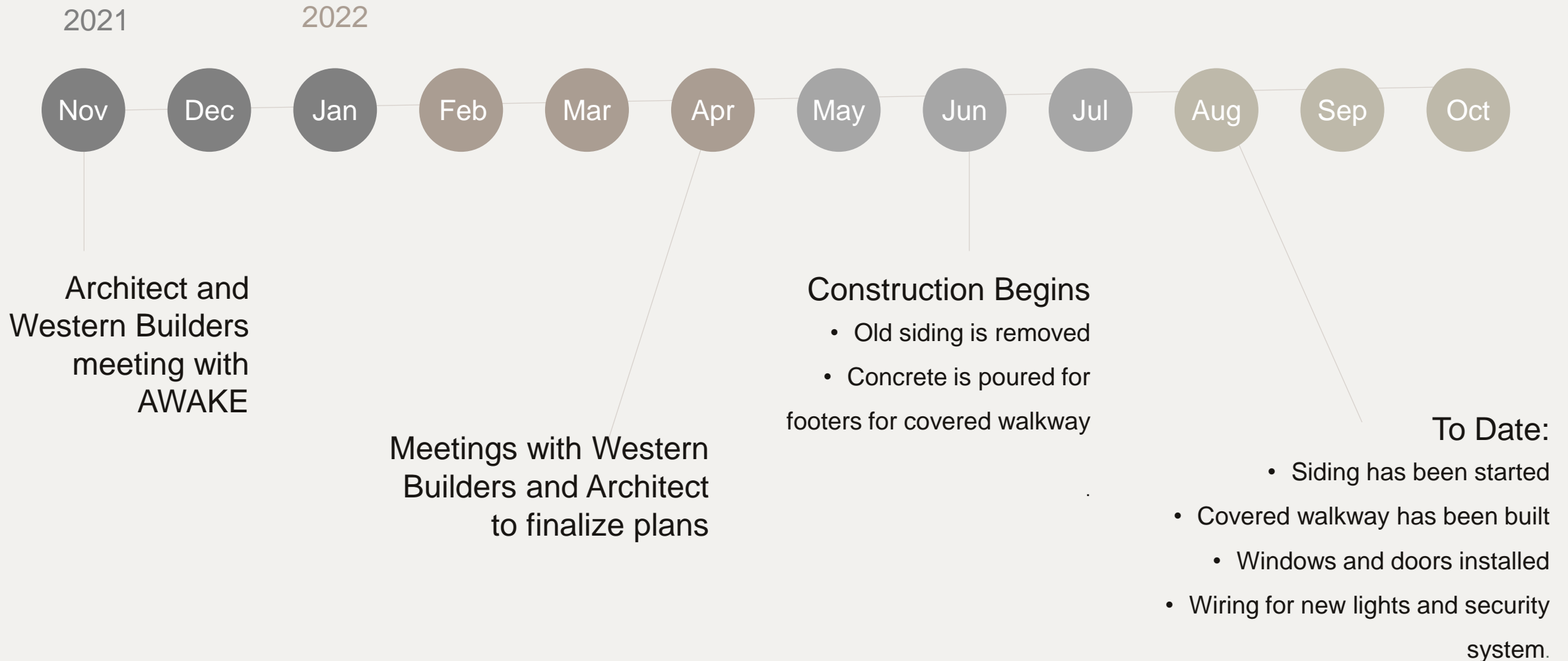
04 Revenue vs. Expenditures

Original Price of Building	Amount needed for essential repairs	Total Funding from Capital Campaign	Amount still needed to finish repairs	Total Capital Request from Jackson County
\$125,000*	\$156,000	\$91,288.43	\$156,000 - 91288.43 = \$64,711.57	<u>\$64,711.57</u>

***Building donated so this cost is not associated anymore**

***AWAKE appraised for \$300,000 in July 2021**

Progress into Construction



Sustainability



Child-Friendly Setting

- Trauma-informed approach for abused children
- Space for contracted medical providers and mental health therapists
- Children often wonder where staff sleep

Local Access to Care for abused children

- Local agency ensures families aren't traveling to Asheville for extended wait times for FI/CMEs
- Ensures multi-disciplinary team members are not traveling to Asheville for case services

One ask from County to continue serving

- Established 501c3 since 1993
- State and Nationally accredited
- Essential part of the innovative Child Medical Collaborative Inc initiative
- Serves our most vulnerable population – children who have suffered from abuse

Summary

Collaboration with Other Foundations and Private Donors

AWAKE was able to raise over \$91,000 towards the \$156,000 goal for renovations and repairs.

Essential Service

AWAKE is an established 501c3 with nearly 30 years of essential, nonduplicative service to child abuse victims in Jackson County.

One Time Ask

AWAKE is seeking assistance from Jackson County for \$64,711.57 to ensure safety and sustainability in our structure for decades to come.

Only Getting Busier

Nearly an 82% increase in services provided to families and child abuse victims – leaving little time to conduct additional fundraisers.

We're Collaborative Partners

We partner directly with Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Sylva PD, DSS, the District Attorney's Office, mental health agencies, schools, and DJJ to provide nonduplicative services for child abuse victims.

Strive for Excellence

AWAKE is State and Nationally accredited. You are investing in an agency that is dedicated to service, sacrifice, and selflessness for children who have been abused.

05 Closing



Thank you all for your time! We are so grateful for Jackson County's continuous support in our mission to help child abuse victims.

Mission Statement: To coordinate and advocate services for abused children in Jackson County